

THE DECLARER

SA Bridge Assoc. Newsletter

November 2020

Welcome to the New Normal

It's very encouraging to see numbers continuing to improve and members coming back after a long hiatus. The number of new players attending the classes has been very good and this will help bring our membership numbers back to somewhere close to what they were last year. Whilst some members, who didn't renew their membership this year, have indicated they will be back next year, it will be through our classes where the recovery will be realized. In addition to the normal courses run throughout the year, the club has introduced a two day course, run over consecutive Saturdays to accommodate new players who do not have the time to commit to the normal classes. This year the club will be running this course on Saturday 5th and 12th of December from 10am to 4pm. Any member nominating someone to do the course will receive 2 free playing vouchers. The club will also be conducting classes during "Bridge Week", 4th to 8th January from 10.30am to 4pm. The same deal applies to anyone nominating a family member or friend to do the classes in that week.

Some restrictions, that were put in place during COVID, will remain for the foreseeable future. The new morning session times at Unley are 10.30am to 1.15pm. 24 boards will be played and there is no lunch break, because the kitchen has been closed indefinitely. Players who need to move their cars can do so on an "opportunity" basis. If you finish a round early or are dummy, take the opportunity to move your car. If you find by around noon that you haven't had a chance to do that, speak to the director and they will find someone to fill in for you. Even after current restrictions are removed completely, the hygiene regime will remain. Members have become used to sanitizing their hands on a regular basis and this will continue to help keep any nasty bugs out of the club and create a safer environment for all members.

There is a lot coming up over the next month or so.....
The Annual General Meeting on Sunday 6th December
NYE Congress on Thursday 31st December
SA Bridge Assoc. Festival of Bridge 8th to 11th January.
See page 3 for more details.



Coming RED Point Events

**Monday PM—John & Nora Martin
Mixed Pairs**

**Wednesday AM—Keith McNeil
Pairs**

Thursday AM—J&S Rundle Pairs

This year has been one of many changes and the Christmas period break is another. In the past, it has always been the same one or two staff members that keep the club open. Attendances are always well down during this time, so the Committee have agreed to close the club over Christmas. The club will be closed from the 24th December and return on the 4th January.

NOTE: The NYE Congress will go ahead as normal.

Dear Members

This year has passed so quickly in spite of the COVID 19 challenge. We managed to work together to stay safe and enjoy some bridge. As you may be aware, we will have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 6th of December at which you will need to vote on the membership of the Management Committee (MC) for the year 2021.

The current members of the MC are:

President: Adel Abdelhamid;

Secretary: Heather Motteram

Treasurer: Hadyn Hanna

Committee members: Sheila Bird, Brian Lynch, Colin Twelftree and Jenny Donoghue.

Heading to the AGM, the situation will be as follows:

- Sheila and I were elected for two years (2020 to 2021);
- Jenny does not wish to be renominated;
- Heather and Hadyn wish to nominate for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively for a period of two years;

- Colin wishes to nominate as committee member for one year;
- Brian wishes to nominate as committee member;
- We will need more nominations for all positions; and
- The MC needs help in areas such as marketing, social media, etc.

I wish to take this opportunity to:

- Thank Jenny for her work on the Marketing Committee and her leadership in progressing our new web site and social communications platforms; and
- Express my gratitude to the current committee members for their excellent professional and cooperative conduct during an extremely difficult year.

I wish to see most of you at the coming AGM where you can also enjoy free tasty BBQ and free game of bridge.

Kind Regards,
Adel Abdelhamid
President

SUMMARY of MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING October 14 2020

All members were present.

Treasurer Hadyn reported that Jobkeeper has been extended until the end of December. Attendance will be closely monitored for the next twelve months.

The continuing restrictions and effects of Covid 19 has forced the decision to permanently close our Fullarton and Stirling venues. Kitchen Services at Unley will also close.

A Lapsed Member Survey has been sent to 130 members asking the reasons they have not returned to play bridge.

