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Editorial

We have had a truly sad start to this year with the passing of two club members: Muriel Baker, who was playing until very recently and who's death was a shock for us all, and Margaret Owen, who many of you will remember, although she has not played bridge for a while now. Our sympathy and thoughts are with their family, friends and partners.

A very recent piece of sad news came this week with the passing of Peter and Pat Burke's much loved Mum, who we all felt we knew due to the twins' funny stories and anecdotes about her. All your friends at the Club send their deepest sympathy and we hope to see you both again very soon.

The Newnham Shield, our club championship, was held last Saturday, ably directed by Chris Snook. Winners were Janet Price and Richard Spelman closely followed by John Kelly and Peter Evans – congratulations to the winners, and a report on the event by Richard Wallis follows in this newsletter.

The Club wishes all members who are playing at the Gold Coast the very best of luck. Play good bridge and stay safe. For those who are not going to the Gold Coast, all BBC sessions will run as usual.

Arne Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Gold Coast Congress

The BBC will be open for all regular sessions during the Gold Coast Congress this year (Friday 18 February to Saturday 26 February). Peter Evans' mini-lessons will be put on hold for the time being however and will resume Saturday 5 March.

On behalf of the club I would like to wish all members who are playing to have a successful and enjoyable Congress.

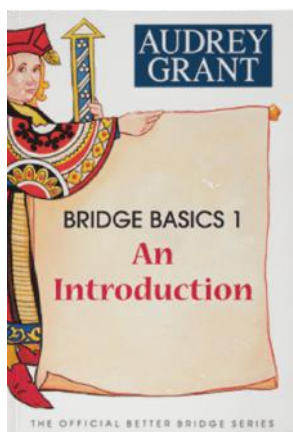
Friday Morning Pairs (Red Points) 4 & 11 March

9.30am start each morning. 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.

Beginner Lessons

Our first set of beginner lessons at BBC for 2022 will be held on Thursday afternoons, 1:00pm -

3:00pm, from 3 March to 7 April. 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 spread the word and ask them to register at the club via email bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or by phoning 3392 7933.



New Members

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

- Carol Hunter
- Irene Komen
- Kim McDonald
- Jill McTaggart
- Eugene Pereira

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Lynne Anderson – Silver Local
- Christie Campbell – Regional
- Leonie Elphinstone – Regional
- Carol Hunter – Graduate
- Bev Wilde – Regional

Tomas Corney

2022 Newnham Shield

The Newnham Shield for 2022 was held on Saturday, 12th February, and this year I played with John Mills. We started off with Janet Price and Richard Spellman, and it was an utter disaster, with many wrong decisions, even getting a poor score when we played board 4 Arrow-Switched. This shot Janet and Richard to the top of the field and to the bottom of the field for us, from where it is was only upwards.

Janet and Richard moved about in the upper half for the rest of the day, but at the finish they were the winners! John Kelly and Peter Evans were second and Agnes and Barry Kempthorne were third. The under 100 MP event that is usually held in the afternoon was cancelled due to lack of entries and some of the pairs that then played in the main event acquitted themselves very well, Jenny McGowan and

Vanessa Brewis leading the field at the lunch break and still ahead after 5 of the 9 rounds.

John and I steadily moved up the field, sitting at table 2 in 3rd place with 2 rounds to go, but then again every decision was wrong and we slipped back to 9th. It was a good roll-up of 12 tables, given the Covid scare, and Chris Snook did his usual excellent job of directing. Due to limited space in the Bulletin I only present a few of the hands of interest, not always good for us, but then we were not even close to winning.



M 1 Bd 4 ♠ K 4 3
 Dlr W ♥ A 9 7 6 3
 Vul All ♦ A J 7 5 2
 ♣ -

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

 ♠ 9 2
 ♥ T 4
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ J T 8 6 4 3 2

W	N	E	S
1S	2H	3C	P
3S	P	4S	//

Board 4 was carelessly put on the table 90 degrees out of position and nobody noticed (I did not even see who placed it), so we played as EW instead of NS.

The opening lead was the DA and John won the next round and instead of embarking on trumps at once, saw no danger in unblocking the CQ first, and who could blame him!

Then the roof caved in, first South getting a diamond ruff and then North getting another club ruff and the HA completed the rout going 2 off for -200 and a 32% score.

M 1 Bd 6 ♠ A T 7 6
 Dlr E ♥ A J 8 7
 Vul EW ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ A K

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

 ♠ K Q J 9 2
 ♥ 5 3 2
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ Q 9

E	S	W	N
P	1S	P	4NT
P	5D	P	6NT

On board 6 I was very interested, but since we play a fairly simple Standard system, I just checked that John had the SK via RKCB, and settled to a conservative (?) 6NT.

Janet led the HK, but was not fooled when I played the H8 and she held the trick and switched to the CJ, won in hand with the CK.

