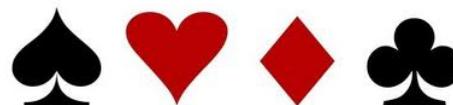


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Our recent Butler Pairs Congress was a great success.

Many thanks to Chris for all his organisational work, and to our Directors Julie Jeffries and David O'Gorman who kept the day running smoothly.

Janette and her kitchen volunteers did a fabulous job with the catering, and Richard Wallis did not burn the rissoles or sausages.

I received a number of positive comments about what a good day it was.

Congratulations to Peter Evans and Tony Treloar on winning the A grade, and to Clive Carter and Marie Buckley for coming third in the C grade.

Our next Congress is a Graded Teams Congress Sunday 28 July and I hope that many of our

members enter.

The louvres near the kitchen, as you know, do not close fully. With a wind blowing, tables in that vicinity can get very cold during winter. A partition has been installed that will cover this set of louvres, which can be easily removed for the warmer months.

Table numbers for Tuesday morning have declined over the last few months. I encourage members to attend this session. It is a great opportunity to play with, and learn from, some of our more experienced players in a friendly atmosphere.

Peter Burke

## Chris's Administrator's Corner

**Bridge Solver On-Line:** The results page of the BBC website now has an option to replay a hand using Bridge Solver Online.

You can also use Bridge Solver Online to enter and play any hand, and have it calculate the makeable contracts.

To find the Bridge Solver link, do the following:

- Click on the session
- Click on your partnership name
- Click on the board number

- Click on the 'Replay with Bridge Solver' link below the hand record

### Red Point Sessions

Our upcoming red point sessions are ...

- Tuesday Nights 18 & 25 June @ 7.15pm
- Saturday Afternoons 6 & 13 July @ 1pm

To qualify for the overall, you need to play both weeks with the same partner. Members pay the usual \$7 or coupon and visitors pay \$9.

### **Saturday 1pm Green Point Teams - 29 June**

Our next Green Point Teams session is Saturday 29 June 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 29 June. The teams will be the only play.**

### **BBC Graded Teams Congress**

Our next congress is coming up on Sunday 28 July which will be Graded Teams. Entry forms are now out on the noticeboards at the club and the entry link is also available on the BBC website.

### **Lessons on Bidding to Slam**

I have had a few members ask me if the club could conduct some lessons on bidding to slam. Please note that there is something in the pipeline. It is hoped that lessons on this topic will be conducted later this year. For the moment, watch this space!

### **Club Sponsorship**

One area in our club where I would like to see an improvement is in finding businesses who could be sponsors. Sponsorship can go towards an advertisement in our yearly diary, a logo on our coupons or bidding pads, or contribute towards prize money for a congress or event.

If you know of any businesses the committee and I could approach, please let me know.

### **Cold and Flu Season**

If you are sick, please think twice before coming to bridge. We rather you get well than sharing 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 your hands.

### **Rest in Peace**

Cath O'Hagan's husband, Brian, passed away late last month. Flowers have been sent to Cath on behalf of the club.

It is great to see Cath O'Hagan and Pat Mathews back playing bridge at BBC.



### **Teaching Contract Bridge to Children Book**

The future of the game of Bridge that we love depends on recruiting new players to the game. A book called "Teaching Contract Bridge to Children" has been published this year.

The book is aimed at bridge players who want to teach the game to children – to young relatives in the family home, in a program for young players in a bridge club, or in a school.

The promotional flyer and order form is available on the blue noticeboard near the front door of the club. As well as the flyer, the short extract of the book has been printed for people to view.

## Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Lynne Henley – \*National
- Gill Phillippo – \*State
- Joan Rossberg – State
- Edwin Clarke – Regional
- Inta Devine – \*\*Local
- Kerrie Van Deurse – Local
- Don Weeheim – Club
- Jenny Nitz – Graduate

Chris Larter



## BBC Graded Butler Pairs

The Butler Pairs held at BBC on Sunday May 26 threw up some interesting hands:

<p>♠ KJ1063 ♥ 9 ♦ KQ86 ♣ 985</p>	<p>♠ 74 ♥ KQ10543 ♦ A5 ♣ KQ2</p>	<p>♠ AQ2 ♥ J87 ♦ 109 ♣ AJ1074</p>	<p>♠ 985 ♥ A62 ♦ J7432 ♣ 63</p>
<p>W P 2S 4S</p>	<p>N 1H 3H P</p>	<p>E 2C 3S P</p>	<p>S 2H P P</p>

Our EW opponents were good players who were a little inexperienced. All kudos to them for bidding an excellent light game – so important in teams/Butler scoring. Fortunately for us, the play was too hard for declarer and all of the room.

In the bidding, my 3H was a 16-18 invite on our system and not a competitive bid. Partner with his 5 HCPs and 1 for the club doubleton knows 3H is as high as we're going. Having these agreements makes a world of difference and those that didn't were in 4H for -200.

From the North seat, I led the ♥K, which won, and then led to partner's ♥A which was ruffed. The West declarer led ♣9 and I inserted the ♣Q. How declarer now went wrong is instructive.

Declarer won ♣A, drew trumps in 3 rounds and led the ♣8. Partner and I play reverse count (up

the line with even, reverse with odd when following suit) and having seen partner's ♣3 on the first round I know he has a probable club doubleton and ducked with my ♣K, winning the next round and thus cutting declarer off from dummy and the club suit. Declarer lost a heart, a club and 3 diamonds for +200 to us.

There is an old bridge saying, "Set your suit up before you draw trumps". It particularly applies to situations where the trumps are entries back to your long suit, or where you might run out of trumps from defenders forcing you to ruff all the time.

Declarer was right to start on clubs before drawing trumps, but when confronted with the ♣Q he should have taken it at face value and that it was probably from a KQ holding and ducked. The bidding clearly marked my North hand with the points and the ♥A has already appeared from South. It's not beyond the abilities of a good defender to stick a doubleton honour (Qx or Kx) in here to try to cut the suit off but it's not easy.

After the duck, when declarer gets back in, he can now draw trumps and finesse in clubs for 5 trumps, 4 clubs and a top diamond and a well-made game.

A curious decision by one of our opponents on this hand gave us an easy game:

♠ 8	♠ QJ109	♠ 53
♥ KQJ98	♥	♥ A105432
♦ Q54	♦ KJ976	♦ 83
♣ K1097	♣ J863	♣ A42
	♠ AK9742	
	♥ 76	
	♦ A102	
	♣ Q5	

S	W	N	E
1S	X	3NT	4H
4S	P	P	P

My (North) 3NT bid said I have 4+ spades for partner, a 7 loser hand and a shortage (singleton or void) somewhere. Partner ruffed the heart lead, drew trumps and successfully finessed the diamond queen for all 13 tricks.

I would have overcalled the West hand 2H (do you really want to play anywhere else with the takeout double?). With 2 aces and not knowing the size of the heart fit due to the takeout double, East thought she had too much defence against 4S and that it might be in trouble and so tamely passed it out.

If West overcalls 2H, East knows about the massive fit and that there are likely to be no defensive tricks in hearts and will easily find an annoying 5H. It's not easy for us to find 5S over this. Always prefer the bid of the 5 card major to the takeout double unless you are just too strong or have the other major.

	♠ KQ4	
	♥ A985	
	♦ K54	
	♣ J42	
♠ A876		♠ 93
♥ 10		♥ KQ7432
♦ J102		♦ A73
♣ 98763		♣ Q5
	♠ J1052	
	♥ J6	
	♦ Q986	
	♣ AK10	

E	S	W	N
1H	X	P	3NT

A rather frisky takeout double from partner saw me in a thin 3NT which only half the field found. East led a low heart and I guessed right in playing the ♥J from dummy (given West's pass)

and noted the fall of the ♥10 with pleasure (now I have a third stop in hearts!). I immediately played on spades and netted 3 spades, 2 hearts, 3 clubs and 2 diamonds for 10 tricks.