A Wednesday PM session survey was also sent with 13 members requesting the session re-open. Five tables are required to make it viable. Manager Gary will continue to monitor the numbers so let him know if you would like to play

BED (Bridge Education and Development)

Paul Hudson will assist with classes when

necessary

The brief pre-game lecture series has recommenced

Staff requested the club close between Christmas and New Year on a permanent basis. MC agreed, but the New Year Congress will still be held.

Brian Lynch attended Campbelltown's 7th anniversary celebrations held on Friday October 16th

Finally, after developing it for most of this year the updated Website has been launched. It has more functions to assist with administration and communicate with members. While you are familiarizing yourself with its new look let us know if you find any errors. Notice that all references to SABA have been removed and replaced with SA Bridge Assoc.

Staff will be wearing new uniforms with our current logo.

ABF System Cards. When stock runs out printed paper copies will be available from the office.

COMING EVENTS

The number of events coming up shows that some sort of normality is returning. Get your diary out and put these dates in.

**SA Bridge Assoc 2020
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 6th December**



AGM
commences at
11AM



FREE BBQ lunch
after AGM
(BBQ served by
Morialta Rotary
Club)



FREE Bridge
after lunch

**FREE LUNCH & BRIDGE ONLY FOR THOSE
ATTENDING THE AGM**

NO WALK-INS FOR BRIDGE

Book on-line by registering at [Event Bookings](#) on the SA Bridge Assoc. home page

Do you have family and friends still working?
Learn to play Bridge in just 2 days.

**Saturdays 5th and 12th
of December.**

10.30am to 4pm

Cost \$80 includes beginners book and light refreshments

Members who nominate a friend or family member will receive 2 FREE playing vouchers.

[Nominations on our website](#) or phone 8373 3995



SA Bridge Assoc.

New Year's Eve Congress

31st December, 9.30—4.30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Book on-line at [Event Bookings](#) on the SA Bridge Assoc. home page

Summer Festival of Bridge – Canberra – CANCELLED
Gold Coast Congress – Broadbeach – CANCELLED
Tasmanian Festival of Bridge – Hobart – CANCELLED

With the cancellation of most national events, the

SA Bridge Assoc. Festival of Bridge

will fill a void that most ardent bridge players look forward to each year.

Friday 8th Jan - Pairs

Sat/Sun 9/10 Jan - Teams

Mon 11th January - Board a Match Teams

Numbers are limited

[BOOK ON-LINE](#)

Hand of the Month - David Lusk

From the Tues AM Pairs 8/9/20:

Your first problem lies in the bidding.

All Vul, West deals

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
S Q54	S AK6
H Q8	H A6
D AKQ86	D 10732
C AJ2	C K843

Bid the hand with your regular partner and see if you can reach the optimum contract, after North passes.

As it turns out, 6D by West is the safest contract.

If North leads a heart, declarer can run it to the Queen or rise with the Ace. It doesn't matter which.

Say our man rises with the Ace, draws trumps in three rounds. Before eliminating spades. Now North can be end-played to lead clubs into dummy's tenace or concede a ruff and discard with a third round of hearts.

E-W Vul	<u>North(D)</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
	S 10972	S Q54	S AK6
	H KJ52	H Q8	H A6
	D 94	D AKQ86	D 10732
	C Q76	C AJ2	C K843

<u>South</u>
S J83
H 109743
D J5
C 1095

One pair made 6NT from the East side on a heart lead. Oddly enough, there is a way to make the contract, even with this most unfriendly lead. DON'T play the Queen and win the first trick in hand. Now run your diamond and spade winners.

Effectively North must find four safe discards, the fourth spade can be spared as can two hearts the fourth discard is an obvious problem a heart discard means being end-played and a club is equally fatal. If the player who made 6NT on that line, that declarer deserves to be immortalised. (half of them).

Membership Target

2019 Total	1350
2020 Target	1150
Pre COVID	1350
1st September 2020	1110
1st November 2020	1155

The Sunday Mail's Slight to South Australian Bridge Players

The Sunday Mail has, in its wisdom, decided to change from a weekly bridge column to a fortnightly one. They did this without consultation with the columnist and without informing its readers in advance.

