

THE DECLARER

SA Bridge Assoc. Newsletter

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SPECIAL COVID EDITION

It's great to see the club return to some sort of normality. Numbers are improving week by week with some sessions back to pre-COVID numbers. Other sessions are continuing to grow and the last month has seen a 50% increase in numbers from the previous month. Whilst there is still no full session with a lunch break and food service the club is continually monitoring the SA Health regulations and guidelines to ensure that the club is fully functioning as soon as possible.

Since the club closed down in March there have been 240 members that have not renewed their membership. The current membership is still solid at 1110 members but it is time to start rebuilding the club and the best way to do this is by attracting new members through the classes. The next classes commence on Tuesday the 1st October @ 7.30pm and Friday the 16th October @ 1.30pm. The club would appreciate your support by encouraging family and friends to join the classes.

We are all in this together.

Table Fees to remain unchanged in 2021

In 2019, when the club introduced the Prepay system table fees were \$1 less than normal table fees to encourage members to participate. This year it was decided to keep those fees at the cheaper rate. As the club is in a rebuilding phase and attempting to go cashless at Unley, the club has decided to maintain the discounted fee in 2021.

Coming RED Point Events

Tuesday AM—Jean McEwin Pairs

Tuesday PM—Paddy Haydon Pairs

Wednesday AM—Gus & Gusti Gilbert Pairs

SA Bridge Assoc. Teams Championships

Friday nights @ 7.30pm

9th, 16th @ 23rd October

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MINUTES OF THE SA Bridge Assoc MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday September 16 2020 Time:- 1.30pm

Present: Adel Abdelhamid(President), Heather Motteram(Secretary), Hadyn Hanna(Treasurer), Sheila Bird, Brian Lynch, ,

Observer: Gary Deaton(Club Manager) Jeff Travers

Apologies: Colin Twelftree, Jenny Donoghue

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Moved, seconded and carried unanimously

Business Arising from the Minutes Action

*Jobkeeper. Eligibility known by end of September
HH.GD

*Review benefit and outcome of staff reviews.
Outstanding AA.SB.GD

*Staff award rates/class and contracts to be reviewed at the end of Jobkeeper HH.AA GD

*Kitchen services contract with Phil Markey. When can bridge play return to pre Covid with a lunch break? GD. HH

*Business and Consumer Services. Waiting for final approval to Constitution changes MD

*Sponsorship . Status of recent sponsorsGD.MD.SB

Agenda Items

5. Corres 5. Correspondence: Bob Clarke

6. Presidents Report.

The president is preparing a detailed document of all tasks required to administer this club, planning to better define the responsibilities of each of the Administrative staff.

7. Treasurer's Report. Tabled . Action required

- Consider how to run the club if Jobkeeper not approved
- Pre-payment discount was not discussed at the meeting on July 29

8. Club Managers Report. Tabled. Action required

- Honour boards. Pat Sharpe has agreed to do the typing but not able to for 3 weeks
- Going cashless. Investigate internet strength at Walkerville, second EFTPOS machine
- Vouchers. System to remain the same with staff instructed to present to monthly winners
- Solar panels are damaged. Waiting for a quote and insurance claim will be submitted
- Chairs with wooden arm rests. Quote of \$1465 to remove, sand, lacquer and reassemble. Agreed to proceed. A suggestion of using volunteers was considered impractical.
- Approval of 49 new members since October 19 2019

Website

- The launch date has been deferred until October 9th
- On September 30th the MC will meet at the club after bridge (1.15) to review the website.
- Sue Lusk is acting as webmaster

9. Committee Chair Reports

Tournament. Tabled.

- GNOT. President to put proposal to SABF
- October Pleasant Sunday cancelled. Clashes with GNOT final
- Melbourne Cup Luncheon cancelled. Normal Tuesday bridge November 3rd.
- SA Bridge New Year's Eve Congress to go ahead.
- An event to introduce supervised players to teams will be included in the 2021 calendar. It will be called the 'Supervised Teams Trophy' with the trophy funded from the donation made on behalf of Leonie Clarke.
- Find a 'fill-in' partner programme. Approach proposed and further actions agreed to. SH. GD

Marketing and Social. No report. Actions required

- Only Unley and Mitcham councils will allow a share-link to SA Bridge on their website. Help with contact list
- Establish an Editor group in preparation for enews.
- Canvas members for what improvements to the club premises they would like

