

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Well our Easter Congress has just finished and I would like to congratulate all involved for a brilliant and successful two days. Close to record numbers attended and all enjoyed a fabulous congress followed by a barbecue on both days. Special thanks go to Chris for his prodigious organizational skills and to Janette for her wonderful catering over the two days. Thank you also to the many members who helped in setting things up, and to all those who toiled in

the kitchen. Of course many thanks also to our expert barbecuers Chris and Archie. I would also like to thank, on behalf of the Club, our fabulous tournament directors Chris Snook and Julie Jeffries. Full result details and photos follow later in the newsletter.

I am hopeful of giving an update on the toilet renovation project in next month's newsletter.

Peter Burke

## Chris's Administrator's Corner

### Beginner Lessons Completed

Our first set of beginner lessons for 2019 finished on Saturday morning 13 April. Included are pictures of them at their last lesson. Participants from these lessons have moved into our supervised sessions on Tuesday Night and Thursday Morning.

It is an appropriate time to remind members to please make new players welcome. Whether it is beginners moving into supervised play or players moving from supervised play into a regular session.





ON SILENT MODE PLEASE

### Mobile Phones

A reminder to all players to please switch your mobile phone to silent during play. Silent means we should not hear ringtones, ping sounds or vibrating sounds. Having your mobile on silent allows all players to enjoy their game of bridge in a quiet atmosphere.

If you need to leave your mobile phone on for emergency purposes, please let the director know prior to play. Some directors are usually also aware of a member or two who need to always keep their phone on in certain situations.

### ANZAC Day

BBC will open on ANZAC Day with our usual Thursday supervised session at 9.30am.

The ANZAC Day service at the Cenotaph is at 7.30am and goes for approximately 1 hour. Therefore, it is advisable that those arriving by car do not turn up for bridge until 8.45am at the very earliest. This allows the car park to be vacated by those attending the service.

### Rugby @ Souths

The remaining rugby home game days are 4 May, 1 June, 15 June, 29 June, 20 July and 27 July. Those arriving by car are asked to arrive before 12.40pm on rugby game days. This is to allow you an easy park and also so the session can start on time.

I also reiterate the words of Arne Jonsberg that appeared in the newsletter last month. *Some of us who have looked after the car park entrance for numerous home game days, are finding the task a little onerous. It would be great to please have a few more volunteers, so as to share this task and thus not having to be at the 'gate' every home game day. Thank you to those who have looked after the 'gate' over the first 2 home games for this year. If you can help, please let me know.*

### Bridge for Brain Research

We will again be joining other clubs from around Australia by participating in the Bridge for Brains Research Challenge (1-7 May). Money that bridge clubs raise goes to NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia). NeuRA's goal is to prevent, treat and cure brain and nervous system diseases, disorders and injuries through medical research.



**BRIDGE FOR  
BRAIN RESEARCH  
CHALLENGE**

The Bridge for Brain Research session at BBC will be the Saturday 1pm Duplicate session on 4 May. Table fees will be \$10 per player with \$8 going to Bridge for Brains and \$2 to BBC.

If you cannot play on the day but wish to donate, there will be donation envelopes available at the club during the first couple of weeks of May.

**Note: If you regularly play at another club, remember you can only play in one Bridge for Brain Research session during the week as everyone throughout Australia plays the same hands.**

### Improver Lessons (Bridge Basics 2)

To those who were participating in the Improver Lessons in January and February, we will recommence on Saturday 11 May, 9.30am – 11.30am. These will continue on 18 May, 25 May and 1 June (if required). The cost is \$8 per lesson.

Over the above dates, we will look at Takeout Doubles & Advances (Chapter 3) and The Competitive Auction (Chapter 4). If you do not have the book, you can purchase it from \$18.

No registration required. All are welcome.

For further information, please speak with me or email the club.

## BBC Graded Butler Pairs Congress 26 May)

Even though we have barely recovered from the Easter Congress, our next congress is coming up on Sunday 26 May. It is Graded Butler Pairs and by the time you read this, the entry form will be available on the noticeboards at the club.

