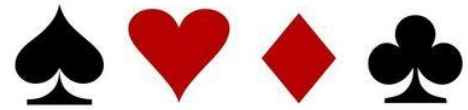


Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Well, it's the end of another year and I think it was a very successful one for our wonderful club. Table numbers remained high, our congresses were well attended, our membership grows and we continue to have an excellent reputation as a happy and friendly bridge club. I would like to thank our committee, directors and all those members who quietly contribute to achieving this situation.

There were a few sad moments this year – the loss of dear friend and partner Lorna Newnham was very hard for all her close friends at the Club. She is missed.

Our Administrator, Chris, moved on although he continues as a member, director and teacher. Thank you for all your impressive hard work over the years Chris.

Welcome to Tomas who is now filling the Administrator position.

We are hoping that Peter Burke's hard work liaising with the Council is going to reap rewards next year – there is talk of a new roof for the club, which means we can stop panicking every time there is heavy rain.

The club Christmas party was held last Saturday and was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who provided the wonderful food and thanks to director Chris for running the show with his usual efficiency. Congratulations to all those lucky members who won a Christmas hamper, their pictures appear later in the newsletter. I would finally like to wish all members a very happy Christmas and a safe, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Elaine Jonsberg

Administrator's Corner

Membership Renewals

I have been informed that there has been some small confusion with membership renewals lately. There has been a round of reminder emails sent out to all who have not completed their renewal for next year; it includes all the details you need however if you need any clarification or have any other questions please email me at bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or see me in the office.

BBC Christmas Closure Dates

A reminder that the BBC will be closed:

- Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December)
- Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December)
- Boxing Day (Thursday 26 December)
- New Years Eve (Tuesday 31 December) 7.15pm session only.

Table Fees 2020

As of 1 January 2020 our table fee for visitors will increase to \$9 (\$10 for Red Point sessions). There is no change to table fees for members.

Masterpoint Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have received a masterpoint promotion.

- Evelyne Mander – Gold Life
- David Jayne – State
- Philip Argyris – Local
- Bev McMahan – Local
- Rob Swann – Local
- Vanessa Brewis – Graduate

New Members

The Committee welcomes the following new members, and wishes them a long and happy association with BBC.

- Helen Arnot
- Meg Barclay
- Daniel Chua
- Michael Dupree
- John Golledge
- Deborah Heydon
- Bill Lovini
- Ria Mylrea
- Shirley Pugsley
- Greg Petrie
- Rashleigh Robyn
- Marion Swann
- Anne Visona

Have a merry Christmas and happy holidays to all.

Tomas Corney

Vale – Marjorie Godfrey

Marjorie Godfrey: 20 09 1916 – 12 12 2019

Marjorie was Head of Department (Mathematics) at Cavendish Road High School where she taught me.

Before she retired, she was Deputy Principal of the school.

Marjorie was a long time family friend who introduced me to bridge by saying “Janette, my bridge club is having lessons and I think you

should come”.

I dutifully said “Certainly”.

She was the nicest of ladies and it was a huge accomplishment for a woman born in 1916 to achieve what she did.

We were all hoping to celebrate her 100th birthday with her here at the club but sadly for us she left for WA to be closer to family. She continued playing bridge beyond her 100th birthday.

Janette Hiatt

2019 Interclub Teams

Brisbane Zone holds a yearly Teams competition involving the 10 clubs in the Zone, and this year Northern Suburbs was the host club. Each club is entitled to enter a team in the 4 grades, and this year we had 8 teams in A-grade (Open), 10 in B-grade (less than 400 MPs), 10 in C-grade (less than 100 MPs) and 10 in D-grade (less than 10 MPs).

After a good struggle throughout the morning and afternoon, A was won by QCBC, B by Sunnybank, C by Redcliffe and D by Redland, but cumulative over all the 4 grades, Northern Suburbs came out on top.

BBC had teams playing in all 4 grades and everyone enjoyed the day, some especially since it was their first venture into the Congress

arena. Julie Clarke, one of the debutantes, thoroughly enjoyed the first board of match 4, when she was doubled in 4D, making 11 tricks for +910 and 12 Imps.

A Grade: John Lahey, Peter Evans, John Kelly and Richard Wallis

B Grade: Chris Larter, Elaine Jonsberg, Peter Burke and David Jane

C Grade: Lyn Kelly, Marie Buckley, Rod Wilson and Bernard Trefeu

D Grade: Vanessa Brewis, Jenny McGowan, Julie Clark and Muriel Baker

M2 Bd11. Dealer S, Vul nil

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| <p>♠ A K ♥ J ♦ K Q 6 4 3 ♣ A K 7 6 5</p> | <p>♠ Q T 5 4 ♥ A Q T 9 6 5 4 ♦ 8 ♣ T</p> |
| <p>♠ - ♥ K 7 3 2 ♦ A T 9 5 ♣ J 9 4 3 2</p> | <p>♠ J 9 8 7 6 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ Q 8</p> |

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 4S | // | 3S! |

On board 11 in the second match I sportingly opened 3S with the South hand and John raised to game, to which West led a low club.

When dummy tracked it looked an easy contract, possibly 12 tricks if everything was friendly, as I could pitch my heart on the third club and just lose a diamond.

