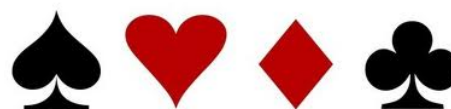


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President's Report

At the end of last month we held our Graded Teams Congress. This was a great success with 28 teams competing over A and B grades.

This success was due to the efforts of a number of people.

Firstly, a big thank you to Thomas Corney who did a fabulous job as Convenor and caddied on the day. Our director was Chris Snook and he ensured the day ran smoothly.

A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen volunteers Linda Groves, Gloria Newton, Hazel Lahey, Allie Hays, Leith Cameron and Monica Gordon, who kept food and drink supplies up to players throughout the day.

To those who donated food your contributions are greatly appreciated. There were some very delicious items!

To those kind souls who assisted in setting the room up and to those who helped put away the tables and chairs a very big thank you.

Saturday 16 September is a very important date in our club calendar. Our Annual General Meeting will be held. Information and committee nomination forms will soon be available. Please turn up and learn how the club is progressing. Bring some lunch and then stay for the red point point bridge session.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner



Annual General Meeting 2023 (Saturday 16 September, 11:45am)

The BBC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 16 September at 11:45am. This

meeting is for the entire BBC membership, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Committee Nomination Forms will be available from the blue notice board at the club and sent to you via email. Forms must be submitted by Friday 1 September, 1pm. Information regarding the AGM will be emailed out in the coming week and mailed to those without email.

Directly following the AGM will be the first of the Red Points sessions of the month.

Saturday PM AGM Pairs – Red Points (16 & 23 September, 1:00pm)

Please arrive by 12:45am 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 \$9 for visitors.

Saturday Sessions – Arriving Without a Partner

Neil Hansen is happy to play with or partner up those who arrive without a partner on Saturdays. If 2 people arrive without partners, they will play together.

Please call the club ahead of time on the day (3392 7933) so that the game can be organized beforehand.

Gold Coast Congress 2024

Entries for the Gold Coast Congress for next year have opened; you must use MyABF to sign up. Please contact me if you need any help with this.

Director Training

The QBA will be holding a director training weekend on Zoom, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15

October.

We are on the lookout for new club directors; if you are interested in this opportunity please contact the committee, BBC is willing to pay the fees for this event.

GNOT (Grand National Open Teams) Brisbane Zone Final

Good luck to the two BBC teams who qualified earlier this year for the GNOT Brisbane Zone Final.

The final is being held on Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 August at QCBC.

BBC Teams:

1. John Morris, John Kelly, Richard Wallis, Neven Burica, Lilly Jia
2. Unis Suliman, David COWLS, Monica Gordon, Margaret Dyer

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Lynne Henley – Silver National
- Lynne Hurst – Silver Local
- Merryl Moore – Bronze Regional
- Kerry Pope – Silver National

Tomas Corney

BBC Graded Swiss Teams, 30th July 2023

There was a good roll-up of 28 teams for our Congress on 30th July, which was won by Ross Murtagh and Barbara Kent, playing with Lex Ranke and Jack Rohde. I played with Elaine Jonsberg and our team-mates were Lilly Jia and John Morris. We were always in contention, with 4 wins and 2 losses, but our final loss to Murtagh in match 6 put them in the lead and us in 6th place.

As usual, the BBC members were very supportive, bringing in lots of delicious food. There were a lot of challenging hands on the day and I have presented a few titbits for your reading pleasure.



M 1 ♠ K Q 10 9 5 4
 Bd 7 ♥ Q 5 4 2
 Dlr S ♦ Q 5 3
 Vul All ♣

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

♠ 7
♥ A K 9 8 6
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ K 9 6

W	N	E	S
			1H
P	1S	X	2D
P	4H	X	P

Board 7 in the first match was fairly straight-forward at our table as West had nothing to lead and nothing to bid. East chose to double on the first round to later show a good hand, but then the good Club suit did not get a mention and West passed the second penalty double and led the 3♥.

Elaine won the K♥, cashed the A♥ getting the bad break and led the 7♠ to dummy's King, won by East who now cashed the top diamonds and exited with a Diamond, won on the table. Elaine now proceeded to ruff the Spades good and could return to the Q♥ to cash her 10 tricks for +790.

At the other table the contract was also 4H, but not doubled, and this time a club was led so Declarer was off to a bad start and finished 1 off for +100 and 13 Imps.

East was caught in a dilemma, as there is no reason for West to lead a Club if the suit is not bid, but she has a strong hand.

M 2 ♠ A 8
 Bd 11 ♥ A Q 8 5
 Dlr S ♦ K Q 8 7 5 4
 Vul NIL ♣ 8

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

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 2
♣ J 10 7 3

W	N	E	S
P	1D	X	P
3C	3D	3NT	P

Board 11 in the second match was a triumph for Lilly and John who did not get carried away with their potentially good hands and played in the safe contract of 3C for 10 tricks and +130. If the clubs had broken that would have been 11 tricks and +150.

At our table I had a routine opening 1D and an even more routine rebid of 3D, but East was not put off after his partner made a free-bid of 3C and bid a dicey 3NT.

Things looked good for our side when Elaine led the 2♦, normally showing 3 to an honour, and so it proved as 3NT had no chance and finished 3 off for +150 and a total of 280 and 7 Imps

M 3 ♠ Q 7 6 5
 Bd 25 ♥ 6 5 4 3
 Dlr S ♦ K J 9 3
 Vul EW ♣ 4

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

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 10
♦ Q 4 2
♣ A K Q 10 6

W	N	E	S
	P	P	1C
P	1H!	P	2C
P			

On board 25 in the third match I had a border-line response to Elaine's 1C opening bid and I only succumbed because I had both majors, but when Elaine rebid 2C I instantly regretted it and passed with trepidation to avoid digging a deeper hole!