Any bridge player reading this should be appalled. For around half a century, Keith McNeil and David Lusk have received a pittance (All of \$15 per article) from the Mail to provide bridge players with a weekly column.

Anyone reading this is encouraged to contact the Sunday Mail and give full rein to any sense of outrage they may have.

It is suggested that all or any of the following might be included:-

Your age (especially if you are over 65) – suggest that this is just another attack on the elderly and that the newspaper is at odds with the age demographic of South Australia.

Your disappointment at finding no column in the paper on October 18th.

Your lack of interest in the newspaper if your weekly bridge column is absent.

Any other argument that you can provide.



Kath George Pairs

The Kath George Pairs is one of the most prestigious events on the club's calendar. Kath George was the club's teacher from the early 70's through to the mid 80's. It is a named red point event with an honour board. The event is usually held in May but was cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Because of the prestige that the event holds, the club has decided to run it on Wednesday mornings in December.

Wednesday Night Sessions

All members (1155) were asked last month if they would like Wednesday nights to return.

Only 13 members requested that the session re-open. The Manager will review the situation in 6 months to see if the situation has changed.

Club Improvements

We are always looking to improve the surroundings and atmosphere within the Unley clubrooms. . The committee would welcome any suggestions on projects that could be undertaken to achieve this. You can submit suggestions via "Have your Say" on the website or email secretary@saba.asn.au

This article appeared last month. No responses!!

The club would welcome any suggestions.

WANTED

Pictures and stories from all venues.
Keep other members up to date with what's happening at your venue.

Pictures/stories can be given to your director or email the club manager@saba.asn.au, or secretary@sabridgeassoc.asn.au



The kitchen has been closed indefinitely. The club will continue to monitor the needs of its members and a review will be undertaken mid 2021.

SA Bridge Assoc. Teams Championship Results

The SA Bridge Teams Championships was contested over 3 Friday evenings in October with the results below. This event is generously sponsored by Andrew Eddie and is in it's 5th year. The total prizemoney was \$2400. 16 teams contested the event which, considering the circumstances , was a great turn out.



1st place. Kevin Lange, Judy Hocking, Sue Lusk and Andrew Eddie



5th Place. Sheila Bird, Lori Smith, Marc Deaton and Therese Demarco



2nd place. Russel Harms, Justin Williams, Felicity Smyth, Jeff Travis and Paul Hudson



Best (Only) Restricted Team. Jill Schuster, Helen Creeper, Beryl Tape and Di Fallon.
[Editor's Note] Bridge can be an easy game... particularly when there is no opposition. As the only restricted team entered, the girls automatically won the \$200 on offer. Food for thought for next year to all our members with less than 300MPs.



3rd place. Greg Sargent, Chris Lorimer and John Zollo (missing Roger Januszke)



Best Novice Team. Fletcher Davey, Caprice Davey, Alice Handley with their expert Zol Nagy.



4th place. Peter Chan, Sue Emerson, Attilio De Luca and David Lusk

It was great to see 8 teams entered in the Novice category. Three members have less than 100 MPs get to play with an expert and pick up \$200. Why wouldn't you be smiling!!!



Which one are you?



There has been an increase in the number of complaints about player behavior recently. In fact, in the recent survey of members who did not renew their membership there were several who explained that they won't be returning because of unpleasant experiences at the club.

This is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Staff have been told to report any such behavior and the club would encourage all members to do the same. Directors are maintaining an Incident Report to log any complaints that occur. Action will be taken against any member that behaves poorly at the club. Depending on the severity and frequency of the behavior, sanctions may range from a warning to suspensions and ultimately termination of membership. For the vast majority there is no problem but for those few who make life unpleasant at the table, consider this to be your first warning.

