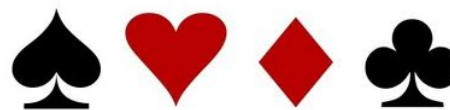


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President's Report

We received the very sad news this week of the passing of Kathleen Nagrodzki. Kathleen was a long standing and popular member and an absolutely wonderful character. Few people would open with a pre-empt and continue repeating her suit up to the slam level ... so she went five down, she would just laugh and call you a few choice words. There was never a dull moment with Kathleen, whose carefree attitude concealed a sharp brain, and the Club was diminished when ill-health forced her to retire from bridge. The Club sends its sincere condolences to her family and friends.

On a happier note the Gold Coast Congress has just started and I would like to wish the best of luck to all members who are playing there. Stay safe and enjoy. Just a reminder to members that BBC is open for all sessions during the GCC week, so please come and support the Club.

Our club championship, the Newnham Shield, is coming up very soon on 16th March. Time to get into training and enter your names! That will be good preparation for the Easter Congress, which follows two weeks later.

Beginner lessons commence on Saturday 9th March. If you know anyone who wants to learn to play bridge, please encourage them to register.

Could I just remind members that when there is a half-table session there is a reasonable

temptation, during the sit-out, to investigate the boards that you are unable to play. It has been obvious lately that boards have been corrupted, hands switched, and 4S making 11 tricks on an apparent 3-2 fit. Having all four hands out at the same time is an absolute no-no, so please take care that hands are replaced in the correct slot.

We are currently without a cleaning contract at the Club whilst the committee evaluates tenders from several companies. Members will fulfill cleaning duties until a new cleaning contract is confirmed. Thanks to Lynn Henley for coming in to help on Saturday – don't get in her way when she's racing around with a vacuum cleaner!

We are about to embark on the ghastly prospect of football season with the chaos this brings to our Saturday session. Whilst Arne and myself will probably have to continue to put up the barriers at 6am, I would be grateful for a few more volunteers to man (person) the barricades from 11am onwards.

The library at the Club appears to be entering a state of chaos. A volunteer to tidy and rationalize would be good.

Robyn Brady and Allie Hays both produce jams and preserves to sell at the Club. Robyn donates her proceeds to various charities, and Allie donates her profits to the Bridge Club.

Elaine Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC Newnham Shield Club Pairs Championship - Red Points (Saturday 16 March)

Our premier club event is coming up soon after the Gold Coast Congress. The event will be run with two grades.

Open – 9:30am start (all day)
Under 300 Masterpoints – 1pm start.

All players must be financial BBC members and have played at least 3 times in BBC session games in the past 3 months, or may also be accepted at the discretion of the committee. Prior entry is required. You can enter on the BBC website events page, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club and online. Entries close Tuesday 12 March.

Note: The only play on Saturday 16 March will be the Club Championship. There will be no normal afternoon duplicate pairs on this day.

Rugby at Souths

Rugby at Souths is starting up once again. Trial games are coming up on Saturday March 2 and March 9, and the first couple of home games will be played on Saturday 6 & 13 April. I ask for those arriving by car to please arrive by 12:40pm on rugby game days to ensure you are able to park, so we can start bridge on time.

Tuesday Morning March Pairs - Red Points (5 & 12 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 is \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

BBC Easter Congress (Sunday March 31 & Monday 1 April)

Each day starts at 9:30am, please arrive by 9:15am. The entry fee is \$35 per player (\$70 per pair/\$140 per team), however our numbers are limited so if you are interested please enter quickly. Entries close Tuesday 26 March. You can find the entry form online on the QBA website, the BBC website and on MyABF or printed on the noticeboards at the club.

Note: We are looking for spare players. If you are available to be a spare player for the upcoming Easter Congress, please let me know.

Easter Play Weekend

- Good Friday (29 March) – Usual 9:45am Session
- Holy Saturday (30 March) – Usual 1pm Session
- Easter Sunday (31 March) – Congress [Graded Matchpoint Pairs]
- Easter Monday (1 April) – Congress [Graded Teams]

There will be *no 9.30am duplicate session on Easter Monday.*

Masterpoint Promotions

Congratulations to Lyn Waddington who has received the promotion Bronze Local.

New Members

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

- Leslie Anderson
- Errol Miller
- Jenny Nunn

Tomas Corney

Bridge Problem

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

South plays in 6 Hearts on the opening lead of the ♦Q. South wins with the Ace and draws trumps.

He then takes the ♣K and finesses with the jack. East take his Queen and cashes the ♦K— one down. Bad luck?

No, declarer must combine his chances. He should cash the ♣A-K and if the Queen falls he is home. If both defenders follow low all is not lost. Finesse with the Queen of spades – if it wins, cash the Ace discarding a Club and then ruff a Club. Dummy then has two good Clubs for Diamond discards and declarer makes seven. Who says it's not an easy game?

Heard at the Bridge Table

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

Since losing finesses come in groups of three, a fourth consecutive losing finesse is actually the start of the next group of three.

The computer has just made a psychic bid. It shows you can't even trust a machine nowadays.

I go to bridge tournaments full of confidence ... and then the game begins!

I never attend bridge courses. Why should I pay money to a professional when my wife knows everything.

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

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

A bore is a person who, when you ask him how his bridge game went, actually tells you all about it.

Playing bridge is indispensable for those who have too much brain and very little life.

When partner says he is too busy to play bridge, he really means he is too busy to play with you.

Endgame

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