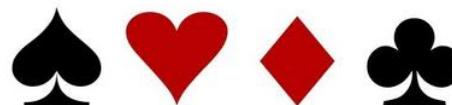


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President's Report

In this last newsletter of the year I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a safe, prosperous and bridge-full New Year. Despite a difficult Covid year the Club has seen a steady increase in member numbers and table numbers, and I ask all members to please continue to support the Club and to play as often as possible. Special thanks to Julie Jeffries who has worked consistently to ensure that the Club has been meticulous in following Covid rules, and thus providing a safe playing environment.

We have just had our Club Christmas party and once again it was a huge success.

As usual many thanks to Janette for her wonderful work around the kitchen, to Marie

for ensuring that all partygoers were fully vaccinated, and to Elaine for her party hamper raffle that provided a wonderful \$240 profit to the Club. Many thanks to all those who generously bought tickets, and congratulations to the lucky winners (who are pictured later in the newsletter).

Thank you to all members who provided a fantastic range of food for the party and thank you also to those good folk who helped set things up and who helped tidy up at the end. Finally many thanks to Neil Hansen who had the poisoned chalice of director, who also played and had to cope with many calls in a double movement. Well done, Neil.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

EFTPOS at BBC

Thanks to some lovely work from our Treasurer John Kelly, the BBC can now accept EFTPOS.

Please note that all electronic transactions will incur a 1.4% surcharge on top of the transaction.

Christmas – New Year Period at BBC

There will be NO bridge at BBC on Saturday the 25 December this year. All other sessions will be held as usual.

Masterpoint Promotions

Due to the ABF website troubles since our last publication, the masterpoint promotions from both September and October are listed below. Congratulations to the following members who have received a masterpoint promotion.

- Sue Herbert – Bronze National
- Janet Leggo – Local
- Colin Robertson – Graduate

New Members

The Committee welcomes our new members and wishes them a long and happy association with BBC.

- Jane Marie Bell
- Marilyn Bishop
- George Collings

- David Cowls
- Lyn Edeson
- Camielle Moran

Tomas Corney



Bridge hand:

This hand occurred in Saturday's Party session and I confess that I failed, not for the first time in my life, to rise to the occasion.

Dlr: South

Vul: Both

	♠ A 10 9 5 2	
	♥ A K 2	
	♦ 9 4	
	♣ A K 2	
♠ 8		♠ J 6 3
♥ 5 4 3		♥ J 10 7 6
♦ K 10 8 6		♦ J 7 5 2
♣ Q J 8 7 4		♣ 6 5
	♠ K Q 7 4	
	♥ Q 9 8	
	♦ A Q 3	
	♣ 10 9 3	

Two passes to me and I opened 1S as North, pass from East and partner jumped to 4S. Via Roman Key Card my partner showed the ♦A and ♠KQ - 6S easy, is 7 on?

Playing in the "safe" 6S contract I proceeded to butcher the contract by inadequate thought and

two glasses of champagne. Compounding the felony and exacerbating the humiliation, East was my dear life partner (but never in a million of her years, my bridge partner) and she led ♣6 to my Ace. My superficial analysis told me I had a Club loser so all depended on the Diamond finesse. I followed my own advice and deservedly went one off. East looked at me with an expressive combination of indulgent sympathy and barely disguised contempt!

This, I think, is an example of elimination and end-play. Draw trumps, play ♥AKQ, ♣K and exit with your last Club. West is on lead and is forced to give a ruff and discard or lead up to the ♦AQ. About 50% of Norths made 12 tricks - good for them, not so good for me!

Arne

(I'm not great at hand analysis, but after studying this hand I think that if I'd have led a diamond, it would be extremely difficult to make this contract, even though deep finesse implies that 6S can always be made, so I don't feel too smug...Over to the experts...)

Elaine

BBC Christmas Party Photos (thanks to Bronwyn Turner)



Marie checks vaccination status, while Arne relieves members of their cash.



Our Director of the day, Neil Hansen



Our hamper winners Barbara Grayson, Colleen Stanley and Natasha Thomas. Thanks to all our members for so generously supporting the raffle

Heard at the Bridge Table

We play forcing hesitations.

Your play was much better today, and so were your excuses.

We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.

I think we're all a little masochistic. Otherwise, why would we continue to play bridge?

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

The real secret of the expert is to make logic seem like flair.

A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer.

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

The average defender operates in a fog of uncertainty.

I'd like a review of the bidding with all the original inflections.

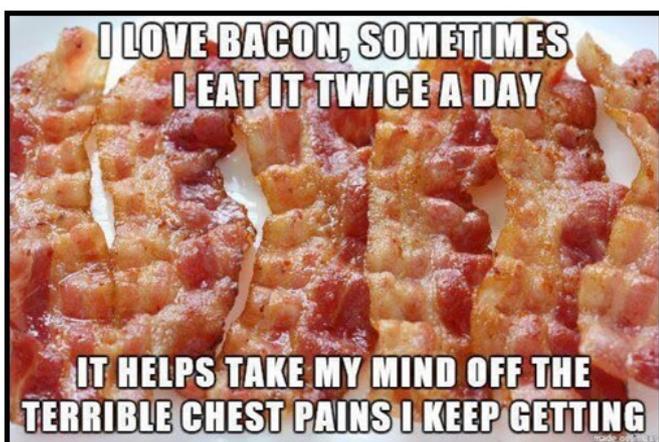
I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list, but I know learning to play better is definitely last.

It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.

If 3NT is a viable option - then bid it.

Dave Jayne's Jokes



A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"
"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

**If I had done you wrong, I am sorry.
May you still give me a chance this
New Year to do it over and over again.**

Happy New Year!



A bridge Player's New Year wish

New Year's Day now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.



Endgame

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