BED Tabled. Action required

- Introductory session at week 7 of term 4. A book required to record all messages concerning lessons
- Weekend beginners' sessions (2 consecutive Saturdays) when numbers sufficient (GD). Prepare course structure
- Q&A interesting hands on Monday (more intermediates) or Tuesday pre supervised session.
- Partnerships. Check beginners' satisfaction sometime after lessons finish. JT to follow both up verbally

Any Other Business

10. Christmas Party and other special events. Since change of legislation in November 2019 the club is required to train persons to serve alcohol. As this has not occurred yet, GD to investigate if a one-off license can be granted.

11. A free week of bridge in October was proposed to thank players for paying their annual subscriptions and playing regularly.

12. The voluntary hours given by Ray Dohnt was acknowledged. Extra benefits for service shall go to the MC for approval. GD

Meeting Closed: 4pm

Next Meeting – Wednesday October 14 at 1.15 at the club

Recorded by Heather Motteram (Secretary)

Membership Target

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

CLUB IMPROVEMENTS



The club is continually looking at ways to enhance the member's experience at Unley. 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

Wednesday Night Sessions

Members will note that Wednesday night sessions have not restarted yet. Initially, the club restarted just a few sessions and then more sessions were made available as the club was confident that our procedures were in line with government regulations and that we were providing a safe environment for all members.

Returning sessions were running at about 60% and Wednesday nights was already down to an average of 6 tables. It was felt that given the trend of other sessions it would not be viable to re-open that particular session. For the same reason Stirling and Fullarton has also remained closed. The club will continue to assess the viability of all sessions once numbers return to normal.

Hand of the Month

by David Lusk

From the 2020 State Teams Rd5:

Your first problem lies in the bidding.

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
S K53	S Q1074
H AJ97	H KQ
D 53	D AKJ
C KJ43	C AQ96

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

Because it is teams, you prefer to be in 6C. It is worth less than 6NT but, at IMPs, you want your 750 bonus. In natural systems, East's opening of 2NT (or equivalent,) may lead you to play 6NT. Now let's look at the play once East is declaring this contract on a neutral heart lead from South.

It seems reasonable to collect your two heart tricks in hand before leading a low spade to the King. If you do that, the King holds the trick. So, what next? With eleven obvious tricks, it seems as though you need to find either the Jack of spades or the Queen of diamonds. Or does it?

All Vul	<u>North(D)</u>
	S 962
	H 108653
	D 9762
	C 7

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
S K53	S Q1074
H AJ97	H KQ
D 53	D AKJ
C KJ43	C AQ96

<u>South</u>
S AJ8
H 42
D Q1084
C 10852

Professor John Horowitz decided that the contract could be made without risking a finesse. He played off a winning diamond, followed by his clubs and hearts when he cashed his hearts, South, tried to hold onto his AJ of spades and his Q10x of diamonds as Horowitz discarded down to SQ and DKJ in hand. South was in the grips of a strip squeeze. Throwing the SJ would allow declarer to throw him on lead with the Ace of spades for a diamond back to declarer's tenace and discarding the diamond meant that his Queen would drop. Declarer had guessed the distribution accurately, bringing in his NT slam. Imagine his disappointment when the board proved to be flat when his counterpart at the other table found the same line. The board was played in 6NT on twenty occasions, making twelve tricks on half of them. However on 6 occasions, South found an ultra friendly lead such as the SAce or a low diamond. Only two pairs reached the best contract—6C.

FINESSING FOR CONTROL

by Andy Babiszewski

You are playing in a teams match, where making overtricks is largely irrelevant. You are vulnerable, the opponents not. You hold:

S: 874 H: 9743 D: AK2 C: A103

Partner, in first position, opens 2NT, both minors, and the bidding proceeds:

Partner	RHO	You	LHO
2NT	X	3D	4H
Pass	Pass	5C	All pass

LHO leads KH, and you contemplate the following dummy:

S: KJ
H: -
D: Q10765
C: KJ9652

You hold:

S: 874
: 9743
D: AK2
C: A103

You ruff the King of Hearts, and lead a club to the Ace; both follow. When you lead a small club, LHO follows with the outstanding small club. Do you finesse? Plan your play before reading on.

