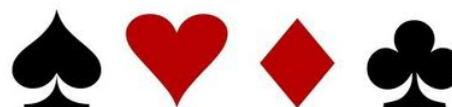


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President's Report

Our AGM was held on Saturday 18th September and was well attended. We were also entertained by the Society for Creative Anachronism (Medieval Society) who had their fair on the same day on the green – it was lovely to watch their activities. The football club also had a juniors' presentation day so the parking situation was exciting for a while.

Here is my speech presented on the day:

"Firstly I would like to welcome you all to the AGM of the Brisbane Bridge Centre and assure you, that at the end of my second tenure as president of this excellent club, the club remains in a viable and healthy state.

But firstly, and sadly, we did suffer the passing of Jill O'Malley-Jones and Bev Pouflis in April, and Margaret Cooper in May of this year, and Geoff Ilett in September and Jill Plummer in December of last year. They are all missed at the club.

Despite the on-going aggravations of Covid we have had a reasonably trouble free year, with our Easter Congress, Graded Teams Congress and Graded Butler Pairs all taking place. There was a fair level of stress associated with possible lockdowns, but we were very lucky and were able to go ahead with them all. These Congresses were all extremely successful and our members did particularly well in all of them. Thanks to Chris and Julie for convening the

Easter congress. Tom did a great job as convenor for the other two events. Thanks to Julie for supporting and guiding Tom through his first attempt at these tasks – it's quite a stressful undertaking for a newcomer. As President I am frequently congratulated by visitors to these Congresses for the friendly and welcoming environment that we provide. That is a tribute to the membership and to all those people who selflessly volunteer to help in the organization of these events.

Despite Covid and the impact it has had on our membership my feeling is that the Club is slowly re-building and table numbers are creeping back – I am sure John will have something to say about this in his Treasurer's Report.

As usual the President's Report is a big thank you to all the people who work behind the scenes to keep this club healthy and viable. The President's job is made much easier by the fantastic committee that I have enjoyed working with.

John Kelly is a wonderful Treasurer and you would all be surprised at the amount of John's time that this job takes up. Lynn is a thorough and hyper-efficient secretary and Peter Burke works closely with Brisbane City Council to effect many improvements to the club premises (you may have noticed the signs near the sheds – they are to be renovated this year, which is great news). Julie Jeffries has been a tower of strength during the problems that Covid has

caused. Apart from keeping us au fait with, and making sure we adhere to, the constantly changing Covid rules, every time there has been a lockdown Julie has organized BBO sessions that I, and many of the members, have enjoyed. Thank you Julie. Thanks also to Janette for continuing to provide us with hot drinks and whatever goodies are allowed under the changing restrictions. Marie, Jeanette, Richard and Chris are all productive and valuable committee members and I thank them all for their involvement.

Peter Evans has, for the last several months, been running short bridge classes on Zoom on Saturday mornings. I personally find these lessons extremely helpful and interesting and would recommend them to anybody who is looking to improve their bridge. Thank you Peter.

No thank you fest would be complete without a word about our wonderful directors, Nanette, Richard, Julie, John, Peter, Chris and David . We could not operate without you, and I thank you all on behalf of the members. Julie is currently running a course prior to play on Saturday to give some of us the basic knowledge required to

step into directors' roles if an emergency arises, so hopefully this will take some of the pressure off our qualified directors.

A couple of last thank you's - the yearly curse of football season is mitigated by those few souls who make sure you have a parking place on football Saturdays. Thank you Chris for putting up the barriers before each game, and thank you Arne and John and Aidan for manning the barricades. Thanks too to Gaye for her occasional help.

Lastly I suppose I should thank Arne for producing the newsletter – he only does it on the off-chance that someone might read it. He passes on his thanks to all those members who provided contributions.

In conclusion I thank the membership for entrusting me with the Presidency, I have enjoyed it so much that I might do it again in the future”.

The committee has changed only slightly as my term ends – welcome back to Peter Burke as president, and welcome to David O’Gorman as a new committee member.

Elaine

2021 AGM

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Bridge Centre occurred on Saturday September 18th and the following officers and committee of the Club were elected unopposed.

President – Peter Burke

Vice President – Chris Larter

Treasurer – John Kelly

Secretary – Lynn Kelly

Office Manager – Tomas Corney

Committee – Marie Buckley
Richard Wallis
Elaine Jonsberg
Janette Hiatt
Julie Jeffries
David O’Gorman

We wish the new Committee good luck for 2021-2022 and may they continue to be as efficient, productive and exceptional as they have been for the last few years.

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Wednesday AM Red Points Spring Pairs (6 & 13 October, 9:30am)

Please arrive by 9:15am for a 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 need to play both weeks with the same partner. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress (Sunday, 17 October, 9:30am)

The BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress is coming up on Sunday 17 October. The cost is \$60 per pair (\$30 per player). Congress start time is 9:30am and will go to approximately 4:30pm. I encourage all BBC members with under 300 masterpoints to enter and play in this congress.

