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President's Report

We are rapidly approaching the last Gold Coast Congress and I would just like to remind everyone that, with the brilliant addition of Marie Buckley to the list of directors, all the regular BBC sessions during that week will go ahead. We may be hosting players from other clubs during that week, so I ask members to

please be patient and helpful if our new director is running the movement.

I hope that all members who are playing at the Gold Coast have a brilliant and rewarding time (we will cover all brilliancies in the next newsletter).

Elaine Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Gold Coast Congress

The Gold Coast Congress will be held from Sat 1 to Sat 8 February. All details of the event can be found on the MyABF website here: www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/1445

Novice players' note: The event has many sections including events for players with 0-10 masterpoints, 0-50 masterpoints & 0-100 masterpoints. A number of the Rookie events (0-10 & 0-50 masterpoints) are one session events, meaning they are of a similar length of time to a normal game of bridge at the club.

Life at BBC during the Gold Coast Congress

The BBC will remain open during the Gold Coast Congress (February 1 to 8). In the event that there does turn out to be a change of schedules and we cannot hold a session, you will be

notified via email and this will also be noted on the front page of the BBC website.

Beginner Bridge Lessons (Saturdays January 28 – March 11, 9:30am – 11:30am)

Richard Wallis will be teaching BBC's first set of beginner lessons this year. These lessons will be held from Saturdays 15 February to 29 March 2025. Lessons will go from 9am and finish at about 12pm. *Please note that there will be no lesson on 22 March to have a break for the Club Pairs Championship.* The cost will be \$40 which includes the 6 lessons, a textbook and morning tea. Flyers are also available on the noticeboard at the club. If you know anyone who may be interested in these lessons, please spread the word. They can register by emailing the club (bbridgecentre@gmail.com).

Membership Renewals

Thank you to all members who have sent through their renewal fee for 2025; if you are yet to pay your membership renewal please get this to us ASAP as we will need to inform the masterpoint centre of our member numbers soon.

Important 2025 BBC Dates

BBC NEWNHAM SHIELD CLUB PAIRS

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Saturday 22 March

BBC CONGRESSES:

Easter Congress - Sun & Mon 20 & 21 April

Graded Butler Pairs Congress - Sunday 18 May

Graded Teams Congress - Sunday 27 July

Under 500 & Novice Matchpoint Pairs Congress

- Sunday 26 October

BRISBANE ZONE INTERCLUB TEAMS:

Sunday 30 November

BBC GNOT QUALIFYING HEAT:

Saturdays 21 & 28 June

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Saturday 13 September, 11:45am

Perfume & Cologne

As a kindness to other players, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne at the bridge club. Some members can have allergies or reactions to scents.

Masterpoint Promotions

Congratulations to Felicity McKenzie who has received the masterpoint promotion Regional Master.

New Members

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

- Glynn Kelly
- Helen McCabe
- Maryanne Pender

Tomas Corney

SNOOPY

Charles M. Schulz, the creator of Peanuts, was an enthusiastic bridge player. It was not a coincidence that one of his iconic characters, Snoopy, also took up bridge in several cartoons.

Snoopy - and his partner Woodstock - were named Honorary Life Masters by the American Contract Bridge League in 1997.

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Bridge Hand

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



Cardinal John Morton

The Morton's Fork was a specious but effective 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 poorly or frugally must be saving money and therefore could also afford to pay taxes. This no-win situation can be transferred to the bridge table thus:

♠ K Q 4
♥ A J 5 4
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 10 5 2

♠ 9 8 7
♥ 10 3
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ K 9 8 4

Immaterial

♠ A 2
♥ K Q 9 8 7 6
♦ K 7
♣ A Q J

Playing in a contract of 6H South received a trump lead and is in danger of losing a diamond and a club. However, declarer draws trumps, and now see 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, and just lose one club.

Heads I win, Tails you lose.

Heard at the Bridge Table

If there is more than one way to play the hand, you will always choose the one that brings you down.

Bridge is for people who like to do puzzles without answers.

There is more to life than Bridge, but not much more.

There is no game like Bridge. You start to play with three friends and finish with two.

Bridge is a game invented by God to punish people who retire early.

The definition of a Takeout Double ? – the one that your partner passes.

My partner is 20 years behind the times. Nowadays you just need 13 cards to bid. My partner still thinks you need high cards to bid!

How is it that a person plays flawlessly when he is the opposition and senselessly when he is your partner?

My partner has made a major contribution to Bridge – he stopped playing.

In the beginning God made idiots. That was just practice. Then he made bridge partners.

I've had bad luck with both my bridge partners. The first one left me and the second one didn't.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Bridge can't make you happy....but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

A Few Funnies

A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible bridge session 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 nodding towards the donkeys and asking the wife: "Relations of yours?" "Yes" she says, "In-laws".

When your partner is playing even worse than usual you might say: "You know, you may not be the worst player in the world, but if that player should die ..."

A man walks into a bar with a roll of bitumen under his arm and says: "Pint please, and one for the road."

I went to the doctors the other day and I asked "Have you got anything for wind?" He gave me a kite!

I went to the local supermarket and said, "I want to make a complaint, this vinegar's got lumps in it." So he said "Those are pickled onions."

Endgame

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