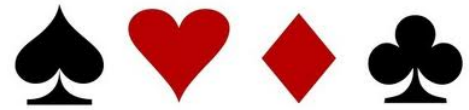


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President's Report

Pat and I would like to thank members for their kind words and best wishes at the passing of our mum. It was greatly appreciated.

David O'Gorman and Julie Jeffries have resigned from the committee and other roles within the club. I want to thank Julie for her contributions to the club over the last few years and in particular the wonderful effort during covid. The fact that Julie ran BBO sessions enabled many club members to stay connected with each other and play the game that we all love. Her work on developing our covid safe plan enabled us to open our doors. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

Some of our members acquitted themselves very well at the recent Gold Coast Congress. Vanessa Brewis, Jenny McGowan and Lilly Jia were part of the winning team in the Novice Team Championships. Richard Wallis and Geoffrey Toon came third in the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs Open Division. Congratulations and well done to you all.

Our main event for the year will be held shortly. We have our big Easter Congress next month

and I greatly encourage as many members as possible to participate.

The Graded Pairs will be held on Sunday 17th April with the Graded Teams held on the Monday.

At long last it appears as if the leaking issues with the roof have been fixed. The recent weather events were a very good test and we had no water in the top floor.

Toowong Bridge Club were not so lucky and suffered some damage. Their Novice Congress was held Sunday 6th March and they had to find another venue. We were delighted to offer our great facilities and Toowong were extremely grateful. We received a lovely card from them and the gift of a pot plant.

In some good news for the Club, Council have appointed contractors to replace our lift. The new one will be slightly bigger, easier to operate and hopefully more reliable. Work is expected to commence next month after the Easter Congress.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Monday Morning April Pairs (Red Points) 4 & 11 April

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 need to play both weeks with the same partner. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

BBC Easter Congress, Sunday 17 & Monday 18 April

Each day will be starting at 9:30 am, please arrive by 9:15 am. Please do not come if you are feeling unwell or have any Covid symptoms.

Please also bring your own lunch; there will be fridges available for players wishing to store their food.

The entry fee is \$30 per player (\$60 per pair), however our numbers are limited so if you are interested please enter quickly. Entries close Tuesday 12 April. The entry form is available on the BBC website and on the noticeboard at the club.

Please note: We will also be looking for spare players. If you are available and keen to be a spare player for the upcoming Easter Congress, please let me know.

Easter Weekend

- Good Friday (15 April) – Usual 9:45am Session
- Holy Saturday (16 April) – Usual 1pm Session

- Easter Sunday (17 April) – Congress [Graded Matchpoint Pairs]
- Easter Monday (18 April) – Congress [Graded Teams]

There will be *no 9.30am duplicate session on Easter Monday* due to the Easter Congress Graded Teams.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Philip Argyris – Silver Local
- Malcolm Corney – Bronze Local
- Jenny McGowan – Silver Local
- Lynn Kelly – Bronze State

New Member

The Committee welcomes Wendy Bristow and wishes her a long and happy association with BBC.

Tomas Corney



Bridge hand:

Dir: North

Vul: N-S

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

After North had opened the bidding with a 15-17 1NT, South transferred to Hearts and after a super-accept from North, N/S settled in the

excellent contract of 6H. East led the perhaps risky A♦ and continued a diamond to South's King. North drew trumps ending in dummy and immediately finessed the Spade Jack in hand. This lost to the Queen – 1 down.

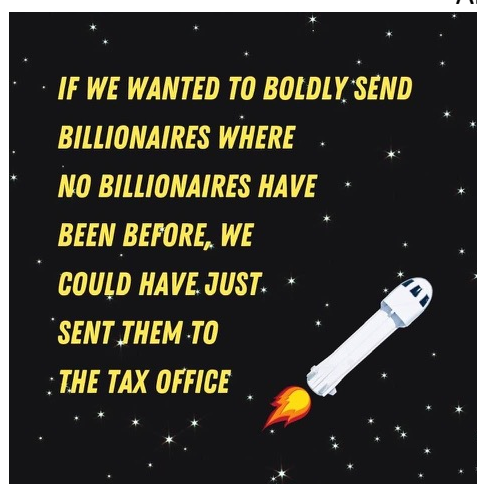
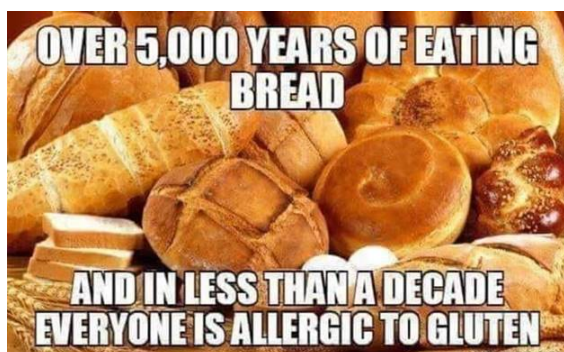
This provoked immediate condemnation from partner!

