

THE DECLARER

SA Bridge Assoc. Newsletter

February 2021

Winner—CLUBSSA Community Award for Best Club Improvement or Initiative category



Like all Clubs, COVID has had, and continues to have an impact with numbers restricted. It closed mid-March, re-opening mid-July.

Never one to stand still though, the Club has continued with improvements in 2020. There is now better access for those members with a disability with a chair lift installed at the rear entrance. This has been a fantastic addition allowing easier access from the car park. The Club has since increased the number of disabled parking bays from two to six.

This is just one of the initiatives that SA Bridge Assoc has implemented and why the club is are so deserving of a CLUBS SA COMMUNITY AWARD | Improvement & Initiative. Which was presented by Christine Carter from CLUBSSA on 14th January 2021.

2021 FEBRUARY

SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

Sunday February 14th

Session Times: 9.30am to 1.00pm
and 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

Entry fees: \$50 per pair

SA Bridge Assoc. Golf/Bridge Biathlon

Sunday 28th March

South Lakes Golf Club

Billabong Rd, Goolwa South

Golf - \$25

Lunch - \$15

Bridge - \$15

All 3 - \$50

Coming RED Point Events February

Monday AM—Frank Coyle Pairs

Wednesday AM—Daytime Teams

Thursday PM—SABF Open Trials
Final and Plate

Friday AM—Jean Harbison Pairs

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Minutes of the 88th South Australian Bridge Association Inc. AGM

Held on Saturday January 16th 2021 at 11.30 am at the club rooms, Young Street, Unley.

Meeting opened at 11.30am

Present: Adel Abdelhamid (President), Heather Motteram (Secretary), 50 members and 17 proxies

Apologies: Helen and Peter Rolland, Angela Norris, Angela Grimaldi, Jim and Wendy Smith, Bryan and Janet Jenkins, John Sharpe, John Smith

The President welcomed all members and outlined the meeting procedure to be adopted

The minutes of the previous AGM were adopted.

Moved Linda Alexander, seconded Jane Caddy.

Carried unanimously

The President presented his report. Moved Brian Lynch, seconded Helen Kite that the report be received. Carried unanimously

The Treasurer presented his report. Moved Linda Alexander, seconded Jane Caddy that the report be received. Carried unanimously

Questions arising

Stated value of club rooms. It has been agreed with the auditor for it to be at council value in next year's report

Discussion on what is a fair amount of cash for a not for profit business to have in reserve

The President advised that the honoraria of free membership for the Secretary and Treasurer will continue

Election of Officers

Being no other nominations Treasurer Hadyn Hanna and Secretary Heather Motteram were re-elected

A ballot was held for the committee positions. Jim May was the Returning Officer, assisted by Gary Deaton and Andrew Eddie. Colin Twelftree and Jim Burke were appointed for 2 years and Bob Thiele for one year. The President thanked Brian Lynch for his past contribution to the management

committee

Linda Alexander agreed to continue as Patron Emeritus

David Lusk moved and Gary Deaton seconded that Barbara Marrett be reappointed as Youth Patron.

Accepted

Auditors DFK Gray Perry were re-appointed

Sheila Bird presented the Tournament Committee report

Presentations

Silver Grand awards were previously presented to Mark Doecke and David Parrott

Marc Deaton was awarded a Certificate for achieving Congress Level Director.

Recognition from Clubs SA for 'Improvements and initiatives' at Unley premises. A certificate was received and was displayed to members.

Any other business

Suggestions on several topics were offered from the floor and the President assured all would be considered at committee level

That the good management of Covid health measures continue

Parking continues to be an issue

Playing sessions. The current survey is yet to be evaluated

Some new members can feel intimidated when they first play at the club Jeff Travis, as a member of the Bridge Education and Development(BED) committee is looking at the transition of newer players into the club.

Membership Target

2020 Total	1160
2020 Target	1300
Pre COVID	1350
1st February 2021	1155



A big thank you from Helen Rollond to all the members that bought daffodils. From the sales Helen donated \$300 to Cancer Research and another \$155 to Heart Kids
Well done everybody.

What's in a Name

In recent emails discussing COVID restrictions/ updates there has been some confusion as to which venue is being referenced. The club has recently updated its logo and name.

When we say SA Bridge Assoc. it means all venues, Unley, Walkerville, Campbelltown, Mt Barker and Glenelg Nth. If the club needs to address a particular venue then it will be referred to by name.

SA Bridge Assoc. All Venues

SA Bridge Assoc.—Unley

SA Bridge Assoc.—Walkerville

SA Bridge Assoc.—Campbelltown

SA Bridge Assoc.—Mt Barker

SA Bridge Assoc.—Glenelg Nth



The Australian Bridge Federation is excited and proud to announce that our new technology platform is now live. The MyABF platform will support bridge across Australia for the ABF, state and territory organisations, clubs and of course all Australian bridge players.

Events will be added as we get back to face-to-face bridge.

Sign up for your new bridge platform at www.myabf.com.au



SA Bridge Assoc.
WIFI

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

Connect to: SA BRIDGE ASSOC.-WIFI

Connection information available on the notice board

Hand of the Month

From the Singles Championship Pairs 26/10/20:

Your problem lies working out when to stop bidding.

