

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

In some very sad news the club was informed of the recent passing of Steve Parkes.

Despite a number of health setbacks Steve lived life to the fullest and this included his love of bridge.

Steve was at the Monday club session prior to his passing and Unis tells me that he attended their regular Wednesday night kitchen bridge session as well.

The following words have been provided by Steve's close friend and bridge partner Unis Suliman.

"At the age of 31 Steve was diagnosed with end stage kidney failure. He commenced dialysis where he met Philippa.

Steve then had a kidney transplant and promptly married Philippa and they had 2 children. Over the years Philippa was a fantastic provider of love and support.

After 10 years the transplant failed and so Steve underwent another transplant with his mother

donating the kidney. After a number of years this also failed.

So Steve had to return to regular dialysis and there were a number of complications with this. Steve faced up to these challenges with tremendous courage, grit and perseverance.

A driving force for Steve which kept him going was always his desire to see his children graduate from university and become responsible adults. His children were an enormous source of pride for him."

On behalf of club members I extend our condolences to Steve's family and friends.

He will be missed at the club.

Coming up next Sunday (21 May) is the Graded Butler Pairs Congress.

As always the club would be grateful for food donations and, if you are not playing, if you could come along for a few hours as a kitchen volunteer that would be great and much appreciated.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC Graded Butler Pairs (Sunday 21 May, 9:30am)

Entries for the Graded Butler Pairs Congress are a little low at the moment; if you wish to play in the congress please get your entry in ASAP, entries close Tuesday afternoon and late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the director. The cost is \$35 per player (\$70 per pair).

Food donations are welcome and please see the note on the noticeboard at the club for kitchen volunteer shifts. We are also after spare players for the Butler Pairs Congress to make a house pair if needed. Please phone Tom on 0450510196 or email bbcentries@gmail.com if you can help out.

Tuesday Morning June Pairs – Red Points (6 & 13 June, 9:30am)

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 \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

Thursday Sessions – Looking for player

We are looking for someone who is willing to help out and play on Thursdays if needed. Richard Wallis is currently playing as a partner for anyone who turns up on the day however he is running the supervised session so will need to answer questions during play. Ideally if we have an uneven number on Thursday mornings Richard could contact this player to come to the club. It would be best if this player were to live nearby to arrive relatively quickly however even if they turn up a little late Richard could play as the partner for the first half hour or so. Please let us know if you could help out!

Australia Wide Club Teams Knockout (Gold Points)

This knockout competition will be between Clubs (large and small) with divisions for teams with inexperienced players (less than 50 masterpoints) through to open. Clubs are able to enter one team in each division. Teams are made up of club members. To participate you will need to have a MyABF account and be able to use RealBridge.

The event is commencing on the second Tuesday of each month, starting in June and will start at 7:30 PM. This will run through the second Tuesdays of each month from June to December.

BBC has room to enter a Team in each of the following grades:

- Less than 50 masterpoints.
- Less than 100 masterpoints.
- Open grade.

The club is only allowed to enter one team per grade.

For those players interested please let me know (bbridgecentre@gmail.com). You have the option of organising your own team or submitting yourself as a pair or individual player and I can try to organise a team from that.

Rugby @ Souths

The next few rugby home game days are Saturdays 27 May and 17 June. Those arriving by car are asked to arrive before 12:40pm on rugby game days. This is to allow you an easy park and also so the session can start on time. It would be great to please have a few more volunteers to look after the entrance to the car park before the game. If you can help, please let us know.

Cold & Flu Season

With the cooler weather beginning, here is your reminder to get the seasonal flu vaccine. During play it is important to remember the following ...

- If you are sick, or have cold/flu symptoms please think twice before coming to bridge. We would rather you get well than sharing your cold or the flu with others at the bridge table.
- If you do need to cough at the bridge table, please cough into a tissue, handkerchief or your

shoulder. Do not cough into the playing cards or on your hands.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Peter Grinlaubs - Graduate
- Jenny McGowan – National
- Lyn White – Bronze Regional

Tomas Corney

A Thing of Beauty?

Dir: South
Vul: E-W

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

South opened the bidding with an Alan McKenna 4D and North compounded the felony with a far from beautiful 5D. Well, what a mess.

5D was, to put it optimistically, perilous. However, as so often happens at the bridge table, you do not get the result you deserve. Here a Heart or Club lead from West defeats the contract by three tricks but then it would not be worth writing up. West tried a Spade lead and Declarer saw the ghost of a chance. In desperation he played low from dummy and won his singleton Queen. Next declarer played a trump and finessed with the Jack. He threw his heart on the ♠A, and led the ♥K for a ruffing finesse. His outrageous good luck continued, East covered with the ♥A, declarer ruffed, got to dummy with the ♦A and pitched a club on the ♥Q. He lost only two club tricks, contract made. As my ex bridge partner in Liverpool would say...."He's got the luck of the seventeen snotty orphans".

Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

I never drink alcohol while playing bridge. It interferes with my suffering.

Don't let worries get you down – play Bridge instead

Bridge is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkles you get.

I expect the worst in bridge and am rarely disappointed.

Through constant practice, I have become an expert loser.

Better to play very badly than very well. If things go wrong you are in good company.

I know no one whom I would rather see in charge of the dummy.

My partner plus 12 sure tricks equals 11

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

Playing Bridge with my partner is as much fun as moving a piano.

Declarers are like ducks. They look cool, calm and unruffled on the surface, but are paddling like crazy underneath.

After all the hard work, confidence is final step to victory.

The biggest problem with buying a pack of bridge cards is that brains are not included.

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do.

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

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



Endgame

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