



Bridgemates

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MARIO'S MESSAGE

Since yet another AGM is here, we appreciate your attendance in exercising your right to have a difference of opinion making for interesting discussions.

While we do not always agree with club decisions, we are united in grief over the passing this year of some of our most treasured and loved members, forcing us to reconsider our priorities - we will sadly miss them all.

Congratulations

Most of the following concerns have been addressed which has improved the smooth running of the Buderim Bridge Club.

1. Players are listening to the speaker using the microphone and not continuing their **interesting** conversations. Players are moving on without further conversations.
2. It is obvious that members are greeting the opponents in a friendly, courteous manner.
3. Most members are assisting with the tidying up at the end of the session.
4. Good manners have been observed when players have defeated their opponents. Gloating has stopped! So nice to see this happening.
5. Dummy is behaving like dummy which is wonderful to see as obviously the instructions from the Directors have been observed by MOST.



Do enjoy your bridge, fellowship and club activities.... from President Mario.

WHO'S WHO IN THE COMMITTEE

President	Mario Cresta
Vice President	Greg Jellis
Secretary	Joan Keeley
Treasurer	Lynda Laffan
Committee:	Daphne Britchford, June Beasley, Murray Schlecht, Sandi Owen, Therese Conroy, Upasana Shanti

MEET YOUR MEMBERS

Continuing our series of conversations with Bridge Club members

The de Chastels

Norm was born and educated in Brisbane and his first transfer after joining the Commonwealth Bank was to Gayndah.

Ellen was a country girl brought up on the family farm. Her primary education was at a one teacher school and along with her siblings rode a horse to school. Boarding school and Teachers' College followed. Teaching eventually took her to Gayndah and so the connection began.

Married in January 1959, the de Chastels moved to Innisfail where their 2 children were born. Elizabeth is now a Town Planner in Canberra and Brett, C.E.O of Noosa Council. Norm and Ellen are the proud grandparents of four.

Life as a banker means lots of transfers. Subsequently they lived in Proserpine, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Norfolk Island, Mareeba, Orange and in Tamworth where Norm ended his 42 years banking career as a Regional Manager. Ellen maintained her teaching interest in most of these locations. After retirement they moved to Hervey Bay and later to Buderim in 1998.



Bridge life commenced in the Orange Contract Bridge Club in 1987 where they briefly attended lessons but were encouraged to join the club and take part in competitions.

After moving to Tamworth in 1988, Bridge became more part of their lives, especially for Ellen. She was Vice President of the club for several years. Their claim to fame there was being nominated to take part in the AUS/NZ novice championships. Surprisingly, they still have the trophy recognising their third placing! In Hervey Bay, Ellen became an accredited Bridge Teacher with the A.B.F and Norm completed the Directors' exams. Both were deeply involved in bridge there: Ellen as a bridge teacher and Norm as Director and club President.

Norm and Ellen joined the Buderim club in 1998 and became the club's first teachers, a position held for 9 years. They were granted Life Membership, an honour they cherish. At the same time both were regular players at the Sunshine Coast Bridge club and participated in a number of local and national congresses both in Canberra and the Gold Coast. They even had the pleasure of seeing their names on the leader boards at times.

Outside of bridge, both have been regular volunteers for various organisations. These include Meals on Wheels, Historical Societies, Art Gallery Guide, Botanic Gardens, Service Clubs (including Rotary) and Church.

Both Norm and Ellen are enjoying their bridge at this friendly club.

Norma Hale

I grew up in a small township about thirty kilometres north of Gympie. My parents were in business and were always involved in community affairs.

It was a happy childhood. I attended a one teacher school for most of my primary school years. Later at the age of fourteen, I left home to attend Scott's Business College in Brisbane. It was wartime and I worked in an RAAF office as a civilian. I lived in a YWCA Hostel for girls which catered for about forty. Consequently, I was never lonely. Strict rules applied which were for our benefit.



After marriage to a bank officer, my husband and I were transferred to Bundaberg where we stayed for four years. During that time, our three children were born firstly a daughter, followed by twins – a boy and girl.

