

# SPADEWORK

June 2015 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs



*... from our President ...*

There has been a complaint concerning bad manners at the Bridge table at our Club and as your President it is my duty to set out a few pointers to remind us how to conduct ourselves at the bridge table.

## GOOD MANNERS.

Express greetings on arriving at at table and a thank you on departing. Dummy should not make a suggestion or claim. Do not give unasked advice or tuition at table

## COURTESY.

Applies to how you relate to partner, opponent and Director if he or she is called. Remember the Director is your friend but it does not mean he or she will always rule in your favour. Do not openly criticize partner or opponent.

## MANNERISMS.

Avoid meaningful eye contact, sighs or grimaces. Snapping cards down on the table because of frustration can also cause irritation to others. Be careful not to communicate information to players who have not played the board. Some of us have acute hearing.



On a more uplifting note we were happy to host the Bay Pairs on the 14th June.

Within the top section we had success among our own players.

Jenna Gibbons and daughter Christine were the over-all winners

Liz Simpson and John Laugesen were 4th

Joy Holmes and Jose McDonald were 6th

Bev McGregor and Shirley Knight were 7th

Grateful thanks to Committee and Club Members for on-going help with Tournaments and general running of the Club

*Club Captain Gloria* is away but wishes to remind us of Marty Bergen's  
**RULES FOR BEING A GOOD PARTNER.**

1. Do not give lessons unless you are being paid to do so.
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want them to say the same to you.
3. Never criticise your partner for a normal action just because it didn't work this time.
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.
5. Remember that you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget your partner wants to win as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's.
10. Do not ever criticise or embarrass your partner in front of others.
11. Remember that bridge is only a card game.



from British magazine *Punch* ...  
there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country.  
Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner.

## HOME GROWN HUMOUR

Heard at our bridge club as dummy's hand was tabled.

"I added extra for the singleton partner"  
"But how many times did you count it?" replies declarer, going down in 4 Spades

**"How should I have played that hand?" Under an assumed name.**



## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May '15 **Esquires Coffee Pairs**

1st Shirley Knight & Kaye Robertshaw  
2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland  
3rd Hanny Hepburn & Sarah Stacey

Wednesdays May '15 **Paul Nielson Memorial Pairs**

1st Sharon Rudolf & Leo Edwards  
2nd Alan Papesch & Elaine Kingsford  
3rd Tina Kennedy & Judy Bartlett

Fridays May '15 **Travelcom Pairs**

1st Kaye Robertshaw & John Andrews  
2nd Ronelle Middleton & Jose McDonald  
3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

## MONDAY SESSION TROPHIES

The DOROTHY AITKEN MEMORIAL competition plays on three afternoons every July. After Dorothy's death in 1985, it was suggested there be a trophy in her honour. Pat McFarlane donated two silver jugs for a handicap competition which commenced in 1985.



The ZITA REID Memorial Championship commemorates Zita, our second president who died in office at the end of her third year in 1986. It was proposed that the club have a gross and handicap Championship in her memory. The club, with members' donations bought a silver salver which was first played for in 1987



## WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Brenda Bleakley  
and associate member, Phil Harris

**ALMONER** *Rosemary Collins* reports  
that *Helen Heuvel* is progressing well and  
*Lyn Gilchrist* hopes to be back to bridge in August.

## WORTH REPRINTING ...

### SLOW PLAY

The game of bridge I love to play  
And I can play both night and day  
But there's one thing I can't abide  
I feel like jumping in the tide!  
When I have to wait because of ...

### SLOW PLAY

Now I know that I too can be slow  
It happens to us all I know  
When you really have to stop and think  
About a hand that's really stink  
That's the one time I use ...

### SLOW PLAY

But every hand is not like that  
I'll go right now and get my hat  
If I have to wait again and again  
I'm sick of counting up to ten  
so can we please eliminate ...

### SLOW PLAY

And when the director mentions  
(with the best of intentions)  
That we'd best hurry up  
And please try to catch up!!  
That's when my hackles rise  
following ...

### SLOW PLAY

It's not our fault I want to say  
But get the cards out of the tray  
Bid and play the hand too fast  
Is that why we're coming last?  
You can see why I hate ...

### SLOW PLAY

**Shirley Knight**