*What is Butler scoring?* Butler scoring uses IMPs, which is how Teams are scored, instead of Matchpoints which we play at our regular sessions. The aim is to make your contact and be in game if possible. The rest is luck!

## Entertainment Book



BBC is now selling the Entertainment Book and Digital Membership. The cost is \$70 each. The club receives \$14 (20%) from each book or membership.

How about purchasing one this year for yourself or buying one for a friend or family member?

There is currently a display book available outside the office for those who would like to see what's in the book.

To purchase, please go to [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9298e57](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9298e57). If you are not internet savvy, either see Lesleigh Egan or myself. If we are both not at the club, fill in an order form with your money/credit card details and place it in the white box.

If you have any questions, please see Lesleigh or me.



## Cold and Flu Season

With the cooler weather around and the reminder to get the flu vaccine, it is never too early to remind all of the following ...

1. If you are sick, please think twice before coming to bridge. We would rather you get well than sharing your cold or the flu with others at the bridge table.
2. 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 your hands.

## Vale

One of our members, Gill McCormick, passed away on Saturday 16 March following a serious blood infection. Many will agree that this was a shock. BBC passed on its condolences to husband Ian by sending flowers and a card.



## Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Geoffrey Toon – Grand
- Margie Knox – Sliver Life
- May Moffat - Bronze Life
- Tilley Thillainathan – Life
- Rhonda Wieckhorst - \*National
- Deanne Gaskill – National
- Hazel Lahey – National

- Loretta Lovett – National
- Steven Parkes – National
- Aidan Buckley – State
- Bernard Trefeu – State
- David Jayne - \*Regional
- Gloria Newton - \*Local
- Jan Staunton - \*Local
- Nick Holmes – Local
- Brenda Wilson – Club
- Graham Wilson – Club
- Don Weerheim - Graduate

**New Member**

The Committee welcomes Jenny Kallie and wishes her a long and happy association with BBC.

**Membership Status**

April is a good time to share how our club is going membership wise. This is because 31 March is when the ABF inactivates members who have not paid their levies at their home club for 2019.

You can see from the below table, as of 31 March, that the total membership has had

increases over the last 3 years. Even though these increases are small, it is actually great news as we do lose members each year for various reasons (i.e. moved away/playing at a club closer to home, travelling a lot this year, not well/old age). For example, this year we had approximately 30 people that did not renew their membership for 2019.

My hope is that we have a total membership of 350 at 31 March 2020.

	Home Members	Alternative Members	Total Membership
31 March 2019	254	74	328
31 March 2018	244	71	315
31 March 2017	245	59	304

Chris Larter

**Congratulations, Peter Evans**

Peter Evans and his partner, Tony Treloar, came 1st in the Queensland Open Trials held over the last two weekends in March at QCBC. Peter will be part of the Open Team that represents Queensland at the 2019 Australian National Championships held in Melbourne in early July. Congratulations, Peter!



**Queensland Open Team Trials 2019**

Tony Treloar and I played 11 x 20 board matches (220 boards!) in the Open trials over the weekends of 23-24 March and 30-31 March. We managed to finish on top, but over that

number of boards inevitably some errors creep in, or, frankly, some downright ridiculous situations. Here is a classic gem:

♠ Q 8 5  
 ♥ A K 7 6  
 ♦ A K Q  
 ♣ J 5 2

♠ 10 4 3  
 ♥ 4 2  
 ♦ 10 8 7 6  
 ♣ K 8 6 3

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

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

NS bid to 6S by South after North opened with 1C. Over North's 6S bid, I doubled from the East seat. This double of a slam is a Lightner double which asks partner for an unusual lead, particularly the lead of dummy's first bid suit. I reasoned that the ♣K was likely to be in the North hand and that partner might have to lead them now for me to get my ♣A and ♣Q. Impeccable reasoning on my part except for the fact South has a singleton and 6S will roll home just losing ♣A. However, a nervous North pulled the contract to 6NT in the hope I held ♣AQ rather than ♣AK and would be dissuaded from leading the ♣A! This promptly occurred when I thought North was protecting his ♣K and I didn't want to set this card up by leading the ♣A and so I led a diamond rather than take the first 5 club tricks! South easily wrapped up all 13 tricks.

