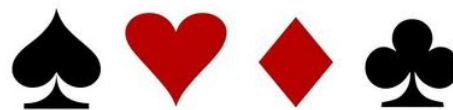


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Our Bridge Club has two important events over the next two months.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March the Newnham Shield will be held. This is our Club Championship, an all day event, and I encourage all members to participate. It is a great way to experience how an all-day event works in familiar surroundings. The event is restricted to BBC members only, who have played at our Club on at least 3 occasions over the preceding three months (exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee). Please note that this is the only event on that day - there will not be a regular Saturday afternoon session.

Our Easter Congress will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Graded pairs will be held on Sunday and graded teams on Monday. I encourage all members to either play or put your name on the roster to help in the kitchen. A working bee is scheduled for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March so our Club can be presented at its best.

Beginners' Lessons are scheduled to commence on 7<sup>th</sup> March for the following 8 Saturdays, excluding the Newman Shield Saturday and Easter Saturday.

Solar panels are being installed this week. And we hope to have the carpets cleaned shortly.

Neil Hansen

## Penny's Administrator Corner

### New members

This month we enrolled 4 new members –

- Monique Yun
- Abby Wanigaratne
- Carmel Martin
- Ross Sutherland

A big welcome to you all.

### BBC Newnham Shield Club Pairs Championship

This all day red point event will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March commencing at 9.30 am and is open to club members only. The cost to enter is \$20 (20 bridge credits) per player and entry is via MyABF only. BYO lunch.

Please come along and support your club.

## BBC Easter Congress – Pairs and Teams

The 2026 Easter Congress will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 9.30am on both days. Matchpoint Pairs will be held on Sunday and Teams on Monday.

The cost to enter is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player per event. BYO lunch. Entries are via MyABF only.

Volunteers are required to help in the kitchen on both days. Please place your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are available to assist. If you can be available to play on the day as an emergency, please let us know.

## Working Bee –

In preparation for the Easter Congress, there will be a working bee on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are able to assist. Please bring along cleaning materials such as rubber gloves, buckets, chux, etc.

## BBC membership badges

An order for new badges will be placed shortly. If you would like a badge, please let me know. Badges with magnet or pin clip are available. The cost of badges is \$15, which may be paid at the club or to the club bank account.

## Beginner Lessons

BBC will be holding a series of beginner lessons commencing on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you know of anyone who would like to learn bridge, please encourage them to come along. A flyer with detailed information will be available shortly.

## Promotions – January

Congratulations to the following members -

- Liz Petchell – Graduate
- Marilyn Bishop – Club
- Paul Wright – Club
- Marion Dowling – Silver Local
- Julie Forster - Regional

Happy Bridging!

Penny Grace

## Bridge Hand

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

South opens the bidding with 1D and North, thinking “O Joy”, raises to 7D. Well why not? The bidding was easy but how do you make 13 tricks on the opening lead of the ♣K?

Declarer takes the ♣A and stops to think. Many declarers would draw trumps in one round and play ♥A and ♥K throwing the losing Club from dummy.

Now the contract is doomed, you cannot avoid a spade loser. The contract will succeed with a normal 3-2 spade break. Draw trumps and cash ♥A and ♥K throwing two of dummy’s spades, now cash the two top spades and ruff a spade in dummy.

If the spades break 3-2 dummy's ♣J can be thrown on declarer's last spade, and the contract is home.  
Piece of cake.

***An interesting hand appeared last Saturday:***

♠ -  
♥ A K Q J 4 3  
♦ K Q J 8 7 6 5  
♣ -

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

I opened the North hand 2C and we ended up in 6H, a contract that turned out to be totally inadequate.

I made 13 tricks whilst studiously ignoring partner's ♠A and ♠K.

Sad really, given that the North hand is as good as anything I've had in donkey's years of playing bridge.

So the question is, how do you confidently bid the grand in Hearts or Diamonds? Exclusion Roman Key Card Blackwood assists you with one void, but two?? After opening 2C I could have shown my Hearts and then jumped to 6D! My partner may then bid 7 as he holds the Ace. Seems a bit unscientific (which is fine by me).

I'll leave it to Peter Evans or John Kelly to provide the solution, which I will put in next month's newsletter.

Arne

## Heard at the Bridge Table

Good Bridge comes from experience, and a lot of that experience comes from bad Bridge.

I don't suffer from bridge addiction; I enjoy every minute of it.

Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.

"Your play was not much better tonight, Partner, but your excuses certainly were."

When I take a 50-50 chance I expect it to come off 8 or 9 times out of 10.

The correct way to make the contract will become obvious as soon as you have finished your play.

Bridge is one of the few games you can enjoy without being good at it.

The more you practice, the luckier you get.

Most bridge players prefer consistency in their partners rather than brilliance.

Four hearts is a very good bid -- but on some other hand

Bad enough when the trumps are 4-1, but when the singleton trump gets a ruff, that's downright unfair.

Nowadays, all you need to open in the third and fourth seat is 13 cards

Bridge is played by four people. Making a mistake is yours to savour alone.

Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last a lifetime, they can't afford to waste much of it on bridge partners.

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.

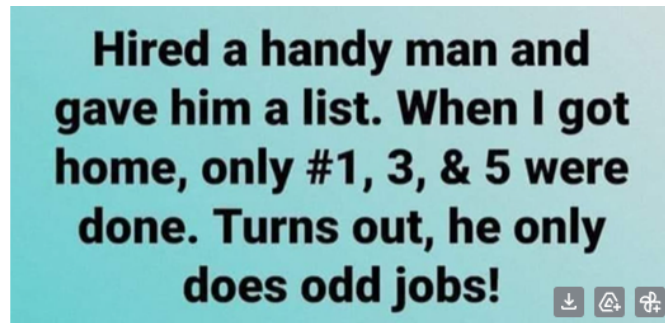
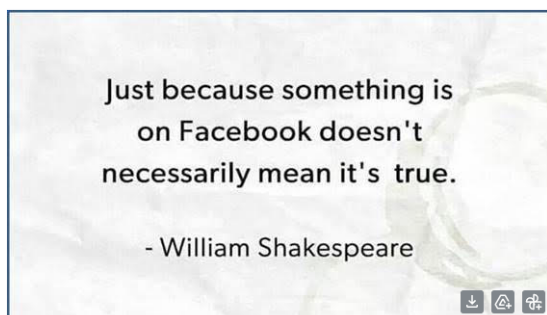
Why do cards have hearts on them?  
Because spleens would look pretty gross!

The good thing about bridge is that you only need to be healthy above the neck.

Bridge advice is always given by people least qualified to do so and received by people most likely to ignore it.

Bridge is a non-violent game played violently from within.

Bridge is a game where devotion will always net you absolutely nothing but an ulcer.



## Endgame

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