

THE DECLARER

SA Bridge Assoc. Newsletter

March 2021

Are we there yet?

This month marks 12 months since the club was first shut down for COVID. Whilst there is still some way to go before COVID is just a distant memory, there are some things that will remain in place permanently. The pandemic has made everyone aware of the hygiene requirements needed to stay safe and create a healthy environment. Many of these will remain a permanent part of the club's operations in the future.

Hand sanitisers at all entrances and on all tables; increased cleaning at all levels; East handling the boards and South controlling the Bridgemates; members will continue to be encouraged to have their own bidding box.

Before the pandemic, colds and flu were a risk to older members and by maintaining a COVID type attitude to hygiene and maintaining a healthy environment will help minimize the risks to members in the future.

From an operational point, the club will lose more members at the end of March than normal however attendances have continued to increase every month and are approaching pre-COVID levels.

Once social distancing and other restrictions are no longer part of our day to day lives the club will be resuming normal playing conditions. What these will be are not yet finalised. The recent survey about playing times, the number of boards played and whether a break was needed or not were inconclusive due to the fact that many members wanted different playing conditions and there was no single solution that suited the majority of members. A new, more comprehensive survey will be sent out in the coming week or so to try and provide the best service for the majority of members. Once that is done then the club will be ready to put those in place when the restrictions are eased.

Coming Events

RED Point sessions April

Tuesday PM—Ted Hilson Pairs

SA Bridge Assoc Teams Congress

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ANC Restricted Restricted Trials

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 17 2021

All Members were present.

Overall, our treasurer reports our financial position looks good for first four months. A comparison of monthly player participation compared with pre-Covid 2019 will be prepared by the Club Manager.

Paul Hudson is training to be a director and Anne Davy, a university student, has been employed as a board dealer.

The Communication sub-committee will begin organising the noticeboards.

Due to the Women's and Seniors State qualifying and final events not being held at Unley it leaves weekends free and the opportunity to hold Swiss team events for various skill levels.

It was agreed to replace all bathroom taps with mixer taps.



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

MYABF membership will be required to register for the ANOT.



**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 Open Trials Qualifying, Round 9

This month's hand challenges you to find an improbable defence. Cover all but the East and North hands and imagine that you are East after the auction below:-

<u>West</u>	North	East	South
S 973	S AQJ1053	S K6	S 84
H A9764	H 1083	H 2	H KQJ5
D 52	D 98	D AQ10764	D KJ3
C K52	C A7	C 9863	C QJ104

N-S Vul, East deals

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
--	--	3D	Pass
Pass	3S	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West dutifully leads the D5, you play the Queen, hoping to keep communication, and South wins with the King. South's 4 of spades goes to dummy's Queen and your King. What now?

Rewind.

Have you objected to East's play at trick 2? Nic Croft, faced with just this decision, smoothly placed his 6 on the table. The multiple interstate teams champion risked looking stupid if declarer felled his King on the next round, but he had set a trap that, if successful, would possibly end in declarer's demise. After his successful spade finesse, South tackled hearts. He set up three heart tricks as West took his Ace and continued with another diamond. Croft rose with the Ace and cleared the suit. Knowing fairly certainly what the diamond lay-out had been, declarer could have had the last laugh, given that overtricks were no longer important. So playing Ace and another spade at this point was hardly likely to be costly. As many would have, South repeated the finesse in spades, and Croft's devious plan bore fruit as he cashed enough winners to put the game contract two down.

Although 4S looks to be a sound contract, only two pairs out of seven were successful on the obvious heart lead, whilst Croft was the only defender to defeat 3NT, with fourteen other declarers making ten or eleven tricks.

SA Bridge Assoc. Teams Congress

MORE TEAMS NEEDED

The club will be running a Teams Congress on Sunday 21st March. 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4pm. This is a great opportunity to try teams and see why many of the top players regard this as the best form of bridge. Cost \$100 per team. Nominate at Events Bookings on the SA Bridge Assoc. Home Page, or complete below and submit to a staff member

Membership Target

2020 Total	1160
2021 Target	1300
Pre COVID	1350
1st March 2021	1170



Graduate

Judith Cross
Helen Robinson
Erica Shadiac
Louisa Storer
Georgie Tregenza

Club

David Carter
Robin Evans
Phil Graham
Leonie Jackson
Pauline McEntee
Anita McNamee
Julie Randall
Rita Williams

