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Farewell: My Bit

After 28 years, managing the GCC has to come to an end. I have had an absolute ball and will definitely miss the staff who I can call my friends and the players who I love dearly. I could write a book about all the goings on over the many years but there is some sort of saying – what happens at the GCC stays at the GCC, so no book from me. As most of you know, my beautiful mum passed away during the 2016 Congress and without all the love that oozed from everyone, I could not have coped.

Some special people apart from my family who need mentioning are:

The staff at the GCCEC – a lot are now my very dear friends. Those who do that extra special stuff for the congress know who they are but one person who has assisted with the success of the event is Deb Martini, who no longer works as an Events Co-Ordinator. When Mum got sick in 2016, Deb wrote the resume for the event with minimal input from me and then in 2018 when Ray was recuperating and needed my nursing skills, she set up a bedroom at the GCCEC and this is where Ray slept whilst I worked. He had millions of nurses that year.



I have had the greatest pleasure of working with the late Tony Jackman who convened for many a year and it was one of my saddest days when he advised he was retiring, HOWEVER, along came Therese Tully who added a different dimension and excitement to the congress and I thoroughly enjoyed working with her. Then she announced her retirement much to everyone's regret. Tim and Sue took over from Therese and I have loved working with them both as well.

To all the players – Ray and I will see you at national and state events and we will be players at this event from 2026 onwards.

We wish the future GCC nothing but good things.

Kim Ellaway
Manager

Queensland Bridge Association



Teams qualifying 10

For round 10 I watched GeO Tislevoll - Leon Meier take on Brad Johnston - Graeme Tuffnell. In the other room the former were partnering Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin and Jack James against Jan Cormack - Pam Nisbet.

The set was relatively low scoring, but there were certainly possibilities for both sides.

Board 15 ♠Q8
Dealer South ♥K7643
Vul: NS ♦765
 ♣J103

♠J109632	N W E S	♠K54
♥8		♥QJ105
♦A943		♦J1082
♣84		♣A6

♠A7
 ♥A92
 ♦KQ
 ♣KQ9752

After South opened 1♣ West overcalled 1♠ and East raised to 3♠. Nisbet - Cormack played 4♣ down 100 while Meier passed out 3♠ and Tislevoll of course led ♣J.



Tuffnell won dummy's ace and advanced ♥Q.

Meier won and cashed a top club then played the ♦K. Declarer won and ran the ♠J, and when the defenders had no diamond ruff coming declarer had nine tricks.

Had Meier played a top diamond at trick three, would declarer have won and played a second club to cut the defenders' communications? Only the Shadow knows.

Board 19 ♠K832
Dealer South ♥987
Vul: EW ♦87
 ♣Q1073

♠Q765	N W E S	♠AJ1094
♥AJ10654		♥KQ2
♦J2		♦Q5
♣9		♣654

♠---
 ♥3
 ♦AK109643
 ♣AKJ82

The first four calls of the auction from the room I was focussing on must have taken place hundreds of thousands of times over the last 50 years (cuebid raises really only go back that far).



But after five calls of the auction I'm guessing the sequence can have taken place no more than a handful of times. Does that sound unlikely? Let's see!

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Tuffnell</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Meier</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	5NT
Pass	6♣	all pass	

6♥ would likely cost 500 – should someone have saved? 6♣ was trivial, worth a surprising 11 IMPs when South wasn't prepared to commit to slam in the other room.

Cormack gained 6 IMPs when they stayed out of a vulnerable game that needed the ♣A in the hand of the opening bidder (and got it) but went down against 4-0 trumps offside. That was compensated for on the following deal where Johnston held, non vulnerable:

- ♠ 632
- ♥ A74
- ♦ AQJ32
- ♣ 64

His partner opened 1♣ and he heard 1♥ to his right. His 1NT call ended the auction and he found a flat 13-count opposite but 3NT was excellent -- especially from his partner's hand -- and duly made in the other room when Fraser-Hoskin responded 2♦ and raised 2NT to 3NT.

