

Hello Club Members,

It's been a sad time recently with the loss of our long-time member, Muriel. There was good representation of club members at her funeral and I asked Dennis to share a few of his thoughts on Muriel:



I liked her from the start, for the following reasons.

1. Firstly and most importantly [at the risk of being 'sexist'] to me she was one of the legendary Aussie *country* Sheilas, not a spoiled city type girl. Muriel went to boarding school from a young age, and was bemused when I told her that my early schooling was that taught by my mother [by correspondence school – before the school of the air started].

2. She was Intelligent, I loved it when she told me that she was one of the first girls in Aus to excel in S.T.EM type subjects at school and Uni. Not many girls ever did biochem then. Not many even do it now. One of my grand-daughters has just started engineering at Uni and she felt better about things when I told

her about Muriel being a Pioneer of sorts in S.T.E.M type subjects at Uni for girls.

3. Muriel was hard working and self-sufficient, and tough. She would only let me drive her to bridge at night, and insisted on driving herself in daylight. She reminded me a lot, in looks, temperament and upbringing of my Aunty Dot, from Injune – about 2 hrs north, north- east of Mitchell – Muriel’s childhood home town. Aunty Dot drove herself to hospital the night she died [this year] at the age of 92. I could imagine Muriel doing that sort of thing if she had to, country girls are tough.

4. Muriel was a good bridge player. Her only ‘eccentricity’ was that she was ‘addicted’ to calling game in NO TRUMPS rather than suit bids. I shocked/amused her one night when I told her that my bid was going to be a “Muriel” – that is a 3 NO TRUMPS bid. I never bid aggressively enough for Muriel, my eccentricity was/is that I don’t like going down, especially when vulnerable.

I knew that Muriel wasn’t well the last few times I drove her home when she didn’t sing along to the music I have on a flash drive in my car. It’s all 50’s, 60’s and 70’s and she knew all the songs fairly well. She could sing, and it showed in her grandkids.

Dennis Boothby

- Garry Smith and Ann Dujela have entered the “Gold Coast Rescue – Series Three” Tournament on September 3rd. That sounds like fun.
- Kim Mensforth and Marlene Hawkins have entered the Kenmore Graded Rookie and Novice Congress on September 11th.

Because our members are entering these bridge contests, it’s a good time to remind players of the Bridge etiquette, manners and rules. It’s expected that they will also be considered during our usual Monday and Thursday sessions.

BRIDGE MANNERS

It is very important to remind ourselves of Bridge Manners and Etiquette especially when we have visitors or are playing at another club. However if you are going to play at our Club whether it be a Monday or Thursday there are certain procedures to follow before you even get to the Bridge Table.

1... If you do not have a regular partner Inform the organizer (usually the President) that you are available to play.(Phone 0411 876 668)

2...If you do have a regular partner then you do not have to advise if you intend to play in the next session.

3...If you have an agreement to partner someone other than your regular partner then you are obliged to keep that agreement unless there is a valid reason why you cannot. If so you should contact that person and explain why.

4...If you are not able to attend a session then please advise the President and your partner, if you have one.

5... Lastly please arrive at the Club at least 15 minutes before starting time. That way the table set up can be worked out and the Bridgemate Secretary can prepare the Bridgemates for play. If you are running late please phone in and advise the situation.

ETIQUETTE

This is required by all Bridge Clubs.

1... Greet your opponents at the table cordially.

2...Count your cards before play.

3...Thank your partner for their lead.

4...Thank your opponents at end of the round.

5... Discussion of hands should be kept until end of round.

6... Keep voices low when others are still playing.

BRIDGE RULES

- 1...*Do not touch oppositions cards unless asked to do so.*
- 2...*When in Dummy do not rearrange the cards when there is a gap unless partner has asked you to.*
- 3...*Do not hint at play by pointing or touching card .*
- 4... *Do not tap table repeatedly as this can be distracting for other players.*
- 5...*Dummy is not to make comments during play except to ask partner if they are out of a suit when trumping in hand.*
- 6... *Do not slap cards down on table when playing.*
- 7... *Do not flick cards down on table.*
- 8... *Cards must be played smoothly.*
- 9...*Upsetting or distracting opposition is considered bad form.*

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So, after that reminder, here's a bit of fun bridge information:



Famous Bridge Players

007 plays bridge against the evil multi-millionaire Sir Hugo Drax in Ian Fleming's "Moonraker." In the story, M asks Bond to investigate Sir Hugo's substantial winnings at M's favorite bridge club. There, Bond discerns that Drax is a cheat. When dealing the cards, Drax peeks at the card reflections in his polished cigarette case.

When playing with M, Bond fixes the deck against Drax in the final deal of the session:

	M	
	♠ T987	
	♥ 6543	
Meyer	♦ —	Drax
♠ 65432	♣ 76532	♠ AKQJ
♥ T9872		♥ AKQJ
♦ JT9	Bond	♦ AK
♣ —	♠ —	♣ KJ9
	♥ —	
	♦ Q8765432	
	♣ AQT84	

Bond, South, deals and opens 7♣! This is passed around to Drax, who doubles. Bond naturally redoubles.

Bond ruffs a diamond in dummy, finesses Drax's clubs, ruffs another diamond, and finesses clubs again. Now Bond's hand becomes good, and Drax is apoplectic.

This deal is based on the Duke of Cumberland deal from the 19th century. The Duke of Cumberland, son of King George III, supposedly held Drax's cards during this rigged deal against hustlers:

	North	
	♠ —	
	♥ —	
The Duke	♦ T98765432	East
♠ AKQ	♣ AQT8	♠ JT9876
♥ AKQJ		♥ T9876
♦ AK	South	♦ QJ
♣ KJ97	♠ 5432	♣ —
	♥ 5432	
	♦ —	
	♣ 65432	

The Duke led a low club against 7♣. He was then enticed to bet £20,000 that he would win at least one trick... and lost.
https://www.bridgebum.com/james_bond.php

**Bridge is one of the
last games in which
the computer is
not better.**

-Bill Gates



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