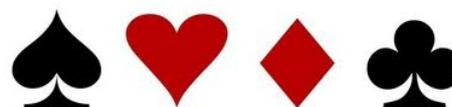


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2020 AGM President's Report

Welcome to the BBC 2020 AGM and thank you for your attendance.

Before I address official club business, a sad event in our year was the death of a much loved member, Judy Hempel, in February. She will be remembered as a delightful, gentle and good humoured lady.

To describe this as an unusual year is an understatement, but despite a few months of complete inactivity, and our current status of 50% activity, it has been a busy, stressful and productive year for the Committee. Against the bleak background of Covid we have achieved great things at the Club during 2020.

The downstairs toilets for both men and women have been completely renovated and we now have accessible toilets downstairs and upstairs. There has also been extensive renovation to the Club exterior with huge improvement to the pathways and disabled parking areas. The roof has been completely replaced and the drainage upgraded – we await the next summer storm to confirm its efficacy, but have been assured that all is well.

I have to give a huge thank-you to Peter Burke who has coordinated all our dealings with the Brisbane City Council and building contractors. I should also thank Brisbane City Council too for their very fair, courteous and generous treatment.

Very recently we have had security cameras installed, partly in response to a recent illegal dumping in our car park which was very costly

to the Club to clear. Now our Club and its close environs are being monitored 24/7.

Another project that the committee had to embark on was the complete revision of our Constitution. This will be discussed and ratified later in this meeting. A big thank you to Peter Evans for his legal expertise and sagacious advice during our Constitution re-write.

I would like to thank our wonderful Committee - we have met monthly even during shutdown, and everyone has performed brilliantly in difficult circumstances. I particularly thank the outgoing committee members and welcome the new members confident in the knowledge that the BBC Committee will continue to work tirelessly to maintain the very high standards of our excellent club.

As always, a big thank you to John Kelly, our treasurer, and Lynn Kelly, our secretary. These unenviable jobs entail a lot of time and effort and they both perform their roles quietly, efficiently and with good humour.

Clearly COVID 19 has taken a significant toll on our Club, but the person who has worked the hardest to keep our Club's head above water is Julie Jeffries. She has done enormous amounts of work, firstly to establish our Covid safe plan and best practice within the Club, secondly to start flourishing on-line BBC sessions, and thirdly to direct and organize sessions within the Club itself. Thank you Julie, you have been amazing. I would also offer thanks to all Club directors and dealers.

For Tomas, our club administrator, this has been a strange first year in his new role. He has had a great deal to learn, and following Chris, who has a huge depth of knowledge about BBC and the Australian bridge world in general, is not easy. Thanks to Chris, and to all our committee and members, for supporting Tom; and thank you Tom for coping with the ups and downs.

What toll Covid has taken on our Club finances we shall hear from John in a few minutes but I would like to thank the anonymous club member who donated \$500 to Club funds. In that spirit of generosity I would ask all members to please support this club in any way possible but particularly by attending as many bridge

sessions as you can. I can promise you that we will continue to provide as safe an environment as possible and I would love to see some of my old friends back at the bridge table again.

Thanks again to Arne Jonsberg who has produced a newsletter every month, with rare exceptions, for the last six years.

This is a short address (for which I'm sure you'll all be grateful), as there have been no congresses or significant bridge events to report on. Fingers crossed that this will change soon.

In conclusion I say **SUPPORT YOUR CLUB**, and here's to a much better and bridge friendly year to come.

Elaine

AGM 2020

The Brisbane Bridge Centre AGM was conducted on Saturday September 19th and was well supported by members. The financial report indicated that Covid 19 has inevitably had a negative impact on Club finances, but our sound fiscal base means that the Club remains healthy and tenable.

The newly updated Club Constitution was presented to members for ratification and was accepted unanimously.

There was lengthy discussion on ways to encourage members to attend the Club whilst at the same time safeguarding their health. Please watch out for emails, questionnaires etc that cover this area.

The new Committee was elected unopposed, and is:

President:	Elaine Jonsberg
Vice President:	Chris Larter
Treasurer:	John Kelly
Secretary:	Lynn Kelly
Committee:	Peter Burke
	Janette Hyatt
	Julie Jeffries
	Marie Buckley
	Richard Wallis



Bridge hand:

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

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

South opened the bidding with 1S and North replied 3S. Showing a level of subtlety, for which I am also well known, South bid an immediate 6S.