"Oh, I suppose you would have finessed in clubs", an irritated North said, "You must be psychic!"

"Yes I would", said South, "but only after cashing the Ace/King of Spades".

If this drops the Queen the contract is safe, if not you can fall back on the Club finesse. There are many situations where you can give yourself two chances instead of only one.

Arne



Heard at the Bridge Table

We can't all be full-time Bridge Players. There must be someone who has to work to support us

The inherent downside in looking for a new bridge partner is the possibility of that you might actually get one.

Be awfully nice to your partner when he makes a mistake because you're going to make some yourself.

My Partner hasn't got the remotest knowledge of how to play bridge, nor the slightest instinct about when to die.

My partner's mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone for the rest of the session.

Partner: A person who took up bridge to make another person miserable.

With hesitations, body language cues and the familiarity of partner's style, bridge can never really be a totally fair game.

Too many bridge players, not enough brains

My finesses lose, I can't remember the cards, my bidding is terrible and no one wants to partner me anymore. Other than that, bridge is great.

If God wanted us to play bridge, he would have given us 13 fingers.

It is always the best policy to admit your mistake, unless of course you are an exceptionally good liar.

When you are not doing well in a tournament, cheer up, the worst is yet to come.

If bridge is the answer, you better rephrase the question.

Luck is what you have left after you have tried your very best

Having a good sense of humour is useless in bridge as the people you use it on are usually not in a very good mood.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.

Bridge is like money. Only too much is enough.

Perhaps the saddest lot that can befall mortal man is to be a worse bridge player than his wife.



Funnies Courtesy of Leo

If at first you don't succeed, then sky-diving is not for you.

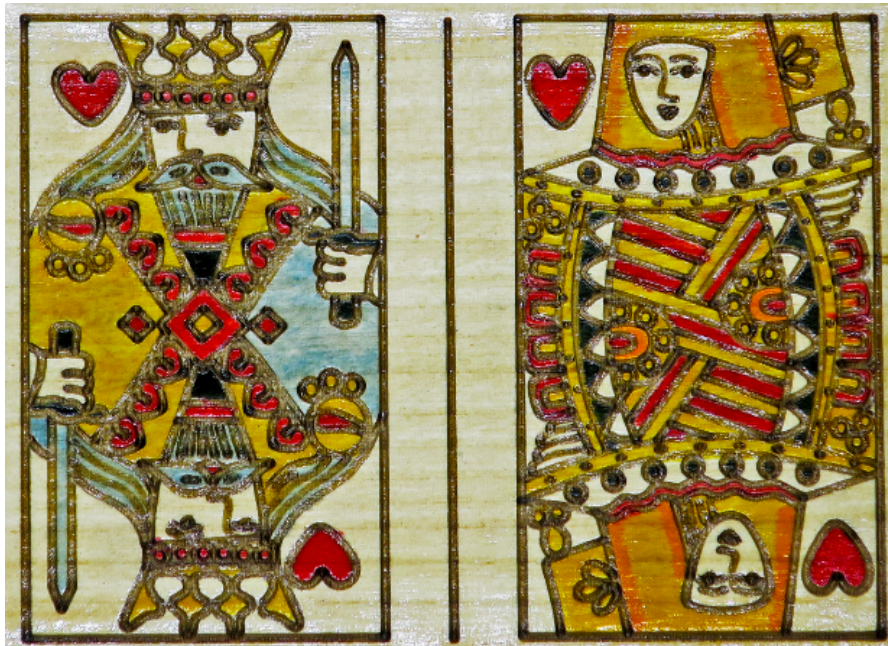
I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

If your guy doesn't appreciate fresh fruit puns, then let that mango!

At my age rolling out of bed in the morning is the easy part. Getting off the floor is a whole different story.

My wife asked me if I had seen the dog bowl. To be honest I didn't even know it played cricket.

My old aunts would tease me at weddings and engagements by asking me "Well, will you be next"? I settled this quickly once I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.



Endgame

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