

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

In some recent sad news the club was advised that John Mills has passed away. John was an old school gentleman and a very accomplished bridge player. He won many state titles and represented Queensland three times at the national championships. On behalf of the club I extend our sympathies to John's family and friends.

Our teams Congress was held at the end of last month and by all accounts it was very successful.

As always there are people to thank. To those who helped set up and then after play assisted in putting away tables and chairs your time and effort is greatly appreciated. To those kind souls who donated food thank you very much.

In particular I want to thank our administrator Tom for his organisation of the event as

convenor. A big thank you to the director on the day Chris Snook for ensuring the smooth running of play. To our providor Janette and the kitchen volunteers thank you so much for your time and effort.

In some club bridge news the August Red Point Ekka Pairs results were

1. Richard Wallis and John Kelly
2. Bernadette O'Connell and Leonie Love
3. Sue Herbert and Cheryl Webster

A very important event on the club's calendar occurs next month. The Annual General Meeting of the club is being conducted at 11.45 Saturday 17th September. After the meeting there will be a red points bridge session. Please consider attending.

Peter Burke

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### Annual General Meeting 2022

The BBC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17 September at 11:45am. This meeting is for the entire BBC membership, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Committee

Nomination Forms are available from the blue notice board at the club. Forms must be submitted by Friday 2 September, 1pm. Information regarding the AGM will be emailed out in the coming week and mailed to those without email.

### **Supervised Play and Arriving Without a Partner**

The Saturday session will now allow for a supervised play section following the graduation of our most recent beginners' class held by John Kelly and Judith Bennett. This means our director for Saturday Neil Hansen will no longer be able to guarantee a partner if you turn up without one for the regular duplicate bridge section on Saturdays. Going forward, our two sessions offering supervised play at BBC are Thursdays 9:30am to 12:00pm and Saturdays 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

If you need any help finding a partner to play with in your regular duplicate sessions you can post a Pianola partner finder advert or ask me to post one for you and I can also note your details in any notices that go out.

### **Saturday PM AGM Pairs – Red Points (17 & 24 September, 1:00pm)**

Please arrive by 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start each afternoon. 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 Under 500 & Novice Pairs Congress (Sunday, 16 October, 9:30am)**

The BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress is coming up on Sunday 16 October. The cost is \$70 per pair (\$35 per player). Congress start time is 9:30am and will go to approximately 4:30pm. I encourage all BBC members with under 500 masterpoints to enter and play in this congress.

Members entering the Novice section must have fewer than 100 MPs as of 31 July this year.

The entry forms will be available at the club or online on the BBC or QBA websites soon. To enter please fill out an entry form online on the BBC website or a paper entry at the club. Entries will close after Tuesday 11 October.

### **Masterpoint Promotions**

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

- Debbie Stokes – Graduate
- Rob Swann – Regional

### **New Members**

The Committee welcomes our new members Robyn King and Fredrick Rodrigues and wishes them a long and happy association with BBC:

Tomas Corney

## **BBC Graded Teams Congress 2022**

28 teams entered our Graded Teams Congress, held on Sunday 31 July. Teams were seeded and placed into two Grades. Thank you to all who either participated and/or helped in any role to make the congress a success.

### **A Grade:**

First – Wood Team (Kerry Wood, Charles Howard, Pamela Evans, James Evans)

Second – Kempthorne Team (Agnes Kempthorne, Barry Kempthorne, Therese Tully, Richard Ward)

Third – Runting Team (Tim Runting, Patrick Bugler, Brian Patterson, Alan Gibson)

### **B Grade:**

First – Ranke Team (Lex Ranke, Jack Rohde, Joan Jenkins, Alan Boyce)

Second – Hamilton-Reen Team (Kevin Hamilton-Reen, Mary Simon, Kathy Males, Warren Males)

Third – Jonsberg Team (Arne Jonsberg, John Lahey, Alan Mckenna, Judith Milliner)

## BBC Teams. 31<sup>st</sup> July:

As usual, BBC had the Swiss Teams Congress on the last Sunday in July, and this year we had 28 teams playing, 14 in each of A & B Grade. I played with Graham Baker for the first time ever, and we acquitted ourselves very well, with 3 wins and 3 losses. Our team-mates were Ewa Kowalczyk and Gheorghii Belonogov.

The first board in the afternoon was lucky for us, when we bid too high, but the opponents came to our rescue.

M 4 Board 1

Dlr: N

Vul: Nil

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

Bidding:

1NT	/	2D	/
3H	/	4NT	/
5S	/	6H	//

Graham and I had not agreed on responses to the transfer, and I wanted to show good support for Hearts so I jumped.

I think he thought I was showing a maximum, as well as Hearts, so he used RKCB, but alas my response of 5S (2 Key cards and the ♥Q) put us too high.

East lead the ♦4 and I was in a quandary as to how to garner 12 tricks. Playing either opponent for a singleton Club honour was a legitimate chance, but very long odds.

I elected to go for both Club honours onside, or a mis-defence, so I led the ♣J after drawing trumps, losing to the ♣K for a Spade return. I won the ♠K and took the Club finesse again, so I was able to discard my losing spade for +980 and 11 Imps. East thought I was hoping for a cover so I could finesse the other way, which is why he smoothly ducked.

Richard Wallis

## Loser on Loser Play 3

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

South plays in 4S and three rounds of top hearts are led by West. If declarer ruffs the third round he will lose control of the trump suit on the probable 4-2 break. He should therefore discard a loser in clubs on the third round of hearts and dummy's trump holding is able to take care of any continuation of the suit.

## Heard at the Bridge Table

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

If there is more than one way to play the hand, you will always choose the way that brings you down

Unlike most sports, you only need 15cm of space to play bridge -- the distance between your ears.

Bridge is for people who like to do puzzles without answers.

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but how to escape once he is in it.

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

If you play bridge with your wife as a partner you need at least 20 points to open the bidding and it wouldn't hurt to have 25.

Takeout Double "the one that your partner passes".

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

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

Asked why he does not play bridge with his wife anymore, the husband replied "I refuse to play in any game that requires earmuffs and shin guards."

How is it possible that a person will play flawlessly when he is the opposition and senselessly when he is your partner?

## Dave Jayne Jokes

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

(Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?)



## Endgame

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