Yet a third middle-sized swing came when for a third time CORMACK stayed out of a non-vulnerable game – this time on a losing finesse. But the swing that determined the match came here:

Board 26 ♠K8
Dealer East ♥KQ7
Vul:All ♦AQJ63
 ♣J62

♠QJ932 ♥652 ♦87 ♣Q93	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠AJ1094 ♥KQ2 ♦Q5 ♣654
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♠A7
 ♥A1043
 ♦K52
 ♣A1075

You'd want to be in slam, and facing a strong notrump North might just up and bid it. That was what in essence Cormack did with the North cards, but Tislevoll used 3♣ (five-card Stayman to find a possible heart fit) then followed up with 4NT and Meier passed.

Too late, Tislevoll determined that 4♦ over his partner's 3♦ response would have been natural and slammish, and would have allowed his partner to treat his hand as suitable for slam.

Both 6NT and 6♦ would see declarer lead a club to the ♣10 early, then play a Vienna Coup. That brings home the slam when the ♥J drops, or clubs behave. But if the same hand has the missing high club and heart length they will get squeezed. The mathematics is complex but that feels like more than 80% of the time?

The cards cooperated today and the 13 IMPs to Cormack meant they won the match 27-20.

Teams Qualifying R12

With one round to go more than ten teams from 2-13th place were covered by the proverbial handkerchief. DALLEY was safe, everyone else in the top 11 could qualify with a blitz or dial out with a big loss. And so it proved, with single deals making the difference between triumph and heartbreak in quite a few matches.

Sophie Ashton for example brought home a spectacular slam here, to eliminate the pre-tournament favourites MILNE and edge her team into the top six.

Board 20 ♠652
Dealer West ♥765
Vul:All ♦J108
 ♣J632

♠Q4 ♥K1042 ♦AK964 ♣Q8	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠AK3 ♥AJ9 ♦32 ♣A9754
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♠J10987
 ♥Q83
 ♦Q75
 ♣K10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Wiltshire</i>	<i>Milne</i>	<i>Ashton</i>	<i>Coutts</i>
1NT	pass	3♣ ¹	pass
3♦ ²	pass	4♣	pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	all pass

1. Puppet Stayman
2. No five-card major




All's fair in love and bridge

Ashton tried to show a five-card club suit and slam interest, and when Wiltshire did not sign off in 4NT she awarded herself a sixth club.

After the spade lead Ashton won the ♠Q and cashed one diamond then crossed to a top spade to lead a low club up. Coutts took his ♣K and exited unsafely in hearts. Ashton won cheaply, unblocked the ♣Q and then cashed the top diamond to ruff a diamond, then the top spade and hearts ending in dummy.

In the two-card ending with the lead in dummy she led a heart and executed a trump coup on Milne for a stellar 1370.

This board determined which of Tislevoll and Ware would go through to the big dance:

Board 27	♠Q952	
<i>Dealer South</i>	♥KQ53	
<i>Vul:nil</i>	♦75	
	♣J105	
♠763		♠AK1084
♥972		♥J86
♦AKQ4		♦J6
♣K32		♣AQ6
	♠J	
	♥A104	
	♦109832	
	♣9874	

In both rooms West opened a minor and rebid 1NT over partner's response in spades. Where Tislevoll - Meier were E/W East drove to 3NT. Right he was; 3NT had nine winners, while where Skipper - Lewis were E/W 4♠ was reached when East offered a choice of games and ended in 4♠.

This looks quite playable on any lead but a heart. Declarer on e.g. a club lead cashes the ♠AK then tries to run diamonds. North can ruff the third but you overruff then cross to a club to lead the fourth diamond and a loser evaporates.

In fact, Matthew Thomson put his fingers unerringly on the ♥A and now four rounds of hearts left declarer with no chance to succeed.



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Round of 6

Stanzas 1 and 2

The four teams that had qualified in 3rd through sixth place met one another, to determine who would be the two semi finalists. DALLEY and SPOONER had the morning off by virtue of finishing first and second.

BEAUCHAMP in fourth places made themselves available to be picked by HAFFER, who duly took them on.

BEAUCHAMP led at the end of the first set thanks to these two deals.

In the first case we will hide the name of North and South since at least one of them is much bigger than me!

Ware would go through to the big dance:

Board 5	♠Q10		
<i>Dealer North</i>	♥Q7652		
<i>Vul: NS</i>	♦A74		
	♣J64		
♠AJ765		♠983	
♥AK98		♥4	
♦982		♦KQJ103	
♣2		♣K985	
	♠K42		
	♥J103		
	♦65		
	♣AQ1073		

David Wiltshire as West declared 4♠ after his partner had got rather carried away, and South had doubled a Drury 2♣ call.

