

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## School Holiday Bridge Camp

Our School Holiday Bridge Camp was held at the club over the week of Jan 9<sup>th</sup> to Jan 13<sup>th</sup> with Ron Klinger teaching. The children's ages ranged from 8 years to 15 years old. I must admit, I felt after three or four days it might have been too much information for the children but the opposite was true. By the end of the week they were coming in and giving Ron 'high fives'. It was a testament to Ron Klinger's teaching experience and skill that I did not once see the children distracted or lose interest. They learnt how to score, the basics of bidding and even simulated a tournament match.

I hope we can continue in the future with lessons for children.



## A Clever Bid by Tom Kiss

I find one of the most fun aspects of bridge is deception. On a recent Tuesday night duplicate session at the club, Tom Kiss came up with a nice bid. His partner, Shirley Lemberg, sitting West, opened 1♣ what do you bid as East? (Answer below)

Dir: W  
Vul: All

P	♠A5
1♣	♥QJ2
?	♦Q4
	♣KQJ964

Tom, knowing they have enough points for game, wanted to play in 3NT rather than 5♣ for a better score - 660 versus 600. So to prevent the opponents opening with a diamond lead, he bid 1♦ with Q4. They ended up in 3NT with no diamond lead making 12.

## **Upcoming Congresses**

The club held an IMP Pairs Congress on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January and the results are on the website [www.dbbc.net](http://www.dbbc.net). The congress was good practice for the National Swiss Pairs event at the Canberra Congress held the following weekend which is also scored as IMPs converted to Victory Points. The method of scoring is quite different from a club duplicate which is scored as Match Points.

As practice for the next Congress, 51<sup>st</sup> Gold Coast Congress in Broadbeach, the club is holding a Two Session Pairs Congress on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the following Sunday a Swiss Teams Congress. Details of the format are on our website [www.dbbc.net](http://www.dbbc.net).

## **Beginners Lessons**

We will be holding beginner's lessons in the first week of March. The cost will be \$50 which includes four lessons, two practice sessions and 6 months free membership. They will be held on a Wednesday or Thursday evening 7pm.