

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Happy New Year to all our members – I hope that 2024 is a wonderful, happy and successful year for all.

Janette is in hospital again after suffering another health issue. Get well soon, Janette, and we hope to see you back at the club soon.

You may have noticed that the old, unsafe shade stands have been removed from around the greens, and 2 sturdy stands have replaced them. Luckily this was done before the ferocious storm which brought down trees around the club, and blew one of the spotlights off the roof! We hope to have the spotlights fixed very soon; we're waiting on the electrician, who is very busy due the Xmas/New Year break and the recent weather.

Also, the back stairs and the door leading to the small landing upstairs have been fixed, and the door to the cage area has been made accessible from inside (but not outside) without a key – this means that the back of the upstairs area (facing Frederick Street) is up to Australian evacuation standards (an approved fire exit).

Our Saturday Summer Teams event is coming up on the 3rd and 10th February, so be sure to get a team together and register soon. There will be no normal duplicate session on those days.

I hope that none of our members are suffering from this crazy weather! Stay safe.

Elaine Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Saturday Summer Teams – Red Points (Saturday 3 & 10 February, 1pm)

The Saturday Summer Teams will be held on Saturdays 3 & 10 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 online by emailing bbcentries@gmail.com. Full details of the event can also be found on the BBC website here:

bbc.bridgeaustralia.org/comingevents.asp?id=29413

The cost each afternoon is \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

Please note: The only play on 3 & 10 February will be the teams. There will be no normal duplicate pairs on these days.

Name Badges

I am currently taking another order of name badges. The cost is \$20 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 \$5. To order, there is a list on the blue noticeboard near the front door at the club. Alternatively, you can email your order to bbridgecentre@gmail.com. Orders close Friday 2 February after the morning session.

Gold Coast Congress

The Gold Coast Congress will be held from Saturday 17 to Saturday 24 February. All details of the event can be found on the MyABF website here:

<http://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/780>

Novice players' note: 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.

Life at BBC during the Gold Coast Congress

The BBC will remain open during the Gold Coast Congress (February 17 to 25). In the event that there does turn out to be a change of schedules and we cannot hold a session, you will be notified via email and this will also be noted on the front page of the BBC website.

Beginner Bridge Lessons (Saturdays January 28 – March 11, 9:30am – 11:30am)

The lovely Judith Bennett will be teaching BBC's first set of beginner lessons this year with the

assistance of Tony Williams. These lessons will be held from Saturdays 9 March – 13 April 2024. Lessons will go from 9am and finish at about 12pm. *Please note that there will be no lesson on 30 March to have a break for Easter weekend.* The cost will be \$40 which includes the 5 lessons, a textbook and morning tea. Flyers are also available on the noticeboard at the club. If you know anyone who may be interested in these lessons, please spread the word. They can register by emailing the club (bbridgecentre@gmail.com).

Perfume & Cologne

As a kindness to other players, refrain from wearing perfume or cologne at the bridge club. Some members can have allergies or reactions to scents which can include respiratory symptoms, skin irritation and/or headaches.

2023 McCutcheon Shield Bridge Competition

The McCutcheon award goes to the ABF member who amassed the highest number of Masterpoints throughout the year within their masterpoint division. Congratulations to Jenny McGowan who is the Bronze State Master Winner for 2023 with 122.97 points earned- the highest in Australia with the Bronze State ranking, followed closely by her partner Vanessa Brewis who came in second with 116.63 masterpoints earned in 2023.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

New Members

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

- Michael Fernon
- Justine Włodarczyk

Tomas Corney

The 12 Laws of Bridge

1. No matter how bad your last hand was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the last hand of the match, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend well over the course of a tournament ... actually your lifetime.
2. Your best game of bridge will be followed almost immediately by your worst ever. The intensity of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.
3. Finesses never work. If one does, the law of the universe has been broken and life as we know it will come to an end ... and it is your fault.
4. As soon as you fail to make your contract, your partner will look to the ceiling and shake his head. It is totally irrelevant that your partner supported your suit with a void.
5. Incompetence has no correlation to years of experience. You can go downhill without ever reaching the top.
6. The more points or trumps you hold in your hand, the worse the distribution will be. This bridge law mocks the law of statistics. When you have an 8-card trump fit, not only will the suit be split 4-1, but the opponent with the singleton will get a ruff.
7. A smiling opponent is the most painful torture known. Pretending that you do not see the smile doubles the agony.
8. You will always forget whether a critical card has been played when it matters the most. No matter how you decide, it will always be wrong. Law 7 will immediately follow.
9. No matter how well the cards are shuffled and dealt, the Ace will sit behind your King. (see Law 3).
10. The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you. Law 7 will immediately follow.
11. No matter how well you are doing, the last three hands will inevitably drop your score to where it really should be.
12. Bridge should be given up at least twice per month and whenever Law 7 occurs.

Heard at the Bridge Table

Thanks to modern bidding systems, many pairs have no trouble reaching their 19 point game. The difficulty, of course, will come in the play.

Man who plays bridge one a week is sociable. Man who plays 4 times a week is competitive. Man who plays every day ... has no life.

There is more to life than Bridge. But not much more!

Bridge is a game invented by God to punish those who retire early.

He is an excellent declarer who can always make one trick more than others. Unfortunately, he bids two levels too high.

Bozone (n): The substance surrounding bridge players that stops bright ideas from penetrating. Unlike the Ozone layer, the Bozone layer shows no sign of weakening.

There is no game like Bridge. You start to play with three friends and finish with two.

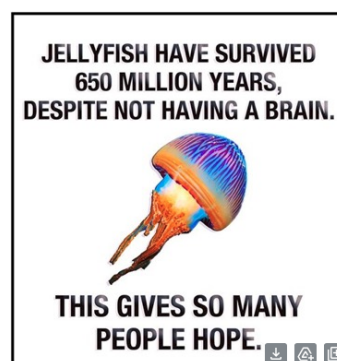
How is it that a person will play flawlessly when in opposition and senselessly when they are your partner?

The definition of a Takeout Double? The one that your partner passes.

My partner is 30 years behind the times. Nowadays you just need 13 cards to bid. My partner still thinks you need high cards.



**My favorite childhood
memory is my back not
hurting.**



Endgame

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