The defenders led a club to the queen and shifted to a low trump. Wiltshire ducked and the ♠10 won.

North returned a trump; how do you like declarer's chances now?

Wiltshire won the ♠A and led a diamond to dummy as South gave count, then a diamond back to the eight, which also held.

Now came the ♥A and a heart ruff, then a low club from the board, on which South contributed the ace.

Wiltshire ruffed, cashed his high trump, then exited with a spade on which North pitched his ♣J, endplaying South to lead away from his club 10 into the ♣K-9 at trick 12!!

Board 6	♠1054		
<i>Dealer East</i>	♥106		
<i>Vul: EW</i>	♦AQJ65		
	♣K82		
♠62		♠KJ3	
♥AK98432		♥---	
♦---		♦1098732	
♣10654		♣A973	
	♠AQ987		
	♥QJ75		
	♦K4		
	♣QJ		

All three other tables played 4♠ and went down disastrously on a defensive cross-ruff. Avi Kanetkar sat South and after 1♠ - (3♥) - 3♠ - (Pass) he tried 3NT. David Beauchamp was happy to pass and 3NT wrapped up 9 tricks for 12 IMPs.

In the second half of the round of four matches I watched YOSHIKA against WARE, the latter leading 26-23 at the break. I'll refer to Max and Olivia Schireson, and Michael and Debbie Rosenberg by their first names.

Board 15	♠84		
<i>Dealer South</i>	♥1096		
<i>Vul: NS</i>	♦J1062		
	♣A976		
♠QJ75		♠AK6	
♥5		♥AKJ82	
♦Q987		♦A53	
♣Q852		♣103	
	♠10932		
	♥Q743		
	♦K4		
	♣KJ4		

Both tables bid to 3NT by East after getting the majors in play. Olivia sat South and put her fingers unerringly on the ♣J!! The defenders duly cashed out for down one and might have been optimistic of a swing.

In fact, in the other room Matthew Thomson led the $\heartsuit K$, but when he got in with $\heartsuit Q$ he shifted to $\clubsuit J$ to flatten the board.

Board 16	$\spadesuit Q53$		$\spadesuit AJ10$
Dealer West	$\heartsuit Q6$		$\heartsuit J8$
Vul:EW	$\diamondsuit A1076$		$\diamondsuit 92$
	$\clubsuit AK74$		$\clubsuit QJ9532$
$\spadesuit K964$			
$\heartsuit 973$			
$\diamondsuit KQJ84$			
$\clubsuit 10$			
	$\spadesuit 872$		
	$\heartsuit AK10542$		
	$\diamondsuit 53$		
	$\clubsuit 86$		

When North opens a strong notrump how do you treat the South cards?

Olivia transferred, then invited game, and Rosenberg passed $3\heartsuit$. In the other room Thompson simply drove to $4\heartsuit$, with nine tricks being made in each room. I guess nobody else thinks the South hand is a simple raise to $3NT$?

...Bueller...Bueller? in the other match the same pair of contracts were reached but East picked a disastrous moment to lead the $\spadesuit A$ – the only lead to concede the 10th trick.

Two boards later South had another problem:

Board 18	$\spadesuit AK72$		$\spadesuit 106$
Dealer East	$\heartsuit J9742$		$\heartsuit AQ5$
Vul:NS	$\diamondsuit K104$		$\diamondsuit A9862$
	$\clubsuit J$		$\clubsuit A105$
$\spadesuit QJ4$			
$\heartsuit 6$			
$\diamondsuit J753$			
$\clubsuit 98432$			
	$\spadesuit 9853$		
	$\heartsuit K1083$		
	$\diamondsuit Q$		
	$\clubsuit KQ76$		

A strong notrump at favourable to your right, passed round to partner, who bids $2\clubsuit$ for the majors. How high will you go?

To me a $3\heartsuit$ invite seems about right. Olivia relayed and heard $3\diamondsuit$ -- extras patterning out? Somewhat obscurely she jumped to game in her weaker major, and $4\spadesuit$ was no-play, down two on the heart ruff.

In the other room East competed over the major-showing $2\clubsuit$ with $2\diamondsuit$. Thomson bid $3\diamondsuit$, West raised to $4\diamondsuit$ and McGann bid $4\heartsuit$. All he had to do was negotiate trumps, which he did, and he was home.

