



# Bridgemates

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## MARIO'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Club Members:

We are all painfully aware of the rapid passage of time and that the closing of 2018 is quickly drawing in on us. There is very little left on our bridge diary to complete now.

As "they" say: "You win some and you lose some". Since the grant of \$6,766.20 has been approved, we are now in the throes of replacing a lot of equipment that is showing signs of age; packages have started to arrive. However, on the debit side of the ledger, it was timely for the agreement with Lend Lease to be renewed. They would agree to one year only (in lieu of the usual two) and it would be no surprise to anyone that the rent has been increased.



I must mention the Christmas party. Whether you are dressed (in Christmas celebratory costume) or not, do come and join in the fun, bringing your spirit of good cheer (in addition to that already cooled and bottled on the table). Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes on a Christmas theme. We look forward to greeting everyone on this fun occasion.

You will have noticed that the raffle is well under way; prizes for this were by donation and I thank most sincerely those generous members who quietly supplied them. This raffle is just in-house and drawing will take place, as usual, at the Christmas party.

So my friends, do absorb all the happiness and love that will surround you during the coming Festive Season. I thank you all for the kindness, courtesy and understanding you have shown this year. Your committee and I send the sincerest of wishes for Christmas and we look forward to a marvellous 2019. Enjoy!

From President Mario.

## Events to look forward to



### CHRISTMAS PARTY - Friday 30 November

11.30am

Drinks (Wine & Soft), Nibbles, Lunch

**Prizes** for the best Christmas outfits

Lucky spot prizes  
Some bridge  
and lots of fun

Steve Ormerod as MC

Raffle drawn after lunch

\$30.00 Payable (all inclusive one cost) in advance by cash or eft.

(Bank account details: **BSB** 124 081 **Account No** 1035 7121)

**FOUR** tasks for all members:

1. It would be wonderful if all members with a completed Buderim Contract Bridge Club System Card. Instructions for completing this card below.
2. The Club would really appreciate your advertising and promoting the bridge **lessons for 2019**. Word of mouth is the most effective method of advertising. Perhaps you could email the last page of this newsletter to prospective learners.
3. Make a point of checking the four web sites listed below. These sites are fantastic, especially the expert play solutions ([bridgevid.com](http://bridgevid.com)) which is available on Tuesdays following the week of practise hand on [bridgebase](http://bridgebase.com).
4. **Tips** for improved bridge play are included below.



## How to complete your Buderim Contract Bridge Club System Card

These simple System Cards are designed for new Buderim Contract Bridge Club players who are using Standard American with 5 card Majors. As you gain more experience, and start to use more complex bidding signals, you will need to upgrade to a more complex System Card such as the example found on the Australian Bridge Federation website:

<http://www.abf.com.au/member-services/system-cards/>

### **TIPS** FOR IMPROVED BRIDGE PLAY:

#### **Opening Bids**

Strength and minimum length: Record the points and minimum length of the suit. For example:

1♣ 2+ 12+ HCP    1♦ 3+ 12+ HCP    1♥ 5+ 12+ HCP    1♠ 5+ 12+ HCP

Don't worry if you might open with a point or two less occasionally – it is assumed that this will happen.

Show your 1NT opening HCP range (e.g. 15-17) and whether it may (or may not) include a 5-card major.

Against 2♣, write which version of Stayman you use. (simple, extended, other).

Against **Transfers** indicate (**Y/N** means Yes/No) if you play transfers (e.g. “2♦=2♥” means a 2♦ response to 1NT asks opener to bid 2♥. Similarly, 2♥=2♠ and 2♠=3♣ or 3♦). If you don't do transfers, circle **N** for No.

