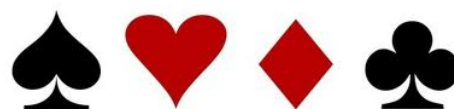


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President's Report

Our next Congress is coming up on Sunday July 30, and is the Graded Butler Teams.

Entries are low at the moment so it would be great if members could organise a few extra teams. If not playing please consider putting your name down as a kitchen volunteer for a few hours during the day. As always food donations will be gratefully accepted. Lists are on the club noticeboard.

Our next set of beginner lessons commences Saturday 26 August and runs for 5 weeks. Lessons will be held in the mornings (9 till 12) and will cost \$40 which includes a great text book. Please tell family and friends about the lessons and perhaps pick up a flyer from the club to distribute to your local retirement centre or community group. Let's spread the word.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Session Day and Time Change

(Thursday PM moving to Tuesday PM, 7:00pm)
Beginning Tuesday August 1 our regular Thursday afternoon session will be moving to Tuesday afternoons. This session will begin at 7:00pm rather than 7:15pm.

BBC Graded Teams (Sunday 30 July, 9:30am)

BBC's next congress is coming up at the end of the month, Sunday 30 July. Please arrive by 9:15am for a 9:30am start. Entry forms are out on the noticeboards at the club and the entry link is also available on the BBC website. Entries will close on Wednesday 26 July.

Food donations and kitchen volunteers are appreciated. Lists are on the noticeboard near the front door.

I am also looking for Spare Players for the Congress. Please phone 0450 510 196 or email bbridgecentre@gmail.com if you can help out.

Beginner Lessons (Saturdays, 26 August – 23 September, 9:00am - 12:00 noon)

Our next set of beginner lessons at BBC will be held over five Saturday mornings, 9:00am – 12:00 noon, 26 August – 23 September. Flyers will be available near the front door at the club and information is on the BBC website under 'Lessons'. The cost is \$40 for the 5-week course which includes the lessons, tea and coffee and a textbook. We are trying to spread the word now so if you know anyone who may be interested, please bring it up to them! They can register at the club via email (bbridgecentre@gmail.com)

or by phoning 3392 7933 and leaving their details.

Friday AM Ekka Pairs (4 & 11 August, 9:30am)

BBC's next red point session will be held on 5 & 12 August. No prior entry is required. Everyone plays in the red point sessions; please make sure to play in both sessions with the same partner to qualify for the overall result. The cost will be a coupon or \$7 for members and \$9 for visitors.

Rugby @ Souths

The last rugby home game of the season will be held on Saturday 27 July (erroneously noted as 22nd July in the previous newsletter). Please make sure to arrive early to ensure you can find a park.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Tom Goodwin – Local
- Ken Smith – Silver Local

Tomas Corney

Bridge Hand

Rules are for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men (and women)

The mindless adherence to *Bridge Rules* has always been a source of annoyance to me ... but I am renowned as an ill-disciplined and inveterate swashbuckler. Take that old chestnut "you must return your partners lead". At one time the only excuse for shifting was you were void in that suit or sudden death had intervened, and even then some players I can think of would complain. Have a look at this hand:

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

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

South opened the bidding with INT and North bid 3NT. The opening lead was the ♥4 which was taken by West with the Ace and he then thoughtlessly followed the *rule* and returned the ♥10. This play presented declarer with his contract. He won the King and led the ♦9 for a finesse.

East played low but took the next diamond and led a spade. South won the Ace, lost to the ♦A and ended up with 10 tricks.

East must forget the idea of returning partner's lead. On the bidding West can have at the most three points, and quite probably one or two.

For this reason the Heart suit cannot be a source of adequate defensive tricks.

East defeats the contract by switching to a Club at the second trick, threatening dummy's entries.

When East wins the second Diamond with the Queen, he leads a second Club. The Diamond suit is now dead and south can only win one diamond, two spades, two hearts and three clubs.

Contract one down, though if this stops West whinging about partner's failure to return his lead is anybody's guess.

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Heard at the Bridge Table

My point count system? Extra for long suit, extra for short suit and 3 points for my superb play.

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

My partner plus 12 sure tricks equals 11.

Bridge partners are like parking spots, the good ones are taken and the available ones are handicapped.

I play bridge to be entertained. If I wanted to be stressed and abused, I might as well stay home with my wife.

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

Bridge and potato chips are alike. You can never have enough of either.

If you cannot annoy somebody, there is little point in playing Bridge.

The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think.

It takes a good bridge player to readily admit when he is wrong and even a better player to keep his mouth shut when he is right.

If you are always making your contract, you are not bidding high enough.

Count your losers and count your winners. If the total doesn't come to 13, count your cards.

A Bridge Expert is a person who can tell you more about the game than you really care to know.

A Bridge match is a test of your skill against your opponents' luck.

If you really want to get better at Bridge, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

Dave's Funnies



**By replacing
your morning
coffee with green
tea, you can lose
up to 87% of
what little joy
you still have
left in your life.**



Endgame

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