

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

In my report last month I failed to congratulate a member who achieved a very fine congress result...apologies to Peter Evans, who came second with partner Alison Dawson in the Moore Australia Qld Open Pairs in the Qld Festival of Bridge in a field of 94 pairs, including some very strong opposition.

John Kelly, also playing with Alison Dawson, came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Northern Suburbs XIMP pairs in which 54 pairs competed.

As outlined in the recent email to members the committee have made the decision to rationalize the club catering arrangements as both a cost cutting exercise and to bring our club in to line with common practice elsewhere, and our previous practices. We will supply a limited number of coffees and teas, and biscuits.

I would like to remind people that the Christmas Party and Red Point event is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December and I hope all members will try to get there. I will be doing my usual Christmas raffle,

which will be well worth winning, and for those unable to attend, tickets will be on sale all week leading up to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Burke and Tom Corney have been successful in obtaining a grant from The Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs fund, to have the old, unsafe shade stands removed from around the greens. Two shade stands will be renovated for the use of those wishing to sit outside. Great work, Tom and Peter!

City Council will also be doing some work on the back stairs, upstairs French doors, and the door leading into the cage area. You should see work starting on these projects before the end of the year.

If anyone has borrowed plastic card holders from the club, could you please return them? Ours have all disappeared.

Elaine Jonsberg

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### Annual Membership Renewal

All members will receive their annual membership renewal notice in early December. The due date is 31 December 2023. The

preferred payment method is internet/online direct deposit. If you are paying by cash, cheque or EFTPOS place the correct money or receipt in a sealed envelope along with your details 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 price is available for members who have an Australian Pensioner Concession Card.*

### **Members' Contact Details Update**

The list of members' contact details is on the blue noticeboard at the club. This is for the contact numbers list in the back of the club diary. Please check the list to see that your details are correct and let me know if anything needs updating.

Note, to any of our new players at BBC who plan to become members at the beginning of 2024, I would also like to include your phone details in the diary. Please either come and see me or write your details on the list at the club. You can also update your details at any time on Pianola by going to [app.pianola.net/Account](http://app.pianola.net/Account) - just don't forget to hit "Save Changes" at the bottom of the page!

### **Christmas Party (Saturday 16 December)**

The BBC Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 16 December. This is for all BBC members and bridge partners, not just those who usually play on Saturdays. The Christmas Party Lunch will commence at 12 noon in which we ask everyone to bring a plate of food to share. There will be a Christmas Hamper Draw on the day of the party and tickets will be available during the preceding week and on the day. Lunch will be followed by a red point bridge session at 1 pm. Please come, enjoy a social afternoon and support your bridge club.

### **Lost and Found**

There are a number of unclaimed items at the club left in the lost and found. These are left on the bench next to the office.

- Black Ray Ban glasses with a glasses strap
- Black thin glasses with a "Readkit 16-300" label
- Red glasses frame with wood coloured arms
- Grey & blue cooler bag
- Red shawl
- A number of insulated drink containers

### **BBC Christmas Day - CLOSED**

We will be closed on Christmas Day - Monday 25 December.

### **Air Conditioning**

As we enter the warmer months, 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 Director. Thank you.

### **Masterpoint Promotions**

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

- Elaine Jonsberg - Life
- Colin Robertson - Club

### **New Members**

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

- Noreen Everson
- Madelon Sutcliffe

Tomas Corney

## Bridge Hand – When Things go Wrong

One of the hardest things in bridge is focus after a bidding mishap gets you into a silly spot. It's important to concentrate on the immediate problem and not let yourself get distracted by what might have been. In the recent interclub championship this hand appeared:

Dealer: E  
Vul: ALL

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

E	S	W	N
P	1NT(1)	2C(2)	2H(3)
P	2NT(4)	P	P

1. 15-17
2. 4+/4+ in the majors
3. Partner thought we were playing system on and tried to transfer to spades...
4. And I thought we'd agreed the cue was an invite or better hand asking for a heart stop.

Oh dear. As you can see, 2S was an easy contract despite the split, losing 3 spades and one or two hearts depending on the defence for +110 or +140. It looked like I was going to lose a number of 100s in 2NT, but you never know your luck and the quality of the defence. And my job was to minimize the damage.

I got the helpful ♠Q lead, winning with the ♠K. I led ♠9 to West's ♠J, more to put West on lead

again for some more help rather than a futile attempt to set up spades.

West led ♦K, which I ducked, and ♦7 to East's ♦Q and my ♦A.

I played ♣Q to East's ♣K and East returned a diamond to my ♦10, clearing the suit.

I played 3 further rounds of winning clubs, delighted to see the 3-3 break and even more delighted to see East discard a heart. Given East was the only one now with diamonds, hearts were her only possible entry and she should have been holding them like grim death and throwing diamonds.

I led a low heart (West ducking with ♥A) to the ♥K and the pleasing ♥Q fell from East's hand.

This was the picture:

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

I had 7 tricks in the bag (3 clubs, 2 diamonds, ♥K, ♠K). I just led ♠10 and West could take their ♠A and ♥A but had to give me the ♥J at the end for +120.

We ended up gaining on the board when the opponents at the other table overbid to 4S, going 2 off for +200 to our teammates!

Peter Evans

## Paraprosdokians

I love obscure figures of speech and paraprosdokians are ones in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected, and frequently funny. The word comes from the Greek meaning “against expectations”. Here are some examples:

You do not need a parachute to skydive, you only need a parachute to skydive twice.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Where there’s a will, I want to be in it.

I’ve had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn’t it.

My husband can’t stand to see trash and garbage lying around the house – he can’t stand the competition.

Half of all marriages end in divorce – and then there are the really unhappy ones.

I used to be indecisive. Now I’m not so sure.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

If I could just say a few words ... I’d be a better public speaker.

And here is one from that great exponent of paraprosdokians Winston Churchill,  
“You can always count on the Americans to do the right thing – after they have tried everything else”

And one from Groucho Marx: “Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it’s too dark to read.”

And finally ... “Behind every great man, there’s a woman rolling her eyes.”

## Bridge Quotes

*“Each player must accept the cards life deals him or her; but once they are in hand, he or she alone must decide how to play the cards in order to win the game.”*

Voltaire

*“A deck of cards is built like the purest of hierarchies, with every card a master to those below it, a lackey to those above it.”*

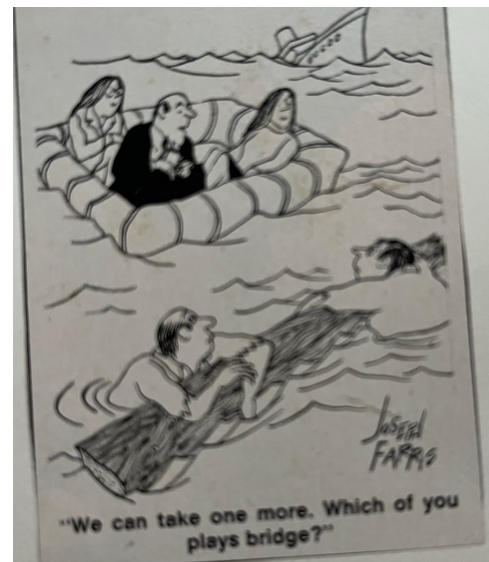
Ely Culbertson

*“The Auction tells you what to lead, your hand has to persuade you otherwise.”*

Benito Garozzo

*“Teaching Bridge without mentioning the arguments is like sending someone to war without mentioning that people are going to get killed.”*

### Some humour from Lynn Kelly and Kay Twadell



### Endgame

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