You should finesse. If it loses, the oppo can't attack your spades, and you will be able to pitch your two small spades on dummy's diamonds, and concede a spade, then ruff one.

The finesse is largely a control finesse. You can afford to lose the trick, and it gets the opposing trumps cleared, while retaining control of your two potential spade losers. Of course if the finesse wins, clear trumps, and go about establishing your diamonds. And if LHO shows out on the second round of trumps, you can go up with the King and play LHO for the QS.

Control finesses are safety plays, usually to ensure that suits are not breaking badly, but sometimes to retain an entry into a particular hand.

You arrive in 4H on the following hand, against silent opposition:

S: 742
H: 652
D: QJ632
C: A10

S: AK3
H: AKJ10983
D: 54
C: 9

LHO leads the KD, then quickly switches to the QC. You win the Ace, and when you lead a small heart, RHO follows small. Do you finesse? Better do so. Even if LHO has the singleton Queen, he cannot prevent you from establishing the QD for a spade pitch using a small heart as an entry.

Sometimes you take a finesse (or don't) because it helps you to control the whole hand, rather than just a suit. You arrive in 6S after LHO has made a weak jump in hearts, then leads JH. Do you finesse?

S: AQ762
H: A3
D: A42
C: A86

S: K10985
H: Q6
D: KJ95
C: K5

Don't finesse. If LHO has the KH the hand is 100% certain. If not, then you are still a very good chance. Win the Ace, clear trumps, strip the clubs and exit with the QH. If LHO wins, they must concede a ruff sluff or lead into your diamond tenace. If RHO wins the heart, they must exit with a diamond. Play the 9D; if it's covered by the 10D, win the ace and finesse the QD on the way back.

A control finesse will enable you to sometimes place the cards for an end-play. You play the following

hand in 6NT after LHO has opened 2H showing five hearts and at least four cards in a minor:

S: AK2
 H: K83
 D: 75
 C: K10982

S: Q74
 H: A104
 D: AKQJ
 C: A43

Plan your play on the lead of the 10D.

You have eight clubs between your hands and only six diamonds. It is reasonable to assume that LHO started with hearts and diamonds, so you decide to take the control finesse through RHO. Play KC just in case LHO started with a singleton Jack or Queen, followed by 10C. But RHO now shows out, pitching a spade. Rethink.

If LHO started with five or more hearts and four clubs you can put her under pressure when you run your pointed winners. Duck the second club, win the return, and come down to this ending:

S: A
 H: K8
 D: -
 C: 9

S: 4
 H: A104
 D: -
 C: -

When you lead a spade LHO can't keep a club and three hearts, so can choose which poison suits her best. The hand is 100% cold.

Finessing a particular opponent to ensure control of the hand and to engineer an end-play occurs quite often. After RHO has opened 1H you get to play the following deal in 3NT:

S: K2

H: KJ2
 D: K93
 C: K9543

S: A987
 H: A43
 D: Q74
 C: A102

LHO leads the 9H. Plan your play.

Your best bet is to develop the clubs, but without letting LHO in to lead another heart. Win trick one with the KH and lead a small club. If RHO produces the QC, let them win. Subsequently you can play a club to the Ace, and see what happens. If RHO plays a small club on the first round, go up with the Ace, lead the 10C back, and duck it unless LHO produces the QC.

This play is really an avoidance play, where LHO, holding Jack to three or four clubs, has the real stopper, but can never get in to disrupt your heart stopper before the diamond trick is established.

All too easy?

The next hand is a lot tougher. All vulnerable, RHO opens 2S and the bidding goes:

Partner	RHO	You	LHO
	2S*	X	Pass
3D**	Pass	4H	Pass
4S	Pass	6H	All pass

* weak
 ** constructive

S: K1032
 H: K72
 D: Q10974
 C: 5

S: Q74
 H: AQJ10983
 D: A
 C: AQ

LHO leads a small trump, and you take some time to assess your chances. You need to arrive at an ending where you can lead a spade to the King and RHO has to lead a spade back so you can run it to the 10S. But RHO might keep a spare club (or diamond) with the three spades she must keep in any end-game. In order to pare RHO down to the ending you require you must keep strength control of both minor suits. So you must take the club finesse. Note that this does not produce an extra trick; you could have ruffed a club in dummy. The ending you produce is this:

S: K10x

H: -

D: Q10

C: -

S: Qxx

H: -

D: A

C: A

Now RHO has had to keep three spades and two minor cards. It should not be too hard to figure out her shape, then cash the Ace of the suit in which she is void, cash the other minor Ace and lead a spade to the King.