♠ K432 ♥ Q87 ♦ A76 ♣ QJ5	♠ 976 ♥ 92 ♦ QJ10842 ♣ 98	♠ J85 ♥ AJ1053 ♦ K3 ♣ A42	♠ AQ10 ♥ K64 ♦ 95 ♣ K10763
N	E	S	W
P	1H	P	1S
P	1NT	P	3NT!
P	P	P	

This was an excellent 3NT from one very capable opponent despite having 3 card support for his partner's major. He realised with 3 cards in every suit that ruffing opportunities in 4H would be minimal and that it would thus be easier to try for 9 tricks in no trumps.

4H is indeed in trouble from 2 spade losers, one heart and one club. 3NT was makeable on the club lead from South – rise ♣Q and finesse in hearts. South now can't lead another club without donating a further club trick and East simply later leads towards the ♠K for trick 9.

At our table, declarer unaccountably ducked the club in dummy and won with the ace. Declarer lost the ♥K to South who could now set up clubs while still clutching the ♠A to get back in and set the contract.

Peter Evans



Peter Evans & Tony Treloar  
(A Grade – 1st)



Jim Evans & Pamela Evans  
(A Grade – 3rd)



Richard Trollope & Don Levin  
(A Grade – 2nd)



David Earnshaw & Daniel Chua  
(B Grade – 1st)



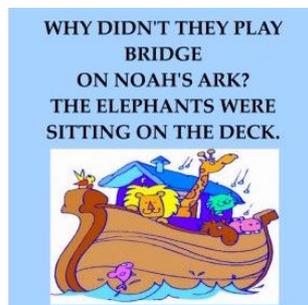
Paul Han & Dewi Eastman  
(B Grade – 2nd)



Lena Darlington & Dudley Darlington  
(C Grade – 2nd)



Kevin Hamilton-Reen & Mary Simon  
(C Grade – 1st)



WHY DIDN'T THEY PLAY  
BRIDGE  
ON NOAH'S ARK?  
THE ELEPHANTS WERE  
SITTING ON THE DECK.

### Heard at the Bridge Table

Bridge is not merely a game, as the more naïve of us had thought, but a neurosis, a compulsion, an obsession, a powder keg, a force for peace, a prime cause of evil, and several dozen other things.

Players who count points and don't take note of distribution are a menace.

Tragedy is more instructive than triumph. There are more lessons to be drawn from it.

If you think there's any chance of partner not understanding the bid – don't make it!  
Do not ascribe to bad luck, the result of bad play.

Playing a hand can be routine but getting to the right place is more difficult.  
Most people you meet at the bridge table are pleasant enough, but sometimes you are pitted against a fiend in human shape.

You have to be able to tackle each new problem without worrying about how well or poorly you solved the last one.

### “Interesting” Fact?

In a bridge hand there are 635,013,559,600 possible combinations of the cards. If you were to sit and deal out a new hand every three minutes, eight hours a day, fifty two weeks a year, it would take 12,644,630 years, 9 months, 3 weeks and 5 days before the hands began to repeat themselves.  
*I wouldn't bother if I were you.*

### Bridge Quiz

1. Which comparatively recent Oscar-winning film contain the lines “*Did you pick mum up from bridge*” and “*Myrtle’s at bridge*”?
2. Which British High Court judge invented a system of bridge that was named after him?
3. Which card is referred to as “The Devil’s bedposts”?
4. What is the Rabbi’s Rule?
5. What card is referred to as the Curse of Scotland?
6. What rule describes the humorous suggestion that an opening lead out of turn should generally be accepted, and what is the rationale?

*The person supplying the best answers to this short quiz will earn the largesse of a free-play voucher. Text or email Arne with answers.*

### Endgame

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