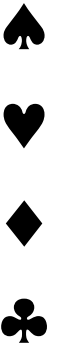




“Trumping In”

Waverley Bridge Club Newsletter



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The advice "**Don't shoot the messenger**" was first expressed (very obliquely) by [Shakespeare](#) in [Henry IV, part 2](#) (1598)^[2] and in [Antony and Cleopatra](#): when told [Antony](#) has married another, [Cleopatra](#) threatens to treat the messenger's eyes as balls, eliciting the response 'gracious madam, I that do bring the news made not the match'.^[3] Prior to that, a related sentiment was expressed in [Antigone](#) by [Sophocles](#) as "*No one loves the messenger who brings bad news*".^[4]

Source: Wikipedia

At this point, the average club member is probably wondering where I am coming from.

From a financial point of view we have not had a good year. We made a small accounting loss for the financial year to end February, partially alleviated by the cash flow from the depreciation provisions which have been applied. However, we still have no idea of the size of our electricity bill for the last 12 months. The few figures which have materialised appear to show a quite astonishing electricity consumption. My belief – and it is only a belief – is that the malfunctioning air-conditioning system has a great deal to answer for. Fortunately, the Council has engaged an external contractor to do a complete review of the air-conditioning system and power consumption, and there are at least indications that the machinery is starting to work better i.e. I think the rooms are a little cooler.

I am sure that the poor room conditions have contributed to a drop in average attendance, but a more fundamental difficulty is inflation.

The last time we raised our table fees was in July

2007, when the daytime fees were raised by \$1.00 to match the night-time fee of seven dollars. By July this year, inflation over the period will have been approximately 12%. We know that our electricity costs will be going up sharply, and there will be rises in other expenses early in the new financial year. There is still a chance that membership numbers and average attendance will pick up sharply in the next couple of months, but members must be aware that serious consideration will be given to a rise in table fees in the new financial year. We cannot continue to operate at a loss.

Hence the quote from Wikipedia. Anyone who wishes for a totally thankless job is welcome to apply!

Solar Electricity

We are now contemplating the installation of solar electric panels on our roof. With the greatly appreciated assistance of Monash Council, an engineering and cost investigation is underway at the moment. A problem we face is that over the next four years the basic cost of power will likely double. Furthermore, the advent of the misnamed Smart Meters has already enabled the power companies to charge a premium cost for power provided at peak consumption times – typically a hot summer day. This is of course the time when our power usage is very high. To give an example, if they charged a premium cost of \$.30 per kilowatt hour, and our average consumption.

was 12kW, our power bill for a 12 hour period would be of the order of \$43. Doubling this starts to produce some quite alarming figures.

We are currently contemplating a 5 kW system, with the capability of sequentially increasing this as and when funds come available.

Bridge Victoria

With a view to enabling external clubs to become much more involved with the administration of bridge in Victoria, the VBA is allowing members of outside clubs to become members of its subcommittees, though the aegis of the so-called Interim Committee. For example, I have been volunteered to join the finance subcommittee, and other members are joining committees organising promotional activities, the ANC et cetera.

Any member who would like to be involved in this process should contact me, and I will make appropriate representations.

May all your contract be made!

Doug Lavers, Treasurer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Margaret Jemmeson, Patricia Cox, John Kent, Mary Cliff, Clifford Pooler, Linda Pooler and Joanne King have recently joined our Club. Welcome to all of you and we hope you enjoy many years of happy bridging with WBC.

RECENT RESULTS

MONDAY AM GRADED PAIRS

A Section:

- 1st M. Hickey, S. Read
- 2nd J. Esdale, A. Gooding
- 3rd J. Millar, R. Ellery

B Section

- 1st A. Sharp, E. Gillies
- 2nd T. James, D. Macneil
- 3rd J. Gray, I. Stirling

C Section

- 1st M. Duke, K. Duke
- 2nd M. Murphy, C. Murphy
- 3rd D. Sadgrove, R. Ferdinands

TUESDAY PM GRADED PAIRS

A Section

- 1st P. Shaw, L. Shaw

- 2nd L. Szabo, M. Elson
- 3rd E. Hardy, L. Gold

Other results are not currently available.

