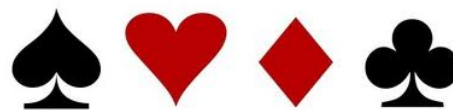


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President's Report

Coming up very shortly is the Club Championship which will be held Saturday 25 March. The Open event is an all day session commencing at 9.30am. The club will provide our normal tea and coffee and biscuits and players will need to bring their own lunch.

The Novice event is only a half day event commencing at 1.00pm. At present we do not have enough entries to make this a viable event. The committee hope that a Novice event can be run as part of the Club Championship.

There will be no regular duplicate pairs event on this day. A significant number of our members have less than 100 masterpoints and I greatly encourage these members to enter and gain experience in tournament play in a relaxed, friendly and familiar environment. Please support your club by participating in this event.

Early next month we have our Easter Congress. The Graded Pairs event is on Sunday 9 April with and the Graded Teams on Monday 10 April. I hope to see many of our club members support our biggest Congress.

In readiness for the Easter congress, Lynne Henley, Marie Buckley and Elaine Jonsberg gave up a couple of hours of their time and gave the upstairs kitchen and fridges a thorough clean and tidy. A big thank-you to them. One more big

clean-up needs to be done before the congress – both sets of stairs and verandas need a good clean. It would be great if a few people could get together for a working bee. If you can help, please let Elaine know so that we can coordinate the effort.

Tom and I recently submitted 2 grant applications. One to the State Government and the other to Brisbane City Council. Both applications are to fund improvements to our grounds and include removal of old flagpoles and removal of old shade stands and benches and repair and restoration of the 2 shade stands and benches nearest the Club. We will know in a few months whether we were successful.

An apology for an omission from last month's list of congratulations: Rob Swann and Phil Argyris came second in the Friday Novice Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress – well done!

Huge congratulations to Peter Evans and partner Alison Dawson, who came second in the Qld Open Teams Selection Trials. They will become part of the team of six to represent Queensland in the Australian Championships.

Beginner lessons are now over – a huge thank-you to Judith Bennett, who ran the course on a voluntary basis.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC Newnham Shield Club Championship Pairs - Red Points (Saturday 25 March)

The 2023 Club Championship will be held this coming weekend on Saturday 25 March. This event is replacing the usual Saturday 1pm session and will begin at 9:30am. Entries will close on Tuesday 21 at 1pm so please get your entries in ASAP. Due to the low number of Under 100 section entries we may have to combine the sections at the discretion of the director, however if I receive a few more entries the Under 100 section will begin play at 1pm.

The Souths Rugby club will have a game later on in the day of the Club Championship so please arrive a little early to ensure a parking spot.

BBC Easter Congress (Sun 9 & Mon 10 April)

We are coming up to our largest congress of the year – The BBC Easter Congress. If possible, please support your club in one of the following ways:

- Find a partner and/or a team to play in the congress or contact me to be a spare player/pair.
- Volunteer in the kitchen during the congress. *Refer to the roster on the noticeboard at the club.*
- Provide a food donation.

Each day will be starting at 9:30 am, you must arrive by at least 9:15 am. Please also bring your own lunch; there will be fridges available for players wishing to store their food.

The early bird entry fee is \$35 per player per day (This is \$70 per pair and \$140 total for the Team). Please pay before the day to ensure your pair/team is entered correctly! If you do plan on paying on the day the cost is \$40/player.

Entries close Tuesday 4 April at 1pm. The entry form is available on the QBA 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.

Friday Autumn Pairs - Red Points (7 & 14 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.

Easter Play Weekend

- Good Friday (7 April) – Usual 9:30am Session [Week 1 of Autumn Pairs - Red Points]
- Holy Saturday (8 April) – Usual 1pm Session
- Easter Sunday (9 April) – Congress [Graded Matchpoint Pairs]
- Easter Monday (10 April) – Congress [Graded Teams]

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

Masterpoint Promotion

Congratulations to Marion Swann on her masterpoint promotion to Graduate Master.

New Members

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

- Rosemary Russell
- Diane Josephson

Tomas Corney

Bridge Hand: Looking Ahead

Dlr: North

Vul: Both

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

North	East	South	West
1C	Pass	IS	2D
2S	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Play shouldn't start when the auction ends; as the bidding unfolds good players will place cards around the table and visualize how the play might go. Thus North felt it reasonable to bid

game on the grounds that the bidding suggested his ♦K was well placed. Sadly declarer South did not draw similar sagacious conclusions from the bidding.

On the opening lead of the ♥9 declarer finessed with the ♥Q. East won with the King and promptly returned the ♦J. West took the Ace and returned the ♦10 allowing East to ruff dummy's King. East then switched to a Club and West won the Ace and cashed the ♦Q. Down two.

South cannot win more than two heart tricks in any event, but the consequences of losing a finesse on the first trick are clear; West has most likely got a six card Diamond suit for his overcall. South should take the ♥A at the first trick, draw trumps and give up a Heart to the King. If the defenders force out dummy's ♦K, South gets to his hand with a trump and throws one of dummy's Diamonds on the ♥J. A Diamond ruff in dummy is declarer's 10th trick.

Moral: Listen to the bidding.

Arne

The Ten Commandments of Bridge

1. Do not pull partner's high-level penalty double – ever!
2. Do not double opponents' partscore contract without four certain trump tricks.
3. If you double the opponents' game contract, make sure you make the killing lead.
4. If your partner makes a low-level double and you are uncertain if it is for penalty, takeout or reopening.....bid again.
5. Do not miss cold games and do not sacrifice against a game that can't make.

6. Do not bid 10% slams, and do not bid 7NT missing an Ace.
7. Do not make vulnerable overcalls on K 10 x x x and do not rebid your K x x x x three times.
8. Do not go on a drinking binge between sessions.
9. Do not lead out of turn.
10. Do not revoke.

If anyone would like to make any contributions to this list, I will be happy to hear them.

Heard at the Bridge Table

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.

A well-balanced player makes up for his inadequacy in the bidding with his ineptitude in the play.

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.

Unfamiliar partnerships often can reap big rewards. The reason? No understanding - no misunderstanding!

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

Incomprehensible good luck beats skill anytime.

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.

All the bridge tournaments I have participated in have 3 things in common – an optimistic beginning, a tough middle and a lousy end.

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.

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

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

Unlike most sports, you only need 15cm of space to play bridge -- the distance between your ears.

And a few from Graham

“Partner, what can I do to improve our bridge score next week?” “Stay in bed!”

Chess is better than Bridge in one sense – you’ve only got yourself to blame.

My partner excels in every aspect of the game – he only plays badly so I feel at home.



Endgame

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