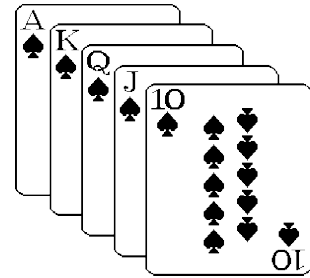


# BALLARAT BRIDGE CLUB



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## Editorial:

We are expecting a visit from Joan Butts early May.

It may be her lesson will be about a new popular bidding system, 2/1, 1nt forcing.

We all play bridge for different reasons, so this might not be what you need or want.

However, it is logical to assume that the ABF and Joan Butts want us to learn something that might improve our level of bridge play, to be better players.

For us to understand her lesson, perhaps we should take an opportunity to learn a little bit about this system prior to her visit ?

It's up to you, are you prepared to get out of your comfort zone ?

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## A poem from Donna Wilderness

### Playing bridge

His hands were calloused, clumsy,  
Across the table from a wife  
For whom he worked hard all his life,  
Now her turn to enjoy sophistication  
Of playing bridge and showing  
The many bracelets, diamonds glowing,  
far from his land ,his determination  
To now provide this pleasure  
For her, his valued treasure.

And so his heavy laboured hands shook  
Admiring her proud contented look  
He laid his cards upon the table  
Tenderly, as though a lamb he cradled.

What's happening now ?

Tuesday Comp has started

What's Coming ?

Geelong Congress

Bendigo Ashes

What should we remember ?

Just be nice to everyone!

## Monthly Topic

The Bridge Club is looking for members to become Directors

Please complete the questionnaire, so we can assess your suitability for these positions

How long have you been Playing Bridge ?

What is the collective name for a group of crows ?

Do you like Prince Harry ?

Is Smolen a type of footwear or a bridge convention ?

Do Eskimos eat penguins ?

What type of motor vehicle should you drive ?

If you barrack for Collingwood or Essendon, do you know help is available ?

Is Namibia on the west or east coast of Africa ?

What is the main difference between white and black rhinos ?

Is the plimsoll line a type of clothesline ?

The Orkney Islands are north of ?

All graves are dug in what direction ?

Did hot cross buns originate on Easter Island ?

Have you been able to control your drinking problem ?

If people from Poland are called Poles, are people from Holland called Holes ?

Please assign a numeric value to the letters in the math question below

To make it easy for you, we can tell you that the letter P can only be 1 or 2

This should only take you about 15 minutes

A member of the Babylon Bridge Club passed away, leaving a large estate to his 3 boys.

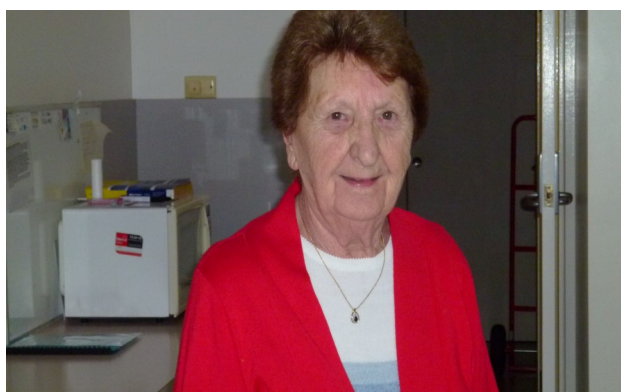
The eldest to get 50 %, the second son 1 third, the youngest to get a 9th. The estate included 17 horses. The boys are asking you, a director at the nearby Garden of Eden Bridge club, can you suggest a solution to divide the horses fairly ?

Knock  
Knock  
Its  
The  
Postie

Two elephants in a game reserve encountered a naked man.

One elephant said to the other “ I can't work out how he can feed himself with that thing “

# Members Page



Had a chat with Trudy Broeders the other day, you all know Trudy , right ?

Got a moment Trudy ?

“ Sorry Rob, Rhondda and I are taking down the decorations”

Why don't the people who put them up take them down ?

“We put them up too, arranged the tables for the Xmas do also, it's time for them to come down”

Lets talk after you finish.

“ No, I am going to empty the dishwasher, and clean in the kitchen. No chance today, I will collect the table money and after bridge, I will bank the money “

What about Thursday before bridge ?

“ Oh Thursday, I will do the shopping. I tell you Rob, the bags are so heavy for me now, can you ask if someone can help me with the shopping ?”

Ok, I will put it in the newsletter. By the way, are you the one to collect the payment for the bus trip to Bendigo ?

“ Yes I usually collect the money for our events “

Trudy , I thought you trying to avoid chatting with the newsletter, but I can see you are just so busy, working so hard for the Club !



The newsletter is talking with Donna Wilderness.

Donna, you have an interest, a hobby, that is a little bit different, can you tell us what that is ?

“I write poetry and paint, the first poem I wrote was to my mother, I was 6 “

How did you get interested in poetry ?

“I have always written poetry, I feel this a commitment to honour my experience in life “

How would you describe the type of poetry you prefer, is it humorous or satire ?

“It is neither, I write about life, death, this in itself can be humorous. I prefer the Russian and French poets when I read poetry”

“I have a collection of poetry and I also borrow from the library “

Are you a member of a poet's society ?

“No, I have read my poetry in Sydney, in Surry Hills, in different cafes”

And about your painting ?

“I love abstract, although I have had commissions in the past”

Thank you for your courtesy to me Donna.

A man is praying “ Lord, you gave me my childhood and you took it away, you gave me my youth and you took that away too. You gave me a wife... its... its been a few years now Lord, I just thought to remind you .. “

# Bridge Topics

## Roman Key Card Blackwood

Roman Key Card Blackwood (Key Card, RKC, RKCB, 0314, 1430) is a variation of the Blackwood convention. It is used when the partnership has agreed to a trump suit and is interested in slam. A 4NT bid asks partner how many "key cards" he holds. A key card is any ace or the trump suit king.

There are two versions of RKC: **0314** and **1430** ("Fourteen-Thirty"), which refer to the step responses below.

## Responses to 4NT

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### Playing 0314

#### Responder's Bids

- 5 ♣
- 5 ♦
- 5 ♥
- 5 ♠

#### Meaning

- Shows 0 or 3 key cards.
- Shows 1 or 4 key cards.
- Shows 2 or 5 key cards without the queen of trumps.
- Shows 2 or 5 key cards with the queen of trumps.

### Playing 1430

#### Responder's Bids

- 5 ♣
- 5 ♦
- 5 ♥
- 5 ♠

#### Meaning

- Shows 1 or 4 key cards.
- Shows 0 or 3 key cards.
- Shows 2 or 5 key cards without the queen of trumps.
- Shows 2 or 5 key cards with the queen of trumps.

The 4NT bidder can usually (!) determine if responder has 0/3, 1/4, or 2/5 key cards.

### Void-showing responses

If responder has a void, she can make one of the following bids to describe her hand.

#### Responder's Bids

5NT

#### Meaning

Shows an even # of key cards and a void somewhere.