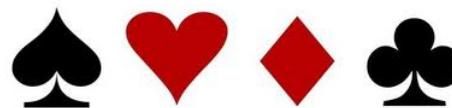


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President's Report

We have now officially been handed the keys to our new lift. It is a significant improvement on the old one. A big advantage is that it has push button controls rather than those which require permanent pressure as the old lift needed. It also has superior safety features and hopefully will be far more reliable.

In some other good news we have renewed our lease with the City Council for the next 4 years. We are very grateful to Council for the opportunity to use these fabulous facilities and look forward to working with Council into the future.

Our next Congress is being held Sunday 31 May and is a Graded Teams event. Please consider organising a team and lodging an entry. If you are not playing we are always grateful if you

could give some time as kitchen volunteers. Also food donations for the day would be gratefully received.

In club news the July Red Point Winter Pairs results were:

1. Lynne Henley & Elaine Jonsberg
2. Barry & Agnes Kempthorne
3. Ewa Kowalczyk & Gheorghii Belonogov
4. Bernadette O'Connell & Narelle McIver

For those of you who know young bridge players, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter regarding Friday Night Youth Bridge. It would be great to see more young players involved in the game.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC Graded Teams (Sunday 31 July, 9:30am)

BBC's next congress is coming up on Sunday 31 July. Please arrive by 9:15am for a 9:30am start. Cost: Early bird payment (by Wed 27 July): \$35 per player (\$140 per team). Cash or EFTPOS on the day (Sun 31 July): \$40 per player (\$160 per team). *1.4% Surcharge on EFTPOS transactions

Entry forms are out on the noticeboards at the club and the entry link is also available on the BBC website. Entries will close on Wednesday 27 July at 1pm.

Food donations and kitchen volunteers are also appreciated. Lists are on the noticeboard near the front door.

I will be looking for and Spare Players for the Congress. Please phone 0450 510 196 or email bbridgecentre@bigpond.com if you can help.

Friday AM Ekka Pairs (5 & 12 August, 9:30am)

BBC's next red point session will be held on 5 & 12 August. No prior entry is required. Everyone plays in the red point sessions; please make sure to play in both sessions with the same partner to qualify for the overall result. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

Rugby @ Souths

The last few home rugby games at Souths Rugby are Saturdays 23 July, 6 August and 20 August. Please arrive early to secure a parking spot.

Cold & Flu Season

As we are still in the midst of the cold and flu season, please continue to follow basic hygiene practises.

- If you are sick, please think twice before coming to bridge. We would rather you get well than share your cold or the flu with others at the bridge table.
- If you do need to cough at the bridge table, please cough into a tissue, handkerchief or your shoulder. Do not cough into the playing cards or on your hands.

- Consider washing your hands with soap & water and dry them thoroughly or use hand sanitiser. Doing so helps to prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses.

Friendly Reminder

Please tidy up your table at the end of the session before leaving. This includes both pushing your chairs in and placing paper and rubbish (including crumbs) in the appropriate bins outside the kitchen.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Malcolm Corney – Silver Local
- Patti Fomiatti – Graduate
- Lilly Jia – Bronze State
- Elaine Jonsberg – Silver National

New Members

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

- Kathy Armstrong
- Will Eberhardt

Tomas Corney

The Twelve Laws of Bridge

Law 1: No matter how bad your last hand was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the last hand of the match, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend well over the course of a tournament ... actually your lifetime.

Law 2: Your best game of bridge will be followed by your worst ever. The intensity of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

Law 3: Finesses never work! If one does the law of the universe has been broken and life as we know it will come to an end ... and it is your fault.

Law 4: As soon as you fail to make your contract, your partner will look to the ceiling and shake his head. It is totally irrelevant that he supported your suit with a void.

Law 5: Incompetence has no correlation to years of experience. You will go downhill without ever reaching near the top.

Law 6: The more trumps or points you hold in your hand, the worse the distribution will be. This bridge law mocks the law of statistics. When you hold an 8-card trump fit not only will the split be at best 4-1, but the opponent with the singleton will get a ruff.

Law 7: A smiling opponent is the most painful torture known to man. Pretending to not see the smile quadruples the pain.

Law 8: You will always forget whether a critical card has been played when it matters the most. No matter how you decide, it will always be wrong. Law 7 will immediately follow this.

Law 9: No matter how well the cards are shuffled, the Ace will always sit behind the King. See Law 3.

Law 10: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you. Law 7 will immediately follow.

Law 11: No matter how well you are doing, the last three boards will automatically drop your score to what it really should be.

Law 12: Bridge should be given up at least twice per month and whenever Law 7 occurs.

Loser on Loser Play 2

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

Playing in 6H, South receives the lead of the King of Diamonds. Should he try to ruff a Club low in dummy he will be overruffed and will subsequently lose a spade. He can however ruff once in dummy with the Jack of hearts and then return to hand with a spade. He then plays a small club and, instead of ruffing, he discards a losing spade from dummy. Declarer can then safely ruff his losing spade in dummy, so playing a losing spade on a losing club brings the heart slam home. Who said bridge is a difficult game?

Heard at the Bridge Table

Some people are so busy learning the various conventions and gadgets of the game that they never fully enjoy the game.

Don't let worries get you down – play Bridge instead.

I know of no one whom I would rather see in charge of dummy.

I can concentrate at will on all the hands except the one I am currently playing.

Playing Bridge is about making mistakes and learning from them. My partner gets half of it right.

You made your Ace of trumps, what else could you possibly want?

If you award Masterpoints for very good results then, logically, you should deduct them for very bad results.

The biggest problem with buying a pack of Bridge cards is that brains are not included.

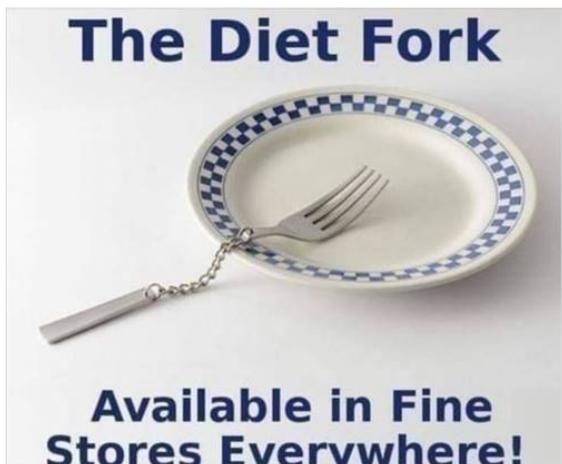
If you are always making your contract, you are not bidding high enough.”

If you are not confused, you are just not thinking clearly.

If you really want to get better at Bridge, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

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.



Spoil your wife this Valentine's Day with a pair of moppers 😂😂





FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH BRIDGE

FREE PIZZA DINNER INCLUDED

EVERY FRIDAY | 6:30PM TO 9PM
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