That meant 13 IMPs and at this stage the lead was 15. WARE added two partscore swings then rubbed it in here:

Board 21	$\spadesuit 65$		$\spadesuit AQ1097$
Dealer North	$\heartsuit A763$		$\heartsuit 4$
Vul:NS	$\diamondsuit AQ3$		$\diamondsuit J984$
	$\clubsuit KJ87$		$\clubsuit 1093$
$\spadesuit K8$			
$\heartsuit K5$			
$\diamondsuit K107652$			
$\clubsuit A52$			
	$\spadesuit J432$		
	$\heartsuit QJ10983$		
	$\diamondsuit ---$		
	$\clubsuit Q64$		

West	North	East	South
Ware	Michael		Olivia
	$1\clubsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	pass
$2\diamondsuit$	pass	$3\diamondsuit$	$3\heartsuit$
$3NT$	dbl	pass	pass
$4\diamondsuit$	all pass		

Michael Ware sensibly ran from $3NT$ – where declarer was going for 300, and nobody could double $4\diamondsuit$, though the defenders did collect 200. You can see from North's perspective that the fate of $4\heartsuit$ was very much in the balance as the defence to $4\diamondsuit$ wore on.

West leads a spade against $4\heartsuit$. The defenders cash their three black cards and lead a third spade...and now so long as West's small heart is anything but the 2 or 5 he ruffs in to force the ace and score his $\heartsuit K$ for down one.

It wasn't Yoshka's day. In the other room $4\heartsuit$ wrapped up 590.

Finally a hand where all four Souths might have known better.

Board 23 ♠J10
Dealer South ♥K42
Vul:all ♦Q10952
 ♣AK10

♠96532	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠A8
♥AJ76		♥Q10985
♦3		♦AK874
♣832		♣9

♠KQ74
 ♥3
 ♦J6
 ♣QJ7654

They defended 4♥-- often doubled – on an auction such as:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Mace</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Olivia</i>
pass	pass	1♦	1♥
dbl	3♥	pass	4♥
dbl	all pass		

Your side has half the deck; what are you going to lead against their game? Trumps!!

It only makes one trick difference that partner can prevent the ruff in dummy; but that trick is the difference between 200 and 790.

After all, looking at the South hand, which suit are the opponents going to set up for discards?



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From Round 11 Teams Qualifying:

Arjuna de Livera found himself at the helm in a delicate slam and proved equal to the task.

Board 11 ♠75
Dealer South ♥9763
Vul:nil ♦42
 ♣Q10753


♠42		♠K106
♥AQJ10852		♥K
♦6		♦AKQ1087
♣864		♣AJ2

♠AQJ983
 ♥4
 ♦J953
 ♣K9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Kozakos</i>	<i>Hughes</i>	<i>De Livera</i>	<i>Morrison</i>
			1♠
4♥	pass	6NT	all pass

After Morrison led a passive heart de Livera had no choice but to run the hearts, reducing to one card in each black suit and four diamonds. Morrison was forced to reveal his shape, coming down to this position as he still had to discard on the last heart:

	♠7	
	♥--	
	♦42	
	♣Q107	

♠42		♠K
♥2		♥--
♦--		♦AKQ10
♣864		♣A

♠AQ
 ♥--
 ♦J953
 ♣K

Morrison discarded the ♣K and when declarer led a club to the ace he pitched the spade queen. Now de Livera took two top diamonds and exited with a spade for the endplay at trick 12.

Could the defenders have done better? It is conceivable that if South pitches the ♠Q first, declarer might not read the ending, In Jean Besse's phrase, "the ♣K is a neutrino." By showing void on a suit

we sometimes turn inference into certainty for declarer. Note equally that North must keep both diamonds or he turns the inference of the diamond count into certainty for declarer.



A Golden Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, Angeline and Ian Christie celebrated 50 years of marriage at the Gold Coast Congress.

Angeline and Ian originally met in Sydney when Angeline was travelling from Fiji to Australia with her boyfriend at the time. A couple of years later Ian moved to Fiji for work, looked up Angeline and asked her out. After a couple of dates they moved in together, marrying a year later in Canberra.