All Vul, North deals

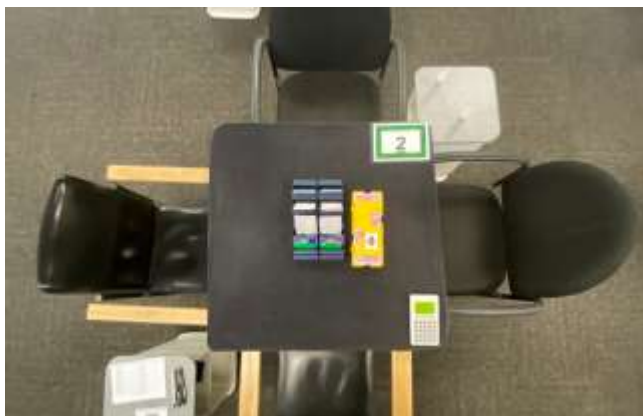
<u>West</u>	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
AK9532		1H	2S	3S
H 42	4S	5H	Pass	Pass
D KQ	5S	6H	Pass	Pass
C 873	??			

If you pass, the computer analysis will agree with you—6H should not make. The problem for your side is that partner must find the right lead to defeat the slam, and a spade is not it. In fact, it must be a diamond and partner would not find that lead remotely attractive from Jxx

Here is the full deal:

<u>West</u>	North	East	South
S AK9532	S Void	S QJ10874	S 6
H 3	H AJ10976	H 42	H KQ85
D KQ	D A98653	D J72	D 104
C 873	C Q	C A42	C KJ10965

As you can see, on a spade lead, declarer wins, draws trumps and leads the CQueen, setting up enough discards for all of his small diamonds. You might also imagine that 6S, doubled, will go down three. This is true only if South lead the King of clubs and North underleads the Ace of hearts when on lead. In reality, 6S went off by just two tricks and was a successful save against 5H, which was the most popular contract



At the end of play, please leave your tables like this. This will assist staff when cleaning the tables between sessions. Thank you for your cooperation.

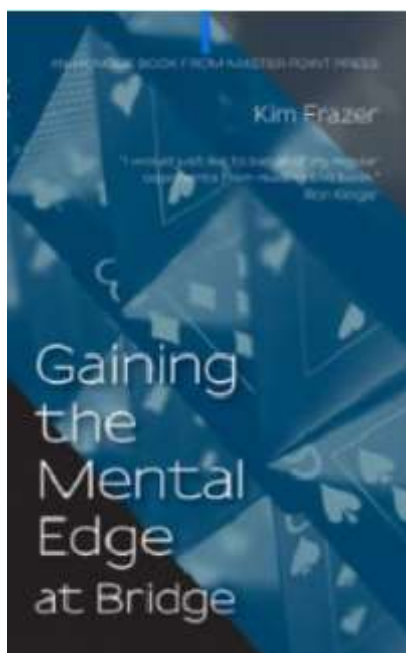
I am very pleased to say that the tidiness of the tables has improved greatly. This has helped the staff clean the tables after each session



Clean Pens

The club is continually reviewing our hygiene requirements, and we will now be using clean pens for each session. There is a box of clean pens on the director's table as well as a box for used pens. Pens will no longer be left on tables. If you need a pen take one from the clean pen box and return used pens at the end of the day.

Kim Frazer wins International Bridge Press Association Master Point Press 2020 Book of the Year Award



Kim Frazer, an Olympian in Athens 2004 and winner of three gold medals in four Commonwealth games for shooting, has won a prestigious international award for writing a bridge book "Gaining the Mental Edge at Bridge."

The International Bridge Press

Association has 300 journalists as members around the world. The award is sponsored by Master Point Press and normally presented at the Hainan Bridge Festival in China. Hopefully when travel restrictions are lifted Kim will be travelling to Hainan to accept the award in person.

The award was announced at the IBPA AGM by the President, Barry Rigal, who visits Australia often to edit the Daily Bulletin at the Gold Coast Congress.

In shooting Kim was National Women's Champion on seven occasions and National Open champion twice.

In bridge Kim has represented Victoria in Women's and Open teams and has won selection for the Australian Women's Team.

It was in shooting that Kim became interested in the mental side of sport. When she took up Bridge she started writing articles for Australian bridge magazines and the French bridge magazine Le Grigeur on the application of sports psychology in bridge. In this book she has adapted the mental techniques that brought her success in shooting and how to use these at the bridge table.

The foreword of her book was written by Ron

Klinger, champion Australian bridge player, Bridge author of over 70 books and bridge columnist for the SMH for 18 years. Ron wrote "I am anxious to try out these new ideas and incorporate them as part of my regular regime. I can't wait for my next bridge game! I would just like to bar all of my regular opponents from reading this book."

Kim is still heavily involved in the administration of shooting and bridge and is Secretary of the Australian Bridge Federation.

The President of the ABF, Allison Stralow, says "It is a great honour for Australian bridge that Kim has won such a prestigious award against international competition."

