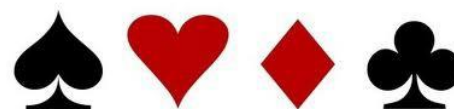


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Our last congress was a great success. This is due to the hard work of many people.

Thanks to Chris for all his administrative and organisational work in setting up the Congress.

A big thank you to Janette and all her kitchen volunteers and again the BBQ was very well received.

Our directors Julie Jeffries and Chris ensured the day's play ran smoothly.

To those who stayed behind and helped put tables and chairs away your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Peter Evans, John Kelly and John Mills whose team came second in the A grade and to the Thillanathan team who won the C grade.

We recently had a Conditions Assessment review and some work has been raised that we will need to attend to. However, we received a great compliment in that we are regarded as one of the best maintained and well looked after assets that council owns.

Kathleen Nagrodzki is back at the bridge table – welcome back, Kathleen!

We welcome Bev Wilde to the dealing roster and thank her for volunteering for this rather boring but essential task.



In club bridge news congratulations to Richard Wallis and John Kelly for winning our recent red point event held over the last two Tuesday mornings.

Our AGM is coming up Saturday 21 September and it is an important event for our club. Nomination forms are available on the noticeboard. I encourage members to attend this meeting and then stay and play in a red point event in the afternoon.

Peter Burke

## Chris's Administrator's Corner

### Red Point Sessions

Our upcoming red point sessions are ...

- Wednesday Mornings 4 & 11 September @ 9.30am

To qualify for the overall, you need to play both weeks with the same partner. Members pay the usual \$7 or coupon and visitors pay \$9 per session.

### Lesson on Basic Slam Bidding

Peter Evans has kindly agreed to teach a lesson on Basic Slam Bidding on **Saturday 7 September, 9.30am-11.30am.**

The lesson is suited to those who wish to learn about or refresh themselves about slam bidding.

Topics in the lesson will include:

- Requirements for slam
- Roman Key Card Blackwood
- Gerber
- Quantitative Raises
- Control Bids

There will be an opportunity to play some hands from the learnt content.

The cost for the lesson is \$10 per person, which includes lesson notes.

Please register via the list located on the blue notice board near the front door at the club. This is so Peter has enough pre-dealt boards prepared for the lesson.

If you cannot attend the lesson but wish to purchase the notes, these will be available from the office after the lesson for \$7 per copy.

### GNOT [Grand National Open Teams]

#### Brisbane Zone Final

Good luck to the following BBC teams who qualified earlier this year to the GNOT Brisbane Zone Final. This is being held on Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September at QCBC.

1. Sue Herbert - Lesleigh Egan - Lynne Henley - Elaine Jonsberg - John Mills
2. Richard Wallis - John Kelly - Sheila Wills - Wolf Stuthe
3. Arne Jonsberg - Graham Baker - Chris Larter - John Lahey

### Annual General Meeting

The BBC Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 21 September, 11.45am.**

This meeting is for all the membership, so everyone is encouraged to attend.

Committee Nomination Forms are currently available from the blue notice board near the front door near at the club.

Forms must be submitted by Friday 6 September, 9am.

Information regarding the AGM will be emailed out in early September and mailed to those without email.



### Working Bee

The club will be holding a working bee on **Sunday 22 September, 2pm onwards.** The building and grounds are in the need of some attention and it has been a few years since the club held a working bee.

Jobs that require attention include:

- Wiping down surfaces
- Touch up painting
- Repairs to benches
- Gardening



Many hands make light work. So it is hoped that many will come and help out.

A list of jobs will soon appear on the blue notice board near the front at the club.

You are welcome to nominate for a task, via the notice board, in advance if you wish.

Please bring any tools or equipment with you to carry out your task.

We will try and achieve as much as possible.

If you have any questions, please email the club or speak to me in person.

## Friendly Reminders

Please remember to do the following at the end of the session before leaving.

- Pushing your chairs in
- Placing paper and rubbish (including crumbs & toothpicks) in the appropriate bins outside the kitchen
- Taking cups and glasses to the kitchen and placing them in the dishwasher
- Placing the pens along one side of the bidding pad holder (placing them in the bidding pad holder prevents the holder being topped up with more bidding paper)



Leaving your table neat and tidy makes it inviting to the players sitting at that table at the next session.

## Policy Document - Arriving Without a Partner

A year or so ago, the Brisbane Bridge Centre Committee wrote a policy document regarding arriving without a partner. This document is available on the noticeboard near the director desk and on the documents page of our website. A copy of this document is being published in this newsletter as well.

I ask players, particularly if you are someone that comes without a partner, to familiarise yourself with the policy.

## Club Sponsorship

One area in our club where I would like to see an improvement is in finding businesses who could be sponsors. Sponsorship can go towards an advertisement in our yearly diary, a logo on our coupons or bidding pads, or contribute towards prize money for a congress or event.

If you know of any businesses the committee and I could approach, please let me know.

## Director Please!

### Tuesday Nights & Saturday Afternoons

Due to my busy life, both at and outside of the BBC, the Committee and I have mutually agreed to reduce some of my responsibilities so as to give me some R & R.

One of these will be the number of sessions I direct. This is currently all Tuesday Nights and Saturday Afternoons. Basically, for the moment, I will reduce my directing to a couple of times a month at each session.

Some of our directors at BBC will step up and take on an additional session each month to fill the gaps.

## Cold and Flu Season

As we are still in the midst of the cold and flu season, please continue to follow basic hygiene practices listed below.