A PROBLEM FOR IMPROVING PLAYERS

After lots of bidding, you get to 7NT with the following hands. The lead is the $\spadesuit 9$. Plan the play. Obviously, you need to get one of the major suits going. But which one?

- $\spadesuit K43$
- $\heartsuit AKJ1065$
- $\diamondsuit K4$
- $\clubsuit K6$

- $\spadesuit AJ1098$
- $\heartsuit 93$
- $\diamondsuit AQJ$
- $\clubsuit AQ2$

Decide on your preferred line, then look at the answer on page 4

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Stocks of the 2011-2012 Entertainment Book are now available. Speak to Mary or Laura about getting your copy.

If you haven't seen the Entertainment Book before, it is a treasure trove of discounts and bargains. Hundreds of restaurants offer large discounts – all the way from haute cuisine to Hungry Jacks and Maccas. Coles supermarkets and K-Mart offer permanent discounts, liquor outlets, auto shops, coffee and icecream, football matches, the Aquarium, the MSO, movies, music, spas, golf, games and recreation, flowers, limos, dry cleaning, holidays and more and more – big discounts are available for a cost of only \$65 (\$13 of which comes directly to WBC). Last year one enthusiastic purchaser said to me that she had made up the cost of the book in one visit to the liquor shop!!

(Get your grandchildren a trip to Paintball – they will love you for it!!)

If you buy the book and register your card, you will be in the running to win a 5 day holiday on Hamilton Island.

Have a look at the sample book on the table near the window in Room 1.

HAND EVALUATION

Not all 12 counts are the same! Not all 15 counts are the same. Not all 4 counts are the same.

Once you get beyond being a 'beginner' you need to develop your judgement of individual hands, increasing or decreasing their value as dictated by various shapes or situations.

Have a look at the hands below. Put each group in order of strength and playability.

1. (a) ♠A865 (b) ♠Q865 (c) ♠AJ106
♥AJ93 ♥Q972 ♥AJ96
♦Q75 ♦AJ8 ♦J6
♣QJ ♣AJ ♣QJ9

2. (a) ♠KQ4 (b) ♠KJ9 (c) ♠KQ4
♥QJ10953 ♥A87652 ♥QJ10953
♦A7 ♦Q103 ♦A73
♣83 ♣A ♣7

3. (a) ♠AK732 (b) ♠AK732
♥AQJ4 ♥AQJ4
♦7 ♦75
♣1095 ♣109

4. (a) ♠K1074 (b) ♠AKQ10
♥Q8653 ♥KQJ53
♦AQ ♦74
♣KJ ♣86

5. (a) ♠AQ1085 (b) ♠AQ1085
♥AK64 ♥A1064
♦103 ♦K53
♣85 ♣8

6. (a) ♠J63 (b) ♠KJ3
♥AKQJ109 ♥QJ10963
♦Q4 ♦AQ
♣83 ♣84

7. (a) ♠KJ7 (b) ♠AJ10 (c) ♠K7
♥J ♥J6 ♥J6
♦Q1098765 ♦KQ108743 ♦KQ108743
♣A2 ♣6 ♣Q8

1. Honours in the long suits will always increase the value of the hand.

This makes Hand (c) easily the best.

Hand (a) second best, and;

Hand (b) the worse. The two Aces in your short suits and your unsupported Queens really detract from this hand.

2. Hand (c) is once again the best. Well placed honours, a strong long suit and good shape.

Hand (a) is second. Even with a worse distribution than Hand (b), the Spade honours are strong and your long suit is better.

Hand (b), even with the singleton is far and away the worst. Your suit is bad, the Spade honours are weak, and the singleton Ace is nothing to be proud of.

3. This one is obvious.

Hand (a) has better distribution.

4. Once again, pretty obvious.

Hand (b) has its honours in the long suits.

Hand (a) is a nightmare of finesses and awful choices.

5. Which is more desirable – shape or honour placement?

Hand (b) is slightly better. The honours, though not as well placed as in Hand (a), are still not bad, and the singleton is a strong plus.

6. What a lovely trump suit in Hand (a)! But what else does the hand have?

Hand (b) is better, a strong suit that will definitely develop 4 tricks and good holdings in both Spades and Diamonds.

Hand (a) *might* only provide 6 tricks.

