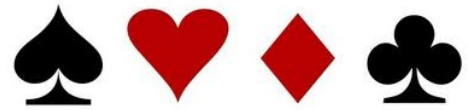


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President's Report

We are living in chaotic times, but before I get to the topic on everyone's lips, I will address the more general club news.

We recently held the Newnham Shield club championship at BBC, which was wonderfully directed by Julie Jeffries under very trying circumstances – thank you Julie, the day ran smoothly despite the problems. Thanks also to those members who brought in delicious goodies to share.

It was lovely to see Kathleen Nadgrodzki back at the club on Saturday, after recovering from a

fall. Welcome back Kathleen!

You will all have seen that the building works are progressing well. Peter Burke's update follows.

With regard to the COVID-19 outbreak, please see the following update. The situation is, of course, constantly changing and we will keep members up to date with any relevant information. Upcoming events listed in Tomas's column may be subject to change at short notice if necessary.

Elaine

Coronavirus update

Dear BBC members and friends,

Although the Australian Bridge Federation has recommended that all bridge activities in Australia be suspended for a month or so, it is up to the individual clubs to decide how to proceed. The QBA committee is currently discussing what they will recommend.

It is the BBC committee's consensus that while all clubs will be affected to some degree by the pandemic, it is not the time for everyone to self-quarantine. Many of our members and friends rely on the social contact and mental stimulation provided by regular bridge games. So, for the present, BBC will continue with its

scheduled bridge sessions, as long as there is sufficient player attendance and there are directors available and willing to direct. 'Social distancing' as currently recommended by the Australian government does not mean 'social isolation.'

The question of whether the Easter Congress will proceed as planned is under active consideration as the situation develops. As soon as a firm decision is made, all members and those registered will be contacted.

The decision to stay open at this time relies on individual BBC members and friends taking seriously their responsibility to look after

themselves and each other in the following ways:

- Do not come to the club if you have any symptoms, or feel unwell in any way, or have had contact with anyone who is ill, has returned from overseas, or is awaiting test results for corona virus.
- Do not come to the club if you have any concerns about your own health or that of your family members and other close contacts, as you would not want to pass any infection on to them.
- Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands properly with soap and water (this is more effective than hand sanitizers). If you have to sneeze or cough, use a tissue or your arm. Do not use the cards or your hands.

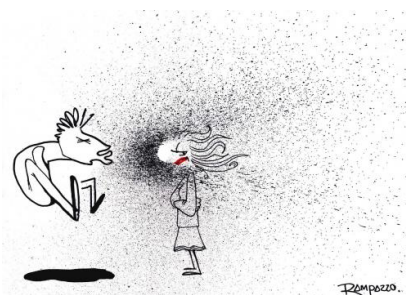
The committee trusts the membership of BBC to fulfill their duty in the above ways.

Watch the club website, Pianola, and your emails for any updates. Those without access to electronic communication may contact Elaine Jonsberg (president) on 0411 181 543.

Communication will be key in this uncertain time. If you have relevant information, e.g., your own or another member's diagnosis with Covid-19, please share it by emailing bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or phoning the club on (07) 3392 7933. Please share this information with anyone connected to the club who may not have access to email.

As the regular flu season will be upon us soon, please get your regular vaccination asap.

BBC committee



Administrator's Corner

Saturday 1pm Green Point Teams – 28 March

Our next Green Point Teams session is coming up soon on 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.

Easter Weekend Play

- Good Friday (10 April) - 10am session
- Holy Saturday (11 April) - 1pm session
- Easter Monday (13 April) - No 9.30am pairs session due to the Easter Congress

BBC GNOT Heat 2020 (Teams with Gold Points) Tuesday Mornings 21 and 28 April.

A team may consist of 4 - 6 players, with four players playing each day. Contending teams must have no more than one **non** BBC financial member; teams that do not meet this requirement will be classified as non-

contending. Prior entry is required and you can enter on the BBC website events page, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club soon.