West cashed the top Spades and exited with the 8♠ and everyone followed, and due to the friendly trump break Elaine was able to draw trumps and lead a Diamond to dummy to discard her 10♥ and make 10 tricks for +130.

I did not get the bidding at the other table, but North played in 2D and must have lost control to finish 1 off and another +50 for a total of +180 and 5 Imps.

This was our best result with 3 wins, but we were still only in 4th place. A similar loss in the next match dropped us back to our worst position of 7th.

M 4	♠ 10 5 2
Bd 3	♥ A Q J 6 2
Dlr S	♦ K 9 8 7
Vul EW	♣ A

♠ K 9
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 6

♠ A Q J 7
♥ 9
♦ J 10 3
♣ J 9 7 4 3

♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 8 7 5 3
♦ A 4
♣ K 5 2

W	N	E	S
			P
P	1H	P	2H
P	3D	P	4H

On board 3 in the fourth match we suffered our first loss and dropped to seventh place, but this was our best board of the match.

I opened 1H in third seat and Elaine raised to 2H, over which I made a help-suit bid of 3D and Elaine was happy to accept the game invitation, to which East led the 4♣.

As I was able to enter dummy with the A♦ and discard a Spade, the contract looked safe now, so I played safe and made just 10 tricks for +420.

At the other table NS stopped in 2H, and Declarer made 11 tricks for -200, but 6 Imps to us.

M 6	♠ 10 8 6
Bd 19	♥ Q J 6 5 3 2
Dlr S	♦ 5
Vul EW	♣ K Q 2

♠ A 9 3 2
♥ K 9 4
♦ Q 8 2
♣ J 9 6

♠ 5 4
♥ A 10 8 7
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 7 5 4

♠ K Q J 7
♥ -
♦ A J 10 9 3
♣ A 10 8 3

W	N	E	S
			1D
P	1H	P	1S
P	2H	P	2NT
P	3NT	P	

On board 19 in the sixth and last match my reasonable 6-card suit and certain entry prompted me to raise to 3NT when Elaine rebid 2NT over my 2H sign-off, and West led the 2♠.

The sight of dummy must have startled Elaine, but she won the first trick on the table and set about the Diamond suit, finessing the 9♦.

Dummy's Heart suit must have unsettled EW as well, because when Elaine won the Spade return and played Diamonds, setting up the suit, East

did not play a Heart and Elaine made the rest of the tricks for +430.

At the other table the final contract was 2H and this made for -110, but 8 Imps to us.

However this was an 8 Imps loss and pushed us down to 6th and Murtagh up to first.

Richard Wallis



Second: Knox Team (Margie Knox - Carmel Wikman - Susan Sharp - Andrew Sharp)

A Grade Results



First: Murtagh Team (Ross Murtagh - Barbara Kent - Jack Rohde - Lex Ranke)

Second: Wotherspoon Team (Tere Wotherspoon - Siegfried Konig - Maha Hoenig - Janeen Solomon)

Third: Beattie Team (Pat Beattie - Margaret Pisko - Edward Hahn - Jeff Conroy)



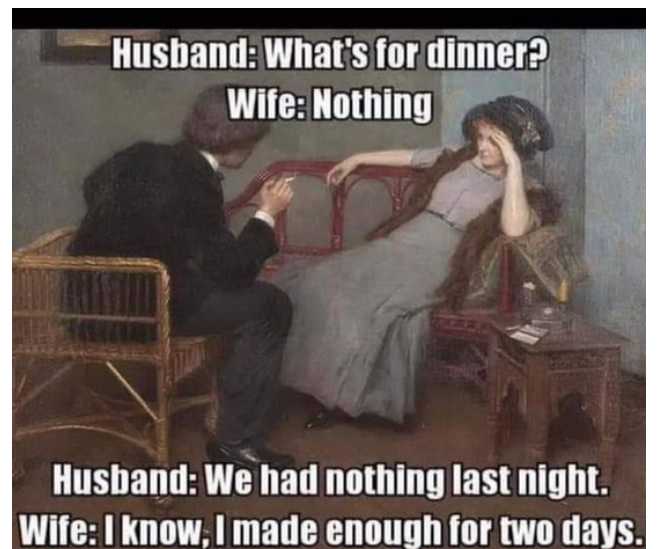
Third: Hinsch Team (Nanette Hinsch - Kerry Pope - Rod Wilson - Peter Burke)

Congratulations to all place-getters!

B Grade Results



First: McGowan Team (Vanessa Brewis - Oliver Goodman - Ming Shu Yang)



Heard at the Bridge Table

Playing Bridge – the dreadful burden of having nothing better to do.

Bridge can't make you happy ... but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery

I don't suffer from bridge addiction; I enjoy every minute of it.

The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master Bridge player

The correct way to make the contract will become obvious as soon as you have finished your play.

Your play was not much better tonight, Partner, but your excuses certainly were.

Bridge is one of the few games you can enjoy without being good at it.

The more you practice, the luckier you get.

When in doubt, put the opponents on lead. Why should you make the mistake?

Bad enough when the trumps are 4-1, but when the singleton trump gets a ruff, that's downright unfair.

Bridge players exist mainly to make life difficult for each other.

The defenders made two no-trump so it was an accurate contract -- just played the wrong way.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

I think we're all a little masochistic. Otherwise, why would we continue to play bridge?

The good thing about bridge is that you only need to be healthy above the neck.

As long as you make your contract, who cares if the method is wrong.

Endgame

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