7. This one is a little more complex.

Hand (b) is easily the best, good suit, good Spades (how nice the ♠10 is here!) and the singleton Club.

Hand (a), though it has a weaker suit, has better distribution and more potential.

Hand (c) has little else to offer apart from the strong suit.

PROBLEM FROM PAGE 2

♠K43
♥AKJ1065
♦K4
♣K6
♠Q76 ♠52
♥8742 ♥Q
♦987 ♦106532
♣J93 ♣108754
♠AJ1098
♥93
♦AQJ
♣AQ2

You have 10 top tricks and only need 3 more! Which major suit should you play? Obviously, seeing all 4 hands, the answer is clear. But, you don't have that luxury. To combine your chances, you need to test one suit before taking a leap in the other. If you play off the Ace and King of Spades and the Queen doesn't fall, your best line would then be to run the ♥9 – ouch, losing to the

singleton Queen. So, with 8 Hearts between the two hands, it is best to play off the Ace and King of Hearts first. Here, of course, the singleton Queen falls, and you are home. If, however, the Queen remains out, you can still finesse the Spade either way, leading the Jack from your hand and watching very intently, out of the corner of your eye, to see West's reaction before you make your decision.

CARD COMBINATIONS

How to you play the following combinations to make the most possible tricks? These start out easy and get harder as we go along. The contract is 3NT and the lead, in each case, is the ♠6 with North next to play.

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|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1. ♠K8 | 2. ♠K3 | 3. ♠Q7 | 4. ♠ Q73 |
| ♥54 | ♠AJ4 | ♠A104 | ♠ K82 |
| 5. ♠Q103 | 6. ♠Q7 | 7. ♠J82 | 8. ♠J4 |
| ♠A72 | ♥A32 | ♥A93 | ♠AQ7 |

ANSWERS:

1. The King from dummy. You have one chance, and only one chance to make a trick.
2. Small from Dummy. You must win the first trick now with the Jack.
3. Small from Dummy. If the Jack or King is played from East, you are now assured of 2 tricks. If you play the Queen from Dummy, you still may be held to only one trick.
4. Small from Dummy. If the Ace is played by East, you are now assured of 2 tricks. If your King wins the first trick, you can still win a later trick with the Queen as long as you can engineer the lead to come from East.
5. The ten from Dummy. It may hold the trick, or draw the King, but if it is covered by the Jack, still leaves the Queen to hopefully win a later trick.
6. Queen from Dummy. Your only chance to make a trick with this card.
7. Play low. Run the lead up to your nine.
8. Play the Jack. If it holds, you should try to lose the lead to West, who then still has to lead into your Ace Queen combination.

A LITTLE BIT OF BRIDGE LAW

Did you know that it is not legal to imply, by the manner in which you play your cards, that you have a card that you don't, in fact, have?

If you have read the answer to the 7NT problem above, you will notice that, if the Jack of Spades is led from the closed hand, declarer should watch intently (out of the corner of his eye) to see

if West reacts in any way, or simply plays low smoothly. A West who has the Spade Queen, and has not thought about it ahead of time, may hesitate before deciding to play low. This would, of course, lead declarer to play low from Dummy. A West who does not have the Queen would have no reason to hesitate, and would simply play low. It would be *really* bad for West to hesitate, to suggest that he has the Queen to influence South to play low so that East would win the trick. If this occurs the Director should be called.

HOW TO YOU PLAY THIS COMBINATION?

AQ87

KJ54

Do I hear you say it doesn't matter? You have to win 4 tricks and you might as well do it any way you feel like? Well, no. It does actually matter. The opponents have 5 cards. Play off the Ace and King. If both opponents follow, there is only one card left out. Lead the Jack. If West follows, it means that East has none left. Overtake with the Queen. East has to make a discard. Lead the last card from Dummy. East has to make a second discard - - and he has to do it *before* he has seen a discard from his partner. If you play low from Dummy on the Jack, then lead the 5, West is able to make a discard ahead of his partner's second discard, which has to help East to make a decision.

If West shows out on the lead of the Jack, of course you play low from Dummy. East plays his last card, and when you lead again from hand, West has to make the second discard.

Any time you can force defenders to make multiple discards with no information from partner, you have to be a little ahead.