A reminder that the club's mission statement is:

"To be a successful bridge club by providing a congenial, fair and competitive environment for the enjoyment of bridge at all levels"



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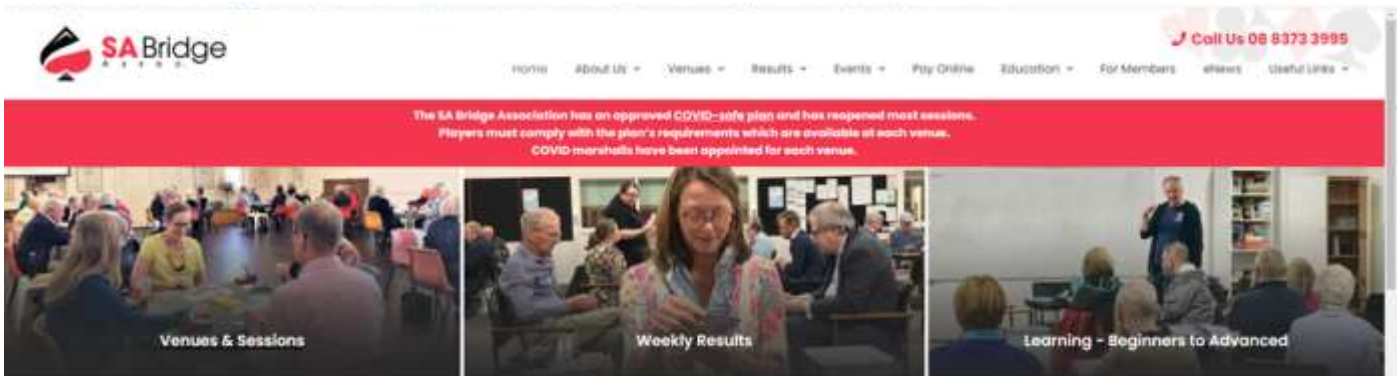
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SA Bridge Assoc.
WIFI

The club has set up a WiFi connection which is easy to access.

Connect to: SABA-WIFI
Connection information available on the notice board



SA Bridge Assoc. logo and navigation menu: Home, About Us, Venues, Results, Events, Play Online, Education, For Members, News, Useful Links. Contact: Call Us 08 8373 3995.

The SA Bridge Association has an approved COVID-safe plan and has reopened most sessions. Players must comply with the plan's requirements which are available at each venue. COVID marshalls have been appointed for each venue.

Three photos showing bridge sessions: Venues & Sessions, Weekly Results, Learning - Beginners to Advanced.

SA Bridge Assoc's new website was launched in October. Please take it for a test drive and let us know if you find any problems or have a suggestion on how it could be improved.

Around the Clubs



SA Bridge Assoc. Walkerville

Cnr Smith & Church St, Walkerville

Held at Walkerville Bowling Club, members enjoy a great atmosphere and excellent surroundings. Sessions are Monday and Thursday afternoons @ 1pm. Supervised play is available. No afternoon tea available at this time



SA Bridge Assoc. Campbelltown

607 Lower Nth East Rd, Campbelltown

Looking for divine inspiration? Then you may enjoy a morning of bridge at the Uniting Church at Campbelltown. Fridays 10am to 1pm. No morning tea available at this time



SA Bridge Assoc. Glenelg North

Anderson Ave, Glenelg North

If you live near the beach, chances are you're not far from our Glenelg Nth club. Sessions are held each Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm. No morning tea available at this time



SA Bridge Assoc. Mt Barker

Mt Barker Community Centre, 3 Dumas St, Mount Barker

No need to come down the hill for a game. Sessions held every Monday afternoon @ 1.00pm

Happy Birthday Campbelltown



On Friday, 16 October, SA Bridge Assoc. Campbelltown celebrated seven years of playing Bridge.

Although we weren't able to supply our normal lavish morning tea, we did manage to ply our players with birthday cake and some of Linda's famous scones.

Committee member, Brian Lynch and his partner were amongst the visitors on the day, which saw a good turn out with 10 tables playing.

SA Bridge Assoc. Campbelltown plays at the Uniting Church, 607 Lower NE Road, Campbelltown from 10am to 12.45pm.