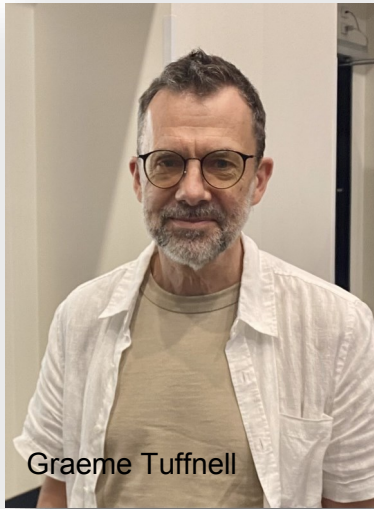
Angeline has followed Ian around the world to many countries for his work commitment in the

mining industry. They now live happily in Perth. Angeline has been a fantastic supporter of youth sportspeople, originally supporting one of the top Australian golfers in Hannah Green, and now she has turned her attention to supporting many of our youth players through donations to youth bridge. At the GCC she has played with three of our aspiring youth players in Jamie Simpson, George Bartley and Jack Luke-Paredi. She enjoyed many wins in the Open Teams, finishing 32nd .

Don't fight about it, fellas

by Joan Butts

"I found teammates from NZ, Graeme Tuffnell and Brad Johnstone delightful; their biggest bone of contention after a few days of play was whether to play the 4 or the 5 in a contract Graeme was playing.



Graeme Tuffnell

Round 6 Teams

Board 26 ♠104
Dealer East ♥AQJ62
Vul:all ♦10853
 ♣QJ

♠AQ6		♠J983
♥K973		♥10854
♦6		♦AQ9
♣AQ1032		♣85

♠K752
 ♥---
 ♦KJ742
 ♣9764

West	North	East	South
		pass	pass
1♣	1♦ ¹	dbl	pass
1♥	all pass		
1.	Showing hearts		

When Graeme, West eventually got around to trumps (knowing where the hearts were) he played ♥2 from hand and asked Brad to "win it with the 4, please." ♥4 duly won the trick. Brad felt Graeme should have played the five!!!

You know you're in a good team when this is their biggest problem to solve!"

Creative bidding
Teams Qualifying Round 12

Board 25 ♠A853
Dealer North ♥J10964
Vul:EW ♦J
 ♣1072

♠K642		♠Q97
♥AK7		♥---
♦A		♦KQ1065432
♣AKQ64		♣93

♠J10
 ♥Q8532
 ♦987
 ♣J85

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Sandy</i>		<i>Andrew</i>
	2♥ ¹	pass	4NT
dbl	pass	5♦	all pass
5 hearts, 0-6			

Joan Butts would be shaking her head if Andrew Richman did this to her at the table. She is on a one-woman rampage against young preempters (do you qualify, Andrew?)

Andrew felt that with his alarming hand he needed to get the bidding high straight away, so he tried the effect of Roman Key Card Blackwood as 4♣ wasn't high enough.



Sandy probably wouldn't have enjoyed declaring 5♥x so much!

Hung out to dry

George Kozakos posed the question of how to organise 10 tricks with spades as trumps on the following deal (I of course failed).



Teams Qualifying Round 9

Board 12 ♠Q7654

Dealer West ♥---

Vul: NS ♦AKJ6

♣KQJ4

♠J93

♥AK974

♦73

♣A102



♠K82

♥QJ106

♦854

♣973

♠A10

♥8532

♦Q1092

♣865

West	North	East	South
	Hung		
1♥	1♠	3♥	pass
pass	dbl	pass	3♠
pass	4♠	all pass	

After a lesson in bidding domination, Andy pushed his partnership to an uncomfortable final resting place. Although three other declarers managed 10 tricks in spades, I wager it was not after the same declarer play.

East led ♥Q, overtaken by West and ruffed.

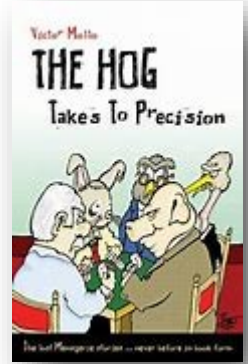
After some thought, Andy tried the effect of ♠Q, banking upon two things: East would hold ♠K, but not the spade spots to make covering ♠Q an obvious option.

After ♠Q won the trick, Andy turned his attention to winning tricks in the other suits.

