

Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

We have a couple of important events at the club next month.

Firstly there is the club pairs championship to be held on Saturday 2nd March. The open grade will be an all day event while the Under 50 Masterpoints will be conducted in the afternoon. I greatly encourage players with less than 50 MPs to enter. You will be playing against pairs of similar ability and it will be a good opportunity to experience tournament play.

The second event is the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) heat which will be held at the club over two Tuesdays being 12th and 19th March. There will be no pairs play on these

mornings so form a team and earn some gold points.

The Gold Coast Congress is next week and we have a number of club members participating. Play well but most importantly travel safe and enjoy yourselves. I would like to thank Elaine Jonsberg for volunteering to run the Wednesday and Friday sessions next week. Please remember that the Tuesday morning and night sessions and the Thursday session next week have been cancelled.

We have a number of Aquarians in the club so to all members having a birthday this month enjoy your special day.

Peter Burke

Chris's Administrator's Corner

Life at BBC during the Gold Coast Congress

BBC will be closed for the following sessions during the Gold Coast Congress ...

- Tuesday Morning – 19 February
- Tuesday Night – 19 February
- Thursday Morning – 21 February

We will be open for all other sessions. There will be no guaranteed game if you turn up without a partner on ...

- Monday 18 February (as per usual)
- Wednesday 20 February
- Friday 22 February (as per usual)

The mini lesson prior to the 10am session on Friday 22 February will also be cancelled.

The hand review discussion after the 9.30am session on Wednesday 20 February will be cancelled.

BBC Dinner during the Gold Coast Congress

One night during the GCC, some BBC members get together for a meal. The dinner will be happening again this year.

- Date & Time: Tuesday 19 February, 6.30pm (straight after play)
- New Location: Kurrawa Surf Club, 'Beachside' on Old Burleigh Road (end of Charles Ave, behind The Oasis Shopping Centre)
- RSVP by Friday 15 February: Lesleigh Egan

BBC Club Pairs Championship (Red Points) - Saturday 2 March

Our premier club event is coming up straight after the Gold Coast Congress. The event will run with two grades.

- Open - 9.30am start (all day)
- Under 50 masterpoints - 1pm start.

Prior entry is required. You can enter on the BBC website events page, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club. **Entries close Wednesday 27 February at 1pm.**

Note: The only play on Saturday 2 March will be the Club Championship. There will be no normal afternoon duplicate pairs on this day.

Beginner Lessons

Our first set of beginner lessons at BBC for 2019 will be held on Saturday mornings, 9.30am – 11.30am, 9 March – 13 April. Flyers are available near the front door at the club. If you know anyone interested, please ask them to register at the club via email bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or by phoning 3392 7933.

BBC GNOT Heat (Gold Points) Tuesday Mornings 12 & 19 March

A team can consist of 4 - 6 players. Prior entry is required. You can enter on the BBC website events page, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club. **Cost for the GNOT is \$120 per team which covers the two weeks. Entries close Saturday 9 March at 1pm.**

Note: The only play on Tuesday morning 12 & 19 March will be the GNOT Heat. There will be no normal duplicate pairs on these mornings.

New Members

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

- Carolyn Dart
- Jane Davis
- Sonja Goodwin
- Barry Koster
- Leonie Love
- Maree Mayne
- Denise McMahan
- Max McMahan
- Maureen McNamara
- Ross Murtagh
- Gregory Quinn
- Brenda Sullivan
- Anthea te Kloot
- Don Weerheim

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Catherine O'Hagan – Regional
- Andre Ceuls – Local
- John Rains – Graduate

Chris Larter

I had a very nice letter recently from a Member who wishes to remain anonymous, and here it is in its entirety:

Tribute to Lorna Newnham

A few years ago I wrote a letter to the editor of BBC Newsletter praising how wonderfully the Club has progressed since 2002 when we were hanging by our toenails to get new members. Lorna was the President and had started the Monday session. We had 4 tables and she said to us if we do not have more tables by next Monday she would have to call it off. We struggled on and she built up the supervised play on Mondays. Now it is one of the most

popular bridge days of the week thanks to her dedication to the club. The Club had many setbacks during those years and at one time members were deserting our Club for a new one at Ithica. We were back to square one with only a few faithful members still playing. After a few more moves Lorna managed to negotiate with the Council to lease the Annerley Bowls club where we have our wonderful and friendly Club today.

Today Lorna is still playing Bridge at the Club, and a couple of weeks ago with our past president Elaine she won the Saturday session. How about that for a lady who is 90+.

Lots of cheers for Lorna Newnham.

Reading the Opponents' High Cards

Some deals have to be played out before you learn where the opponents' high cards are. Some layouts, when combined with the bidding, reveal all as soon as you see the opening lead.

You are playing in a contract of 4♥ after the following bidding sequence:

<i>West</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>You</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West leads the Q♠ and these are the hands you see in front of you:

♠ K 6 5 4
♥ K J 3
♦ Q 7
♣ J 9 5 4

♠ 7 2
♥ A T 9 8 7 2
♦ K 8 2
♣ A Q

What do you think?

