

# BRIDGING THE GAP



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## CRABB'S KALAMUNDA



### Prizes

Commencing Nov 1<sup>st</sup> we are introducing new monthly prizes to replace those currently existing. Under the new system we are replacing the best Handicap pair by a prize for best player of the month. The top pair in a competition would receive 5 points, second 3 and third 1. At the month's end the points for each player will be totalled and the player with the highest receives a \$20 prize. This system rewards loyalty and does not penalise those with multiple partners and we want to encourage good players to mentor the less experienced players.

The most improved pair would stay but there will be one monthly prize of \$25 which goes to the best pair from all sessions.

### President's day and President's Evening

We have re-arranged the Saturday sessions. The next sausage sizzle and Presi-

dent's Day will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and all future President's Days will be on the first Saturday of the month with President's Evening moving to the third Saturday. From February we will also be playing bridge on the second and fourth Saturdays. This means that from February the new Saturday timetable will be:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Sausage sizzle and bridge 12.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Bridge 1.00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat President's Evening at 7.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sat Bridge at 1.00pm

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### Busy Bee

This is being held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see you there. Rob has already spent several hours at the club preparing for the fire season and he, Bert and Gordon are cleaning the gutters but we all need to lend a hand. If enough come we will start on some painting jobs.

## Beginner's lessons

We still have 28 attending and are now half way through the course. Two of the class who have played before have joined the Club and are now playing on Thursday evenings. On the 21<sup>st</sup> Alan ran a "proper" session (although they had twelve minutes a board) with bridgemates. We are in the process of creating partnerships amongst the group and then they will be able to play in the club sessions in the New Year. They have all been invited to the Christmas party so hopefully you can meet them there.

Thanks again to all the mentors as I know from talking to the group how much they appreciate your efforts. Most of them think it is the most valuable part of the evening!

Once the lessons have finished we will be moving onto Intermediate lessons. A 100 page booklet is almost ready for publication and this contains all the lessons.

## Bridgemates

With the growing numbers the twelve bridgemates will be insufficient and so another six were "acquired" at a cost of \$125. These should be sufficient until we purchase twenty two new bridgemates. These are the subject of one of the bids hence the delay in the purchase. No point in spending our money if we can spend someone else's.

You will have noticed we have purchased more bidding boxes. There are also fifty packs of new cards so cards that are becoming "old" can be replaced.

## Partner co-ordinator

Anita has agreed to take on this role so if anybody needs a partner please contact her. We are also piloting a new scheme for the next three months. Peter Clarke has agreed to be available every Friday should anyone want to play. If you find yourself free on a Friday then you needn't look for a partner. Peter is available. This is a good chance for less experienced players who can have some sessions with one of the club champions.

## Bids

Negotiations are now ensuing with the lottery, Bendigo bank and the Shire. It is all rather delicate as we are hoping to use one fund as leverage with the other funds so there is a lot of negotiation!

## Bridge teaser

North	East	South	West
		1S	pass
1NT	pass	2H	pass
3H	pass	4H	

You hold:

S K J 9  
H A K 3  
D 8 5  
C J 10 9 6 5

What would you lead?

KH. The bidding suggests that dummy is short in spades, else he would have gone back to declarer's first suit. You can play three rounds of hearts straight away and wipe out all of dummy's ruffing power, thus preserving two spade winners of your own.

## Jokes

Two Irishmen find a mirror in the road.  
The first picks it up and says, "Blow me down, I know this face but I can't put a name to it."

The second one picks it up and says, "You daft bastard, it's me".

Two Irishmen are hammering floorboards down in a house.

Paddy picks up a nail, realises its upside down and throws it away.

He carries on doing this until Murphy says, "Why are you throwing them away?"

"Because they are upside down" says Paddy.

"You daft pratt" replies Murphy, "save them for the ceilings"

My mate's missus left him last Thursday, she said she was going out for a pint of milk and never came back.

I asked him how he was coping and he said, "Not bad. I've been using that powdered stuff".

The police came to the front door last night holding a picture of my wife.

They said, "Is this your wife sir?"

Shocked, I answered, "yes".

They said, "It looks like she's been knocked down by a bus".

I said, "I know but she has a lovely personality".

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