Local

Chris Billing
Kay Conroy
Sue Durand

Bronze Local

Onslow Billinghamurst
Pam Russell

Silver Local

Chris Cann
Jennifer Hammer

Regional

Stuart Tuck

State

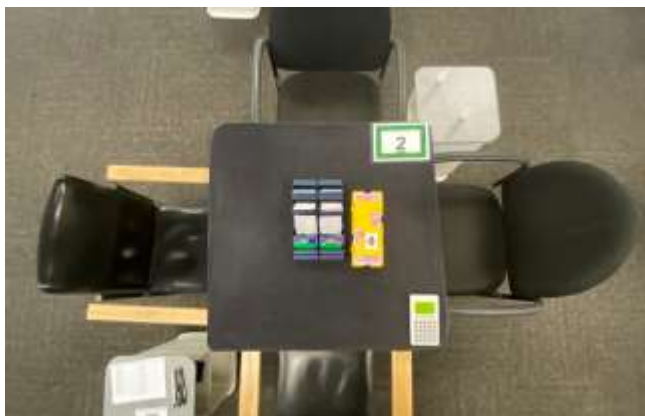
Terry Pickering
Keith Plastow

National

Carolyn Toh

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 have ceased.



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.



2021 RESTRICTED TRIALS

The ABF is sponsoring the attendance of twopairs from each State at the 2021 ANC Restricted Butler in Perth.

The selected players will each receive free airfare, \$250 towards their accommodation costs, and free entry to the ANC Butler Pairs, to be held at the Perth Convention Centre on the weekend of July 17th & 18th.

Entry is restricted to registered players with less than 300 masterpoints as at 1/1/2021.

The local qualifying competition will be run as a Butler Pairs at ABC on Sunday April 11th, starting at 9:30 am.

Entries via the SABF website, or directly to David Anderson at revoke1@live.com
Nominations close Monday evening April 5th.

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

MONTHLY RESULTS

Monday AM

REBECCA POON / DENISE
BUTTROSE
MARGARET STEVENS / CAROLYN
TOH
PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE
DIANE BEST / REG BYRNES
TERRY PICKERING / ROSIE
VOSTATEK

**SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Walkerville -
Monday**

SUE GROSE / SHIRLEY HESKETH
COLLEEN DINGLE / GLENIS
MORRISON
MANDIE DRAPER / TOM
HAMNETT
ROSE GLENNON / SUE MOOR

Mt Barker

GARRY SKUSE / HELEN CONOLLY
BERYL LIEBELT / FRANCES BERRY
JOHN ELLIOTT / PAT ELLIOTT

Monday PM

JOHN NEULING / GRAHAM
FELTHAM
ANDY BABISZEWSKI / PETER
COLMER
ROGER JANUSZKE / ROBERT
BIGNALL

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Glenelg North

KATE HARTWIG / LEN BELL
SIMON CAMERON / PETER
SOLOMON
ERIC ROWE / LESLEY MARTIN

Tuesday AM

DAVID LUSK / GARY CHUA
PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE
ANGIE WILLIAMS / LINDSAY WILLS
DELSI POZZA / LIZ ROBERTSON

Tuesday PM

MEGG KELHAM / WENDY HOOPER
PETER ROLLOND / JILL BYRNE

Tuesday PM Supervised

CHRIS CANN / NOLA UZZELL
ANITA MCNAMEE / CHARLES
SAVAGE
PHIL GRAHAM / DAVID CARTER

Wednesday AM A Grade

Wednesday AM

YVONNE DENNIS / HELEN
SALLEMI
JUNE YEOW / EVE MCLAREN
MERILYN PARIS / CHRIS
BARNWELL
ANDREW NOWAKOWSKI / BRIAN
BURFORD
MARGARET O'SHEA / JULIE
BIELICKI

Thursday AM

JULIE LASLETT / VAL HILL
BEVIN BROOKS / REBECCA POON
TERRY PICKERING / SANDRA
CRAWFORD
MEREDITH COLEMAN / CAROLYN
TOH
BRYAN JENKINS / JANET JENKINS

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Walkerville -

Thursday

SHELDA FOULIS / CHRISTINE DUKE
KAY CONROY / ELIZABETH ATKINS
CHRIS ROBERTS / TOM HAMNETT

Friday AM

PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE
ROS MARSH / LIZ ANGEL
MARGARET STEVENS / PAT LAKE

Friday Afternoon Sup

JILL VINALL / PHIL SUMNER
KATHY PARKER / JANET
WHITBREAD

SA BRIDGE ASSOC. Campbelltown

DAVID MUNRO / JANET MUNRO
BRENDA BUTCHER / FAY HANNA
VAL KEMPE / ROS DURRANT
MELVA SELLARS / BOB SELLARS

Saturday

ALICE HANDLEY / MARC DEATON
MERILYN PARIS / ADEL
ABDELHAMID
JOHN SMITH / WENDY HOPKINS

Saturday Intermediate

JOHN RASHEED / ANN AXELBY
JUDITH BROWN / MAXINE
EVERETT
PAM WOOD / LINDA HALLS



Happy Bridging

