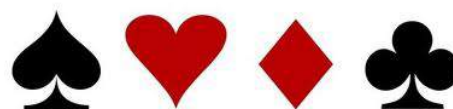


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President's Report

I had my total knee replacement surgery on 9 Feb and my recovery is progressing well.

I want to thank Elaine for stepping up and covering my absence over the last few weeks.

Elaine's efforts in organising a directors roster to cover the Gold Coast Congress meant that we were able to run all our normal playing sessions. A very positive outcome. Thanks to those directors who held the fort.

In regards to the Gold Coast Congress congratulations must go to Vanessa Brewis and Jenny McGowan who won the Restricted Pairs Championship. Lily Jia and her partner David Zhang finished a very creditable third in this event. These four players then combined and proved to be unstoppable in taking out the Restricted Teams Championship.



Richard Wallis and partner Charlie Lu were second in the Open Pairs Final E.

Carol Loth and Sheila Wills deserve a mention for a near-brilliance in the Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs Open. They were coming second with one round to go, but finished a very creditable 14th in a top field.

Very well done to them, and to all members who took part with varying degrees of success.

I hope all members who participated in the Congress enjoyed the experience.

Our next big event is the Club Championship which will be held Saturday 25 March. The Open event is all day commencing at 9.30am and the Novice event is only a half day event commencing at 1.00pm

I greatly encourage all members with fewer than 100 Masterpoints to enter and gain experience in tournament play in a relaxed, friendly and familiar environment. Please support your club in participating in this event.

I hope to be back playing at the Club in the near future.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC Newnham Shield Club Pairs Championship Red Points (Saturday 25 March)

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

- Open – 9:30am start (all day)
- Under 100 Masterpoints – 1pm start.

All players must be financial BBC members and have played at least 3 times in BBC session games in the past 3 months or may also be accepted at the discretion of the committee. 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 Tuesday 3 March.

Note: The only play on Saturday 25 March will be the Club Championship. There will be no normal afternoon duplicate pairs on this day.

Rugby at Souths

Rugby at Souths is starting up once again in 2023. Trial games are coming up on Saturdays 4 and 11 March, and the first couple of home games will be played on Saturday 25 March & 1 April. I ask for those arriving by car to please

arrive by 12:40pm on rugby game days. This is to ensure you are able to park, so we can start bridge on time.

Monday Morning March Pairs - Red Points (6 & 13 March)

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 need to play both weeks with the same partner. The cost is \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

New Members

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

- Kathleen Clifford
- Kathy Armstrong
- Tere John Wotherspoon
- Liz Jordan
- Lynda Greening
- Mary Matchett

Tomas Corney

Richard Wallis's Birthday Bash

Richard celebrated his 77th birthday in style at the club on 25th Jan. We also had a respected international visitor, Rosa Rodrigo Garcia Da (pictured with his partner Anne Lamport and the birthday boy) playing that day.



Bridge Hand: A Little Gem From The Arana Teams

Most of doing well at bridge is just trying not to commit silly errors. It's hard enough to get the basics right without trying to come up with brilliancies. But occasionally something clever bobs up. Partner (Tony Treloar) outdid himself on this hand at the Arana Teams:

I was minding my own business with this West hand:

♠ 10
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 6 4

This was the bidding with All Vul:

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1S	2H
2S	3H	4S	P
P	P		

Tony led ♥2 and this was what I could see:

♠ 10
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 6 4

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ Q J
♦ A 8 7 6
♣ A 8 5

The ♥2 was very odd – we lead 4th highest and Tony had a known 5 card or longer heart suit. Could partner be trying a suit preference signal for a club return? Could partner have a club void on this bidding with North having an undisclosed 6 card club suit? After winning the

♥A, after some squirming and hesitation, I sent a club back:

♠ J 8 7 4 3
♥ 7
♦ Q
♣ K Q 10 7 3 2

♠ 10
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ 10 9 3 2
♣ J 9 6 4

♠ A K 6
♥ K 9 6 5 3 2
♦ K J 5 4
♣

♠ Q 9 5 2
♥ Q J
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ A 8 5

Tony ruffed with the ♠6 and the ♠AK put the contract down. Any other return allows declarer to draw trumps, set the clubs up and make her contract. Nice work Tony.

And yes, with 4 card support and a singleton spade, I should have bid 4H not 3H. Partner might just find the making 5H. With a 9 card major fit and a shortage (singleton or void), it's usually right to bid to the 4 level.

Of the 21 pairs out of 36 who played in 4S, 15 were allowed to make it.

Three pairs made 5H with another 2 pushing their opponents to an unmakeable 5S.

Peter Evans

Editor's note: Peter's team (Peter, Tony Treloar, Therese Tully and Richard Ward) won the event – congratulations!



BBC Summer Teams Results (28 Jan and 4 Feb)

First: Jonsberg Team (Arne Jonsberg, John Lahey, Elaine Jonsberg and Wolf Stuthe)

Second: Kowalscyk Team (Ewa Kowalscyk, Richard Wallis, Anne Lamport, Connie Schoutrop, Gheorghii Belonogov)

Third: Jenner Team (Flo Hall, Lesleigh Egan, Lynn Henley, Carol Loth, Bev Jenner)

James O'Sullivan Event – More Congratulations!

The James O'Sullivan Event is for those players who earned the most Masterpoints within the section that they started at the start of the calendar year.

Certificates are presented on behalf of the QBA.

The following members of BBC were awarded certificates:

Martin Wu (First – State Master)

Lilly Jia (First –Silver Local Master)

Jenny McGowan (First – Bronze Local Master)

Heard at the Bridge Table

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

Winning does not really matter, as long as you win.

Some people are so busy learning the various conventions and gadgets of the game; they never fully enjoy the game.

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

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

Through constant practice, I have become an expert loser.

You made your Ace of trumps. What else can you possibly want?

Your bidding and card play are not on the same high level as the rest of your game.

Bridge partners are like parking spots, the good ones are taken and the available ones are handicapped.

I play bridge to be entertained. If I wanted to be stressed and abused, I might as well stay home with my wife.

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

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

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

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

"Bridge is about making mistakes and learning from them.
My Partner got half of it right."

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

Endgame

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