

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

A new couple of years commence for my presidency of the Brisbane Bridge Centre and I would like to thank the members for entrusting me with the job. Well, I think I thank you!

I would firstly pay tribute to my predecessor Peter Burke who has steered the ship steadily over the last couple of years and who has done a stalwart job in liaising with Brisbane City Council in order to keep our club operating smoothly, and for submitting successful grant applications. Peter has also worked closely with the Access and Inclusion department of BCC to ensure that our club is a safe and welcoming place for people with disabilities.

Thanks also to our Administrator Tom, who has worked closely with Peter on these tasks.

I would like to extend my congratulations to our hardworking treasurer John Kelly who received well-deserved life membership of the club.

Sadly the club providore Janette Hiatt has had to give up the job due to ill-health. On behalf of all the members, Janette, I thank you for all the hard work you have put in over the years and I hope to see you back playing in the near future.

While I'm thanking people, I would like to send a big thanks to Archie Smith, who has rushed into the club on numerous occasions to save us from various plumbing disasters, most recently leaking water coolers and a blocked dishwasher.

The recent Queensland Festival of Bridge at QCBC proved a great success for a few of our members. Richard Wallis's team (Richard, Anne Lamport, Paul Gosney, Ewa Kowalczyk, Greer Tucker) was triumphant in the teams event, coming second overall, and winners of the inaugural Reg Busch Trophy. Carol Loth and her team (Carol, Robyn Clark, Ian and Jan Argent) did extremely well to finish 6th in a high class field.

I would like to remind members that in a couple of weeks BBC hosts an under 500 mps and novice congress. Please support this event by playing and if not, please contribute some time to help in the kitchen. Also, food donations will be gratefully received.

We are having disappointing numbers at some of our bridge sessions recently and I realize there may be a few reasons for this, holidays etc. However I would ask members to support the club as far as possible either by playing an extra session here and there or encouraging players from elsewhere to come to our friendly and welcoming club.

Lastly, our club needs sponsors, so if any member can think of a business or enterprise that may be willing to sponsor us, in any form, possible please let me know.

Elaine Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress (Sunday, 29 October, 9:30am)

Come and support your club and join our final congress of the year! The BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress is coming up on Sunday 29 October. Please get your entries in ASAP as entries close Tuesday 24 October. The cost is only \$60 per pair (\$30 per player). The entry form is available at the club or online on the BBC or QBA websites. To enter please email the club on bbcentries@gmail.com, enter through MyABF or submit a paper entry at the club. If you are interested in playing in the congress but don't have a partner, let me know and I may be able to find someone for you to play with.

We are looking for volunteers on the day! Please check your calendar and let us know if you can help out. There are three kitchen volunteer timeslots – morning, noon and afternoon and any food donations are happily welcome. There are lists on the noticeboard at the club to add your details to.

Tuesday AM Cup Season Pairs (7 & 14 November, 9:30am)

BBC will be open and playing our first red point session on Melbourne Cup Day (7 November) and our session will end before the race begins. A reminder that this is a two week red point event so to qualify for the combined sessions overall placing result you will need to play both weeks with the same partner. No prior entry is required; everyone plays in the red point sessions. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

Members' Contact Details Update

It is that time of year when members are asked to confirm that their contact details are correct. Landline and mobile phone numbers are published in the yearly diary. A list is available on the blue noticeboard at the club. Please check the list to see that your details are correct.

To any of our new players to 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.

Policy Document – Arriving Without a Partner

BBC currently offers a few sessions where players may arrive without a partner and are guaranteed a game (Tuesday PM, Thursday AM Supervised sessions and Saturday PM Duplicate).

PLEASE NOTE that the Saturday session is dependent on whether our regular director Neil Hansen is directing on that day. If he is absent and we have another director, we are not able to guarantee a game. You must check well beforehand if this is the case if you intend to arrive without a partner.

I would also like to reiterate the BBC policy of arriving without partners below:

Brisbane Bridge Centre provides a service to players on the odd occasion when their regular partner is unavailable. These players may arrive without a partner at certain designated sessions.

For sessions where players may arrive without a partner the following policy applies:

- Players arriving without a partner must arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for the session.
- Players arriving without a partner must be prepared and willing to play with any other player who arrives without a partner.
- Players arriving without a partner should be mindful of Law 74. They should avoid any action or remark that may cause embarrassment to another player or interfere with their enjoyment of the game.
- If partnered with the Director, players arriving without a partner must be prepared and willing to sit NS if the Director prefers.
- All players must be prepared to assist the

Director by moving and sitting as requested.

- Arrival without a partner should be occasional and not become a regular occurrence.
- Players should not arrive without a partner unless they are prepared to abide by the policy.

New Members

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

- Noela Siddans and Christine Walker

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Marilyn Bishop – Graduate
- Peter Grinlaubs – Club
- Allie Hays – Bronze Local
- Devi Thillainathan – Regional

Tomas Corney

Bridge Hand

The Morton's Fork Coup is used to describe a play when, like the victims of Henry VII's Chancellor Cardinal Morton, whatever the defender does is wrong.

The Morton's Fork was a specious but neat way of collecting taxes by John Morton (1420-1500) who believed that those who lived richly could clearly afford to pay taxes, and those who lived frugally must have saved money and therefore too could pay taxes.

This no-win situation can be transferred to the bridge table thus:

Playing in a contract of 6H South received the lead of a trump and seems in danger of losing a diamond and a club. However declarer draws trumps – and see then the effect of leading a small diamond towards the Q 3 2 in dummy. West has no recourse. If he rises with the Ace dummy's Queen will be established for a second club discard (the spade suit taking care of one club loser). If West ducks the diamond lead declarer is able to discard the King of diamonds from his hand on a spade, just losing one club. Heads I win, Tails you lose.

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



John Morton

Arne

Arne's Quotes of the Month

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he is wrong.

Those people who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

I would have less trouble managing my anger if other people would learn to manage their stupidity.

It's true hard work never killed anybody, but, I figure why take the chance.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

Maybe you should eat some makeup so you can be pretty on the inside too.

Thought for the Year

Do not fear death. Fear the unlived life.

Couple of Random Bridge Jokes

A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws".

At a session of bridge I was playing a lot worse than usual when my partner said: "You know, you may not be the worst player in the world ... but if that person should die..."



**MY WIFE MADE ME
COFFEE THIS MORNING AND
WINKED AT ME WHEN SHE
HANDED ME THE CUP.**

**I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE
SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL
OF MY LIFE.**

Every woman's
dream is that a man
will take her in his
arms, throw her
into bed and clean
the house while she
sleeps.

Dirty Crude Jokes 21+ Dirty Crude Jokes 21+

HUSBANDS ARE THE BEST
PEOPLE TO SHARE
SECRETS WITH.
THEY'LL
NEVER
TELL ANYONE,
BECAUSE THEY
AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.



Laughing at your own mistakes
lengthens your life.
**Laughing at your wife's mistakes
shortens it.**

Endgame

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