Note: The only play on Tuesday morning 21 & 28 April will be the GNOT Heat. There will be no normal duplicate pairs on these two mornings.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Don Weerheim – Local*
- Ulla Ridgeway – Gold Life

New Members

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

- Blair Harper
- Lilly Jia
- Colin Robertson
- Toni Vincent
- Lyn White

Tomas Corney

BBC Newnham Shield

The BBC club championship was renamed this year to honour the memory of Lorna and Tracey Newnham. The full day event was held on Saturday 7th March with 28 pairs contesting the Newnham Shield and 10 pairs contesting the afternoon under 50MP's event.

The day was brilliantly directed by Julie Jeffries and the popular winners were Elaine Jonsberg and Wolf Stuthe who led from virtually start to finish. It was mentioned to me, *en passant*, that it is nice to know that someone in Elaine's family knows how to play bridge. Runners up were Gill Phillippo and Monica Gordon. The under 50MP event was won by Muriel Baker and Suzan Haynes with runners up

Vanessa Brewis and Jenny McGowan.
Congratulations to all.



Arne.

Building Update

The concrete slab for disabled car parking was poured Monday morning as well as a new pathway leading into the club. The committee urge members to exercise caution while using the temporary entry way to the club for the next few days.

Internal building work upstairs will be completed by Wednesday and that leaves the

new ballustrade around the upstairs balcony to be finished. In addition there will be some work necessary to the stairwell near the croquet club. This stairwell will be out of bounds for a few days. We are in discussions with the builders about the timing of this work and a suitable method of accessing the top floor.

Work will commence downstairs this Thursday

and from that date for several weeks we will be playing our club sessions upstairs. The portable toilet amenities will be located outside our existing facilities on the concrete block where the shipping containers are located.

This Wednesday we will relocate the office and dealing machine upstairs.

Unfortunately there is now no chance that the work downstairs will be completed in time for our Easter Congress. An additional portable toilet block will be used over that weekend.

The committee ask for your patience and cooperation over the next several weeks.

Peter Burke



Bridge hand

Dlr South
Vul: N-S

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

The bidding was simple, South opened 1NT and North put him immediately to 3NT.

The opening lead was the QH from West. Now most South's when faced with this deal would

win the opening lead with the Ace and attack diamonds, dummy's long suit. This plan fails because the opening lead has left South lagging in the race for tricks. East would win the first diamond and return a heart, and West would unblock an honour under declarers King. When West takes the next diamond, the defenders cash three heart tricks to defeat the contract. South improves his chances by ignoring diamonds and attacking clubs but even here he must be careful. If he leads a low club towards dummy's jack, East wins and clears hearts. When clubs break 4-2, South has only eight tricks. Good technique would be to get to dummy with a high spade at trick two and lead a club towards the two honours in his hand. After the king of clubs wins South returns to dummy to lead another club. When East's Ace pops up South is sure of three club tricks, four spade tricks and two heart tricks – game made.

Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

If God wanted us to play Bridge, he would have given us 13 fingers.

Of course Bridge is a sport. In fact, there is more swearing and cursing in bridge than in a football locker room.

My bridge partner hasn't an enemy in the world. It is just that all his friends hate him."

It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents.

Bridge is my game and I play it seriously. Not well ... just seriously."

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding bridge players that stops bright ideas from penetrating. Unlike the Ozone layer, the Bozone layer shows no sign of weakening.

If you play bridge with your wife as a partner you need at least 20 points to open the bidding and it wouldn't hurt to have 25.

Definition of 'Takeout Double' — the one that your partner passes.

I assume full responsibility for my mistakes, except the ones that are someone else's fault

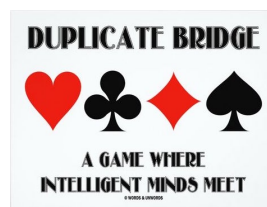
I smile while playing Bridge because I don't know what the hell is going on.

God must hate bridge players. He made so few good ones.
Don't argue with your partner; people watching may not be able to tell who the idiot is.

I'll try being nicer, partner, if you'll try being smarter.

When arguing with your partner, never miss a good chance to shut up.

Experience is a great advantage. When you finally have enough, you are too old to do anything with it.



Endgame

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