That's enough finessing. Next time how to count.

SA Bridge Assoc. TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sponsored by Andrew Eddie

Friday Nights @ 7.30pm

9th, 16th and 23rd October

Open to all members of the ABF

Prizemoney for Open, Restricted and Novice Teams

Cost: Normal Table Fess

Nomination Sheet on the Notice Board

RED point event

1st \$700

2nd \$500

3rd \$350

4th \$250

5th \$200

Restricted \$200 (All members must be under Life Master

Novice \$200 (Team members must have less than 100 MPs plus one expert with unlimited MPs)

Notes

Teams comprise of 4 to 6 members

Teams must compete in all sessions

Entry cost is normal table fees each session



Cnr Hoffnungsthal & Tweedies Gully Rds, Lyndoch

Well worth a visit

Call Jill & Evan Allanson on 8524 4538

www.lyndochlavenderfarm.com.au

Email: llf@lyndochlavenderfarm.com.au



SABA WIFI

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

Connect to:

SABA-WIFI

Password: 0883733995

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. A free lecture before the game in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. 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 Somerton Park 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 morning @ 1.00pm

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@saba.asn.au

MONTHLY RESULTS

Monday AM

CHRISTINE ROBERTS / LEN BELL
JENNY HAVER / GEOFF
HANNAFORD

PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE

DAVID LEE / JOHN ROUGHAN
JOHN ZOLLO / JUDY ZOLLO

SABA Walkerville - Monday

ELSPETH DOMAN / LINDA
ALEXANDER

CHRIS CANN / NOLA UZZELL
PETER MCKAY / MIGNON SAWERS

MANDIE DRAPER / TOM
HAMNETT

Monday PM A Grade

JOHN ZOLLO / PAUL HUDSON
JUSTIN WILLIAMS / FELICITY
SMYTH

KEVIN LANGE / JUDY HOCKING

Monday PM

JOHN SULAN / DIANE LACY
KATHY HARBISON / CATHY REID

SABA Glenelg North

PETER FOUNTAIN / PAUL MARKS
KATE HARTWIG / LEN BELL
JUAN CLIMENT / LIZ SADLER

Tuesday AM

PAM MORGAN-KING / ANDREW
EDDIE

CLIVE DURNEY / JUNE GORMLEY
SHELDA FOULIS / CHRISTINE DUKE
DELSI POZZA / LIZ ROBERTSON

Tuesday PM

JOHN MARSHALL / BOB AULD
SHELLEY EITZEN / HELEN
ROLLOND

JIM SMITH / WENDY SMITH

Tuesday PM Supervised

GILLIAN READ / HUGH JOHNSON
MARGARET JELBART / TREVOR
ANDERSON

Wednesday AM

SHEILA BIRD / SUSAN EMERSON
ROD MORITZ / DARRYL COUZNER
SUE ORMSBY / JANE CADDY
JOHN LEENDERS / GRAHAM

PELLEN

MERILYN PARIS / CHRIS
BARNWELL

Thursday AM

BEVIN BROOKS / REBECCA POON
MEREDITH COLEMAN / CAROLYN
TOH

ROGER WATERS / DENNIS
REYNOLDS

JULIE LASLETT / VAL HILL

SABA Walkerville - Thursday

SHELDA FOULIS / CHRISTINE DUKE
CHRIS ROBERTS / TOM HAMNETT

Friday AM

ROS MARSH / LIZ ANGEL
BRIAN LYNCH / NORMAN BULLEN
BOB AULD / GRAHAM BATH

Friday Afternoon Sup

JOHN RASHEED / LILLA VALL
DEB CANNAVO / ROSALI

SABA Campbelltown

MELVA SELLARS / BOB SELLARS
MANDIE DRAPER / RONDA
BOWYER

DAVID MUNRO / JANET MUNRO

Saturday

CAPRICE DAVEY / MARC DEATON
ANDREW EDDIE / LINDA
ALEXANDER

JOHN SMITH / WENDY HOPKINS

Saturday Intermediate

JOAN BROAD / JUDITH BROWN
PAM WOOD / LINDA HALLS
JOHN FOSTER / VI FOSTER

