

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Very sad news was received this week with the passing of a much loved member of our club - Judy Hempel. Our thoughts and sympathy are extended to her family and friends.

There is an extended update on our club renovations later in this newsletter, but I would just like to echo Peter Burke's request that patience and forbearance be shown by members – there will be noise, dust and inconvenience – but the end result will be well worth it.

The Gold Coast Congress is nearly upon us and I wish all members who are playing there the

best of luck. Those who are not playing please remember that due to the desperate shortage of Directors not all sessions here at the club will take place (please read Tom's admin corner).

Our major Congress of the year occurs at Easter and I ask all members to please support the Pairs and Teams events that occur on Easter Sunday and Monday. If you cannot play would you please consider helping in the kitchen for at least a short session over the two days. And of course all contributions of food are gratefully received.

Elaine



Tom's Administrator's Corner

Bridge at BBC during the Gold Coast Congress

The club will be closed and there will be no Bridge Session on:

- Tuesday 25 February, 9.30am
- Tuesday 25 February, 7.15pm
- Thursday 27 February, 9.30am

No hand review on Wednesday 26 February.

No mini-lesson on Friday 28 February.

All other sessions will be as per usual.

Gold Coast Congress Dinner

Les Egan has kindly reserved a table at the Kurrawa Surf Club for a club dinner on Tuesday 25 February at 7pm. The dinner is open to all who are also attending the Gold Coast Congress. Please RSVP to Les Egan at 0409 050 868. Many thanks to Les.

BBC Newnham Shield Club Pairs Championship (Red Points), Saturday 7 March

Our premier club event is coming up straight after the Gold Coast Congress. The event will be run with two grades.

- Open – 9.30am start (all day)
- Under 50 Masterpoints – 1pm start.

All players must be financial BBC members and have played at least 3 times in BBC session games in the past 3 months or may also be accepted at the discretion of the committee. Prior entry is required. You can enter on the BBC website events page, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club. Entries close Tuesday 3 March.

Note: The only play on Saturday 7 March will be the Club Championship. There will be no normal afternoon duplicate pairs on this day.

Wednesday Morning Autumn Pairs (Red Points) 4 & 11 March

9.30am start each morning. No prior entry is required. Everyone plays in the red point sessions. To qualify for the combined sessions overall placing result, you need to play both weeks with the same partner. Cost is coupon or \$7 for members and \$10 for visitors.

Saturday 1pm Green Point Teams – 28 March

Our next Green Point Teams session is Saturday 28 March at 1pm. The aim of these afternoons is for players to experience teams in a friendly club atmosphere. Prior entry is required. To enter, there is an entry list on the blue noticeboard near the front door at the club. Alternatively, you can enter via the BBC website or email the club. Entry can be as a team or a pair to be placed into a team.

Note: There will be no normal pairs session on 28 March. The teams will be the only session.

Rugby at Souths

Rugby at Souths in starting up again for 2020. The first couple of home games are Saturdays 7 & 28 March. I ask for those arriving by car, if possible, to please arrive by 12:40pm on rugby game days. This is to ensure you are able to park, so we can start bridge on time.

Beginner Lessons

Our first set of beginner lessons at BBC for 2020 will be held on Saturday mornings, 9:30am – 11:30am, from 14 March to 25 April. There will be no lesson on 11 April. The cost will be \$70 which includes the 6 week course and the Bridge Basics 1 Textbook. Flyers are available on the blue noticeboard near the front door at the club. If you know anyone interested, please ask them to register at the club via email bbidgecentre@bigpond.com or by phoning 3392 7933.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Leith Cameron – Regional
- Bev Wilde – Local**
- Judith Browne – Local*
- Ian Sobey – Local

New Members

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

Andrew Browne	Zeta Bryant
Gary Condon	Colin Devine
Felicity McKenzie	Kris Prasad
Christopher Pohle	Laurie Queay
Jackie Tozer	

Tomas Corney

Club Renovations – An Update

As most of you are aware, in some very exciting news, construction works have commenced at the club.

Work will be carried out in a number of stages over the next several weeks.

Stage 1 is the installation of a Persons with Disability (PWD) toilet upstairs in the kitchen area near the front entrance. This work will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. The entrance through the sliding doors has to be upgraded to meet code and a new ramp will be put in place. Play will continue downstairs as normal, however there will be some noise issues.

Stage 2 is the installation of a PWD toilet facility downstairs. This space will be created by taking some of the lobby area of the female toilets and some space from the office. In addition both the female and male toilets will have an existing cubicle upgraded to the standard of an ambulant toilet (suitable for wheelie walkers, etc.).