A LETTER FROM TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB

Following our fund raising to aid Toowong Bridge Club which was inundated during the January floods, we sent a cheque for \$1020. TBC recently sent us the following letter:

Dear Members,

Thank you for your generous donation towards the repairs and new equipment needed by our club. Since the flood waters inundated our clubrooms in January we have been working steadily to rebuild and refurbish our clubhouse and to return to bridge.

We are grateful to our club members who have willingly turned out to numerous working bees and to other south-east Queensland

clubs who have provided bridge supplies and furniture as well as holding sessions and competitions for our benefit. While it will take some time for us to recover from our losses, we are very pleased to have recently resumed playing sessions at our club.

Your thoughtful contribution to our flood recovery appeal is greatly appreciated. Your assistance and support from so far away encourages us in our efforts through the months to come.

Yours sincerely,
Lee Rogers, President

COLLECTING FOR CHARITY

This time, folks, a really simple little thing. Could you please keep tags for Tetley and Liptons tea bags. Not quite sure how, but these are said to translate into wheelchairs – (I don't think you would want to use them in the rain!) There will be a tub on the table near the Events board, and one in the kitchen. Thanks very much.

And we are still asking for corks, ring pulls from aluminium drink cans and spectacles!

Evelyn just reminded me that, with winter coming, the poor residents of the Keysborough Dogs Home are going to be very chilly. Please bring your unwanted blankets and towels – no doonas thank you, dogs love doonas!!

LIBRARY RETURNS

A reminder: Please, when you return your library books, put them in the book-returns slot at the bottom right side of the cabinet. Sue needs to process them before returning them to the shelf. Thanks.

NEW SESSION

Have you heard about Martin's 'Forensic Bridge' on Thursday afternoons? Come along, play 12 or so hands, then join in a discussion with Martin about how they *should* have been bid and played. This is aimed at advanced players, but as long as you are well past your beginner-jitters and have a good grip on your system, this session will be of help to you. 1.30 till around 4.30 pm. Normal session fees apply.

WORKSHOPS

Following our two most successful two week series on Competitive bidding and Stayman, why don't you come along to the next two.

You will be amazed to find that you don't know everything there is to know about the coming topics.

The next workshops coming up on Saturday mornings are:

Transfers: Saturdays April 16 and 30

Negative Doubles: Saturdays May 14 and 21

Cost: \$12 – members

\$14 – non-members

9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Mary will be running the sessions. There is no need to book, just turn up, and of course we welcome visitors.

AIR CONDITIONING

You might have noticed that we are getting a bit of joy out of the air conditioner in the big room now. An expert auditor has been called in to check out the whole system and is making multiple visits. Workmen have been in the roof and repairs have been done. We still don't have a report from Council about what was/is wrong with the system, and we hope to have one soon. Monitors in the big room are noting the temperature and humidity every hour. The next time we may find problems with the system is in winter – we are waiting with interest to see how it performs.

A PROFILE OF WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUB

Denis Jay, 1980

The Waverley Bridge Club is a constituted club which was formed in 1971, whose affairs are organised by a democratically elected committee elected yearly.

The major aim of the club is to promote the playing of contract bridge in club conditions within the city of Waverley: to achieve this the club meets on a Tuesday and Friday night commencing at 7.30 pm and ending at about 11.30 pm, at Syndal technical School and of a Monday morning from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm at Larch Crescent Tennis Club. The Club also holds regular Learn to Play Bridge courses and to take its place in the wider scene the club is affiliated with the Victorian Bridge Association, Victorian Association of Affiliated Clubs and the Australian Bridge Federation.

Club membership is limited to 150 with a provisional list whose playing rights depend on accommodation; present playing members are 80 people at night meetings and 30 to 40 at day meetings. Accommodation limitations have made club organisation and growth also limited.

Occupation of members varies from the retired and housewives through all manner of occupations (builders, engineers, clerks, accountants, computer types, executives, teachers, professors etc.) Our youngest is 13 years old and the oldest 90. Ours is regarded as a young club with most members under 45. The club's recreational and social value by the members is much appreciated.

As our past 9 years has been one of continuing growth the future is seen as being the same with the only problem to keep that growth manageable.

Compiled by Denis Jay (Club Founder)

BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

WBC is holding our heat of the annual event to aid research into Alzheimers Disease on Wednesday May 4th – 10.00 am till 1.00 pm. Bring your lunch with you to this session, and we will be providing some snacks to enjoy.