A hand in the same set wasn't my finest hour:

♠ QJ32  
 ♥ 852  
 ♦ K1095  
 ♣ 73

♠ 98  
 ♥ J103  
 ♦ A73  
 ♣ AQJ62

♠ AK10764  
 ♥ Q94  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ K98

♠ 5  
 ♥ AK76  
 ♦ QJ862  
 ♣ 1054

I played in 4S from the East hand. South had overcalled my opening 1S bid with a rather hairy 2D. South led ♥AK and then switched to a diamond.

Having lost 2 tricks, I can afford to lose 1 spade trick but no more. The diamond call from the South hand increases the chance that spades are breaking badly with South having shortage. The right way to play the hand is cash ♠A in case of a singleton honour with South but then go to dummy and finesse the ♠9.

Yours truly got unreasonably nervous about a possible club ruff from wandering across to dummy and decided to bang down the ♠AK and went one off instead. Curiously only one declarer in the field made the contract.

This next hand was an object lesson in how to handle a clanger by partner:

Vul:EW

♠ J9  
 ♥ KJ98654  
 ♦ K103  
 ♣ 10

♠ AK108752  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 82  
 ♣ 973

♠ 63  
 ♥ AQ102  
 ♦ AQ6  
 ♣ AJ86

♠ Q4  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ J9754  
 ♣ KQ542

S (Me)	W	N	E
P	3S	P	4S
4NT??	P	5D!	X
P	P	P	

Partner and I have no opening bid for 5/5 in the minors so I had to pass the South hand. Bidding was up to 4S by the time it returned to me. Despite the favourable vulnerability (nil vs vul) my 4NT was far too speculative. Instead of panicking or getting angry, partner very coolly reasoned that I didn't have a lot of hearts with

my minors, West didn't have a lot of hearts with her 3S pre-empt and therefore East has a stack of hearts over the North hand. Partner thus bid 5D, not unreasonably hoping for 6 or more given my 4NT bid. He then played it well for 5 off for -1100.

How can this be good? Half the field appears to have followed my action, but their partners tried 5H and obviously didn't play it as well for -1400! In the end, we only lost 3 IMPs on the board. Partner in quietly minimizing the damage and not getting angry or blasting me allowed us to keep focussed and we won the match by a big margin.

There were 2 grand slam hands over the 220 boards, and fortunately for us fairly straightforward to bid. Here's one:

	♠ KQJ72		
	♥ 10		
	♦ A42		
	♣ K853		
♠ 53		♠ 96	
♥ J8		♥ Q97652	
♦ QJ1053		♦ 96	
♣ 10962		♣ J74	
	♠ A1084		
	♥ AK43		
	♦ K87		
	♣ AQ		
N	E	S (Me)	W
1S	P	2NT	P
3H	P	4NT	P
5S	P	5NT	P
6C	P	7S	P
P	P		

My 2NT response was Jacoby saying I had 4 card spade support and an opening hand or better. Partner's 3H showed a singleton or void in hearts, so I knew I had no losers there. My 4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood and partner's 5S said 2 keycards with the trump Q. Knowing we had all the aces and the KQ of trumps, I bid 5NT

which we play as a specific king ask and partner's 6C said exactly the ♣K. I now knew I had no losers in clubs and the third diamond could be dumped on the ♣K so I had an easy 7S bid.

This was Richard Wallis rather cleverly endplaying me to make a difficult 3NT:

	♠ 98
	♥ A98
	♦ 1085
	♣ Q8642
♠ J763	♠ A104
♥ Q1075	♥ KJ2
♦ A764	♦ Q93
♣ K	♣ AJ103
	♠ KQ52
	♥ 643
	♦ KJ2
	♣ 975

Richard played 3NT from the East hand. I led ♠2. Richard won with the ♠10 and knocked out partner's ♥A. Partner led a spade to me, which I won with the ♠Q and led a low spade to Richard's ♠A.

