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President's Report

I have to sadly announce that Diana Nokartis passed away last month and I would like to extend sympathy and condolences from myself and the Club to Diana's family and friends.

On a happier note, on Saturday BBC hosted a very successful and enjoyable Christmas party which was well attended. Thanks to all those members who contributed such wonderful food and thank you to Neil Hansen who ran the excellent red-point event post-party.

The Christmas hamper raffle was won by two popular members, Bernadette O'Connell and Kay Twaddell who swear they have never won a raffle before. Excellent result!

The raffle provided a nice profit of \$200 which goes to club funds and thank you to Arne who bullied and cajoled members to dig deeply into their pockets. Thank you all for your support.

Well, it's the end of another year and we are still suffering from slightly lower numbers post-covid. It would be nice to see better support for one or two of the weekly sessions in the new year, so please all consider an extra session per week.

I would like to wish all members a very Happy Christmas and a bridge-full and successful New Year.

Party hard. Stay safe.



Bernadette and Kay with their booty

Elaine Jonsberg



Tom's Administrator's Corner



2023 Membership Renewals

Thank you to all members who have promptly sent through their renewal fee for 2023, please note that the due date for this is 31 December, there are envelopes available at the club to put your fee into the white annual subscriptions box. Reminder emails will be sent during the last week of December if we have still not received your renewal by then.

Christmas – New Year Period at BBC

The BBC will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday 25 December. Other than Christmas, there will be no changes to our regular sessions of bridge at BBC during the Christmas and New Year's period this year.

Masterpoint Promotions

Due to the ABF website troubles since our last publication, the masterpoint promotions from both September and October are listed below. Congratulations to the following members who have received a masterpoint promotion.

- Jill McTaggart – Graduate
- Geoff Moller – Local
- Jim Reay – Silver Local

Tomas Corney

Bridge Hand. Pause for Thought

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

South opens the bidding with 1S and N/S eventually subside in 4S on the lead of the ♥K. Many players are familiar with the Bath Coup even though they might not know the technical term for the play. West leads the ♥K and if South knows a little bit about bridge he will play

the ♥4 on the King, hoping that W will continue the suit and hand him an extra Heart trick. The duck of the King, holding A-J-x is called a Bath Coup.

However if West is familiar with this holdup play, he will switch to a different suit after East plays a discouraging card on the King. It is now that declarer must be careful not to waste his advantage.

Let's assume that West shifts to a club at trick two. Declarer cannot afford to finesse since this would subject him to defeat if the finesse lost and East returned a Heart. So to ensure the contract he goes up with the Ace. He next plays the K-Q of trumps, followed by the ♦Q.

Assume that East wins the second diamond with the ace and returns a heart. South takes the ace, crosses to dummy with a trump and discards his heart loser on dummy's third diamond. He then

concedes a club to the king to make his contract.

Observe that if South takes the king of hearts with the ace at trick 1, he goes down. East later gains the lead with either a diamond or a club

and returns a heart through declarer's J-4. The Bath Coup, even though West did not continue hearts at trick 2, proves to be the key to making the contract.
Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

Don't let worries get you down – play bridge instead.

I know of no one whom I would rather see in charge of dummy.

You made your Ace of trumps. What else could you possibly want?

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

Bridge is about making mistakes and learning from them. My partner gets half of it right.

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

If you award masterpoints for very good results, then logically you should deduct them for very bad results.

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

I've had bad luck with both my partners. The first one left me and the second one didn't.

My partner has made a major contribution to Bridge – he stopped playing it.

Thank you partner, I had a wonderful evening – too bad this wasn't it!

Thoughts for the Year.

If you can't be a good example, then you will have to serve as a horrible warning.

Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.

If a man is walking in a forest and talking to himself with no women around, is he still wrong?

'Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities'

Voltaire

Lastly probably the most prescient of quotes:

“All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure”

Mark Twain



Endgame

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