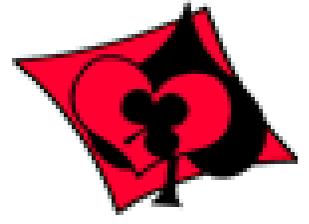


# TABLE TALK



FRANKLIN BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER – JULY 2015

## From the President

A new set of lessons has started on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July – thank you to all members who displayed the advertisement cards on their dashboards or window fronts.

A few of the novices from the lessons have started playing on Wednesday. Make sure you introduce your selves and make them feel welcome.

## Staying focussed – by Chris Glyde

Finding it hard to stay focussed?

It's getting towards the end of a session - remembering who played what card is difficult enough at the best of times without the feeling that your eyes aren't focussing properly. Those lights are getting a bit harsh and I'm getting a bit of a headache. Sound familiar?

That's what one of our members thought and wondered whether their spectacles prescription needed to be updated – after all it had been a couple of years since the last check up! So – appointment booked, turn up on time and explain the problem. “Let me have a look at those.” After a brief inspection and looking up records, the optician said “These are not a frame brand that we sell and these lenses are not your prescription. It's not surprising that you are having difficulty seeing clearly – these are not yours!”

Seems that having left their pair at the bridge club one session, our member was relieved to find that they had been safely locked away in the office for later collection. I guess someone else must have had the same experience and a switch has taken place!

So if you have a pair of spectacles that look like the ones below, chances are they are the ones below and you have the pair our member is missing!! Please let a committee member know.



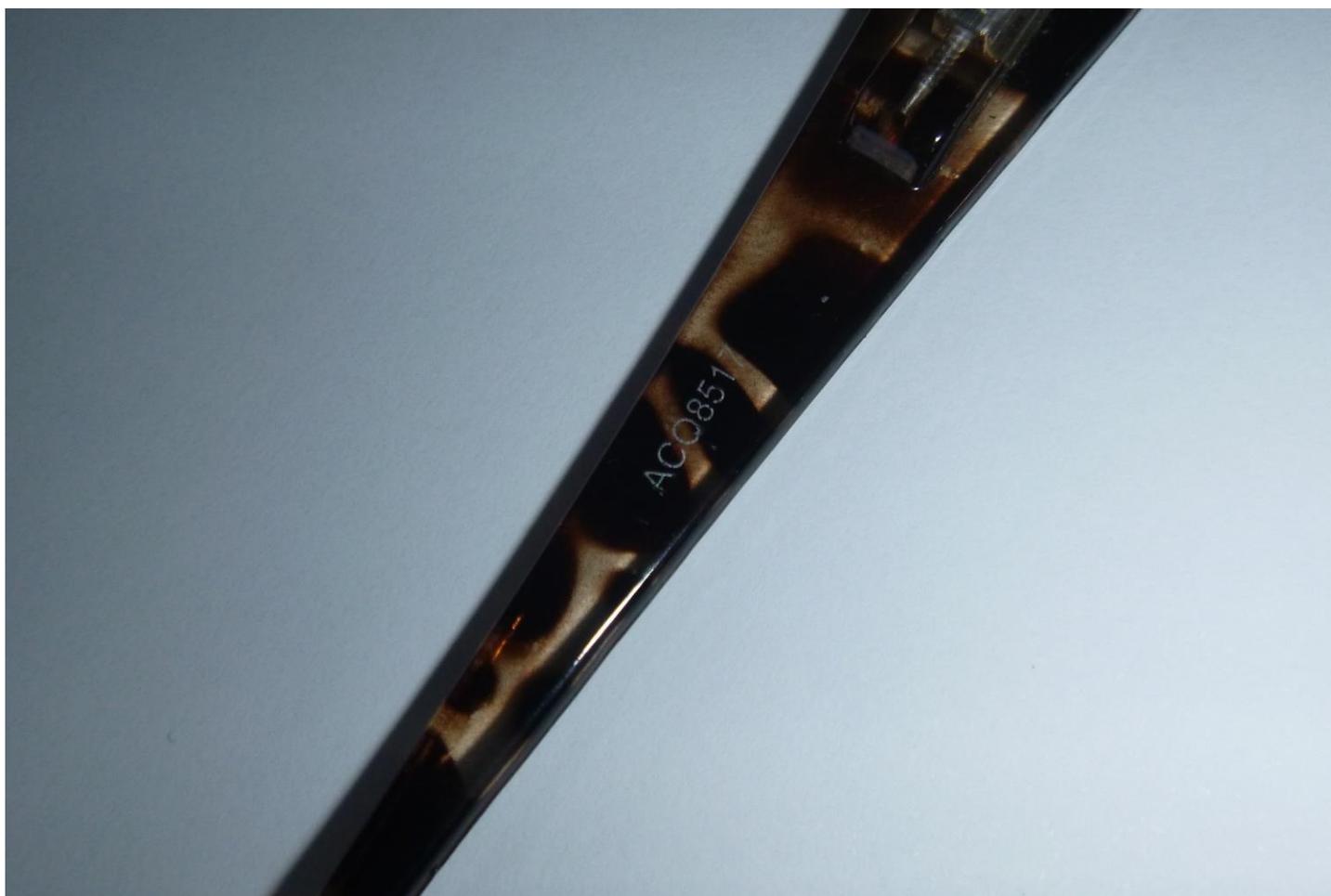
Image 1: The pair of glasses in question.