He forced out ♣A, and when the defence voluntarily allowed him a second ruff with a small spade, he was able to use dummy's two diamond entries to ruff two more hearts.

Andy scored five(!) spades in hand, two diamonds, two clubs and ♠A.

This ruse is worthy of the Hideous Hog, and a page or two in *Bridge in the Menagerie*.



Stephanie Price & Kyna Foo
1st Thursday Under 50 MPs



Paul Ruan & Kevin Gu 2nd Thursday Under 50 mps



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Assumptions on defence

Good defenders often make assumptions. Some assumptions may be supported by inferences from the bidding and play; others may amount to speculation, but the defenders must make them anyway because the alternative is to concede that the contract can't be set.

South deals, nil vulnerable, IMPs

♠ 9 8 5 ♥ 10 5 4 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A 10 8 5 2		♠ 3 ♥ Q 8 7 6 ♦ A J 7 6 4 ♣ Q J 9	♠ K Q 4 ♥ A K J ♦ K Q 10 9 8 ♣ 4 3
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	♠ A J 10 7 6 2		
	♥ 9 3		
	♦ 5 3		
	♣ K 7 6		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2♠
Pass	4♠	all pass	

Opening lead: ♦2

Against 4♠, West leads the ♦2: king, ace, five. East knows his partner has led a singleton, and a diamond return will give him a ruff. But to beat the contract – the defenders' goal at IMPs – they will surely need two club tricks.

At trick two, East must lead the ♣Q, assuming that West has the ♣A. If declarer's king covers, West wins and returns a club, and East wins and gives West a diamond ruff for down one. How does East know that West has the ♣A? He doesn't, but he

must make that assumption if the defence is to have a chance.

At matchpoint scoring, there would be some excuse for East to return a diamond; if declarer had the ♣A, a club return might let him make *two* overtricks. Still, I would favour a club return at matchpoints; it would be a shame to let declarer make an unmakeable game.

How would you defend here as West?

West deals, all vulnerable

♠ J 3 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ K J 10 4 3 ♣ K 6		♠ A Q 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ J 9 8 4 3	
<i>West</i>		<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
		Pass	1♠
		2♠	3♥
			all pass

You try a low-club lead: six from dummy, queen, ace. At trick two declarer leads the ♦Q. You take your ace, and East follows with the nine (signalling "count" – an even number of diamonds). What do you lead next?

The correct play is counterintuitive. You need five tricks. You will get no clubs, no more diamonds and at most two spades. You need two trump tricks and must assume East has the ace. Lead the ♥4.

Declarer's hand is

♠ K 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 7 5 3
♦ Q
♣ A 5

If you lead, say, another club, declarer will win and hasten to discard three spades on dummy's high diamonds. You can ruff the fourth diamond with your low trump, but the defence will win only four tricks in all.

Youth Bridge Fun Night

The 8th annual Youth Bridge Fun Night was held on Wednesday night, with a great turnout of youths (and children roped in with their youthful parents).



The event was in two parts. The first was a Mitchell movement with a difference – each round had special rules. For instance, one round had the order of cards reversed, so twos were the highest cards, aces being the lowest.



In another round each player had the power to nullify one bid by an opposing player, who had to then bid again with a different bid.

Another round had the rule that you could palm off three of your cards to the player on your left. In one round, you were entitled to deliberately revoke once without any consequences. You get the drift – much frivolity and laughter all in getting your head round the mind games.

At the end of the Mitchell movement, the four top

pairs battled it out for fame and glory in a board-a-match scoring competition. Thanks to everyone who played in the event and formed such a great bunch of kibitzers who made the final that much more exciting with their cheering, heckling and



laughter.

A great night out - while most youths called it quits at about 10 pm, some diehards kept going in further celebrations well into the night. Oh, if we all could have that stamina (and still turn up for the serious competition in the next morning).

