

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Firstly some sad news. Annette Scott, a delightful member of our club, passed away recently. Those of you who played with her will remember that she was full of laughter and good humour. The club extends condolences to her family and friends.

The club recently held our heat of the Grand Open National Teams (GNOT). Special thanks to Tom for organising the event and to the director on the day Julie Jeffries for ensuring the smooth running of play. Also thanks to the players who supported this event. There was a good turnout with 16 teams entering the competition. The contending teams who have qualified for the Brisbane Zone Final were Hinsch, Loth, Jonsberg and Strutton.

After 65 mini-lessons Peter Evans has decided to bring them to a conclusion. On behalf of members I want to thank Peter for the enormous time and effort he put into compiling and delivering these. I know members really

enjoyed the lessons and found them very helpful in improving their game skills. They are still available on the club website for those who feel they need a refresher. (After the thrashing the Evans team gave us in the GNOT Pat suggested I title this article Good-bye and Good Riddance. However, that would have been somewhat churlish).

Our next big event for the club is the Graded Teams Congress which will be an all day event Sunday July 31. I greatly encourage members to form a team and support the club.

The new lift is now in place and over the next few days the external cladding will be added and painted. The contractors are hopeful of handing over the keys early next week.

On a personal note if members see a brand new metallic grey Mazda CX3 in the car park please be careful if parking near it, as it is now my pride and joy.

Peter Burke

*With reference to the new car in the car park: if anybody wants to borrow a key, six inch nail or screw-driver please see Arne.*

*(Ed)*

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### BBC Graded Teams (Sunday 31 July, 9:30am)

BBC's next congress is coming up on Sunday 31 July. The cost is \$140 per team (\$35 per player). The entry form will soon be available at the club and on the QBA website along with the entry link online via the BBC website. Entries will close after Tuesday 26 July and we will be looking for spare players for this Congress as well.

### Rugby @ Souths

The next rugby session will be this Saturday 25 June, and then there will be a break for some away games with the next Souths home game on Saturday 23 July, then on 6 and 20 August. As always, help is appreciated manning the carpark entry on those days

### Wednesday AM Winter Pairs - Red Point (6 & 13 July)

BBC's next red point sessions will be 6 & 13 July, 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 must play both weeks

with the same partner. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

### Lost & Found

There are a number of items that have been left at the club recently. Please let me know if you have an item missing that you suspect may be left here. In particular we have unclaimed flasks, bottles, a grey "Hoalen" brand shirt, a pill bottle and a pink with a white flower pattern lunch bag.

### New Members

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

- Patricia Dolphin
- Dewi Eastman
- Neil Sadler
- Geoff Saxby
- Neil Strutton
- Martin Wu

Tomas Corney

## BBC Graded Butler Pairs

An excellent Pairs Congress was held at BBC on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May and was well attended with 22 pairs in the A Grade and 22 pairs in the B Grade. The event was expertly directed by Julie Jeffries, and the catering was well organized as usual by Jeanette Hyatt. Many thanks to Hazel Lahey, Patti Fomiatti, Tony Williams and Linda Groves, who assisted Janette in the kitchen and of course a huge thank you to all those members who helped with the setting up before play and to those kind souls who helped clear up at the end of play.

### Results:

#### A Grade

1. Watson Zhou / Charlie Lu
2. Gary Malinas / Kuldip Bedi
3. James Wallis / Lynne Gray

#### B Grade

1. Margie Knox / Carmel Wikman
2. Janet Price / Richard Spelman
3. Paul Brake / John Glennie

See photos next page



A grade 1<sup>st</sup> - WATSON ZHOU / CHARLIE LU



A grade 2<sup>nd</sup> - GARY MALINAS / KULDIP BEDI



A grade 3<sup>rd</sup> - JAMES WALLIS / LYNNE GRAY



B grade 1<sup>st</sup> - MARGIE KNOX / CARMEL WIKMAN



B grade 2<sup>nd</sup> - JANET PRICE / RICHARD SPELMAN



B grade 3<sup>rd</sup> - PAUL BRAKE / JOHN GLENNIE

### **GNOT BBC Qualifying Heat**

The Grand National Open Teams BBC heat was held last Sunday and was well attended by sixteen teams who played 6 rounds of 9 boards. The overall winner was the Mukherjee team, but the four teams to represent BBC at the Brisbane regional finals are:

1. Nanette Hinsch – Kerry Pope – Peter Burke – Pat Burke
2. Carol Loth – Sheila Wills – Elaine Jonsberg – Lynne Henley
3. Arne Jonsberg – John Lahey – Alan McKenna – Judith Milliner
4. Neil Strutton – Dewi Eastman – Ankie Stempher – Ingrid Hartel

## Loser on Loser Play 1.

To discard one losing card on another is often an excellent example of declarer play.

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

South plays in 4S and receives the lead of the ♦K. If East obtains the lead with the ♥K there is the danger of three club losers in addition to the heart loser. Therefore after drawing trumps declarer should play dummy's ♦J (West, from the lead, is presumed to hold the Queen) and discard a losing Heart from hand. He can then establish Heart tricks by taking the ruffing finesse into the safe hand.



## Heard at the Bridge Table

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.

We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.

You know you're in trouble when you are the declarer and the opponents start drawing trumps.

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

Too bad partner. It was an unlucky grand slam you bid. The ace of trumps was on the wrong side.

The difference between an excellent bridge player and an incompetent bridge player is that excellence has its limits.

Bridge wisdom does not necessarily come with practice. Sometimes practice is all you are ever going to get.

A two-day bridge tournament was invented because it is impossible to cram all the bad luck into one day.

Incomprehensible good luck beats skill anytime.

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.



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## Endgame

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