

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Welcome to the New Year and may the cards be kind to you.

As always we have a number of events spread throughout the year. From Saturday 29 January over a 2 week period we have our Summer Teams Event immediately followed by our Club Championship on Saturday 12th February. Please see Tom's section for more details.

I encourage members to support these events. In particular to those members with under 50 Masterpoints the club championship is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in a tournament. Unlike the Open Competition

which is an all day event, the Under 50 Masterpoints is played only during the afternoon. You would also be playing against people with the same level of experience. Of course for those of you feeling adventurous you can enter the Open.

Also in February is the Gold Coast Congress. A number of our Directors are involved in this Congress and it does put a strain on our resources to fill our normal weekly schedule. We are looking into this and are hopeful that we won't have to cancel any of our sessions.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Saturday Summer Teams (29 January and 5 February, 1pm)

The Saturday Summer Teams will be held on 29 January and 5 February starting at 1:00pm each day. A team can consist of 4-6 players with 4 players playing each day. This allows teams to have a substitute if one or two players in the team cannot play both days. If you need help finding another pair to form a team, please let me know ASAP. This event is an opportunity for players to play teams in a club atmosphere. Some players use this event as practice for the

teams at the Gold Coast Congress. Entry slips are available on the blue noticeboard near the door at the club or you can enter on www.bbc.bridgeaustralia.org/comingevents.asp

The cost each afternoon is a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

Please note: The only play on 29 January and 5 February will be the teams. There will be no normal duplicate pairs on these days.

BBC Newnham Shield Club Pairs Championship Red Points (Saturday 12 February)

Our premier club event is coming up straight after the Summer Teams and just before the Gold Coast Congress. The event will run with two grades.

- Open – 9:30am start (all day)
- Under 50 Masterpoints – 1:00pm start.

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 on the blue notice board. Entries close Wednesday 9 February at 1pm.

If you would be free to play as a spare player or pair please let me know if you can help out.

Please note: The only play on Saturday 12 February will be the Club Championship. There will be no normal duplicate pairs on this day.

Name Badges

I am currently taking another order for name badges. The cost is \$15 per badge, which includes the magnetic back. For those who have a name badge but have lost the magnetic back, you can buy a magnetic back for \$3. To order, there is a list on the blue noticeboard near the front door at the club. Alternatively, you can email your order: bbridgecentre@bigpond.com. Orders close Tuesday 1 February after the morning session.

Gold Coast Congress

The Gold Coast Congress will be held from Friday 18 to Saturday 26 February. The event has many sections including events for players with 0-10 masterpoints, 0-50 masterpoints & 0-100 masterpoints. A number of the Rookie

events (0-10 & 0-50 masterpoints) are one session events, meaning they are of a similar length of time to a normal game of bridge at the club.

The latest news from Tim Runting, the convener of the event is that “experts are expecting Omicron to peak at the end of January; also 16 million Australians will be eligible for their booster shot by then, so with 6 weeks to go we remain positive that the event will be proceeding. Being the 60th Anniversary we have really geared up for an exciting event!” It has previously been noted that full refunds will be given to all submitted entries if the event is cancelled for pandemic reasons.

If you are interested you will need to enter online using MyABF - you can find more information regarding the Gold Coast Congress here:

www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/46

You can call Kim or Pele 0439949060 if you have MyABF queries or email gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au.

Life at BBC during the Gold Coast Congress

At this point in time the BBC will be open for all our regular sessions during the Gold Coast Congress (February 18 to 26), however if this changes closer to those dates you will be notified by email and on the BBC website.

New Members

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

- Irene Komen
- Jill McTaggart
- Eugene Pereia

Tomas Corney

Bridge hand:

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

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

The contract is 3NT by South on the lead of the Q♥ from West. Now probably close to 100% of bridge partnerships would find this contract but I suggest that less than 10% of declarers would make it. Most Souths when faced with this deal win the first heart with the Ace and attack Diamonds, dummy's long suit. This plan fails

because the opening lead has left South lagging in the race for tricks. East wins the first Diamond and returns a Heart, and West un-blocks an honour under South's King. When West takes the next Diamond, the defenders cash three Hearts to beat the game.

Better declarers improve prospects by ignoring Diamonds and instead attacking Clubs at the second trick. He still goes down if he leads a low Club towards dummy's Jack. East wins and clears Hearts and when Clubs split 4-2, South has only eight tricks.

Good technique will bring this contract home. South must go to dummy with a high spade at trick two and lead a club towards the two honours in his hand. After the K♣ wins, South returns to dummy to lead another Club. When East's Ace presents itself South is sure of three Club tricks, four Spades and two Hearts. What an easy game.

Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

Bridge players are like woodpeckers. They succeed by using their head.

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

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."

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

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

Secret of happy partnership is still a secret.

Bridge is the last refuge of those who have nothing to do.

A measure of a person's mental stability is the degree to which they can play bridge as though it is just a game.

If winning isn't important, why does everyone look at the score?

I wouldn't partner anyone who would have me as his partner.

My bidding may be bad but at least I make up for it with my atrocious play.

Half the game is mental; unfortunately the other half is mental too.

Since I started playing Bridge, I have more stress, weigh more, exercise less and care less.

Dave Jayne's Funnies

They say every
piece of chocolate
you eat shortens your
life by two minutes.

I've done the maths.
Seems I died in 1537.



**We all know
mirrors don't lie...**

**I'm just grateful
that they don't
laugh.**

**So.....you've been eating
hotdogs and McChickens all
your life, but don't want the
vaccine, because, " you don't
know what's in it"?**

Endgame

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