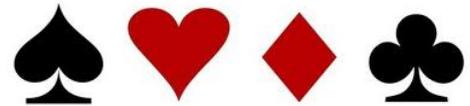


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President's Report

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Margaret Cooper, a valued and well-liked member of our bridge club. Sincere condolences to her family and friends and to her long-standing partner Rita Hall.

Recent severe weather has once again caused flooding problems within the club, but this time it was torrential rain coupled with a driving wind, forcing water through the louvers into the disabled toilet. Here's hoping it won't happen again!

Due to some brilliant work by Julie Jeffries the club has been awarded a grant to purchase more bridge mates. I will be attending a ceremony in a couple of weeks to receive the cheque and there will be a more full report in

next month's newsletter.

On Sunday 30th May we host our Butler Pairs competition. Please support this session as it is a fun day and red points are available.

The club is always seeking sponsorship particularly in this difficult Covid era when tables numbers are down yet our outgoings remain the same. Thanks to John Kelly's superhuman efforts last year, the club was awarded a substantial grant to help us cope with the loss of income during the lockdown, but if any member knows of companies or organisations that are potential sponsors please let me know and I will be happy to talk to them.

Elaine

Tom's Administrators Corner

BBC GNOT Heat - Teams with Gold Points (Sunday 23 May, Whole Day Event)

Please arrive by 9:15 for a 9:30am start. Julie Jeffries is looking for a pair to make up a house team. Please phone her asap if you are able to play.

BBC Graded Butler Pairs (Sunday 30 May, 9:30am)

BBC's next congress is coming up on Sunday 30 May. So what is Butler scoring? The Butler scoring method uses IMP's, which is how Teams are scored, instead of Matchpoints which we play at our usual sessions. In Butler scoring the Declarer's top priority is to make their contract while the Defender's priority should be to defeat the contract rather than simply trying to limit the number of overtricks. The cost is \$30 per player (\$60 per pair). The entry link is available online via the BBC website.

Entries close after Wednesday 26 May, so please enter soon.

Please Note: We are looking for Spare Players for the Butler Pairs Congress. Please phone 0450510196 or email bbridgecentre@bigpond.com if you can help.

Cold & Flu Season

With the cooler weather around here is your reminder to get the flu vaccine. Even with no non-quarantined Covid cases in Brisbane, it is important to remember the following ...

- If you are sick, or have cold/flu symptoms 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 on your hands.
- It is recommended that people wait at least 14 days between a dose of seasonal flu vaccine and a dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. The 14-day time frame is a precautionary measure to manage the common side effects that come with many vaccinations.



Monday Morning June Pairs (7 & 14 June, 9:30am)

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 must play both weeks with the same partner. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

Beginner Lessons

Our next set of beginner lessons at BBC will be held on Saturday mornings, 9.30am – 11.30am, 3 July – 7 August. Flyers are available near the front door at the club and information is on the BBC website under 'Lessons'. If you know anyone interested, please ask them to register at the club via email (bbridgecentre@bigpond.com) or by phoning 3392 7933 and leaving their details.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Vanessa Brewis – Bronze Local
- Allie Hays – Club
- Kris Prasad – Graduate
- Don Weerheim – Silver Local

New Members

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

- Patti Fomiatti
- Kaye Rice

Tomas Corney

Bridge hand:

I am back to my favourite topic of “as declarer think carefully before you play your first card from dummy”.

Dlr:South
Vul: N-S

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

South opened 1NT and North bid 3NT. West led a small Heart and South, thrilled with the ‘gift’ of a free finesse, won the trick with the Jack of Hearts. The contract was now doomed! South then attacked clubs and East took the second club trick with the Ace and led another Heart. Declarer went up with the Ace of Hearts and tried to reach dummy with the Queen of Spades. When East produced the King declarer finished with only seven tricks. South makes game if he pays a fair price for the first trick – the King of Hearts. West then cannot prevent declarer from winning a Heart trick in dummy and thus enjoying the established Clubs.

Moral: Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.
And to myself: Physician, heal thyself!

Arne

Found by Bronwyn Turner:

We met and married a long time ago. We worked long hours when wages were low. No telly, no bath, for times were hard. Just a cold water tap and a walk in the yard. No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors. We’d coal on the fire and didn’t lock doors. Our children arrived (no Pill in those days). We brought them up without any state aid. They were safe going out to play in the park. And old folk could go for a walk in the dark.

No valium, drugs and no LSD. We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea. No vandals, no muggings (not much to rob). We felt we were rich with a couple of bob. People seemed happier in those far off days. Kinder and caring in so many ways. Milkmen and paperboys would whistle and sing. A night at the pictures was quite a mad fling. We got our share of troubles and strife. But we had to face it – the Pattern of Life.

Pun Alert

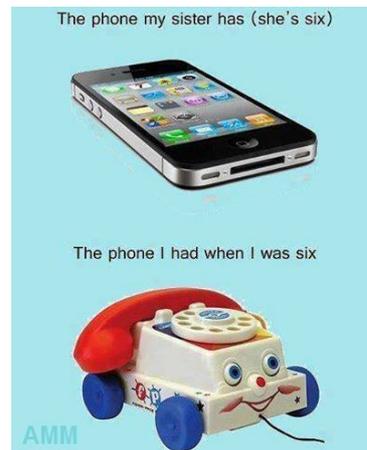
- Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
- What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
- Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
- Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
- If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.

- A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
- I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
- How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
- I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
- I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
- Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
- Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
- When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
- Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
- Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.
- I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
- I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
- What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.
- I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

(Thanks to Dave Jayne)



(Thanks to Neil Hansen)



Endgame

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