Kim won the award from a shortlist of international bridge writers including David Bird author of 130 books, Larry Cohen best known for "The Law of Total Tricks", Mike Lawrence who has won three Bermuda Bowls and Nicolas Hammond who was also famous for solving the Rubik's Cube in 37 seconds.

Kim is the fifth Australian to have won this award and only the second woman following champion Sabine Auken from Germany in 2006 with "I Love This Game".

Understandably, Kim's book has sold out. The club has a backorder for 20 copies. Members can place an order for the book when it arrives. (\$36.95)

"I would just like to bar all of my regular opponents from reading this book." Ron Klinger

Biscuits

Whilst the Café Bar was closed, biscuits were provided free to members to help offset the inconvenience of not being able to make your own coffee. With the Café Bar back in service, members will need to pay for any biscuits that they want. Same system as before; Honour system with the biscuit tin on the counter. The free biscuits will cease on Friday 12th February.

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

**Coronavirus
throat spray**



MONTHLY RESULTS

Monday AM

CAROLYN MROCZEK / JULIA HENDRY
TINA MCERLEAN / PADDY MCERLEAN
ROD MORITZ / YVONNE BLEWETT
DIANE BEST / REG BYRNES
CHRIS ROBERTS / LEN BELL

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Walkerville -

Monday

ELSPETH DOMAN 1 / LINDA
ALEXANDER
LESLEY ROSENTHAL / CEDA NIKOLIC
WENDY UPTON / TEENIE MORIARTY
CHRIS CANN / NOLA UZZELL

Monday PM

ROGER JANUSZKE / ROBERT BIGNALL
JOHN ZOLLO / PAUL HUDSON
JOHN NEULING / GRAHAM FELTHAM

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Glenelg North

Tuesday AM

PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE
STUART TUCK / LORRAINE
MCWATERS
CLIVE DURNEY / JUNE GORMLEY
ROSALIE ROLFE / LIZZIE RASHEED

Tuesday PM

JOHN ELLIOTT / PAT ELLIOTT
JOHN MARSHALL / BOB AULD
PETER ROLLOND / JILL BYRNE

Tuesday PM Supervised

GILLI 1 READ / HUGH JOHNSON
JENNY HILTON / BRUCE HILTON
JULIE RANDALL / PAULINE MCENTEE

Wednesday AM A Grade

BOB CLARKE / ARTHUR PORTER
PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE
JACKIE WARD / BRONNY COLMER
ROBERT TYSON / JANE TYSON

Wednesday PM

CHRIS CANN / JENNETTE BROWN
CHRIS PUMPA / HEATHER DUKE-
CAMPBELL
MARGARET O'SHEA / JULIE BIELICKI
HEATHER HEIDENREICH / MAUREEN
TUDDENHAM
ROD MORITZ / DARRYL COUZNER

Thursday AM

JULIE LASLETT / VAL HILL
RON LIDDY / MAREK PAWLAK
JUNE GORMLEY / ELIZABETH BOWEN
ASHLEY SCHULTZ / JAN FLETCHER
BEVIN BROOKS / REBECCA POON

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Walkerville -

Thursday

ERICA BAKER / GORDON BAKER
JUDY STACEY / EVA LES
SHELDA FOULIS / CHRISTINE DUKE

Friday AM

JUDY ZOLLO / ANN COTTRELL
RAELENE SCOTT / PAT NAGEL
ROBYN DUNCAN / JERRY TAYLOR

Friday Afternoon Sup

Not Played

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Campbelltown

Val Kempe / Ros Durrant
Paul Blackman / Fran Francis
Melva Sellars / Bob Sellars
Christine Roberts / Tom Hamnett

Saturday

JANE CADDY / CHRIS BARNWELL
BRUCE SMITH / TERRY KING

Saturday Intermediate

LINO DI LERNIA 1 / MAUREEN DI
LERNIA
DAVID CASH / JENNY CASH

Session Format Survey

Recently, members were asked about the format for sessions as we move out of COVID restrictions. The choices were:

1. Resume pre-COVID session times at Unley. 10.30 to 2pm. 27 boards with 15 minute break
2. Continue current system. 10.30 to 1.15. 24 boards no break

Of course, nothing is straight forward. Approximately 300 members responded to the survey. This shows that this is an important issue to members and the club has to ensure that the decision made benefits the majority of members. The results were inconclusive with about 50% for each option. Then add additional comments such as:

1. Can we have a 10am start, 24 boards and a break, finish 12.30
2. Can we have a 10am start, 27 boards and a break, finish 1pm
3. Can we have a 10am start, 24 boards , no break, finish 12.15
4. The same questions were asked from the night time players.

This is a decision that cannot be made lightly and further options will need to be looked at.

In the meantime, the club will continue the current system. That is, 10.30am to 1.15pm with the session director setting the number of boards played based on the speed of the section. For some that will be 27 boards. For the rest it will be 24 boards. Where possible, directors will allow a few minutes to move cars or get a coffee.

If you're refusing to wear a mask due to concerns your brain won't get enough oxygen, I think that ship has already sailed. 😊



Dear Lord,
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.



Happy Bridging (Whilst we can!!)



"Want me to get you a shopping cart?"