

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Earlier this month Chris Larter resigned from all his roles within the club.

As many members will remember Chris was our very efficient club administrator for a period of 4 and half years ending in September 2019.

More recently Chris has been our instructor for beginner lessons, a club director and our Vice President.

In whatever role Chris had at the club he performed his duties to a very high standard and his input into club activities will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the club I thank Chris for his fabulous contributions and wish him every success in his future endeavours. Hopefully we

will see Chris at the club as a player.

I want to thank Neil Hanson for stepping into the director vacancy on Saturday afternoons and wish him well in that role. In other director news Richard Wallis and Julie Jeffries have swapped days. Richard will now take Tuesdays and Julie will do Wednesdays.

The 2022 club diary is about to be sent to the printers. If you have changed your contact details please make sure you update your details on the player list on the noticeboard. Next year we will have our usual Congresses on offer as well as a number of red point events spread throughout the year

Peter

## Tom's Administrators Corner

### Annual Membership Renewal

All members will receive their annual membership renewal notice in early December. The due date is 31 December 2021. The preferred payment method is internet/online direct deposit. If you are paying by cash or cheque, place the correct money in a sealed envelope and drop the envelope in the white Annual Subscriptions Box outside the office. Please do not give money to the Director or ask the Director for change in order to pay your membership fees. A reminder that the

Concession/Pensioner price is only available for members who have an Australian Pensioner Concession Card.

### Christmas Party

The BBC Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 18 December. This is for all BBC members, not just those who usually play on Saturdays. QLD Health has announced changes to COVID restrictions to commence on Friday 17 December, the day beforehand. It is possible that proof of your vaccination will be required

but this will lead to more freedoms in that all restrictions, such as social distancing and food service, should be lifted. More details will be sent your way closer to the date of the party. The Christmas Party Lunch will commence at 12 noon in which we ask everyone to bring a plate of food to share. Lunch will be followed by a red point bridge session at 1 pm. Please come, enjoy a social afternoon and support your bridge club.

### **Air Conditioning**

As we enter summer, a reminder that there are cool spots in the room when the air conditioners are on. The air conditioning is set at a temperature to cool the whole room. It is suggested, if you feel cold, that you bring a jacket along for the times you sit in a cool spot. There are also shawls available in the white cupboard near the kitchen which players are free to use. The committee asks that players do not adjust the temperature or direction of the air-flow themselves. If you have a problem, please advise the Administrator, Director or a Committee Member. Thank you.

### **Masterpoint Promotions**

Due to the ABF website troubles since our last publication, the masterpoint promotions from both September and October are listed below. Congratulations to the following members who have received a masterpoint promotion.

- Vanessa Brewis – Silver Local
- Peter Burke – Bronze National
- Maria Ceuls – Silver Local
- Cathryn Jordan – Bronze Local
- Margaret Rylands - Regional
- Don Weerheim – Regional

### **New Members**

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

- Ian Argent
- Nevan Burica
- John Morris

Tomas Corney

## **BBC Restricted and Novice Pairs Congress**

BBC held its Restricted and Novice Pairs Congress on Sunday 17 October. The restricted section was for players under 300 masterpoints and had 11 tables, the novice section was for players under 100 masterpoints and had 6 tables on the day. Thank you to Julie Jeffries for directing on the day and putting together a wonderful Congress.

Novice Best Under 50 – Martin Wu / Lilly Jia



Novice 2nd - Jane Whelan & Robyn Chippindall



Novice 1st - Vanessa Brewis & Jenny McGowan



Restricted Best Under 150 – Michael Clibbon & Ada Krawczyk



Restricted 2nd - Annette Scott & Rosemary Thomson



Restricted 3rd - Deanne Gaskill & Kathleen Clifford



Restricted 1st - Unis Suliman & Steven Parkes



### The No Sex, Drugs or Rock'n'Roll BBC Christmas Party



This homage to Bacchanalia will be held on Saturday Dec 18 and despite the above description it will be a not-to-be-missed extravaganza. For all BBC members and not just Saturday players, it will be an opportunity to catch up with old friends, beloved opponents, and hated ex-partners. Please bring a plate (with something on it) and the Club, in return, will provide Champagne, soft drinks and punch. For those not affected by Champagne there will also be **Red Points!**

In addition to hedonistic excesses there will be a raffle of three of Elaine's world famous Christmas hampers. So bring along copious \$2 coins and hope to win one of these collector's items.

There was no party last year due to Covid, so please support your Club, come along even without a partner, and I will guarantee you will have a great time.



## Bridge hand:

Dlr: East  
Vul: N-S

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

South plays 4H after East has opened the bidding with 1D.

The ♦9 was led by West and declarer embarked on a line of play that relied upon defensive ineptitude to succeed. East played the ♦J at trick one and shifted to a low trump. Declarer won in dummy and naively played the ♦Q. East won

with the King and played another trump. Declarer was now dead in the water - having already lost two top diamonds he still had to lose to a third diamond honour and a spade – 1 down.

To expect to make his tenth trick via a diamond ruff in dummy is to expect his opponents to be not asleep at the wheel, but comatose.

South's line of play could never work and he needed to choose one with at least a chance of success, rather than one doomed to failure. At trick three he should play a low spade from both hands hoping the spades are divided 3-3. If the defenders then lead another round of trumps, South draws trumps and takes ♠K-A. Dummy's last spade then provides South with his tenth trick.

I might add that counting on defensive ineptitude for success as declarer, is by no means a forlorn hope.

Arne

## Heard at the Bridge Table

I am so good I can false card with a singleton.

If I work very hard at it, I may be able to achieve mediocrity.

I expect the worst in bridge and am rarely disappointed.

I am so good I only need a partner who can tell one suit from another.

My partner plus 12 sure tricks equals 11.

There is a fine line between wanting to play bridge every day and mental illness.

All Bridge Players should have at least a murderer in their family, so they'll have someone to look up to.

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

Isn't it a shame how 99% of bridge players give the whole game a bad name.

Bridge players are NOT out of shape. I'm in shape. Look! Round is a shape.

There is nothing wrong with giving advice to your Bridge partner that calm, logical reasoning won't aggravate.

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

If you play bridge without ever having to explain your decision or make an apology, then you obviously don't exist.

Bridge is basically Poker on Valium.

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

Not everyone hates my Partner ... Only those who have partnered him.

A measure of a person's mental stability is the degree to which they can play bridge as though it is just a game.

### **The Jayne Jokes**

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

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

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

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

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

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and I don't really care. I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is getting better.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

### **Endgame**

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