With no heart pips, matching shape in the minors, and a wasted CQ, I had no chance of 12 tricks when the heart is not continued and finished 1 off for -50.

At least we were not alone as this was a 41% score.

M 3 Bd 13 ♠ Q 6 5 2
 Dlr N ♥ J 9
 Vul All ♦ J 5 4
 ♣ K 5 4 3

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

 ♠ T 8
 ♥ A K Q 5 4 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ T 9 7 6

N	E	S	W
P	2D!	3H!	X
//			

On board 13 in the 3rd match East opened 2D (a weak 2-suiter), but I looked at the bidding paper too quickly and thought that she had opened 3D.

West doubled for penalties on her power and guessed correctly that her partner's other suit was spades and led the S4!

This time she was lucky, and her partner had the SQ in dummy trapped and I went 2 off for -500.

This was not a good score reaping a mere 18%, but I suppose it could have been worse.

Some days it is not your day!

M 8 Bd 20

Dlr W
Vul All

♠ Q J 6
♥ Q T 4 2
♦ Q J T 9
♣ 6 3

♠ 3
♥ 9 6 5 3
♦ K 4 3 2
♣ A K T 5

♠ 2
♥ A K 8 7
♦ A 7 6
♣ Q J 7 4 2

♠ A K T 9 8 7 5 4
♥ J
♦ 8 5
♣ 9 8

W	N	E	S
1D	/	2C	4S
X	/	5H	//

On board 20 in the 8th match against Peter Evans and John Kelly, Peter opened 1D, presumably so he could rebid 2C if John responded 1S, but no doubt was pleasantly surprized when John bid 2C (2/1).

John Mills jumped to 4S and Peter doubled on sheer power, but John thought it was still negative, even at the 4S level, so he bid 5H. Luckily Peter did have 4 hearts.

John led the SA and I did not envisage that he had 8 spades and carelessly gave them a ruff sluff for the contract, instead of taking our diamond trick. 4SX was -500 so we were saved.

Richard Wallis

Saturday Summer Teams

The Red Point Saturday summer teams event was held over two Saturdays, 29th Jan and 5th Feb.

First: Jonsberg: Arne Jonsberg, John Lahey, Elaine Jonsberg, Wolf Stuthe, Richard Wallis

Second: McKenna: Alan McKenna, Judith Milliner, Margaret Dyer, Paul Thiem

Third: Mclver: Narelle Mclver, Bernadette O’Connell, Janet Price, Richard Spelman

Fourth: Kent: Barbara Kent, Ross Murtagh, Neil Strutton, Dewi Eastman.

Congratulations to all!



I'm Giving up Bridge

I'm giving up bridge, tonight's my last night
It's Amen to Staymen, I give up the fight
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
And I can't sleep at night thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who's played, and what's trumps, and what's
gone on my right
So for now it's all over and I'm off to the
backwood
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, and I can't stand the
pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again
I'm giving up bridge tonight's a bad night
Declarer in hand and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope
And when she says double I know we're in
trouble
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise, surprise, her bidding pays

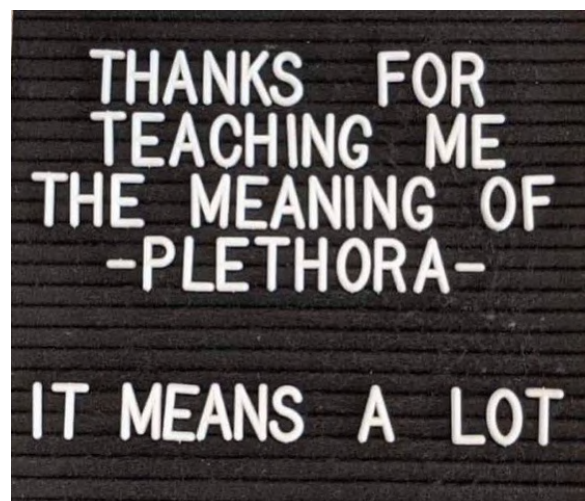
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge, tonight's my last night
Farewell to conventions – I give up the fight
So I leave you with a few words, but some that
are true
Bridge is a game, not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partner and don't mind their
cheek
For it's only a game.....oh! And see you next
week.



Thanks to Margaret Bower



(Especially for Neil)

Heard at the Bridge Table

Put 4 bridge players on the table and you'll get 4 different opinions.

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

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

Don't let worries get you down - play Bridge instead

I expect the worst in bridge and am rarely disappointed.

Through constant practice, I have become an expert loser.

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

I am such a fine player, no one can deny my right to be rude.

Partners are extremely important. Who else to blame when you lose?

A happy partnership is a matter of give and take. You give in and your partner takes credit.

One good partner is better than ten average ones.

Bridge is "just a game" unless of course when you win.

A bridge player who talks about his bridge hands is more boring than a mother who talks about her children.

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

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do.

Endgame

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