Don't count your chickens before they hatch! Firstly the spades were 4-0, and then the clubs were 5-1 so I went 1 down after all, thinking I had been unlucky.

At the other table South did not preempt (?) and Peter and John found their heart fit, bidding 5H

over 4S, and who would blame North for doubling?

The reason I went down in 4S was the reason Peter was able to make 12 tricks in 5HX, so he scored +750 and 12 Imps.

M4 Bd31. Dealer S, Vul NS

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| <p>♠ A 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ K T 3 ♦ 2 ♣ T 7 3</p> | <p>♠ J 7 5 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q J 8 ♣ A K Q 5 4</p> |
| <p>♠ Q T ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ 6 5 4 3 ♣ J 9 3</p> | <p>♠ K 4 ♥ A J 9 8 6 ♦ A T 9 7 ♣ 8 6</p> |

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| W | N | E | S |
| P | 1S | 2C | 1H |
| P | 3H | P | 4H |
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On board 31 in the fourth match we got to a tight game, and luckily we had the distribution and trump pips to make it.

John's jump to 3H was showing real support, but only inviting game, and I accepted based on my 2 Aces and good spade.

West led the C3 and I ruffed the 3rd club and considered my options. I have good trump pips and good transport, so a cross-ruff looks like a good option, especially if East has 2 spades.

Accordingly I led the DA and ruffed a diamond, then the top spades finishing in hand to ruff another diamond, followed by the 3rd spade off the table.

When East follows, I ruff with the HA and ruff my last diamond with the HK to give me my 8th trick, and J98 in trumps now guarantees 2 more for +620.

At the other table NS stopped in 3H, just making 9 tricks for -140 and 10 Imps to us.

M7 Bd 22. Dealer E, Vul EW

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| | ♠ K J 2 | | |
| | ♥ Q 8 6 | | |
| | ♦ T 9 | | |
| | ♣ A K 7 6 3 | | |
| ♠ T 8 7 5 3 | | ♠ 9 6 4 | |
| ♥ 4 | | ♥ A J 9 5 | |
| ♦ K 6 4 3 | | ♦ J 8 2 | |
| ♣ Q T 4 | | ♣ 9 5 2 | |
| | ♠ A Q | | |
| | ♥ K T 7 3 2 | | |
| | ♦ A Q 7 5 | | |
| | ♣ J 8 | | |
| W | N | E | S |
| | | P | 1H |
| X! | 2C | P | 2D |
| P | 3H | P | 4H |
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On board 22 in the seventh match West had a rush of blood and doubled my 1H opening for take-out. Good shape, but lacking points! In my opinion overcalling 1S would have been worse, but only just.

I won the S8 opening lead and led to the HQ, and East won the HA and returned the D2 and to my surprise when I played low West won the DK. Thus I had an easy time after I pitched a diamond on the 3rd spade so I could play a heart to hand and play the HT as a safety play, making 10 tricks for +420. This could have been +590 or even +690 as after West's double, East came close to doubling 4H, but prudently kept quiet.

At the other table NS tried for slam and 5H was too high, finishing 1 down for another +50 and 10 Imps.

Double-dummy I could have run the H8 from the table and killed East's trump holding making 11 tricks.

Richard Wallis

Christmas Hamper Winners



Joanna Dalton



Carmel Verity



Judith Bennett



Natasha Thomas



Sandy Young and Bryan Barnett



Wolf Stuthe



Allie Hays



Vanessa Brewis

Our other lucky but camera-shy winners were Kerry Pope and Don Weerheim. Congratulations!

Heard at the Bridge Table

Believe it or not, your partner is trying to play on your side.

Post-mortems should be brief. Criticism should be taboo. Both are futile.

Winning forgives all errors.

Bridge is like sex. When it's good, it's very good. When it's bad, it's still good.

Your bridge errors are like a car's headlights. The other person's always seem more glaring than your own.

The meek may inherit the earth, but they won't win at duplicate.

Awards

The **St. Vinnies Award** for charity and Christmas spirit goes to the lovely Carmel Verity, who, having won a club hamper, then donated the contents to her friends at the Club.

The **Victoria Award** for courage is won by Leonie Love for the insouciant way in which she tolerated Alan McKenna marinating his body parts in her drinking water.

The **Bill Gates Award** for computer virtuosity goes to Jimmy Smith who baled out the computer-less Monday bridge session with some creative work with his Swiss Army knife. It is easy to see who has the brains in that family.

The **Motor Cycle Ash Tray Award** for being almost completely useless is awarded to Peter Burke for his forgettable contribution to the above computer crisis.

Many apologies for the lateness of this Newsletter but blame can be laid at the door of Telstra. A very Happy Christmas and New Year to all and for those that are looking to 2020 for a sea change – this poem may be a start.

“Dust if you must, but wouldn’t it be better
To paint a picture write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between want and need?”

“Dust if you must, but there’s not much time,
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,
Music to hear and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

“Dust if you must, but the world’s out there
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come around again.

“Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it’s not kind.
And when you go – and go you must –
You, yourself, will make more dust.”

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year to all our members. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the bridge tables!



Endgame

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