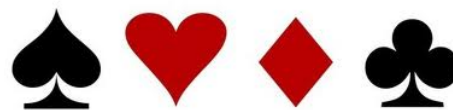


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

We recently held our heat of the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) competition and even though table numbers were slightly disappointing it was an enjoyable day for those who participated.

I would like to thank our Director Steve Murray for the fabulous way he ran the event. Also a big thank you to those kind souls who donated food for the day.

Congratulations to the Morris team (John Morris, Neven Burica, Richard Wallis and Lilly Jia) and to the Suliman team (Unis Suliman, Margaret Dyer, David Cowsls and Monica Gordon) as these 2 teams have qualified to go through to the Brisbane Zone event.

The Graded Butler Pairs event was held on 21 May and was a most enjoyable day. Thanks go to Tom, our convenor and caddy; Julie Jeffries, our excellent director; Linda Groves, Hazel

Lahey, Arne Jonsberg and Peter Burke, for helping in the kitchen, and all our wonderful members who pitched in to set up the upstairs area and clear up afterwards. A great effort.

Congratulations to the place getters – See photos and names later in the newsletter.

Our next big event for the Club will be our Graded Teams Congress to be held 30 July.

As always please consider supporting this event either as players, kitchen volunteers or donating food. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

We have recently upgraded to Compscore 3 which will hopefully make life easier for Directors to run and score our sessions.

Peter Burke

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

**BBC Graded Teams (Sunday 30 July, 9:30am)**  
BBC's next congress is coming up on Sunday 30 July. The cost is \$140 per team (\$35 per player). The entry form is available at the club and on the QBA website. Email [bbcentries@gmail.com](mailto:bbcentries@gmail.com)

with your team details (Names and ABF Numbers) to enter.

Entries will close on Wednesday 26 July at 1pm. We will be looking for spare players for this Congress as well.

### Wednesday AM Winter Pairs - Red Point (5 & 12 July)

BBC's next red point session will be 5 & 12 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 \$9 for visitors.

### Beginner Lessons (Five Saturdays from 26 August to 23 September)

Our next set of beginner lessons at BBC will be held over five Saturday mornings, 9:30am – 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](mailto:bbridgecentre@gmail.com)) or by phoning 3392 7933 and leaving their details.

### Rugby @ Souths

The last couple of rugby home game session will be held on Saturdays 15 and 22 July. Please make sure to arrive early on these Saturdays to ensure you can find a park.

### Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Tom Goodwin – Local Master
- Ken Smith – Silver Local Master

Tomas Corney

### Graded Butler Pairs Photos

#### A Grade



1<sup>st</sup>- Terry Strong / Jill Magee



2<sup>nd</sup> - Maha Hoenig / Janeen Solomon (Janeen and Elaine Jonsberg Pictured)



3<sup>rd</sup>- Sheila Wills / Joan Jenkins

#### B Grade



1<sup>st</sup> - Lyn Tracey / Richard Spelman



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jenny McGowan / Martin Wu



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Michael Clibbon / Adele Munro

## BBC GNOT Heat on 18 June 2023

BBC normally only holds one GNOT Heat each year, but our members also play at other Clubs in the Gold Point hunt, which is why the GNOT is set up as it is! This year it was morning and afternoon on Sunday 18 th June, and we had 8 teams entered, which was a magic number as it could be a complete round-robin. We only had to come first or second from 5 teams, as there were 3 non-contending teams.

Our team was John Kelly (who did not play this time), Lilly Jia and myself, with John Morris and Neven Burica, and we did just enough to make it through to the Zone final. Lilly and I played EW throughout, with John North and Neven South. The other team through to the Zone final was Unis Suliman, Margaret Dyer, David Cowsls and Monica Gordon. We can all look forward to the Brisbane Zone Final on 26 August.

M2 Bd 9

Dlr N

Vul EW

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

W	N	E	S
	2C	P	2H!
P	2S	P	3S
P	4NT	P	5C!
P	5D!	P	6D!
P	7S	//	

On board 9 in the second match I have shown John and Neven's bidding at the other table. The

bidding at our table was almost identical up to the 5D rebid over 5C, but South just showed the SQ by bidding 5S and North signed off in 6S.

At the other table the 2H response was artificial, showing an Ace or 2 Kings, and John could see that it had to be the 2 Kings he was missing. He was interested in the SQ and went through the motions of RKCB anyway, so the 5D rebid was only interested in the SQ and when Neven admitted to that card and the CK as well, he bid the Grand Slam.

On a trump lead, highly recommended for a GS, North has a bit of work to do, but at every table but one, the lead was a small Diamond, giving Declarer an easy time. In any event, the Heart finesse works any way.

Declarer cannot draw 2 trumps and play to ruff a Diamond, as the bad break skittles that plan. 11 Imps to us.

M2 Bd 12

Dlr W

Vul NS

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

W	N	E	S
1D	P	1H	P
1S	P	2C!	P
2H	P	4H	//

On board 12 in the second match my 2C rebid was alerted as 4th suit, and Lilly showed me her

3-card support for my hearts and I jumped to game.

South led the C2 and I was off to a good start, so I set about drawing trumps by leading the H4 towards dummy. South was in a dilemma, as maybe her partner has a Heart trick so she ducked and the H9 won!

Plain sailing now, and I came back to my hand with a trump and ruffed a club, before discarding my 4th Club on the DQ, conceding 2 trump tricks.

At the other table Nevin led the ST and declarer went 1 off for +50 and 11 imps.

Richard Wallis

### **The ABF River City Gold Point Mixed Pairs**

This prestigious event was played over the last weekend in May at Toowong Bridge Club and attracted an array of national and international quality players. There was a small contingent of BBC players and the pairing of Elaine Jonsberg and John Lahey found themselves playing at Table 1 on the last round. This was a mighty

achievement and although they lost this round to the eventual overall winners, they finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 86 pairs not only winning their C grade but also the B grade and therefore winning the Plate. Congratulations to them both.

### **Important Message from Lynne Henley**

“It wasn’t my fault” (message from Elaine – true!)

### **Heard at the Bridge Table**

Good Bridge comes from experience, and a lot of that experience comes from bad Bridge.

Bridge is one of the few games you can enjoy without being good at it.

I don't suffer from bridge addiction; I enjoy every minute of it.

Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.

The correct way to make the contract will become obvious as soon as you have finished your play.

Four hearts is a very good bid -- but on some other hand.

When in doubt, put the opponents on lead. Why should you make the mistake?

Nowadays, all you need to open in the third and fourth seat is 13 cards.

Bridge players exist mainly to make life difficult for each other.

Bridge is played by four people. Making a mistake is yours to savour alone.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

I hate bridge players. They always seem to be having a better time than I am.

The good thing about bridge is that you only need to be healthy above the neck.

Bridge advice is always given by people least qualified to do so and received by people most likely to ignore it.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we make a mistake in our bidding or play, we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start over again?

### **Dave's Funnies**

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A Maybe.

Is it ignorance or apathy that is destroying the world today? I don't know and I don't care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "that's the last thing I need"

I broke my finger last week. On the other hand I'm okay.

*Ok well blame Dave*



### **Endgame**

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