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NEWSLETTER

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SESSION TIMES:

Monday 6.45 for 7.00 pm start
Tuesday 12.45 for 1.00 pm start
Thursday 5.30 PM, Supervised
Thursday – 6.45 for 7.00 pm start
Friday 12.45 for 1.00 pm start

Please be seated and fees paid at least 10 minutes prior to the above times

Saturday: 12.45 for 1.00 pm start - contact K McMahon 0427 284226 to book in

Need a partner: Register on Pianola Partner Finder or phone Valerie Cook

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Hello Members – Welcome to some lovely Spring weather, and a lengthy Newsletter.

Cootamundra Congress Results

Once again Cootamundra hosted a very successful Congress and congratulations to the winners and all who entered.

Open Pairs:

2nd J Currie & P Glover



Open Teams:

2nd A Holman, H McMahon, S McMahon, K McMahon



3rd J Currie, P Glover, J Rava, D Brennan



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Rank Promotions

Dietch, Brian – Club Master

Petersen, Brenda – Club Master

Brady, Pip – Bronze State

Congratulations on your achievements.

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Bert's memories - he has put together some wonderful accounts of his involvements and actions during his time in the War.

Bob Hitchens kindly formatted Bert's written document into a typed version, copies on Noticeboard and on line.

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Improvers lessons have gone well. Recent beginners will begin lessons / revision again on Monday nights and then have a supervised session from 7.00 pm.

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Unclaimed coats: There are some coats on the eastern wall at the Clubhouse – are you missing a coat?

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Dummy :

Being Dummy by Julie Carbonara and John Rankin, Illawarra Bridge Club (with permission)

In Bridge the Declarer must take control
And play the contract as it unfolds.
But spare a thought for your Partner, who
Must sit and watch the whole game through.

For Dummy, it's thought, is out of the frame;
No worries or stress while playing the game.
It's not quite so simple: I'll tell you why.
The rules are quite clear – you must comply.

As Dummy you lay down the cards in your hand
On the table face up, you understand.
The trump suit goes down on your right hand side
Other suits are then placed to the left beside.

If the contract's No Trumps, as it can be for fun
The order is optional, but it's quite often done
Spades sit on the right, and then hearts are next,
Then clubs, then diamonds towards your left.

But don't just stack them any old way -
Make it clear for Declarer so they can play.
The top of each suit is closest to you
Then down the order the whole way through.

All clearly visible; but leave enough space
For all cards as they're turned to be neatly placed.
The direction they face is critical, you see -
When counting the tricks, we need to agree.

So your cards are down, and your Partner thanks you.
From here on in, you have little to do.
You simply obey the instructions you're given -
Taking initiative will not be forgiven.

Wait for Declarer and don't jump the gun
Though the card to be played is an obvious one.
If Declarer needs some time to decide
Allow them the time their choice to provide.

The only time Dummy can touch a card
Is when instructed by Partner; but restraint can be hard.
You can't even tidy the stacks during play
Or move cards around in any way.

It could be seen as giving a clue
To your Partner as to what they should do.
Putting your fingers or hand on the table
For any purpose: Dummy's not able.

When Partner plays theirs, or asks for your card



To be played on the trick it can sometimes be hard

To control your expression or sounds you might make

Like sighing or grunting – don't make that mistake.

Raising your eyebrows, shaking your head?
Negativity's not to be shown and/or said.
In keeping your Partnership suitably blessed
Your thoughts should be silent, as "Dummy" suggests.

There is an exception of course to the rules,
In order to stop Partner seeming a fool.
If they fail to follow a suit that's been led
You can check they're not showing a muddled head

By asking the question "no diamonds?" or such
Thus ensuring that they are focused enough.
When raising this issue to ensure no revoke
You can't be admonished for the words that you spoke.

So may I suggest that when sat at a table
At home or with friends, whenever you're able,
If tempers are short or the air could be cut
Just imagine you're Dummy and keep your mouth shut.

Should the tension keep rising stay out the way -
It may well be wise to have nothing to say.
When asked why you're silent or just saying a smidge,
Tell your family and friends you are practicing Bridge

Upcoming Events:

Friday 2 to Mon 5 October:
Canberra in Bloom Festival

Friday 9 October: Spring Pairs, **Red Point Event.**

Daylight saving time starts on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2:00 am in New South Wales and participating states.

Details of the Change

- **Date:** Sunday, October 4, 2026
- **Time:** At 2:00 am, clocks move forward 1 hour to 3:00 am.



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Committee Meeting:

Next Tuesday October 13: Any items for discussion to be with Secretary, Ian Hamilton, in writing, by Monday October 12.

Welfare:

Good to see Members back at the tables after family, surgery and other medical issues.

Best wishes to those celebrating special and/or happy events, and anyone celebrating another

birthday.



Spring – Canola – Lambs – a familiar sight in our area.



Happy Bridging