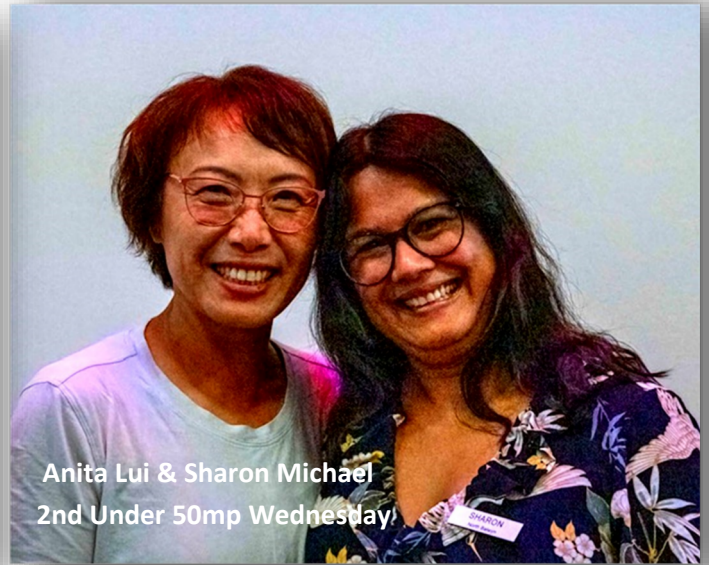
A big shout out to the Gold Coast Bridge Club who hosted the event and put on free pizzas and prizemoney (what an incentive for the youths!) and David Gue, who volunteered to so ably direct the bedlam.

Paul Brake





Kiran Dutt & Marie Low 3rd Under 50MP
Wednesday Pairs



Anita Lui & Sharon Michael
2nd Under 50mp Wednesday

Will I ever learn?

by Fraser Rew

My mother used to tell me that anyone can make a mistake, but only a fool repeats it. Judging from these two examples from the teams, I'm obviously a fool.

On Board 8, Round 3 of the teams, I was sitting East, defending 4♥X after this auction:

Board 8 ♠76
Dealer West ♥AJ765
Vul: Nil ♦AK64
 ♣62

♠J94		♠AK83	
♥Q109		♥842	
♦QJ9873		♦2	
♣5		♣A10843	

	N	
W		E
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♠Q1052		♠10	
♥K3		♥---	
♦105		♦10	
♣KQJ97		♣QJ9	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2♦	2♥	pass	3♥
pass	4♥	dbl	all pass

I led ♦2, won by declarer, who led a club towards dummy. I rose ♣A and cashed ♠A. When partner played ♠J (reverse attitude), I should have realised she wanted a club ruff, but I woodenly continued with ♠K and a third round of spades, won in dummy as declarer discarded his last club.

Declarer led ♣K, ruffed with ♥9 and overruffed with the Jack. He continued with a heart to the king and the ♣Q, ruffed with the ♥Q and overruffed with the ace, before leading the ♦K in this position:

♠---		♠---	
♥76		♥8	
♦K64		♥84	
♣62		♦---	
		♣108	

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠---		♠10	
♥---		♥---	
♦QJ987		♦10	
♣---		♣QJ9	

I hadn't been paying attention to the trump pips, so I ruffed with the ♥4 and exited with the ♥8, waiting for declarer to win and concede diamond tricks to my partner. Alas, the ♥8 held the trick, so I had to play a black card to dummy, allowing declarer two discards for his losing diamonds.



If I'd ruffed with the ♥8 and played the ♥4, I would have won only one trump trick instead of two, but partner would have won two diamond tricks instead of none.

Some players would have learnt from their mistake, but not me, as evinced by Board 23, Round 12:

Board 8	♠7		
<i>Dealer South</i>	♥AJ4		
<i>Vul: All</i>	♦1096		
	♣AQ87		
♠J1054		♠Q63	
♥Q85		♥72	
♦Q4		♦J875	
♣10532		♣KJ94	
	♠AK982		
	♥K10963		
	♦32		
	♣6		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♠
pass	2♦	pass	2♥
pass	3♣	pass	3♥
pass	4NT	pass	5♥
pass	5♠	all pass	

South was a substitute, so North-South hadn't discussed whether 5♥ showed two aces or two Key Cards without the ♥Q. As such, North intended 5♠ as a grand slam try in hearts; South thought it was a signoff.

Partner found the best lead of a club. Declarer won dummy's ace and continued ♠7-3-A-4.

When he led the ♠2 to the next round and partner contributed the 5, I realised that I'd done it again, because I had to win the trick.

If I'd unblocked the ♠6 on the previous round, I could have played the ♠3 on the second round. Partner's ♠4 would then have won the trick, and she could have led another club through dummy's queen. Instead, I was on lead, and any club was dangerous, so I exited safely in spades instead.

