

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Greetings to all friends and members. May I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year. I think I wished the same last year for all the good it did us. What a ghastly year it has been one way and another – but let's be positive and say next year will be brilliant, our finesses will work and bad distributions will be a thing of the past. The club seems to be getting back to almost normal and it is great to see the return of some old friends to the Club.

We have our Christmas party this Saturday and I hope to see as many as possible there. Food

contributions will be most welcome. Please see Tom's column.

The year has not been totally without redemption; we have seen wonderful improvements in the Club facilities and miracle upon miracle – the roof now only has a very minor leak.

I would please ask that all members please pay their subscriptions as soon as possible – this will help Tomas and John, our treasurer.

Best wishes to all and I hope to see you on Saturday.

Elaine

Tomas' Administrator's Corner

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party this year will be held on Saturday 19 December from 11:45am onwards followed by Christmas Pairs (Red Points) from 1:00pm.

Due to Covid restrictions this year the party and Christmas Pairs event will be limited to BBC Financial Members only. There will be a limited number so *Pre-registration is essential*: please email an entry to Chris Larter, our convenor, at c.larter@hotmail.com.

The Xmas lunch this year will follow a different format. Buffet-style dining is currently not

allowed, so members who have completed their Covid Safe Work Training for Dining In certificate will serve the food from the kitchen area.

In order for this to happen, we will need a few volunteers to prepare and bring easily served finger food such as sandwiches, slices, quiche, sausage rolls, cakes etc (no dips, salads etc).

If you wish to volunteer to prepare and bring food please contact Marie Buckley at mbuckley398@gmail.com or call 0415 593 159 so that we can co-ordinate the type and amount of food. Drinks will be provided.

Beginner Lessons

Our first set of 2021 Beginner Bridge Lessons will be held from 9 January to 13 February on Saturday mornings, 9:30am – 11:30am.

The cost will be \$70 which includes the 6 week course and the Bridge Basics 1 Textbook. Flyers are available on the blue noticeboard near the front door at the club.

If you know anyone interested, please ask them to register at the club via email bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or by phoning 3392 7933.

Mini Lessons

Our wonderful Peter Evans is still holding weekly mini bridge lessons every Saturday at 10am over Zoom. These lessons are aimed at a simple-intermediate level.

If you are interested send your email details to Peter Evans at peterwevans@optusnet.com.au, he will include you in the talks and send you the Zoom link 15 minutes before the scheduled talk time.

After each lesson, the subject matter is uploaded to our website and you can find a summary of all previous lesson's content on our website under the Documents tab.

Christmas – New Year Period at BBC

There will be NO bridge at BBC on Friday the 25 December this year.

All other sessions will be held as usual.

New Members

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

- Una Anne Craig
- Elizabeth Johnston
- John Velosa

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Jenny Hearle – Club
- Jenny Nitz – Club
- Cheryl Webster – Life

Tomas Corney

Bridge hand: Ignore the “Rules”?

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

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

South	West	North	
1NT	P	3NT	All P

Lead - 2H.

At the table South took the heart lead in his hand with the Queen and led the Club Jack for a finesse. East won the King and listened to the voices in his head “return partners suit” and/or “lead a diamond to the weakness in dummy”.

East finally took the easy and “safe” option and returned a heart. South took dummy’s King, lost a diamond finesse, won the next heart, lost to the Ace of Spades and claimed 10 tricks.

East can defeat 3NT if he ignores the voices in his head and instead ‘thinks’! On the bidding it is unlikely that West can have more than 5 or 6 points and if he has good hearts he will have no side trick. The lead suggests four cards in Hearts and since West would have led Diamonds if his

points were in that suit, a diamond return would not help the defence.

East must lead a Spade hoping that West has the Jack of Spades plus an entry.

South wins with dummy's Queen and tries a Diamond finesse. When West takes the King, a Spade return gives the defence 5 tricks. Who said killing defence wasn't easy?

Arne



Heard at the Bridge Table

I never drink alcohol while playing bridge. It interferes with my suffering.

Winning does not really matter, as long as you win.

Some people are so busy learning the various conventions and gadgets of the game; they never fully enjoy the game.

Bridge is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkles you get.

Bridge partners are like parking spots, the good ones are taken and the available ones are handicapped.

I play bridge to be entertained. If I wanted to be stressed and abused, I might as well stay home with my wife.

Isn't it a shame how 99% of bridge players give the whole game a bad name.

The biggest problem with buying a pack of bridge cards is that brains are not included.

With hesitations, body language cues and the familiarity of partner's style, bridge can never really be a totally fair game.

Bridge is about making mistakes and learning from them.
My Partner got half of it right.

What's the difference between my partner and a trampoline? I have to take off my shoes before I jump on a trampoline.

Bridge players are NOT out of shape. I'm in shape. Look! Round is a shape.

If you play bridge without ever having to explain your decision or make an apology, then you obviously don't exist.

My partner is so stupid that he leads 4th best from a 3-card suit.

I don't have an attitude problem, partner. You have a perception problem.

Thanks to Neil for some clever word play:

An invisible man married an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected.

I took my new girlfriend out on our first date to the ice rink, and entry was half price. She called me a cheap skate.

Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.

I used to date a girl with one leg who worked at a brewery. She was in charge of the hops.

My cross-eyed wife and I just got a divorce. I found out she was seeing someone on the side.

My wife claims I'm the cheapest person she's ever met. I'm not buying it.

A raven has 17 rigid feathers called pinions, while a crow only has 16. The difference between a raven and a crow is just a matter of a pinion.

I told my carpenter I didn't want carpeted steps. He gave me a blank stair.

What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up his own incision? Suture self.

Thanks to Inta for the following:

Today I saw a dwarf climbing down a prison wall. I thought to myself *That's a little condescending* .

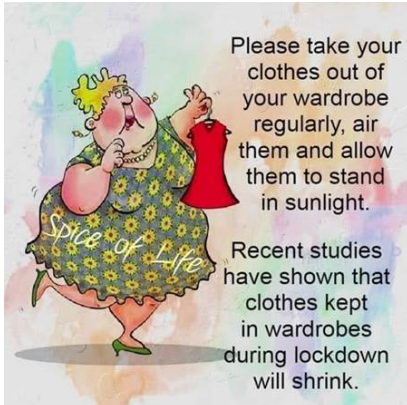
People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point. The glass is refillable.

They say every piece of chocolate eaten shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the maths. Seems I died in 1537.

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

I swear we're fighting two pandemics. Coronavirus and stupidity.

And to Neil and Inta for the following:



My wife is blaming me for ruining her Birthday
That's ridiculous, I didn't even know it was her Birthday

To everyone that received a book from me for christmas, they're due back at the library next friday.

Thank you.



> 'Enter new password'

~ 'chicken'

> 'Password must contain a capital'

~ 'chickenkiev'





Endgame

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