West led the 10♣ to the Queen, King and Ace. How do you continue? South had started with 10 certain tricks and the lead has ensured 11. This particular South having taken his A♣, drew trumps and finessed with the J♥ losing to the Queen. He fiddled about for a few more tricks but eventually could not avoid losing the setting trick to the K♦.

So what did he do wrong? He had two chances to make the contract by finessing in Hearts or Diamonds and this declarer did it in the wrong order. You start by leading a small diamond towards the Queen and if this loses to the King in East's hand you still have the chance of a successful heart finesse. However if you start by attempting the heart finesse and this loses you are dead in the water because you will always have an unavoidable Diamond loser.

Moral: If you have two chances to make your contract always start with the one that will **not** leave you without recourse if it fails.

Arne

Awards

The St. Expeditus Award goes to Wolf Stuthe who, having become fed up with peoples cryptic comments about his late arrivals, arrived for the Tuesday morning session at 0900 on Monday morning.

The Nigerian Scammer's Award is won by Gaye Jackson. Playing in the Queensland Wide Pairs against two of the top Grandmasters in Queensland, Gaye fearlessly declares in a modest contract of 7Hearts and even more courageously claims after 2 tricks. Her claim is rejected and her inevitable loser puts her one down. Good try Gaye.



Come on ...Let's play Puppet Stayman!

Heard at the Bridge Table

We can't all be full-time Bridge Players. There must be someone who has to work to support us.

Bridge players are like woodpeckers. They succeed by using their head.

The inherent downside in looking for a new bridge partner is the possibility of that you might actually get one.

“Partner would you please stop that!! That breathing in and out. It’s so annoying.”

My partner and I have been partnering for 40 years ... out of spite.

Politeness is not saying bad things about your partner until you are at least 50 metres away.

Not everyone hates my Partner ... Only those who have partnered him.

My Bridge partner ran off with my wife: and let me tell you, I really miss him.

If my partner's IQ gets any lower, I will have to water him.

Losing a bridge partner can be hard. In my case, it was almost impossible

Bridge is the last refuge of those who have nothing to do.

A measure of a person’s mental stability is the degree to which they can play bridge as though it is just a game.

Asking a bridge player what he thinks about being criticized is like asking a lamppost how it feels about dogs

Half the game is mental; unfortunately the other half is mental too.

Since I started playing Bridge, I have more stress, weigh more, exercise less and care less.

And some lovely jokes courtesy of Neil Hansen

I heard that some people pick their nose.
But I am sure that I was born with mine

What's a forklift?
Usually food

My doctor told me that I was dyslexic.
So I got left up and right.

What is your favorite month?

July
Why July
I didn't lie.

I told a girl that she drew her eyebrows too high
She looked surprised

I just saw a sports car being driven by a sheep in
a swimsuit.
It was a lamb bikini

I wondered why the ball was getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

I'm extremely afraid of elevators.
In fact I take a lot of steps to avoid them.

My favorite teacher at school was Mr Turtle.
Funny name but he Tortoise well.

Never marry a tennis player.
Love means nothing to them

I had a dream that the ocean was filled with
orange soft drink.
It must have been a Fanta Sea.

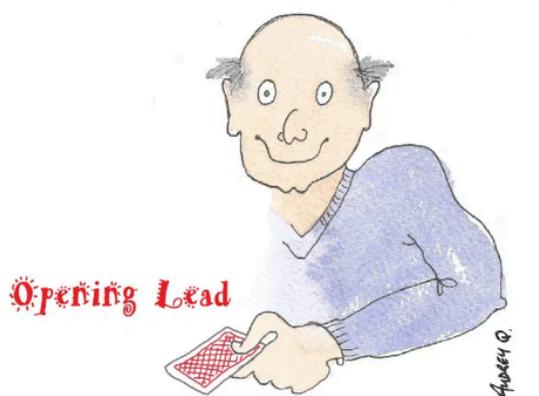
Dogs can't read x-rays or MRI
But Catscan

Why don't ants get sick?
Because they have little anty bodies

Someone was collecting donations for the local
swimming pool.
I gave him a glass of water

I accidentally handed my wife a glue stick
instead of a chapstick.
She still isn't talking to me.

(More from Neil next month).



There are only 3 reasons not to lead partner's suit:

1. You don't have any of their suit
2. You have a better lead of your own e.g. AKQ
3. You don't want to partner them next week.

Bernie Hunt

Endgame

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