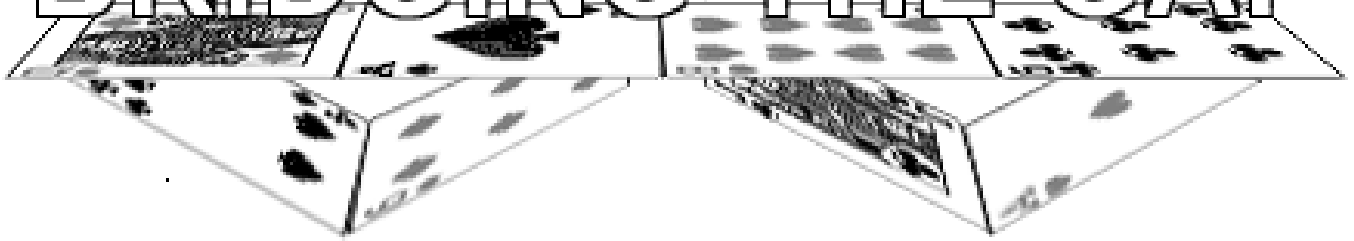


# BRIDGING THE GAP



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## CRABB'S KALAMUNDA



### COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee has met for the last time before the AGM. The AGM will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

The list of nominees for Committee is on the noticeboard. There are still some places to be filled and all members are welcome to nominate.

#### Competitions.

Committee has reviewed the operation of our competitions on Thursday evenings and considered they cause major disruption to the regular sessions. The remaining championship events with the exception of the Individual Championship, will be run on Wednesday evenings.

#### Ladies toilet.

We have to thank Bert Littlechild for making a permanent repair to the drainage for the ladies toilet. The dreaded flooding is now in the past. There was a major casualty of this work. Committee had to remove the Hibiscus tree beside the shed. The roots of this tree broke into the sewerage system and caused the problem.

#### Security.

We have severed our ties with Chubb, and entered into a new contract with a local provider for security. This has slightly changed the arming and disarming process, but we expect to benefit from improved communications, as well as some saving in cost.

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Lessons.

I am planning to start a new series of Beginners lessons Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

As before, there will be 10 lessons of basic ACOL incorporating the Benjamin twos, and the wide ranging No Trump rebid with Check back The lessons will be followed by supervised bridge .

Anyone is welcome to any of these lessons, the charge for members is normal table money.

Alan

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### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This was a great social event held on 24<sup>th</sup> July with a total of 40 members attending. The bring-a-plate luncheon produced a variety of delicious dishes.

Lunch was followed by a 10 table movement. Door prizes and a great raffle combined to set the atmosphere for a really enjoyable day.



### COMPETITION NEWS

The Mixed pairs ran over two Thursday evenings and highlighted some

problems relating to running our Championship events on Thursday evenings.

We had to combine the event with the regular session to accommodate the remaining players.

After extracting the non-competing pairs, the winners were Peter Clarke and Ruth Ledger, who won both sessions. The final results were:

- 1 Peter Clarke & Ruth Ledger
- 2 Gordon Brown & Sheila Pryce
- 3 Denise Borger & Mel Foster
- 4 Elizabeth Bazen & Mark Goddard
- 5 Andy Leal & Sandra Petterson
- 6 Rory O'Toole & Carole Sexton
- 7 Nicolas Moniodis & Joanne Payne
- 8 Albert & Carole Littlechild
- 9 Alan Harper & Cherry Zamudio
- 10 Anneli Carson & Leonard Pratt
- 11 Joe Louis & Nina Lytton
- 12 Carole & Robert McMahon
- 13 Barry Berresford & Beverley Dodd
- 14 Dianne & Michael Barker

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### DIFFERENT WAYS OF LOOKING AT THINGS

A) Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and family values.

Stu said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?'

Leroy replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

B) A little boy went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my intelligence come from?'

The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.'

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### BRIDGEMATES

Two issues have emerged relating to the use of the Bridgemate. Firstly, North / South must allow the opposition to verify data entry before play starts and after play finishes. Secondly, If you wish to check your percentage after play, you must do so immediately after verifying the results. The option to review previous results is only available for a limited time to avoid lengthy delays.

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### MASTERPOINTS NEWS

The Quarterly Masterpoints reports have been received and are posted on the Results board

### NEW RANKINGS

Congratulations are due to the following members on their Master point rank promotions

#### Regional Master

Sheila Burns

Carole Sexton

#### \*\*Local Master

Andy Leal

Margaret Mc.Robbie

Sheila Pryce

#### Local Master

Elizabeth Bazen

#### Graduate Master

Anneli Carson

### Top Fifty

The Top fifty green point earners in the year to date are:

1	ALAN	HARPER	16.38
2	JACKIE	HARPER	16.24
3	RORY	O'TOOLE	15.36
4	ANDY	LEAL	12.59
5	MIKE	KLASZTORNY	12.42
6	ANNE	BOEKELAAR	11.97
7	JOSEPH	GAUDET	11.93
8	SANDRA	HOFFMAN	10.69
9	BENTE	HANSEN	9.67
10	ANITA	DAVIS	8.57
11	SHEILA	PRYCE	7.95
12	GORDON	BROWN	7.93
13	JOAN	ANDREWS	7.84
14	ALBERT	LITTLECHILD	7.61
15	RUTH	LEDGER	7.15
16	IAN	MEDLYCOTT	7.14
17	IAN	BROWN	6.75
18	LEONE	BRENNAN	6.46
19	SHEILA	BURNS	6.41
20	CHERRY	ZAMUDIO	6.02
21	HEATHER	JEWELL-TAIT	5.99
22	LEONARD	PRATT	5.63
23	PETER	CLARKE	5.30
24	ANNE	WILLIS	5.20
25	SANDRA	PETTERSON	5.04
26	ANNE	SPRING	4.99
27	MADGE	MYBURGH	4.35
28	CAROLE	SEXTON	3.94
29	ELIZABETH	BAZEN	3.80
30	DENISE	BORGER	3.72
31	MARGARET	MCROBBIE	3.67
32	JOANNE	PAYNE	3.60
33	CARMEN	JACKSON	3.42
34	BARBARA	HART	3.40
35	JENNY	TEDESCHI	3.22
36	MARK	GODDARD	3.19
37	ANNELI	CARSON	3.13
38	PETER	CAMERON	2.95
39	WENDY	HARMAN	2.94
40	NICOLAS	MONIODIS	2.74
41	MEL	FOSTER	2.71
42	BETTY	GRACE	2.69
43	JOE	LOUIS	2.68
44	PETER	HART	2.50
45	NINA	LYTTON	2.26
46	JANE	PIKE	2.24
47	ALFRED	DUPONT	2.15
48	SHEELAGH	DUPONT	2.15
49	ELIZABETH	HOUGHTON	2.08
50	JANET	STIRLING	2.07

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## BIDDING CORNER

### Michaels Cuebids & Unusual Notrump Overcalls

After an opponent opens, it's often difficult to describe a hand with two long suits. The auction may get too high (or end too soon) for you to show both, or you may not have the strength to safely bid **either** suit.

Consider these problems if RHO opens:

#### EXAMPLES

(A) RHO opens 1C or 1D and you hold: ♠KQ964 ♥KQ872 ♦52 ♣7

(B) RHO opens 1H or 1S and you hold: ♠765 ♥- ♦K10765 ♣QJ1093

(C) RHO opens 1C or 1S and you hold: ♠4 ♥KJ872 ♦AJ10754 ♣5

With (A), you would overcall 1S and hope to bid hearts later.

With (B) and (C), it may be dangerous to bid at all, especially at the 2-level. Both hands have good playing strength, but neither can be described with a standard overcall, which tends to show a one-suited hand with more high-card points.

The **Michaels Cuebid** and **Unusual Notrump** are conventions that let you show two suits with one bid. The convention you use depends on which suit the opponent opens and which suits you have.

### Michaels Cuebid

This is a direct cuebid of the opponent's opened suit (1C by RHO, 2C by you) to show 5+-card length in two other suits. One of your suits is always a major, but the exact two you promise depend on the opening bid:

- Over a **minor-suit opening**, a Michaels Cuebid (1C-2C or 1D-2D) shows **both majors**.
- Over a **major-suit opening**, a Michaels Cuebid (1H-2H or 1S-2S) shows the **OTHER major** and an **unspecified minor**.

The **Michaels Cuebid** replaces the Strong Cuebid. If you have a very strong hand, you must start with a takeout double.

### Unusual 2NT

This convention is a direct jump to 2NT over an opponent's opening bid (1H by RHO, 2NT by you) to show the **two lower-ranking unbid suits**. You should have at least 5 cards in each suit for this bid. One of your suits is always a minor, but the exact two you promise depend on the opening bid:

- Over a **1C** opening, 2NT shows **diamonds and hearts**.
- Over a **1D** opening, 2NT shows **clubs and hearts**.
- Over a **1H** or **1S** opening, 2NT shows **both minors**.

### In the examples

Hand (A) is perfect for a Michaels Cuebid.

With (B), an Unusual 2NT shows both suits without promising great high-card strength.

And with (C), your overcall depends on which suit the opponent opened -- over 1S, you would bid 2S Michaels to show the other major and a minor; over 1C, you would use the Unusual 2NT to show the two lower unbid suits.

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## Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21 August 2010

Sausage Sizzle 12:00 noon

**AGM 12:45pm**

### Agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of last year's AGM
2. President's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Sub-committee reports
5. Election of new Management Committee
6. Annual subscriptions
7. Appointment of BAWA delegate
8. Other business

### Followed by President's Pairs

Entry via website or names in the event book

# OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

## For the Sylvia Parker Plate

**18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Cost: \$5 plus Table Money**

**Entry via Web site or names in the event book**