

THE CLUB RECORDER

If you ever feel an opponent has acted improperly, what do you do?

The Nedlands Bridge Club has a Club Recorder. The role of the recorder is that of an "unofficial" mediator. The mediator is available for club members who feel that a breach of ethics or propriety has occurred but when it is not something so serious that a formal complaint needs to be made.

Bridge is an ethical game. While everyone wants to win, we also play bridge for fun, particularly at club level. Therefore, anyone playing at the club should be able to do so without being intimidated, bullied or cheated in any way.

While such instances are rare, they do occur and the impacts on the people concerned can last for a long time. So the Club, like all bridge clubs, has a Club Recorder.

The Recorder is not the only avenue available. The session Director is your first option. The Director must always be called if an irregularity has occurred (such as a bid or a lead out of turn), and the Director may also be called if you feel the opponents are not acting appropriately.

You may also approach the Director during or at the end of the session to discuss any concerns you may have. The Director may suggest you contact the Club Recorder.

What will the Club Recorder do?

Well, it will depend on the circumstances. In most cases, after discussing with the offended party, the Recorder will talk to the offending party and the matter will be simply resolved. Where circumstances are more serious, the offending party may be warned not to continue certain behaviour. The Recorder may also escalate serious issues to the Management Committee for resolution.

The Club Recorder maintains a log of all incidents. This log is confidential and is not shared with anyone, including the Management Committee. However, it will be used by the Recorder to determine any patterns or repeat offences.

The current Club Recorder is Peter Holloway, an experienced player and National Director. If you wish to contact the Club Recorder, you may (in order of preference):

- * Speak with Peter before or after a club session
- * Write a note addressed to Peter and hand it to a session Director or member of the Management Committee for forwarding
- * E-mail Peter - halcyon9@optusnet.com.au
- * Telephone (after hours) 0411 870 931