

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

With the welcome easing of the Covid threat we are seeing a wonderful increase in support for many of our bridge sessions. Please see Julie's update below regarding the latest welcome changes. I might also add that the Tuesday morning session, despite once being one of our more popular ones, seems to be struggling for support. Please come and play on Tuesday!

The Committee hosted a ceremony on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November to thank all those people who did

so much work to expedite the recent brilliant improvements to the Club. We are most grateful to the Brisbane City council for their generous help and there is an article about this by Peter Burke and Lynn Kelly in this newsletter.

I received the sad, belated news that Geoff Ilett passed away in mid-September. I extend deepest sympathies to Kay Ilett on behalf of the committee and members, and welcome Kay back to playing at BBC.

Elaine

## Excellent news!

From 4:00pm on Tuesday 17 November under Stage 5 Easing of Covid Restrictions, BBC can now have 75 players in the downstairs playing area.

This means an increase in table numbers to 18.5 with a non-playing director.

Important Changes to Procedures:

- Pre-registration is no longer required for any session
- Visitors & non-member partners are welcome at all sessions
- Visitor & non-member table fees are \$9.00 (\$10.00 red points). Exact amount, no change given
- Members table fees remain by coupon only
- Temperature checks will no longer be taken

- Players are guaranteed a game if they turn up without a partner on Saturday afternoon.

The *BBC Return to Play Plan*, as well as the *BBC Checklist for Members & Entry Protocols*, has been amended to reflect these changes. These documents are available on the BBC website, documents tab.

Julie Jeffries

On behalf of the BBC Committee



## Tomas' Admin Corner

### Annual Membership Renewal Notices

All members will receive their annual membership renewal notice in early December. The due date is 31 December 2020. The preferred payment method is internet/online direct deposit. If you are paying by cash or cheque, place the correct money in a sealed envelope and drop the envelope in the white Annual Subscriptions Box outside the office. Please do not give money to the director or ask the director for change in order to pay your membership fees. *A reminder that the Concession/Pensioner price is only available for members who have an Australian Pensioner Concession Card.*

### Christmas Party

BBC is awaiting news of official government regulation regarding our annual Christmas party, held before our Christmas Pairs Red Points Session on Saturday 19 December.

### Christmas – New Year Period at BBC

There will be NO bridge at BBC on Friday the 25 December this year.

All other sessions will be held as usual.

### New Members

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

- Allan Byrnes
- Thias Morgan-Pertus
- Peter Taylor
- Robin Webcke
- Cheryl Webster

### Masterpoint Promotions

Congratulations to John Lahey who has received the masterpoint promotion to Silver Life Master.

## Ceremony of Appreciation

On Monday afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020, BBC held a small gathering to thank those involved in a significant project to upgrade the club's building with many accessibility features. Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions, the committee were unable to have the gala opening of our new facilities that we were hoping for.

Elaine welcomed Councillor Nicole Johnston, Pastor Michael Adom, QBA President Richard Ward and other special guests and thanked them for their attendance. Elaine praised all involved in the project and thanked them for their hard work and how they have helped make our great club even better.

Invitees were given a tour of the building, including these highlights:

1. New accessible parking spots and the dedicated taxi bay, along with a levelled path to building access.
2. The new PWD toilet on the ground floor with a powered push button door.
3. Widened entries both upstairs and down.
4. New roof to prevent leaks affecting the building.
5. Brand new upstairs PWD toilet so users of the upstairs area don't need to clamber downstairs to use the facilities.
6. Upgraded men's and women's toilets, with new sink benches, ambulatory toilets (for users of walkers, etc.) and new urinals in the men's.

Though there were many steps and helping hands in the process of planning and executing the upgrades, the Brisbane City Council Access and Inclusion Branch and Project Management office were the essential elements. BBC is deeply indebted to the council for all its persistence and dedication in realising these improvements which will benefit our many bridge-playing members and other community groups which regularly make use of the building and grounds.

Cr Johnston thanked all those involved in the project. She praised the committee for their

efforts and stated that our club had the most improved facilities within her ward. She expressed her gratitude that we are willing to share our facilities with other community groups.

We then adjourned for some tea, coffee or bottled water and some delicious cupcakes made by Allie Hays. It was a great and successful afternoon. The Club would also like to put on record its appreciation for all the hard work and diligence shown by our Council Liaison Officer Peter Burke.

Lynn Kelly (Club Secretary) & Peter Burke

### Bridge hand:

Dir: South  
Vul:N-S

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

South opened the bidding with 1NT and was quickly put to 3NT by North.

This South took the opening lead of the Jack of Hearts with the King in dummy, and played a club to his Ace. A Club back to dummy, and

when West discarded, South put up the King and gave up a Club to East's Queen. Back came a diamond and South's Jack lost to the King. South won the Heart return and tried the Spade finesse. East won and led another diamond, giving West three more tricks. Down two!

How often do we all, as declarers, blame our failures on bad luck - lousy distributions, unlucky leads etc etc.? This South ranted about the three-one club split, the King of Spades being wrong, the Ace-King of Diamonds sitting behind him, and the defence being unfairly accurate. He should instead have given some humble consideration to his lousy declarer play. The only threat to his contract was the possibility of East leading diamonds through him twice. To avoid this at trick two South must play a small club to the Jack. As the cards lie this produces an easy overtrick, but even if West has the Queen of Clubs the contract is not in danger as East can only get in once to lead diamonds through him.

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## Awards

The **Flag at Half Mast Award** goes to Lloyd Yates who strongly believes that if you have got it, you should flaunt it.

The **Donald Trump Award** for misguided autocracy is won by David O’Gorman whose unilateral decision to truncate the GNOT event, two rounds early, was greeted with wry amusement by all and sundry. Quite how he suffered the later wrath of “she who must be obeyed” however, is anybody’s guess.

## Heard at the Bridge Table

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

Just because someone agrees with my partner doesn't make him right. It just means there's someone else out there as stupid as him.”

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

Rule of Eleven — the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Bridge is a self-inflicted punishment for people with too much time and intelligence.

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.

Bridge player who plays as good at 50 as he played at 30 has wasted 20 years of his life.

The trouble with Bridge is that there is no rewind button.

Don't argue with your partner; people watching may not be able to tell who the idiot is.

You are lucky to have me as your partner as I am not as judgmental as all those censorious, self-righteous people around me.

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

To play the game well may be a sign of an ill-spent life.

## Out of the mouths of babes etc:

Teacher: Maria go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now, class, who discovered North America?

Class: Maria.

Teacher: Glen how do you spell "crocodile"?

Glen: K R O K O D I A L

Teacher: No that is wrong.

Glen: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical symbol for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Well yesterday you told us it was H to O.

Teacher: Clyde your essay on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No Sir; It's the same dog.

Teacher: Harold what do you call a person that keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher.

If the person who named  
Walkie Talkies named  
everything

Stamps - Lickie Stickie  
Defibrillators - Hearty Starty  
Bumble bees - Fuzzy Buzzy  
Pregnancy test - Maybe Baby  
Bra - Breastie Nestie  
Fork - Stabby Grabby  
Socks - Feetie Heatie  
Hippo - Floatie Bloatie  
Nightmare - Screamy Dreamy

Thank you to Neil Hansen, our regular disseminator of wit, for these amusing contributions.

## Endgame

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