Entry fee for this important event will be \$9.00 per player, with \$7 going directly to research. Additional donations will be welcomed and receipts will be given.

Hand records and expert commentary will be available.

Put your names on the sheet on the Events board.

YOUTH BRIDGE

The Victorian Youth Bridge club will be running a "Bridge crash course" for young adults on Sunday May 8th from 12.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Price is \$10. Get your kiddliwinks to register on the VBA website – www.vba.asn.au (follow the youth link) to have a sausage sizzle and 3 drinks included in the price. (Cheaper than the pub!!) Age limit is 30, and of course beer and wine will only be served to people 18 and over.

This is guaranteed to be a fun day! Tell your family and friends about it.

SUNDAY BRIDGE

C'mon folks, let's have a go at Sunday bridge!

Play starts at 10.30 am and finishes around 3.00. 35 to 39 boards will be played, and there is a break at around 12.30 for a good half hour of sizzled sausages and a glass of good wine or beer.

Now, we all know that I don't have a life, just the bridge club, but for all you people who *do* want to spend Sunday with your family, or doing other, non-bridge stuff, try doing that three weeks out of four, or starting the family festivities from time to time at 4.00 pm. I think you'll find that Sunday bridge is fun!

BEGINNER'S LESSONS

We have just completed a most successful beginner's course and some players are starting to come through into the supervised sessions already.

Interest is already very high for the next course – we have 24 names – and instead of doing our usual 2 courses annually, we are doing 3 this year. The next course is beginning in early June so please speak to your friends and relatives and neighbours who might be interested. Application forms are now available.

ADVANCING PLAYERS

Just a thought, as more supervised players start to join in with the normal duplicate sessions, please remember that they are not yet all that good at playing fast and remembering *all* the laws. Please try to be understanding, we grow as a club according to the way we treat our members, as well as by the variety and quality of the bridge we offer. We definitely do *not* encourage established members taking advantage of newbies' lack of understanding of the laws.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

We have just received a big new consignment of library books and DVDs.

The titles are:

Bid better, play better: how to think at the bridge table – Dorothy Hayden Truscott

Advanced Bridge: uncontested auctions – Derrick Browne

Bridge at the Enigma Club – Peter Winkler

Bridge, probability & information – Robert F. MacKinnon

Slam bidding made easier – Marty Bergen

Eddie Kantar teaches : topics in declarer play at bridge

How the experts win at Bridge – Burt Hall & Lynn Rose-Hall

The elusive masterpoint – Carl Vancelette

Bridge conventions, defences and countermeasures – Ron Klinger.

We have also acquired a great set of Ron Klinger DVDs:

Tips on Bidding

Responder's strategy

Improve your hand valuation

Advanced bidding technique
Bidding over pre-empts
Competitive Bidding 1 and 2
Opening leads 1 and 2
Card combinations for declarer
Defensive play
Signals and discards

All these items will shortly be catalogued and available for loan. You can email Mary to reserve anything you would like to read, or speak to Sue when the library is open.

MONASH COMMUNITY RAFFLE – BEING RUN BY ROTARY

We have raffle books available for the Monash/Rotary Community raffle. The first prize is a Holden Barina valued at \$21, 590; second prize a 55 cm flat screen TV (\$499); third prize a Weber BBQ (\$299); and, fourth prize an EB Games voucher to the value of \$70.

You can either buy a ticket, or take a book to sell to your friends and neighbours. WBC receives \$1.54 from every ticket sold, to aid our fundraising efforts.

THE ALCATRAZ COUP

Want to get in trouble big time??

North	Who has the missing ♣Queen? You need to find it. Easy. Just lead the Jack.
♠-	If East covers, you're fine. If East plays low, play the ♦2!! (A deliberate revoke).
♥-	Now, if West plays low, you correct your revoke, playing the ♣2 – you know that East has the Queen now. If West plays the Queen, you correct your revoke by playing the King.
♦-	
♣AJT	

South	
♠-	
♥-	
♦2	This is, of course, all totally illegal, and if it occurs, you call the Director who will award an adjusted score.
♣K2	

Just remember, not all opponents are nice! (Except for us at WBC of course.)