#### **2/3-Level Openings**

Here you describe the meaning of all your 2 level opening bids. For example:

2NT Invitational indicating 5/5 in the Minor suits

2♣ = 22-23 HCP any shape

2♦ = 6-10 HCP and 6+♦ cards

2♥ = 6-10 HCP and 6+♥ cards

2♠ = 6-10 HCP and 6+♠ cards

2NT = 20-21 HCP and semi balanced

3NT after a 2NT opening bid = 22+ HCP and semi balanced

#### **Any calls that may have unexpected meaning**

For example:

2NT rebid after a 1 level opening = 18-19 HCP

4♣ (Gerber) Y/N 4NT (Blackwood) Y/N

Unusual 2NT as an overcall (i.e. 5 each in the Minor suits) Y/N

### Signal on Partner's lead

Low discard = encourage (i.e. continue leading that suit) or High discard = discourage (i.e. continue leading that suit)

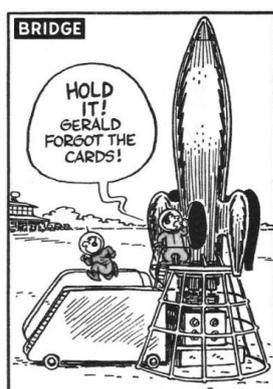
It is probable that you will eventually play with other Club members who may be using bidding systems that are slightly different to what you have just been taught in the Basic Bridge lessons. Therefore, the reverse side of this System Card contains eleven questions that you should ask your new partner, to enable you to quickly understand their bidding systems.

The Wikipedia of Bridge, where you can find an answer for any bridge questions:

[www.acbl.org/marketing/publicity/bridge-bites/](http://www.acbl.org/marketing/publicity/bridge-bites/)

To practise playing bridge online (for free) go to: [www.bridgebase.com/](http://www.bridgebase.com/)

To check how these hands are best played, check- [bridgevid.com](http://bridgevid.com)



Of course we are not going to experiment on you  
We just needed another hand for our bridge game

A Catholic guy who is a fanatic bridge player goes to his priest and asks, "Father, I have to know.... Is there bridge in heaven?"

The priest says, "You know, I've never been asked that before. Let me research it and I'll tell you next week."

Next week: "My son, I have good news and bad news. The good news is, there is bridge in heaven. The bad news is you're playing in a Swiss team tomorrow."



**Woman's Viewpoint**  
Life with Men is like Bridge  
Men are like Bridge  
You need a Heart to love them;  
A Diamond to marry them;  
A Club to beat them;  
And a Spade to bury them.

If there was a twelve step program to help bridge addicts, the first step would involve counting to 13.

Partner: with card face down, prior to lead: "Any questions?"  
Me: Yes, I have one. What am I doing here?

# 2019 BRIDGE LESSONS

## BUDERIM CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge lessons will be held at the address below for ten weeks. Each lesson commencing at **9am** will run for approximately two and a half hours with a morning tea break, commencing:

Lesson 1	Wednesday 6 February	Lesson 6	Wednesday 13 March
Lesson 2	Wednesday 13 February	Lesson 7	Wednesday 20 March
Lesson 3	Wednesday 20 February	Lesson 8	Wednesday 27 March
Lesson 4	Wednesday 27 February	Lesson 9	Wednesday 3 April
Lesson 5	Wednesday 6 March	Lesson 10	Wednesday 10 April

Following the ten lessons, supervised bridge with planned hands is held for six Wednesdays commencing 24 April to 29 May 2019 with the same time frame as above.

Supervised bridge 1	Wed 24 April	Supervised bridge 4	Wed 15 May
Supervised bridge 2	Wed 1 May	Supervised bridge 5	Wed 22 May
Supervised bridge 3	Wed 8 May	Supervised bridge 6	Wed 29 May

The cost - **\$30.00 per person** covers:

1. Ten lessons
2. Text book
3. Lesson sheets
4. Morning tea
5. Six weeks of supervised bridge
6. Membership fees to 30 June 2019.

Homework will be provided each week and all queries answered promptly.

Should you have any enquiries or wish to add your name to our list, please phone/email **Jean**.

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