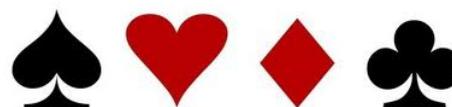


Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Hello BBC members, I hope you are all well and surviving these strange times. It is still hard to say with certainty when we can return to normality and get back to our usual sessions at the Club. However, there is hope that we may be able to start some limited play in July. Here is a link to the latest information from the QBA: https://www.qldbridge.com.au/documents/2020/QBA_Update_June12.pdf

Chris Larter has already completed the Department of Health *Infection Control Training – COVID 19* course, and Julie Jeffries will complete the same course in the next couple of days, so we will have two very capable people with the necessary qualifications to move us forward. When we have some definite information we will email those members who have access to email, and contact other members by phone or mail.

We had a committee meeting at the clubhouse this week and there are some pictures of the wonderful improvements later in this newsletter. You can see that we are doing a May/June newsletter due to the paucity of news and activity to report, so we welcome any news items that may be of interest to fellow members.

I give enormous thanks to Julie Jeffries who continues to do a fabulous job in directing the very enjoyable BBC bridge sessions on BBO. We have four sessions now on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Tuesday evening. I

cannot recommend these sessions highly enough; apart from the fun of playing competitive bridge they are extremely useful as a learning tool as you can see all the bidding and re-play every hand trick by trick. You can ask yourself “did I really make that opening lead?” or “did my partner really pass with that hand, we must discuss this” To anyone who is not involved in these fabulous sessions and has got a computer, I say get involved, you will really enjoy it. Thanks also to Charles Page for expediting these sessions. I am sure that Julie will be happy to help any aspiring BBO player who perhaps wants to play but is afraid of the unknown – it is really simple but great fun. Please see the BBC website and check the “BBO for BBC” items in Breaking News for further information.

The ABF is also running BBO sessions on Sunday afternoons, at a cost of BBO\$3 per player. Please refer to the BBC website for a link to the information about these events. It is important that you register your BBO user name with ABF, or you will not be able to join the session

I would advise members to keep an eye on the BBC Club website. It is being kept up to date with new information and it also has the results of the BBC BBO sessions.

Please all stay safe, keep in touch with fellow members and here's hoping that we can all be back playing together sooner rather than later.

Elaine

Administrator's Corner

Despite our current closure, we still have new members joining our club, due to the highly popular BBO sessions which Julie Jeffries runs for BBC members and partners only.

The Committee welcomes the following new members and wishes them a long and happy association with BBC. We look forward to seeing you in person when our club sessions recommence:

Sally Hall
Caroline Nelson
Hazel Parkins
Louise Purdie
Peter Schmidt

Congratulations to Shannon Pradella who has received a masterpoint promotion - Graduate.

Tomas Corney

Bridge hand

Dlr:N

Vul:N-S

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

Contract 3 NT by South

Lead 5S

Having avoided the possible difficulties of an opening Club lead, the contract for South looks fairly straightforward. But how often have all of us played too quickly at trick one and immediately thought *#!?*#. Here South played the 3S off table at the first trick and the contract was doomed. East played the Q♠ and South realised that if he took his ace he would have no entry to his diamond suit. He played low on the Q♠ but East was not about to help him and made the good switch to a low club. South now had to go down in a contract that was stone cold. If he plays dummy's Jack (or King) on the opening lead he retains an entry to his own hand, he sets up the diamonds and makes 11 tricks.

Heard at the Bridge Table

I never forget the partners I play with, but in your case I will make an exception.

Be awfully nice to your partner when he makes a mistake because you're going to make some yourself.

If you really have to tell your partner his mistake, it costs nothing to be polite.

I don't have an attitude problem, partner. You have a perception problem.

After that play, I'd insult you, partner, but you're not bright enough to notice.

Partner : A person who took up bridge to make another person miserable.

A man inserted an ad on the internet "Bridge partner wanted".

Next day he received a thousand emails. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

With hesitations, body language, cues and the familiarity of partner's style, bridge can never really be a totally fair game.

What do you call a basement full of bridge players?

A whine cellar

I thought I wanted a friendly, social game but it turns out I just wanted to abuse and be abused.

The cure for boredom is bridge. There is no cure for bridge.

Never attribute a mistake to carelessness when it can be adequately explained by stupidity.

Bridge is what is left when you run out of meaningful things to do

Time for a Chuckle

TEXT TO GEORGE

This is Richard, your neighbour. I've a confession to make. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you face-to-face. At least I'm telling you in this text. I can't live with myself a minute longer without your knowing about this. The truth is, when you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt and hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me.

Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you.

GEORGE'S RESPONSE

George, feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door, and shot Richard dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. George then looked at his phone and discovered a second text message from Richard.

SECOND TEXT MESSAGE

Hi George, Richard here again. Sorry about my last text. I assume you figured it out – and noticed the damned Spell-Checker had changed "wif" to "wife". Technology, huh? It'll be the death of us all!

**Most useless
purchase of 2019:**

A 2020 planner.

Photos of our new amenities at BBC



Disabled and Maxi Taxi Parking



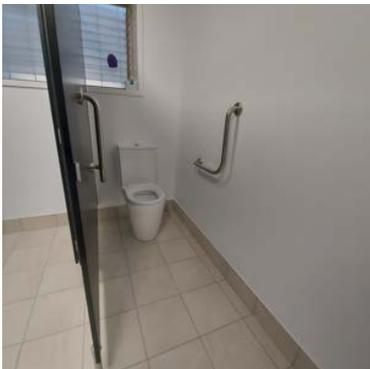
New Colorbond fence



Disabled toilet downstairs



Easy access sliding door to disabled toilet



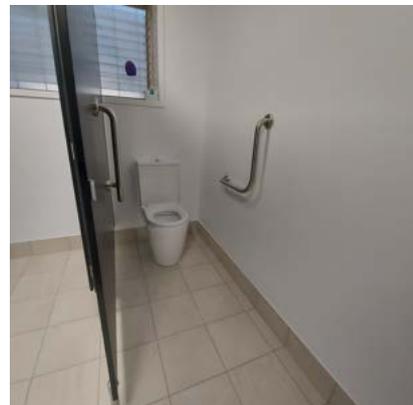
Accessible cubicle in the Men's toilets



Men's urinals



Upstairs accessible toilet



Accessible cubicle in the Ladies' toilets



Endgame

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