



A MAJOR SPONSOR!

I am delighted to announce that Alan Blumberg, a regular player at our night time sessions has offered to be a major sponsor of our club through his legal practice BLACKMAN & LEGAL.

Alan has offered not only to sponsor monthly duplicates but also to contribute a percentage of the fees received from any club member. In addition Alan is offering a complementary half hour conference at any time as well as a discount of \$250 for use of any legal services.

Blackman Legal operates on personal service and is available on evenings and weekends as well as making home visits. Located in Lindfield the firm offers sound legal expertise and a dedication to long term legal, financial and personal satisfaction. It specialises in property law, conveyancing, leasing, wills and estates, family & commercial law, full certification and notary public services.

Alan can be contacted on 94156344 or you can visit the website:

www.blackmanlegal.com.au I'm sure you'll agree that Alan's sponsorship is very generous and he has expressed the desire for this to be long term. Please let your friends know so that we can fully support Alan.

MONTHLY DUPLICATES

The first monthly club championships will be conducted in March. The dates are as follows:

Monday March 5, 12 & 19, 7.30 pm. at Gordon

Thursday March 1, 8 & 15, 12.45 p.m. at East Lindfield

Friday March 2, 9 & 16, 10 a.m. at Thornleigh

The overall winners at each venue (best 2 scores out of 3) will win the Blackman Legal bridge trophy. Pairs finishing 5th and 10th at each venue will receive quality prizes. Normal table money applies as Blackman Legal is taking care of all expenses.

There must be at least 6 tables at each venue for the event to take place. Each pair is allowed 1 substitute. Please support these events which were very successful in November.

Doctor, doctor you've taken out my tonsils, adenoids, gall bladder, varicose veins, appendix, but I still don't feel well.

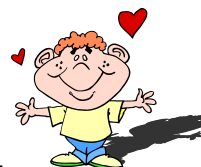
That's enough out of you!

A GREAT SUCCESS IN CANBERRA

Our club recorded 2 great successes in Canberra last week:

Colleen Bosci and Gary Goldsmith performed magnificently to finish 3rd out of 80 pairs in the National Restricted Pairs Championship.

Our teacher Pauline Evans' team qualified from 26 teams to the semi finals which they won to make the final. They lost but still put up a terrific showing.



VALENTINES DAY SUNDAY FEB 12 , 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

at East Lindfield

This is the 3rd year we will be running this event and the numbers have increased each year. Please keep Sunday Feb. 12 free. Two sessions 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Red points. Quality prizes for the winners. \$20 for 2 sessions or \$12 per session.

LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

I am extremely grateful for the wonderful loyal support you have shown us over the years. In addition to this support we really need new blood. This is why it is so important that you tell anyone you know about the following lessons starting soon:

Mon Feb 6, 10 a.m. at Lindfield or

Wed Feb 8, 7.30 p.m. at Gordon or

Fri. Feb 10, 10 a.m. at Thornleigh

1st lesson is free then 7 lessons for \$85. Bookings: 99752708 or gregquittner@hotmail.com Remember that you receive a free game for every person you recommend who turns up.

PRE-SESSION TALKS

These talks have received wide acclaim. From time to time I am asked if topics like discards or a new convention could be covered. Topics like these cannot be catered for in 15 minutes. This is why we provide 90 minute lessons on special topics. If you sincerely wish to improve your game then I suggest that you make an effort to attend these lessons. Details for forthcoming lessons will be provide shortly.

TRANSITION DUPLICATE

Many players find the move from supervised to open quite a big step. For this reason we are introducing 2 transition duplicates as a stepping stone. These sessions will start on the following dates:

Thurs. Feb 2, 9.30 a.m. at East Lindfield

Mon Feb 6, 7.30 p.m. at Gordon

The session will be played like a normal duplicate with a minimum of 20 boards. Any questions must be held over until the end of a session. We feel this is a perfect way to prepare yourself for the open duplicate.

MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to all who have paid their dues. Please note that these are due now. The ABF charges us a late fee of \$10 per player so we would like to avoid this. You can pay online : BSB 062-170 , Account : 10022278 or 36 Angophora Cres, Forestville 2087. This is preferable to paying the director.



THE FRIENDLY CLUB

From its inception in 1988 Gordon Bridge Centre has always been known as one of the friendliest clubs in Australia. It has been my policy to be very harsh when faced with rude behaviour. For this reason I would appreciate it if any of this kind of behaviour is reported to your director or to me directly.

HOW CAN I IMPROVE?

This is a very familiar plea. One way is to attend the lessons we provide. The alternative is to organize private lessons of 4 or 8 people. The fee for this is \$160 for 4 or \$300 for 8. The lesson is 2 hours and we provide set hands, notes and detailed discussion of areas which require attention. If your results do not improve within 1 month you will receive a full refund. 99752708 or gregquittner@hotmail.com

A bridge addict was at a concert: "What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?"

"That's the score," answered the friend.

"Oh. Who's vulnerable?"

THE CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING PENS

Despite having called in Inspector Poirot the case of the missing pens has yet to be solved. We keep supplying them and they seem to walk. Could you please make an effort to bring your own pens? This would help solve this mystery!



BIDDING COMPETITION

S W N E

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♠ 2, ♥ KQ104, ♦ AK963 ♣ 842

You are South. It's your bid. The best correctly explained answer will win a free game with yours truly. Entries by email or to your director close Fri Feb 3 at 6 p.m.

GORDON BRIDGE CENTRE

GORDON EAST LINDFIELD THORNLEIGH

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ALL ENQUIRIES : 9975-2708, gregquittner@hotmail.com

GORDON : Mon. & Wed 10.30 a.m. Mon, Tues, *Wed, 7.30 p.m. Sat.1.p.m
Monday 7.30 p.m. Intermediate Supervised

THORNLEIGH : Mon 11.30 a.m. Fri.*10 a.m, Sat 1p.m.

E. LINDFIELD : Mon. 9.30 a.m Supervised, Mon*12.45 p.m, Tues*10 a.m.

Wed *10 a.m, Thur. 9.30 Supervised, Thur *12.45 p.m, Fri. * 10 a.m.

An asterisk indicates there is a pre-session talk.