MONTHLY RESULTS

Monday AM

PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW EDDIE
ROS MARSH / VAL HILL
TERRY DRIVER / JOAN ALLISTER
CHRIS ROBERTS / LEN BELL
PETER MIKA / HELEN GRAY

SABA Walkerville - Monday

ELSPETH DOMAN / LINDA ALEXANDER
PETER MCKAY / MIGNON SAWERS
JOY BAKER / JOHN BAKER
CHRIS CANN / NOLA UZZELL

Monday PM A Grade

SABF Event

Monday PM

JOHN SULAN / DIANE LACY
ONSLOW BILLINGHURST / SANDY FRANCAS

SABA Glenelg North

KATE HARTWIG / LEN BELL
ERIC ROWE / LESLEY MARTIN
ROBIN EVANS / HEATHER HEIDENREICH

Tuesday AM Jean McEwin Prs

DAVID LUSK / GARY CHUA
PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW EDDIE
JEAN RICHMOND / JUDITH CASTELL
ANGIE WILLIAMS / LINDSAY WILLS

Tuesday PM Paddy Haydon Prs

SHELLEY EITZEN / HELEN ROLLOND
JOHN FROGLEY / JIM BURKE
JIM SMITH / WENDY SMITH

Tuesday PM Supervised

STEVEN SMITH / BRIONY BULLARD
DAVID JENKIN / CHRIS WELLINGTON
PHIL GRAHAM / DAVID CARTER
BARBARA ALLAN / NEIL WILSON

Wednesday AM A Grade Gus &

Gusti Gilbert Pairs

INGRID COOKE / ATILIO DE LUCA
IAN HILDITCH / DAVID ANDERSON
ANDREW EDDIE / PETER COLMER
DAVID PARROTT / JUDY HOCKING
ARTHUR PORTER / SUSAN EMERSON

Wednesday AM DOREEN LYNCH /

JANE LINDE

BRIAN LYNCH / DEL FORD
CHRIS CANN / JENNETTE BROWN
LINDSAY WILLS / TONY MICHAILOV

Thursday AM

JULIE LASLETT / VAL HILL
BRYAN JENKINS / JANET JENKINS
BEVIN BROOKS / REBECCA POON
ASHLEY SCHULTZ / JAN FLETCHER

SABA Walkerville - Thursday

JUDY STACEY / EVA LES
CHRIS ROBERTS / TOM HAMNETT

Friday AM

ROS MARSH / LIZ ANGEL
ANDY DUNCAN / SUE ORMSBY
GEOFF RONALDSON / LINDSAY WILLS

Friday Afternoon Sup

MARY MULHOLLAND / TONY CLIFFE
CAM RUNGIE / HELEN PFITZNER

SABA Campbelltown

CHRISTINE ROBERTS / TOM HAMNETT
MANDIE DRAPER / RONDA BOWYER
DAVID MUNRO / JANET MUNRO

Saturday

MERILYN PARIS / ADEL ABDELHAMID
ANDREW EDDIE / LINDA ALEXANDER
JOHN SMITH / WENDY HOPKINS

Saturday Intermediate

MIKE WOOD / JACKIE WALTERS
PAM WOOD / LINDA HALLS

PADDY HAYDON PAIRS Tue PM

The fastest player ever and our first life member. He directed the Centenary Auction Championships of 1936 at the Cheer Up Hut, at the rear of the Adelaide Railway Station, in 1936.

WINNERS

Shelley Eitzen / Helen Rollond

GAVIN and JEAN McEWIN PAIRS

Gavin and Jean started at the club in the mid 80's and were regulars at the Tuesday sessions which were inaugurated in 1988. They loved the game and the session, and were well liked by the regulars. When Jean died in 1995, Gavin set up a bequest to name a Tuesday event after his beloved wife. When he died in 1999, the bequest was extended in his will to include a second event, named after himself. They were very generous and paid for their honour boards.

WINNERS

David Lusk / Gary Chua

GUS and GUSTI GILBERT PAIRS

The Gilberts came out as Jewish refugees from Austria in about 1940 and were immediately sent to the bush for several years, despite Gus being a leading agronomist (PhD and all). Gusti had been regarded as one of the best students of Dr Stern, a world-renowned bridge theorist and player in Vienna. She was a top player but only occasionally played for South Australia. Looking at the Honour Boards you can see they won most events they played in. They were the first South Australians to be awarded Grand Master status.

WINNERS

Ingrid Cooke / Attilio De Luca