1. If you are sick, please think twice before coming to bridge. We 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.
3. Consider washing your hands with soap & water and dry them thoroughly or use the hand sanitiser bottles available on the kitchen bench. Doing so helps to prevent the spread of bacteria.

## Masterpoint Promotions

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

- David O’Gorman – Gold Life
- Ralph White – Regional
- Janis Boyd – \*\*Local
- Clive Carter – \*\*Local
- Muriel Barker – Club
- Gerry White – Club
- Judy Wilson – Club

## New and Returning Members

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

- Brian Hoath
- Warren Males
- Robin Steinhardt
- Pamela Tacey

## BBC Graded Teams Congress 2019

32 teams entered our Graded Teams Congress, held on Sunday 28 July. Teams were seeded and placed into 3 Grades.

Thank you to all who either participated and/or helped in any role to make the congress a success.

Photos of the prize winners were taken by club photographer, Bronwyn Turner.



Paul Collins, Sue O'Brien,  
Carmel Martin & Phil Hale  
(A Grade – 1st)



Ralph Parker, John Mills,  
John Kelly & Peter Evans  
(A Grade – 2nd)



Geoffrey Toon with Peter Burke (President)  
[absent: Siegfried Konig,  
Charlie Lue & Chuan Qin]  
(A Grade – 3rd)





Jack Luke-Paredi, Paul Brake,  
Darren Brake & Sue Young  
(B Grade – 1st)



Rosemary Thomson, Hazel Parkins,  
Tilley Thillainathan & Devi Thillainathan  
(C Grade – 1st)



Sumant Handa, Eugene Pereira,  
Kevin Hamilton-Reen & Mary Simon  
(B Grade – 2nd)



Ellen Visscher, Jasmine Skeate,  
Andrew Gosney & Ben Leung  
(C Grade – 2nd)

Congratulations to all prize  
winners!

Chris Larter

## Double Trouble

I am always surprised at the number of people who come to my table complaining bitterly that they have just doubled an opponent in a making contract. A top English player and writer once remarked that if you are not doubling your opponents into game at least a dozen times a year, you are not doubling enough. Consider this following hand from a club game, and I accept no responsibility for the bidding.

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

South sat contemplating his 23 points with some satisfaction and was somewhat surprised to hear East open the bidding with 3D. South doubled for take-out and was stunned to hear West bid 3H. North passed whereupon East bid 5D. South doubled with some relish and smugly lead the Ace of Clubs which held the trick, and switched to the Ace of hearts. Humiliation ensued!

East proceeded to ruff two hearts and two spades in hand, and three clubs on the table (North unable to over-ruff). He then cashed the Ace of Diamonds felling South's singleton King and North's 2, ran off all the remaining trumps and finally playing the 9C for the twelfth trick.

If you were South you would really want to give up this game.

Arne Jonsberg

## Policy Document - Arriving Without a Partner

Brisbane Bridge Centre provides a service to players on the odd occasion when their regular partner is unavailable. These players may arrive without a partner at certain designated sessions.

*Designated sessions where players may currently arrive without a partner:*

- *Tuesday Morning*
- *Tuesday Night Supervised*
- *Wednesday Morning*
- *Thursday Morning Supervised*
- *Saturday Afternoon*

For sessions where players may arrive without a partner the following policy applies:

- Players arriving without a partner must arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for the session.
- Players arriving without a partner must be prepared and willing to play with any other player who arrives without a partner.
- Players arriving without a partner should be mindful of Law 74. They should avoid any action or remark that may cause embarrassment to another player or interfere with their enjoyment of the game.

- If partnered with the Director, players arriving without a partner must be prepared and willing to sit NS if the Director prefers.
- All players must be prepared to assist the Director by moving and sitting as requested.
- Arrival without a partner should be occasional and not become a regular occurrence.
- Players should not arrive without a partner unless they are prepared to abide by the policy.

## Heard at the Bridge Table

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

Where's the hand you held during the auction?

A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer.

The real secret of the expert is to make logic seem like flair.

We play forcing hesitations. *(and so do a lot of people)*

It was not a play error, it was a play concept error.

Clever of you not to miscount the Spades, partner. What a pity you did not show the same advanced technique with the Diamonds

Bad cards, like the common cold, must run their course.

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

A Bridge match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.

If you really want to get better at Bridge, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

*And a little beauty from John Kelly:*

"My partner told me about Michaels cuebids just before we played yesterday. On the third board, I held:

♠ 5      ♥ 5      ♦ K Q 9 8 7 5 4      ♣ Q 6 4 3

My right-hand opponent was dealer and opened 1 ♦. I bid 2 ♦ which my partner alerted. When asked, he said it showed 5-5 in the majors. I felt so proud. Who would have thought I would hold exactly the ♠5 and the ♥5 so soon!"



Lorna Newnham looking glamorous at her recent 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Congratulations Lorna!

## Awards

The **Abubaker Tafawa Balewa Award** for Presidential virtuosity goes to Peter Burke, our soon to be immediate past president. For those of us who believed he could not manage flatulence in a pickled-onion factory, he has conducted his two year stint as Club President with quiet distinction and ability.

The **St. Maturinus Award** for good humour, tenacity and longevity is awarded to Kathleen Nagrodzki who, despite health aggravations, continues to play bridge with her unique style and enthusiasm.

*The Editor would be grateful for any suggestions or recommendations with regard to Awards.*

## Thought for the Month

The Seven Social Sins are:

- Wealth without work.
- Pleasure without conscience.
- Knowledge without character.
- Commerce without morality.
- Science without humanity.
- Worship without sacrifice.
- Politics without principle.

## Endgame

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