Members entering the Novice section must have fewer than 100 masterpoints and Restricted section must have fewer than 300 masterpoints, all as of 31 July this year. The entry form is available at the club or online on the BBC or QBA websites. To enter please fill out an entry form online on the BBC website or a paper entry at the club. Entries close after Wednesday 13 October.

Spare Players

We will be looking for spare players for the Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress, please let me know if you can help out.

No Green Point Teams

There will be no Green Point Teams session on Saturday 25 as written in the BBC Diary. This session is replaced by a normal Saturday PM game starting at 1pm.

Improve Your Bridge

Peter Evans' Mini Lessons have resumed again, his lessons are held on Zoom at 10am each

Saturday. Please contact Peter or myself if you would like to be sent the Zoom link.

Richard Wallis is holding an After-session Review after each Wednesday session, you are welcome to stay after the session to discuss.

Our Thursday AM Supervised Bridge Session is the perfect session to come to if you would like to play a relaxed game of bridge with some gentle pointers during play.

Lost & Found - Umbrellas

Be careful about leaving your umbrellas on the cage outside the front door. Some umbrellas have been left here overnight or have ended up in the Lost and Found. There are also still a number of items left at the club in the Lost and Found Box near the office.

Masterpoint Promotions

Congratulations to Jenny McGowan who has received the masterpoint promotion to Bronze Local.

New Members

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

- Beth Alcock
- Michelle Butler
- Glenn Chapman
- June Glenn
- Judith Hefferan
- Agnes Kempthorne
- Barry Kempthorne
- Stephen Savage
- Carol Smith
- Hnin Yee Kyaw

Tomas Corney

Gill Baker

We received a letter from Gill very recently, resigning from the Club. Gill is moving interstate to be nearer close family members and we wish her all the very best. Gill was always a lovely person to play against – gentle and courteous

and she could really play. I remember well her tremendous efforts at the last Club working bee, where she renovated the Club garden areas, with the help of Julie Clark. You were a lovely member Gill and you will be missed.

Bridge Hand - Don't Push Them Into Game Or Slam

Dealer: E

Vul: Nil

South's hand:

♠ KJ103
♥ K4
♦ Q1064
♣ 842

E	S	W	N
1C	P	1H	X (1)
XX (2)	1S (3)	2H (see 4)	P
P	?		

1. Showing 4+/4+ in spades and diamonds
2. A support redouble showing 3 card heart support
3. Better to bid 2S immediately, going straight to the level of the number of trumps

Before looking at the full hand below, what do you think South should bid now?

Dealer: E

Vul: Nil

♠ Q974
♥ 972
♦ AKJ52
♣ 9

♠ 862
♥ AQ1053
♦ 8
♣ J763

♠ A5
♥ J86
♦ 973
♣ AKQ105

♠ KJ103
♥ K4
♦ Q1064
♣ 842

4. In a teams match, with 7HCPs and 3 for a singleton in an opposition bid suit, this hand is worth an invite.

Whenever you are competing or sacrificing, always keep in mind whether you might be pushing your opponents into a making game or slam which they might not bid if left to their own devices. There were 2 warning signals on this hand that EW might make more tricks than they expect:

1. South's ♥K does not look well placed under the West bidder who has shown 5+ hearts, and
2. NS have a double fit in spades and diamonds. A double fit usually causes you to make an extra trick on the hand. Unfortunately, if you have a double fit, the opposition probably have one too and will make one more trick than they're expecting.

Given EW could get an unexpected 2 tricks from a finessable king and a double fit, it was a good idea to pass out the 2H. Alas, South bid 2S. West bid 3C showing a good 2H raise (closer to 10 than 6) with club help. This was all East needed to bid 4H on 15 total points with a known double fit. Making 11 tricks.

Peter Evans

This in one of Peter Evans' Saturday morning classes – see the club website Under "documents/other" for other lessons, or join in at 10am Saturday so you can ask any questions.

Heard At The Bridge Table....

Novice : Is there a way I can win easily?

Expert : No, but there is a way to lose more slowly

If you are not confused, you are just not thinking clearly.

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

Bridge makes Old Men's Mind Younger and Young Men's Mind Older.

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."

The best investment I ever made in my life is teaching my wife how to play bridge. She plays terribly but who cares? I must have saved a fortune keeping her away from shopping.

Takeout Double — the one that your partner passes.

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

My partner has just one minor flaw. He is still alive.

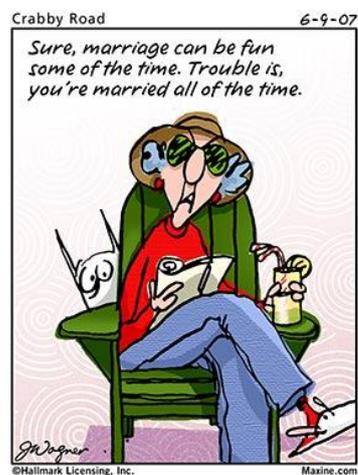
I smile while playing Bridge because I don't know what the hell is going on.

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

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

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

Dave Jayne Funnies



**The older
I get the
earlier it
gets late.**

**Sixty might be
the new forty
but 9:00 is the
new midnight.**

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