Image 2: The pair of glasses in question.

P.S. There is a second pair of spectacles in the office waiting eagerly for their owner to remember them and take them back home (images below).





**Hand of the Month – Arie is right after all by Richard Solomon**

The following deal came up in the Clubs' Competition in which Franklin fielded a team of 4 Open, 4 Intermediate and 4 Junior players. The team did not win but Arie Geursen's judgement proved to be correct on this exciting hand. Look at the bidding from Arie's point of view (Arie was South). He held:

♠ K8543

♥ 10

♦ 1095

♣ K743

Dealer East, all vulnerable.

Here is the bidding (see note about opening bid).

West	North	East	South
		2♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	Pass	?

<sup>1</sup>5 hearts and 5+ of a minor: less than an opening hand.

Arie's dilemma was how much of his own hand had his partner (me) bid. He decided quite a lot and therefore passed 5♠ as did West who led a heart:

Board	<b>North</b>	
Dealer	♠ QJ1072	
Vul.	♥ A85	
	♦ AKQ73	
<b>West</b>	♣ -	<b>East</b>
♠ A		♠ 96
♥ QJ32		♥ K9764
♦ J8642		♦ -
♣ A52	<b>South</b>	♣ QJ10986
	♠ K8543	
	♥ 10	
	♦ 1095	
	♣ K743	

It is not often that I get to bid a 5 card suit for the first time at the 4 level and then rebid it at the five level without any action from my partner. When West jumped to 4♥, I knew Arie had no more than one heart. Therefore, in theory, I had a 2 loser hand...hence my decision to bid 5♠ over 5♥.

I thanked Arie for his dummy, won the opening lead, played a spade to the king and ace and muttered something about missing slam. West returned a diamond and I said to East: "You are not going to ruff that, are you?" ...to which East produced the remaining defensive trump. Well judged, Arie...with 11 tricks being the limit and 13 imps going to Franklin when strangely the opposition North-South bid all the way to 2♦ and did not even make it. Although in theory it looks like East-West can make 12 tricks in hearts, the bad club break means there will be at least 2 losers....though who knows what would have happened had the opposition competed to the 6 level? I am glad they did not.

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*"If you average South's bidding on this hand (one too many) and on the previous hand (one too few), he comes out just right."*

*Edgar Kaplan*

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### **Challenging hand for Juniors – By Nandy Costa**

I am not pretending to be anything close to Richard and his "Hand of the Month" but I thought it would be fun to add something like a practice exercise especially for us Juniors.

This month while playing in at Royle Epsom with Chris, we found ourselves playing the hand below. The opposition had been bidding ♠ and my partner, for obvious reasons, did not like my ♦. I was sitting East and tried (and failed) to make 5♣.

I was already feeling bad enough about it when I saw the computer analysis, which states one can actually make 7♣! 5♣ can be made (even though I didn't), but if you crack how to make 7♣ you deserve a golden star!

So give it a crack! The lead was the 9♠ and the defenders were too good for me.

<b>Board</b>	<b>North</b>	
Dealer N	♠ Q3	
Vul.: None	♥ QJ64	
	♦ QT98	
<b>West</b>	♣ J74	<b>East</b>
♠ J86		♠ A
♥ AKT75		♥ 98
♦ 2		♦ AK7643
♣ 8632	<b>South</b>	♣ AKQ5
	♠ KT97542	
	♥ 32	
	♦ J5	
	♣ T9	

### **One wish – by Richard Pavlicek**

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you one wish."

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a winning bridge player."

"Hmm..." the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."