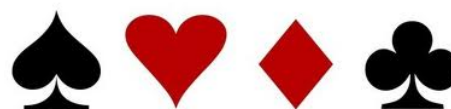


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Greetings to all members and friends. I hope that you and your families are surviving well and making the best of this bizarre period in our lives. Some light has been shone upon our bridge-deprived lives thanks to Julie Jeffries who has worked tirelessly to establish two regular BBO sessions for BBC members. Please read Julie's contribution to this month's newsletter, and I would strongly recommend all members to get involved. One of the features that I really like of playing bridge this way is that you can go back after the sessions and review each hand in your own time, checking your bidding and the card-by-card play – a great learning tool! We had our usual monthly committee meeting this week via Zoom and our treasurer John Kelly

brought us up to date with the Club's finances. We, like all similar organisations, no longer have an income stream but continue to have outgoings ie grass-cutting, cleaning, utilities etc. However the Club remains healthy, and with support from our members, we expect to come through this difficult period and continue to be a popular, dynamic and friendly club.

The club renovations continue at full speed and are certain to enhance the overall quality of our building.

This will be a shorter newsletter for reasons that are obvious. Arne would welcome contributions be they bridge, anecdotal, jokes or anything that is interesting or newsworthy.

Elaine

## Administrator's Corner

### Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Vanessa Brewis – Club
- Janette Hiatt – Regional
- Lesleigh Egan – National\*
- Chris Larter – Bronze Life
- Sheila Wills – Silver Life

### New Member

The Committee welcomes Charles Starks as a new member and wishes him a long and happy association with BBC.

Please refer to the "Breaking News" section on the club website for current information regarding club closure.

Tomas Corney

## BBO for BBC

To ease the bridge blues in these times of social distancing and club closure I am facilitating regular online sessions designed primarily for BBC members and their partners. The aim is to benefit club members by providing a friendly club atmosphere, by keeping players in contact with each other, and by playing with and against other BBC players.

BridgeBase Online is the platform being used to set up these free tournaments. The advantage of BBO is that participants can be limited to those players on a list maintained by the host. Charles Page, QBA Marketing Chair, has BBO Tournament authority and is teaching me the ropes so that I can come online as assistant director for BBC sessions.

So far BBC has held 2 sessions restricted to BBC players and their partners only. There were a number of teething problems mostly related to registering to play for the first session, however

the second session ran smoothly. Feedback from players has been prolific and extremely favourable.

If you wish to participate in these sessions you need to register on [bridgebase.com](http://bridgebase.com). Ignore ACBL when registering as it is for American players only. Once registered email your BBO username to [j.jeffries@bigpond.com](mailto:j.jeffries@bigpond.com) so that you can be added to the BBC list. Go online and familiarise yourself with BBO by playing solitaire or joining a casual game. Response from members has been very positive. There are currently 98 players on the BBC list.

I have requested regular BBO sessions for BBC on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 am. Players should be able to register to play from around 9:00 am.

More news later. Meanwhile keep safe.

Julie Jeffries

## Bridge hand: Procrastination

Dlr: South

Vul: None

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

After West opens the bidding with a 16-18 point 1NT, N/S eventually subside in 4 Hearts played by South.

West leads the King of spades and continues with the Queen and Ace. After ruffing the Ace of Spades how should South continue?

Procrastination (which comes from the Latin word *cras* meaning tomorrow) means to put off or delay doing something, and is often a fatal habit when playing a bridge hand, but sometimes it can become a virtue. Here South ruffed the third spade and quickly drew trumps. He then led a club (thinking to himself why put off till trick 10 what I can do at trick six) to the King in dummy, expecting West to have the Ace for his INT opening. East won and although the diamond finesse worked for South later, West eventually made his Jack of Clubs to defeat the contract.

Here procrastination is the order of the day and South must put off the crucial guess in Clubs. After drawing trumps, at the sixth trick South

must lead a diamond and finesse with dummy's Queen. He then takes the Diamond Ace and ruffs a diamond.

Suddenly it all becomes clear to declarer and the Club position is easy to work out. West has produced 15 high card points( A-K-Q of Spades, Queen of Hearts, and the King and Jack of diamonds). If he had the Ace of Clubs his hand would be too strong to open 1NT, and if he

lacked the Jack of Clubs, his hand would be too weak.

South therefore leads a Club to dummy's 9, makes his contract and modestly accepts the applause from the assembled kibitzers. So procrastination is not always the thief of time, and what an easy game bridge is!

Arne

### **Heard (but not at the Bridge Table)**

To those complaining about the quarantine period and curfews, just remember that your grandparents were called to war, you are being called to sit on the couch and watch Netflix. You can do this.

Man who plays Bridge once a week is sociable. Man who plays 4 times a week is competitive. Man who plays every day has no life.

To the people who bought 20 bottles of soap leaving none on the shelves for others, you do realise that to stop getting Coronavirus, you need other people to wash their hands too.

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

2020 is a unique leap year. It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and 10 years in April.

Finesses never work. If one does, the law of the universe has been broken and life as we know it will come to an end ... and it is your fault.

Coronavirus lockdown: day 3 without sports. Found a lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently she is my wife. She seems nice.

Incompetence has no correlation to years of experience. You will go downhill without ever reaching the top.

No matter how well you are doing, the last three hands will automatically drop your score to what it really should be.

If I get quarantined for two weeks with my wife and I die, I can assure you it was not the virus that killed me.

Bridge is a game invented by God to punish people who retire early.

There are no blind opening leads, only deaf bridge players

Roman Key-Card Blackwood — an ingenious convention that allows you to get to a grand slam missing 3 Aces.

Ideal Partner?

A person who will support me even if I am wrong.

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.

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

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

I always forgive my partner for his mistakes. Thinking was unfamiliar territory to him.

I'll try being nicer, partner, if you'll try being smarter.

If I did everything right, Partner, I wouldn't be playing with you!

Corona beer changes their name to avoid association with the Coronavirus outbreak



**Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.**

## Endgame

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