



Important Dates

7 June – GNOT semi-finals
10/17/24 June – Team Championship
12 June – Kevin's Friendly Friday
11/12 July – Bundaberg Congress

Vale Mike Verdel

Sadly, Mike Verdel passed away on May 18. A longstanding member of the club, Mike was on the Committee for many years, partnered many of the current members, and always encouraged newer players. His memorial service is on June 8.

Defibrillator

The Club's Heartsine Samaritan 360 defibrillator is on top of the storage shelves near the front door. For instructions on how to use the defibrillator, watch this [video](#).

Departures

A number of our longtime players retired from the Club last year. Margaret Vinegrad had been a member since 2007, and worked in the kitchen at Congresses for many years, as did Les Palmer and Carol Ferguson, who was also the Club providore for many years. Pat Lake was the Club Secretary from 2015 to 2018. Madeline Bragg has retired from play in Bundaberg but still plays at Bargara.

GNOT Semis

A number of GNOT participants went to Maryborough on Sunday June 7 to play in the semi-finals. We wish them all good luck and an enjoyable day.

Table Fees

After staying the same for 14 years, table fees are increasing to \$7 for members and \$10 for visitors. Not a popular decision, but, as with everywhere else, the Club's running costs are increasing (and no; it's not just the Tim Tams...). The increase applies from July 1.

Seats Please...

A gentle reminder to please be seated by 15 minutes before play starts. The director cannot set up the session until all players have arrived, which in turn delays processing of table fees, which may lead to the Director having to curtail the number of boards played – an outcome that no one wants.

Code of Conduct

Ian Bloore has very kindly contributed an article elaborating on the World Bridge Federation's [Law 74: Conduct and Etiquette](#). (Follow the link for the WBF wording.) **SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ARTICLE**

As do all sports and games, duplicate bridge has a clear code of conduct and etiquette that applies to all players. The World Bridge Federation's Law 74 clearly sets out the requirements regarding proper attitude, etiquette and violations of procedure. In short, be courteous and don't shame other players.

Rather than reproducing sections of Law 74, here are some of the pointers we encourage players to follow:

- When you first pick up your cards, please make sure you have 13 and then sort and analyse them as quickly as possible ready to start bidding.
- When bidding commences, you should only be interested in your cards and the bidding pad. Know when it is your turn to bid. Looking at other players during the auction or looking bored can give unauthorised information to your partner or opponents.
- Please do not start any conversations while the auction is in progress. Your opponents may be the only people bidding, so don't start any unnecessary chatter. Not only does it slow the bidding, but it can distract your opponents.
- If you are on opening lead, decide which card you are going to lead, withdraw it from your hand and place it face down on the table in front of you until your partner says "Thank you", then turn the card face up. Do NOT withdraw a card, then put it back in your hand and take out another one, as this may indicate unauthorised information to your partner.
- For ALL players – beginners through to experts. At the end of play of the hand, count your tricks and agree the number of tricks with your opponents before you fold and shuffle the cards and return them to the board. Do NOT discuss the bidding or play with your partner or the opponents until the end of the round. Even then it can be very discourteous to your opponents if you have a bidding or play discussion. It is preferable if you wait until after the end of the session before you have your discussion. Too often we receive complaints about experienced players having discussions about their bidding or play that make their opponents feel uncomfortable.
- When calling the director, it is always nice to hear someone say "Director, please". When the director arrives at your table, he/she only wants to hear from the person who made the call. The director may ask questions of other players, but will indicate this when he/she is at the table. Never be discourteous to the director or any other person at your table.
- If you are unhappy with noise around you at other tables, please call the director and request that they reduce the noise. It is not your responsibility to ask others to reduce noise levels.
- Be friendly and enjoy your bridge.



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