



CENTRAL COAST
BRIDGECLUB

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January
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UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I LIKE THE DREAMS OF THE FUTURE BETTER THAN THE HISTORY OF THE PAST (Thomas Jefferson)

Happy New Year to all our members and good wishes for 2022!

So to start our new year off with a ripe ole bridging bang, we hope that you will join in one or all of our lessons planned for you this year.

Currently, lessons cost the club approximately \$500 per month to resource through expenses such as photocopying etc. This is an unsustainable cost to the club, particularly in the current COVID environment where income through table fees is not guaranteed. As a result, we ask that you please contribute to this very important activity so that we can continue to offer bridge education to you at the club.

For our part, we have developed a program of courses (see attached) and resources already prepared for you. Each course will be ably run by our teaching team of John Redfearn (director), Steph Mathews and Peter Johnman.

Please sign up to lessons as they appear on the noticeboard with course outline. Each course is approx 4-6 weeks long and will be charged at \$7.00 per week in most cases (payable at course commencement). Please note that the teachers are giving their time free of charge and the fees paid are associated with cost recovery (booklets, photocopying etc) and charitable donations only.

You will also see that there are refresher/beginner courses listed on the program. Please act as our promoters by speaking to your friends and family about coming along to learn bridge. We needn't tell you the benefits of learning a challenging game to exercise those little grey cells as well as the social aspects of playing at the club.

I would like to thank one of our life members, John Redfearn for his tireless efforts in preparing this program for you. I hope that you will reward his efforts by your attendance.

Moving on to the administrative side of things, don't forget that yearly fees are now due. They can be deposited directly to the club's account:

BSB 032-629
ACCOUNT NUMBER 240 315

If you pay by bank transfer, please include your full name and ABF number to ensure proper credit for your payment.

Please enjoy the contributions in our January newsletter and I hope to see you at the club soon.

*Louise Lewis,
President*



UPDATE FROM OUR COVID-SAFE COORDINATOR

The wearing of face masks within our club continues to be a mandatory requirement under NSW Public Health Orders. Face masks need to be worn correctly at all times while indoors, except in the process of eating or drinking. This does not mean that holding a glass or cup for an extended time is ok. It is not.

Vaccination continues to be mandatory for entry. QR code check in is strongly encouraged, as is physical distancing where possible. Hand sanitiser is provided at entry and on every table, and we encourage you to use it frequently.

Ventilation requirements remain unchanged. Doors will remain open where possible, and the use of ceiling fans and extractor fans are used every session. We are also continuing to monitor air quality with our carbon dioxide monitor.

NSW Chief Health Officer, Kerry Chant, spoke this week about the large numbers of Covid infections in the community. She speculated that up to 50% of our population would be infected by Covid during this wave of Omicron. If you have symptoms of Covid, please stay away from the club until you receive a negative PCR or RAT. If you have been diagnosed as Covid positive you are required to isolate for 7 days. If after 7 days and you have no symptoms, you are able to leave isolation without any further test.

*Stay safe,
Kerrie Ransom*



CCBC Club Events

Our 2022 Program booklets are now available at the club.

We have our first Club Championship on Wednesday 9 February, Individual Championship. Commencing at 9.30 it's an all-day event, cost is \$20 including lunch. Always popular and an enjoyable day. If you haven't entered do so now.

We have our Mixed Pairs Club Championship on Wednesday 9 March. Cost is \$20 including lunch, it's an all-day event commencing at 9.30. The three top pairs qualify for State Final on 28 & 29 May.

Also on Thursday afternoon at 1.30 on 24 & 31 March we have our Restricted Pairs Championship for those how have fewer than 300mp each.

As with all Club Championship and Trophy events all members are welcome however only CCBC home club members can be declared the winner(s).

*Enjoy,
Norm Berger*



Player Promotions

Congratulations to those who were promoted another ABF in December

Lee Mitchell (Bronze Local)

June Hale (State)



*Colin Kleinig,
Masterpoint Secretary*

Bridge Problem

Have a look at the following bridge problem.

Q72 RHO (East) opens 1D. You (South) bid 1S. LHO (West)
Q98532 bids 3D and partner bids 3S. You bid 4S.
7 West leads the jack of clubs.
K82 How many losers do you have?
 What is your plan?



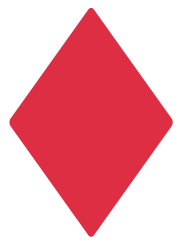
You

KJ10983
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A62
A64



Some thoughts about pre-empts.

- a) Keep your pre-empts pure and simple in first and second seat.
A good pre-empt hand is one that has good suit quality and almost no
Values outside the suit.
- b) Having pre-empted, do not bid again. Partner knows what is in your
hand.
- c) Partner pre-empts, what should you do:
- i) If he pre-empts a major either support his suit or pass. Do not bid
no trumps.
 - ii) If he pre-empts in a minor, then head for no trumps., but you must
hold at least Ax or Kx in his suit.
 - iii) If partner pre-empts and you change, this is a forcing bid. It shows a
strong hand and suggests an alternative suit.



Bridge Problem Answer

You have 5 losers. (1 spade, 1 heart, 2 diamonds and 1 club) This is not an easy hand to make. You can do nothing about your spade loser, or your heart loser or you club loser) So, turn your attention to the diamond losers.



You do not have control of the trump suit so it would be dangerous to lead trumps. Where do you take the first trick?



Two possible scenarios win in dummy or win in hand.

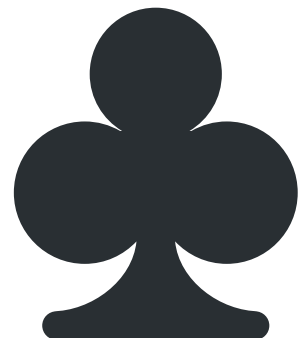
i) Win in hand

Win the lead with the ace. Play ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond..

However, now you cannot get back to your hand to ruff the second diamond

ii) Win in dummy

Win the lead with the king. Lead the 7 of diamonds to the ace and ruff a diamond. Now you can lead the 8 of clubs to your ace and ruff a second diamond.



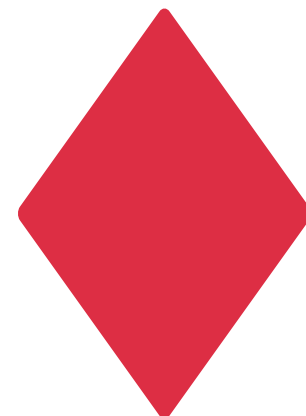
The moral of this hand is when dummy goes down do not play a card immediately. Stop and think.

Ask yourself:

i) how many losers do I have?

ii) should I draw trumps?

iii) where should I win the lead?



*It's a thinking game
John Redbear*