The first thing that should strike you is that East has the A♠. East would never lead the queen if he had a holding like A-Q-J-x-x. From West's perspective, South is likely to have the king, and leading from A-Q-J just gives up an unnecessary trick.

Given your deduction that East must have the A♠, you can come to some conclusions. First, your side has 23 HCP, so their side has 17. Second, you know from the bidding that East has a bad hand (less than 6 points). You know East has 4 HCP at least (the A♠), so West has a maximum of 13 HCP. East might have a jack too, to go along with his ace, but he won't have a queen or a king.

Knowing East has the A♠, you have no reason to play the king. Perhaps East has a singleton A♠. When you play low from dummy at trick one, East plays the 3. This tells you that East has the doubleton ♠A-3 because West is marked with five ♠s from the bidding.

When West continues with the J♠, you play low from dummy again and East's ace appears, as you knew it would. Now you have the K♠ in

dummy and can later discard your Q♣. You can be sure East does not have the K♣, so there is no reason to try the club finesse!

At trick three, East leads the 3♣. Knowing the king is offside, you take the ace.

Time to get after trumps. Only the queen is missing. Normally, when holding nine trumps missing the four to the queen, it is right to play the ace and king. But here you *know* that East can't have the Q♥. Lead the ace of trumps. Both opponents play low. Now finesse the jack with confidence. East discards a low diamond.

Draw trumps. East discards another small diamond and West follows with his Q♥. Trumps are gone. You discard your Q♣ on the K♠ in dummy, and now you are faced with ♦K-x-x facing ♦Q-x. There are two potential ♦ losers to go along with your two ♠ losers, but at this point you can claim your contract! Do you see how? It's worth a moment of your time to sort out why.

Ruff a ♣ in your hand. If West plays the king, you have set up dummy's jack, in which case you can now lead a ♦ towards the queen. West is marked with the A♦, so you can get to dummy to use the J♣ to discard a ♦ loser.

When you ruff the club in your hand, however, West plays a small club. He still has the K♣.

Time to do some counting. West started with five ♠s and three ♥s. How many ♣s did West have? He has played two already and still has the K♣. So West has three or four clubs. So how many ♦s did West start with? If West had three ♣s, he started with two ♦s. If West had four ♣s, he started with just one, and you know it is the A♦.

Lead a low ♦ towards the queen. West plays the jack and your queen wins. And now?

Claim! You are sure now that West started with the doubleton A♦. Lead a ♦ from dummy and play low from your hand. West's ace is about to drop and that sets up your king for your 10th trick. The full deal:

♠ K 6 5 4
♥ K J 3
♦ Q 7
♣ J 9 5 4

♠ Q J T 9 8
♥ Q 6 5
♦ A J
♣ K 6 2

♠ A 3
♥ 4
♦ T 9 6 5 4 3
♣ T 8 7 3

♠ 7 2
♥ A T 9 8 7 2
♦ K 8 2
♣ A Q

John Kelly

Here are a few tips from Chris:

Aussie Bush Etiquette is recognised throughout the civilised world, but we all need to be reminded from time to time. A few tips below:

1. Never take an open stubby to a job interview.
2. Always identify people in your paddocks before shooting at them.
3. Even if you're certain you're included in the will, it's rude to take your ute and trailer to the funeral.

Heard at the Bridge Table

'Would you care for a friendly game of cards?' 'No, let's play bridge.'

"I never forget the partners I play with, but in your case I will make an exception."

Be awfully nice to your partner when he makes a mistake because you're going to make some yourself.

If you really have to tell your partner his mistake, it costs nothing to be polite.

"My Partner hasn't got the remotest knowledge of how to play bridge, nor the slightest instinct about when to die."

Q: Why do partners always have a stupid look on their faces?

A: Because they are...

The cure for boredom is bridge. There is no cure for bridge.

Bridge players must believe in luck. How else to explain the successes of those bridge players we don't like.

Bridge Jokes

1. 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: "Relatives of yours"?

"Yes" she says, "In-laws".

2. A Catholic guy who is a fanatic bridge player goes to his priest and asks, "Father, I have to know... Is there bridge in heaven?"

The priest says, "You know, I've never been asked that before. Let me research it and I'll tell you next week."

Next week: "My son, I have good news and bad news. The good news is there is bridge in heaven. The bad news is you're playing there in a Swiss teams tomorrow."

Note from the Editor

From Friday, for the week, many members will be at the Gold Coast Congress including all Directors. A couple of sessions have been cancelled but a couple are going ahead thanks to the good - will and generosity of gifted amateurs. For this reason I ask Members to have tolerance and patience if things go a little slowly or the movement is not to your liking.

To those members who are at the Gold Coast I ask for contributions for next months Newsletter – interesting hands, amusing anecdotes, compromising pictures or anything that can be shared for our delectation and delight.

Arne



Have you noticed that the wind decided we were due for a name change?

Endgame

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