

PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS BRIDGE ASSN INC



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MELBOURNE CUP DAY



FASHION IN THE FIELD



We had a wonderful Melbourne Cup Day last month. Over 60 people attended and from all reports they all had a great time. Everyone entered into the spirit of the day – there were sweeps, lucky door prizes, best hat prizes – winners Florence Gibbons and Bob Hamilton. Then a wonderful lunch, drinks etc. Thanks for Pat Sleat and all her helpers (and there were many). It really was a terrific day – next year will be bigger and better!!



to our five new club members – John Dew, Barry Elphick, Wanda Griffiths, Brian and Jenny Delroy.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 5th November and was very well attended. We lost two valuable Committee members this year – Sue Lindner stepped down after two years as Vice President and Margaret Walker stepped down after eight years as Secretary and nine years on the Committee. Carol Briscoe is the new Vice President, Neil Badger our new Secretary and Frank Sommerton our new Committee member.

Following matters raised by members at the meeting the following should be noted:

- **NEW TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.** This will commence on a 3 month trial basis on Tuesday, 7th February at the usual time of 1pm. This will be an additional session and all other sessions will remain as programmed.
- **When both rooms are being used, it is requested that you leave the club from the door in your room. This request has been made in order not to disrupt play in the other room.**



Margaret Thorn & Arthur Anlezark, 2nd Taree Congress Pairs
Kath Hilder, Frank Sommerton, Allana Stevens, Helen Sligar, 3rd Taree Congress Teams
Barbara Griffiths, Anne Rutter, Chris Manser, Barry Thomas, 1st GNOT Divisional Final
Kay Raicevich, Colleen Berry, 1st Anniversary Pairs
Margot Nelson, Len Pascoe, Freya Luick, Dianne Henry, 1st Cains Novice Teams
Kristine Howe, Lorraine Robins, Bev Elliott, Margaret Seymour 1st Peg Webb Shield



PROGRAM FOR 2012

The program for next year is in the process of being prepared – if you have changed your phone number or wish to have your mobile number included in the program as well as your landline please advise Neil Badger and he will arrange it.

Cains Novice Teams Winners
Dianne, Len, Margot & Freya

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members on their recent masterpoint promotions

Robin Cohen	Club Master
Noreen Taylor	*Local Master
Pat Johnson	**Local Master
Margaret Seymour	Regional Master
Bede Tebbutt	Regional Master

SUBS are now due - \$25 – please place in envelopes provided just below the noticeboard in the main room



Dear Santa

Please could you send me the well-known book on “How to Become a Better Bridge Player in less than 20 years”. My partner sure needs it.

*So this is Christmas
And what have you done?
Another year over
And a new one just begun*

*And so this is Christmas
I hope you have fun
Slams are a plenty and
I wished you'd get one*

*A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope that you make one
Without any fear*

*And so this is Christmas
For weak and for strong
My pre-empts aren't working
and my partner's so wrong*

*And so happy Christmas
For red and for black
For honours and small ones
They'll help me fight back*

*So thank all your partners
And forgive their mistakes
Next year will be better
With the gifts that you make ¹*

¹ This is a reference to the book on “How to Become a Better Bridge Payer in less than 20 Years” which you will kindly gift to your errant partner.

Following Rowan & Lesley.....



Rowan and Lesley are on their way west – or is it north??? Anyway
.... you can follow them on www.poolsinstyle.com.au

YVONNE'S CONVENTION CORNER

THE GOLDEN RULE OF DUPLICATION THE IMPORTANCE OF SHOWING SHORTAGES FOR SLAM BIDDING

This follows on from **SPLINTER BIDS** which were discussed in the last newsletter.

JACOBY 2NT

After one of a major opening the 2NT response shows an opening hand which is

- balanced
- has 4 card support

Partner opening 1S with

	KQJ982
	A765
	-
	A76

Which of these hands would you prefer to hold?

a)	A765	or	b)	A765
	432			KQJ
	AKQ			432
	432			432

Note that 6S makes easily with hand (b) as you can throw a losing club on the Ace of hearts.
With hand (a) 3 losers can be discarded on the diamonds but there are still 2 losers in another suit.

SHORTAGE OPPOSITE WEAKNESS IS GOOD

For example, a singleton opposite 432 is a good sign because it means the high cards will be in the long suits where they are pulling their weight.

AFTER JACOBY 2NT

In reply to Opener's bids:

- 3 of a new suit shows a singleton or void and asks partner to evaluate his holding in that suit – with wasted values bid game. With weakness opposite partner's singleton move towards slow
- 3 of the agreed suit shows 17+ TP – no singleton or void
- 3NT shows 15-16 TP – no singleton or void
- 4 of agreed suit shows the minimum hand – 12-14 TP – no singleton or void

Remember when partner bids Jacoby 2NT you must alert it!

Practice hands
1 North deals

	♠ K Q 7 6 ♥ A Q 8 7 2 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ 3		
♠ 9 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ A 8 7 2 ♣ A 9 8 6 4		♠ 10 8 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ K 10 9 6 ♣ J 7 5 2	
	♠ A J 4 2 ♥ K J 10 6 ♦ 5 4 ♣ K Q 10		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	pass	2NT	pass
3♣	pass	4♥	all pass

Bidding

South bids 2NT to show four card support, 12-15 HCP and no singleton or void. North shows the shortage but with values in the short suit South is turned off. South has only 10 TP leaving the partnership well short of 26 TP.

2 East deals

	♠ 8 7 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ 8 7 6 5 ♣ A Q 8 4		
♠ A J 9 3 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ J 10 3		♠ K Q 10 6 4 ♥ A Q J ♦ J 2 ♣ 9 7 2	
	♠ 5 2 ♥ 6 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ K 6 5		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♠	pass
2NT	pass	4♠	All pass

Bidding

West shows an opening hand with spade support. When East shows a minimum hand with no short suit, West passes. Declarer has to take the diamond finesse to make ten tricks.

3 South deals

	♠ K Q 4 ♥ K 7 5 3 2 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ K 3		
♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ Q J ♦ Q J 9 8 ♣ Q 10 8		♠ J 7 6 ♥ -- ♦ K 10 6 5 4 ♣ J 6 5 4 2	
	♠ A 9 3 ♥ A 10 9 8 6 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A 9 7		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2NT	pass	1♥
pass	4NT	pass	3♦
pass	7♥	all pass	5♠

Bidding

When South shows a singleton or void in diamonds, all that remains for North is to check on aces. South shows three. Now North can see that there are no losers.

4 West deals

	♠ 6 2 ♥ A Q 10 3 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ J 8 7 3		
♠ A Q 9 8 3 ♥ 6 ♦ K Q 8 6 ♣ Q 6 2		♠ K 10 7 5 ♥ J 8 7 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ A K 9	
	♠ J 4 ♥ K 9 5 4 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 10 5 4		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	pass	2NT	pass
3♥	pass	4NT	pass
5♦	pass	6♠	All pass

Bidding

When West shows a heart shortage, East, with nothing wasted in hearts, becomes ambitious. West shows one ace which is all East needs to bid slam.



*Happy
New
Year!*