Whilst the stage 2 work is being carried out we will be playing our club sessions upstairs. Toilet facilities will be out of bounds so we will be provided with modern, comfortable portable toilet facilities in the form of demountable buildings, for a short period.

Work will also commence on a brand new roof during this time, as weather permits. The new roof will have a pitch and, surely once and for all, fix our leak issues.

Noise will be an issue during this stage and the committee asks for your patience.

After the inside works and new roof are completed, external works will commence. A number of committee members have spoken to both the Brisbane City Council Project Officer and the Building Contractor to stress the importance of our major Easter Congress and the need to have the club available and fully

functional by those dates (12th and 13th April). We have been assured that this has been factored into their timetable and that inside works should be completed.

The external works are mainly in relation to bringing the building up to code. The disabled parking bays have to be levelled, with appropriate distances and bollards in place. The path leading into the club has to be widened and we will be getting a new front door to accommodate wheelchair access.

In addition, the trench running along the building will be repaired and replaced with a concrete gutter. The besser block wall from the Frederick St end of the car park will also be repaired.

All the above works will be done as a capital works program and fully funded by the Brisbane City Council.

While we have contractors on site, it is the best opportunity to have some works done on behalf of the club. We will take this opportunity to have the trough urinal removed and replaced with a number of pedestals and convert the old shower space into a toilet. I am in discussion with council about whether they can absorb some of this cost into their existing budget.

The committee greatly encourage all members to exercise caution when entering and leaving the building. Signage advising only authorised persons are allowed access must be obeyed at all times.

There will be some disruptions over the next several weeks mainly due to noise and having to relocate upstairs and we ask for your cooperation and patience. The committee is delighted that we'll have these improved facilities at our disposal and it will be well worth any trouble in the end.

Peter Burke for the BBC Committee

Judy Hempel - Rest in Peace

Judy Hempel (91 years old) passed away on Friday afternoon, 7 February, after being in hospital for two and a half weeks. Judy played on Tuesday and Friday mornings. You could say Judy finished playing bridge on a high,

coming 2nd with 59.5% and 1st with 66.1% in the final sessions she played.

Her funeral is on Thursday 20th February at 11am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Cavendish Road, Coorparoo

Bridge hand

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

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

South opens 3NT which is passed out, and the lead is the 5S.

Beginners are taught to lead towards their high cards – good advice but not always the best.

South won the first trick, unblocked the A K Q of diamonds and led a club to the Queen, trying to reach the diamond tricks that lay tantalizingly in dummy. East took the King of clubs and returned a spade. When West won the Ace of hearts, he cashed his spades to defeat the contract. South complained to North that 6D was the optimal contract and North may well have bid it if he had realized that South would mangle 3NT. After South had unblocked the diamonds, he should lead the Jack of clubs. East must refuse the trick else South would use the Queen of clubs to reach dummy's diamonds.

South can then lead the King of hearts to force the ace, and he then has two spades, two clubs, three diamonds and two hearts for his contract. Easy!
Arne.

Heard at the Bridge Table

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.

There are three kinds of bridge players: Those who can count, and those who can't.

You know you're in trouble when you are the declarer and the opponents start drawing trumps.

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

Too bad partner. It was an unlucky grand slam you bid. The ace of trumps was on the wrong side.

"The difference between an excellent bridge player and an incompetent bridge player is that excellence has its limits."

Bridge is the most fun a person can have without laughing.

If you are always making your contract, you are not bidding high enough."

Count your losers and count your winners. If the total doesn't come to 13, count your cards.

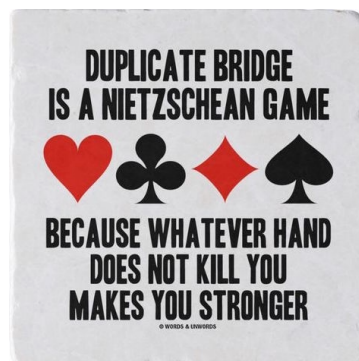
What is the difference between partnering the Devil and partnering your wife?
The Devil shuts up after you admit your mistake.

A Bridge match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.

Unlike most sports, you only need 15cm of space to play bridge -- the distance between your ears.

There is more to life than Bridge, but not much more.

There's no game like Bridge. You start to play with three friends and finish with two.



Groanable Jokes

What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? Tequila mockingbird

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

He who laughs last thinks slowest

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...”

— Dr. Seuss,



Endgame

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