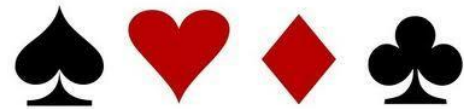


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President's Message

On behalf of the committee of Brisbane Bridge Centre I would like to wish all members a very

Happy Christmas and a safe, prosperous and Bridge-full New Year.
Peter Burke

Chris's Administrator's Corner



There will be NO bridge at BBC on

- Tuesday Morning & Night 25 December
- Thursday Morning 27 December
- Tuesday Night 1 January.

All other sessions will be held as usual.

New Members

Are you new to BBC?

Are you playing regularly at BBC but pay the visitor fee?

If you have answered yes to one of these, I strongly encourage you become a member. You can collect a membership form from the sideboard located outside the office or download the form from the contacts page on the club website.

New Members

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

- Deb Harris
- Gerry Harris
- Loraine King
- Margie Knox
- Luis Labanti
- Kathy Males
- Steven Parkes
- Unis Suliman

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Janette Kollisch – *National
- Peter Burke – National
- Dawn Carroll – *State
- Janette Hiatt – **Local
- Maria Ceuls – *Local
- Clive Carter – *Local
- Inta Devine – *Local
- Robert Mitchell – Local
- Philip Argyris – Club
- Nicky Denholm – Club
- Edith Walker – Graduate

Chris Larter

Editorial

On behalf of all members of BBC I would like to thank the Committee and Chris for all the good work they have done through 2018.

Personally I would like to thank Peter Evans and Chris Larter for their consistent contributions to the Newsletter and to all the other people who have had occasional input. An interesting Newsletter can only be achieved through help and ideas from members, so all contributions are gratefully received.

A huge vote of thanks to Elaine Jonsberg for her prodigious efforts in putting together eleven Christmas hampers, and I am sure all winners will agree it was a job very well done. The lucky winners are below



Tuesday – Judith Bennett



Saturday – George Macionis



Tuesday Night – Teresa Yates



Monday – Bill Tolstrup

(and Geoff Ilett – no photo)



Wednesday – Sue Drapes

Thursday – Jane Davis (No photo)





Friday – Marie Buckley and Janette Hiatt

Christmas Party – Kath Reeve, Bronwyn Turner and Chris Larter

BBC 2018 Christmas Party

Once again BBC had a wonderful Christmas Party this Saturday gone. Fabulous self-catering with alcohol, friends and good bridge including three grand slams - what more could one want?









Alan McKenna is uncertain if he remembered the deodorant this morning and feels it is only right to check. Julie clearly believes there is no problem in his area of personal hygiene.

Heard at the Bridge Table

The difference between a fantastic bid and a stupid bid is largely a matter of result.

Take care of your bridge partner; Make him feel important and smart. If you can do that, you will have a happy and wonderful partnership ... Just like 1 out of 100 partnerships.

I have often wanted to drown my troubles, but I can never get my partner to go swimming.

My partner and I have been partnering for 40 years ... out of spite.

"Do you think my game is improving?"
Of course. You only go down 2 nowadays.

Taking advice from my bridge partner is like taking sailing lessons from the captain of the Titanic

Politeness is not saying bad things about your partner until you are at least 50 metres away.

Not everyone hates my partner ... Only those who have partnered him.

My Bridge partner ran off with my wife: and let me tell you, I really miss him.

Bridge partners are like husbands -- they are fine as long as they are someone else's.

My partner has a brain like Einstein's --- dead since 1955.

If my partner's IQ gets any lower, I will have to water him.

Awards

The **ComBank Award** for fiscal ingenuity goes to Graeme Twaddell for his attempt to pay for his bridge session with a business card.

The **Benito Garozzo Award** for bridge virtuosity is won by Elaine Jonsberg for her two plus 70% scores in one week.

The **Hyper – Improbability Award** for bridge surprises goes to Lynne Henley for her one 70% plus score. It underlines the old dictum that given an infinite amount of time a chimpanzee could write the works of Shakespeare.

The **St. Augustine Award** for patience, courtesy and general saintly conduct go to my bridge partners Alan McKenna and Graham Baker. They feel the ineptitude of my play is only partly mitigated by the extreme joy of sitting opposite me at the bridge table!

The **MKR Award** is won by Janette Hiatt for her consistent ability to produce fine food and treats for hungry bridge players.

Groanable Christmas Jokes

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out of the window and said, "It's going to rain."
His wife asked, "How do you know?"
"Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

It is late December and the court judge is in a good mood. He asks the defendant: "What are you accused of?" The defendant replies "I am accused of having done my Christmas shopping too early!" The judge says "But that's not a crime."
"Well, it was before the store opened."

And a special couple for Lesley Focks –

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!

What do you call an old snowman? Water.

Endgame

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