Richard now cashed all his hearts and the CK leaving this picture:

	♠
	♥
	♦ 1085
	♣ Q86
♠ J	♠
♥	♥
♦ A764	♦ Q9
♣	♣ AJ10
	♠ K
	♥
	♦ KJ2
	♣ 9

Richard has 8 tricks in the bag (2 spades, 3 hearts, ♣AK and ♦A) and needs just one more. He led the ♠J from the table putting me in with

the ♠K. I now either had to lead a club finessing partner's ♣Q or lead a diamond finessing my

own ♦K giving Richard his 9<sup>th</sup> trick.

Peter Evans

## BBC Easter Congress 2019

### Graded Pairs Prize Winners

What a congress! This has been one of, if not, the biggest Easter Congress that BBC has held. We had 82 pairs (41 tables) on the Sunday and 44 teams (44 tables) on the Monday. We class 44 tables these days as a full house. Due to the large number of entries, we had four grades each day with two grades on each floor.

Thank you to all who either participated and/or helped in any role to make the congress a success. I will not name roles or people so I do not miss anyone. The contribution from every person is important. All I can say is I saw more people participating and contributing to the congress which is fantastic. So thank you, thank you, thank you!

Due to the newsletter being published directly after the congress, there are no hands from the congress in this edition. You will have to wait until the May edition of the newsletter.

Photos of the prize winners in both the pairs and teams appear below. A number of prize winners are members of BBC which is also fantastic. Our club photographer Bronwyn Turner took the photos for the teams and I attempted taking the photos for the pairs. You can all agree I still need some practice in this area.

If you had a great time or looking for more punishment, our next congress is only five weeks away.

Chris Larter



Richard Fox & Nikolas Moore  
(A Grade – 1st)



Jill Magee Fox & Terry Strong  
(A Grade – 2nd)



Peter Evans & John Kelly  
(A Grade – 3rd)



Nev Clatworthy & Sherrell Cardinal  
(B Grade – 1st)



Neil and Judy Hansen  
(D Grade – 1st)



Ross Murtagh & John Lahey  
(B Grade – 2nd)



Gill Baker & Inta Devine  
(D Grade – 2nd)



Steve Parkes & Unis Suliman  
(C Grade – 1st)

### Grade Teams Prize Winners



Terry Strong, Jill Magee, Alison Dawson  
& Janeen Solomon (A Grade – 1st)



Bruce Johnman & Michael Clibbon  
(C Grade – 2nd)



Nikolas Moore, John Kelly, Peter Evans  
& Richard Fox (A Grade – 2nd)





Richard Ward (absent: Lindy Vincent, Agnes Kempthorne & Barry Kempthorne (A Grade – 3rd)



Pat Thompson, Jeanne Welch, Annette Scott & Christine Newbrey (C Grade – 2nd)



Arne Jonsberg, John Lahey, Graham Baker & Chris Larter (B Grade – 1st)



Tilley Thillainathan, Devi Thillainathan, Colleen Sobey, Ian Sobey (D Grade – 1st)



Neville Williams, Ross Shardlow, Gordon Broadley & Barry Williams (B Grade – 2nd)



Bernard Trefeu, Rod Wilson, Patricia Tan & Clive Carter (D Grade – 2nd)



David Earnshaw, Barry Koster, Kuki Mukai & Daniel Chua (C Grade – 1st)



Peter Burke (President) & Chris Larter (Administrator) presenting the prizes to the winners of the teams

## Heard at the Bridge Table

A Bridge Expert is a person who can tell you more about the game than you really care to know.

Count your losers and count your winners. If the total doesn't come to 13, count your cards.

If you are always making your contract, you are not bidding high enough.

It takes a good bridge player to readily admit when he is wrong and even a better player to keep his mouth shut when he is right.

Incomprehensible good luck beats skill anytime.

Bridge wisdom does not necessarily come with practice. Sometimes practice is all you are ever going to get.

The difference between an excellent bridge player and an incompetent bridge player is that excellence has its limits.

There is more to life than Bridge, but not much more.

Bridge Player: "Sorry Partner, I have never played this badly before!"

Partner: "I didn't realize you have played before."

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

Eternity is hard to conceive unless you are partnering a novice in a tournament.

## Thought for the month

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Endgame

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