

March 2019

# Newsletter

## Malanda Bridge Club

Huge congratulations and recognition must go to Marg and Sonja, for winning the Butler pairs 0-500 MPs in the Gold Coast Congress, February 2019. Trish & Sue, Leon & Netta also travelled to the Gold Coast Congress.

A very good time was had by all!!



*Dinner dance, Gold Coast 2019*

### **GO FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND!**



**Ist & 2<sup>nd</sup> 0-500 MPs Butler Pairs**



*Sonja and Marg with perpetual trophy*

### Upcoming Events

**April 1 & 8 – Handicap Pairs Championship**

### Zonal Events

**April 6 GNOTS Qualifying – Tablelands**

**April 13-14 GNOTS Qualifying – Cairns**

**May 27 GNOTS Qualifying - Malanda**

### Barrier Reef Congress

**May 3-6 - Cairns**

## **Birthdays**

January: MargA, Beryl, Meike & Marg M

February: Sonja, Lynn, May M, Ann R

March: Sue Hosie, Tony, Josie R, Veronica & Stewart

## **Of Interest**

World champion bridge player Kate McCullum was asked what advice she would give Australian bridge players. Her reply was:-

- . Work Hard
- . Bid more aggressively
- . Talk bridge with better players
- . Bid your cards. Play with confidence, accept your mistakes. It's a game of mistakes – accept them and moved on.
- . Don't be afraid to look stupid – look at your errors as learning opportunities.
- . Slow down and think before you act especially at trick one. Many errors are avoidable if you take the time to construct the unseen hands.
- . Play with your partnership – have what your partner expects you to have - EVERY time. Don't have solo flights of fancy.
- . Focus on partnerships. Treat your partner as the best player in the world and your results will improve. Understand partners point of view when there is a mistake.
- . Build team spirit and take care of the weakest link; individuals don't win, partnerships don't win, a team does. Study team sports and how they win as a team.

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**How many bridge players do you need to change a light bulb??  
4 – 1 to change the bulb and 3 to tell him how he could have done it better!**

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**Accept the challenges, so you can feel the exhilaration of VICTORY!**

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**Sue is conducting  
lessons on Multi-2s and 2 over 1 - held at RSL on Mondays at 11am**

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## THE KLINGER QUIZ

Ron Klinger

Swiss Pairs: Dealer West, N/S vulnerable.

How would you play this hand as South?

Swiss Pairs	<b>North</b>	West	North	East	South
Dealer: South	♠ A K 10	1♣	Double	1♥	1♠
Vul: Both	♥ A 7 3 2	2♣	3♣	Pass	3♠
	♦ K 7 4	Pass	4♠	Double	All Pass
	♣ K J 3				
	♠ J 9 7 6 2				
	♥ K Q 4				
	♦ J 10 6				
	♣ 9 5				

**Contract:** 4♠x by South

**Lead:** ♥6

Plan your play.

Solution: **WHERE ARE THE HONOURS?**

First you count that your side has 25 HCP. That means the opponents have both bid on a combined 15 count. You could win the first heart in hand and take the spade finesse, but that is high risk. If the finesse loses a heart might come back and if that is ruffed, you are finished.

A better chance, especially after West has rebid the clubs, is to assume that West holds the ♣A-Q and the ♦A for the opening bid. Win the lead with the ♥A and cash the ♠A, ♠K. When the ♠Q does not drop, cross to the ♥K and play a low club. If West plays low, finesse the ♣J. Continue with a heart to hand and another club. Say West takes the ♣A and tries a low diamond. You rise with the ♦K and play the ♣K, discarding a diamond from hand. You lose one spade, one club and one diamond.

This was the full deal from a State Team Selection event:

The defence can defeat 4♠, but the opening lead has to be a diamond. That is very unlikely in practice.

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Dealer: West	♠ A K 10	
Vul: Both	♥ A 7 3 2	
	♦ K 7 4	
	♣ K J 3	
♠ 5 4		♠ Q 8 3
♥ 6		♥ J 10 9 8 5
♦ A 8 5 3		♦ Q 9 3
♣ A Q 10 8 6 4		♣ 7 2
	♠ J 9 7 6 2	
	♥ K Q 4	
	♦ J 10 6	
	♣ 9 5	

**HAPPY BRIDGING TILL NEXT TIME!!**

**AND REMEMBER ----**

**ENJOY BRIDGE – IT'S ONLY A CARD GAME.**