Declarer eventually misguessed in hearts to go off anyway, so there was a happy ending - from my point of view, at least.

Other winners - photos tomorrow

Open

Same Sex Team – Team 12 Krochmalik

New Zealand – Team 29 – Fisher

Mixed – Team 13 Rew

Qld – Team 132 MacDonald

0-1500 MP Teams

Third – Team 22 Bakas

Same Sex Team 9 - Havas

Mixed – Team 21 Smith

Qld – Team 6 Pisko

Intermediate

Third – Team 1 Rose

Same Sex Team – Team 74 Rowland

Mixed – Team 19 - Gibbs

Qld – Team 33 Yang

Restricted

Third – Team 40 - McKenzie

Same Sex Team – Team 78 White

Mixed – Team 77 - Russell

Qld – Team 59 - Olander

Novice

Third – Team 5 Ward

Same Sex Team – Team 21 Smith

Mixed Team – Team 23 Saunders

Qld – Team 6 Mathieson

Our talented Under 26 Women's Team



My name is Zara Chowdhury. I am 25 years old and I moved to Canberra to work in the public service. I am an incredibly passionate person who gets obsessed with an activity pretty quickly. I've gotten involved with activities like debating, sustainability for pollinators (think bees, butterflies and bats), board games and now bridge.

I got into bridge because I love card games and have been playing them since I was 10 years old. I started bridge a year ago at the Canberra Bridge Club. I have attended two ANCs as a Canberra representative for the youth team. I am incredibly excited to be playing with Diya. We have both not attended an international competition and are looking forward to improving our bridge through this process.



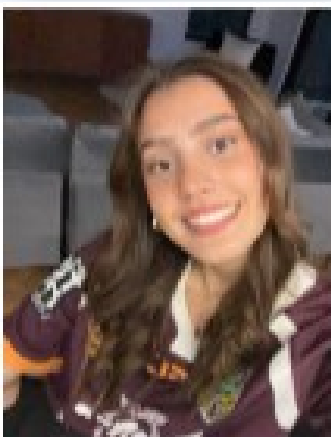
Hey, I'm Anne from Adelaide and aside from bridge I also enjoy reading, choir, and eating dessert. I just finished my Arts degree, majoring in English and German, where my final project looked at 1920s detective fiction.

I learned bridge with my two brothers when I was sixteen, but only started playing regularly after I finished high school (and had forgotten how to count to thirteen). Since then, I've been working on my bridge whenever I can, and thankfully after most sessions I feel like I'm improving. I'm playing with Lauren, who I only met this year at Youth Week, but I had a great time as her partner and discovered so many new things about the game with her.



I'm Kate Macdonald and I'm a 20 year old maths student from Brisbane. I think I'm the sort of person who tries out most things at least once - I've tried cooking, mountain biking, pastel drawing and sewing, but nothing has stuck quite like bridge!

I've played cards since I was little, but three years ago my Gran taught me how to play bridge, and I've been hooked on it ever since! I've represented Queensland on the youth team since 2021, and I've played in events all over Australia trying to improve my game. I have been playing with Jasmine since last year and I am very excited to now have the opportunity to play with her in an international tournament!



My name is Jasmine Skeate and I am 21 years old. I started playing bridge at a young age with my dad and then formed my own love for the game and the friendships that have formed from it. Additionally, I also am passionate about exercise and am currently training for a triathlon.



My name is Diya Shah. I am 16 years old and I have just started Year 12 in Canberra.

Bridge has been a family affair for me - I started at the age of 7 when my dad taught me and my twin brother. Having played in a few Australian youth events, I'm now excited to have the opportunity to play internationally.

Outside of bridge my other passion is soccer - I've played since pre-school and have been coaching younger players for the last 3 years.



My name's Lauren and I grew up in Mackay and now live in Brisbane. I've always enjoyed sports and love running and playing touch football. Since I was little I've loved puzzles, cards and board games.

My mum loves bridge and taught me to play in 2022. She knew I loved cards and said I would love bridge and she was right.

I'm super excited to be part of the U26 Youth Women's team and be able to positively contribute to youth bridge and inspire young women to learn bridge. My partner Anne and I have only been playing for a short time together but I'm keen to improve our partnership and learn as much as possible from this experience.



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