We returned to Brisbane for a further ten years. This was followed by a move to Sydney for a period of fourteen years. After seeing our family well entrenched into the Sydney lifestyle, we had another move to Melbourne where we lived for six years. Melbourne was the retirement city initially, before the move to Buderim.

I have been widowed for twenty years. My family all live in Sydney. It has been an interesting life having to adapt to new places, making new friendships, starting and enjoying new hobbies and different sport. I will always appreciate the day I commenced bridge lessons. I enjoy bridge and enjoy the wonderful companionship of the Buderim Bridge Club.

Jocelyn Harkin



I grew up in Melbourne where I attended school and then continued to study at the University majoring in Physiotherapy. After graduating, I worked for a year at the Royal Melbourne and Children's hospitals.

The following year I travelled to Europe with four other girls – we had a wonderful time. In those days, it was expensive to fly to England, so we had six party filled weeks on a ship!

I spent about four years in England working at Guys hospital and the Royal, actively travelling between work commitments.

Returning to Melbourne, I went back to the Royal Melbourne and Children's hospitals and slotted in some private work as well.

I married my husband, Harry in 1962. He lived on a sheep and cattle property in South West Queensland. So this was a brand new experience! We were fairly isolated as the nearest town was over 100 kilometres away. It was an amazing life. We had four children, a constant stream of jackaroos and we met so many interesting characters. We experienced drought and flood and never a dull moment.

I still miss my life on the land – hard work but a rich and colourful lifestyle.

The article below contains the first 6 points for the declarer of the **TWELVE principles of Bridge** written by Michael Furstner.

Michael has given us permission to use his work and to refer to his web sites. Michael has uploaded bridge materials to the web site for his Darwin Bridge Club : www.bridge4u.org
Michael also has information on www.jazclass.aust.com/bridge

Twelve guiding principles to remember

[Main page](#) - [Bidding Strategy](#)

Here are 12 useful guide lines (6 for the [Declarer](#) and 6 for the [Defence](#)) to consider and remember.

DECLARER PLAY

1. In NT contracts DEVELOP the additional tricks required for your contract BEFORE cashing in your sure winners. This means **losing the lead early** while you still have your stoppers in hand.

In TRUMP contracts usually DRAW TRUMPS FIRST, **unless you need to ruff in Dummy** or to get rid of some losers first.

2. When running a suite : play the HIGH CARDS from the SHORT side FIRST, for example :
with ♥ - A Q x opposite Dummy's x x x x K - ♥
First play the A and Q, only **then** lead the small Heart to Dummy's K.
This way you can **play all 5 tricks** in the suit **without** the need for another **side entry** to Dummy.
3. In most cases ONLY draw opponents' LOSING TRUMPS :
♠ - A K x x opposite x x x x - ♠ > Draw trumps only twice > > ♠ - x x x x - ♠
Then **force the opponent to ruff** a trick from one of your side suits.
This leaves you then with 4 trumps instead of only 2.
4. **Indirect** finesse = leading a LOW card to a HIGH one (you try to **avoid** Opponent's high card)
Direct finesse = leading a HIGH card to HIGHER one (you try to **catch** Opponent's high card)
Only play a **Direct finesse** when you **hold 4 of the 5 Honour cards**.

A **Double finesse** towards A Q 10 or A J 10 has a 75% chance of gaining 2 tricks.

A **Double finesse** towards K J x has a 75% chance of making at least 1 trick.

For any **Single finesse** (towards A Q (x) or K x (x)) the success rate is 50%

With **8 cards or less, double finesse!** (Double finesse = leading up to the **lowest** Honour card first.)

5. When the four HIGH cards in a suit are divided amongst all 4 players DO NOT LEAD that suit (unless you hold also the **10**), but **let your opponents do that** for you. (This applies equally to the Defence.)
6. When opponents hold an ODD number of cards in a suit they will **65% of the time** break EVENLY: 5 cards > > 3 + 2
When opponents hold an EVEN* number of cards in a suit they will **65% of the time** break UNEVENLY : 6 cards > > 4 + 2 or worse Therefore avoid 4+3 trump suits, a 5+2 holding is not too bad.

* Exception: When the Opponents hold only 2 cards in a suite they are divided 1-1 almost 50% of the time.