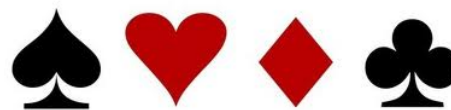


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President's Report

It's sad news that we have had to cancel our Tuesday morning sessions due to the fall-off in numbers. I hope that our other sessions remain strong and viable.

BBC will have 2 teams playing in the Brisbane zone GNOT finals at QCBC on the weekend of 23rd and 24th August – Arne Jonsberg, John Lahey, Elaine Jonsberg, Alan McKenna, and Neil Hansen, Judy Hansen, Les Egan, Narelle McIver.

Judith Bennett has undertaken to spruce the club up a little, and is currently in the process of purchasing new sturdy vinyl covers for the downstairs tables, to replace our dowdy old brown cloths. She has a couple of other projects in mind, so watch this space!

Please consider forming a team and entering our Graded teams event on 27th July. If you don't want to play, but have some time to spare, we would appreciate any help in the kitchen.

Elaine Jonsberg

Penny's Administrator Corner

Hello BBC members

GNOT Heat 2025

The Brisbane Bridge Centre hosted a heat of the GNOT as two half day sessions over two Saturday mornings – 21st and 28th June. There were 7 teams in this event and all went well.

Please note coming events –

Graded Swiss Teams

The Graded Swiss Teams event will be held on Sunday 27th July. This is an all day event commencing at 9.30am. Entries are via MyABF. Entry fee is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player or \$160 per team (160 bridge credits). BYO lunch.

We will need volunteers to help with kitchen duties and to supply some food to share on the day. Your help on the day would be most appreciated and will contribute to the success of the day. A list is on the noticeboard for your name if you can assist.

Just a reminder- If you have not signed up for MyABF already, I would be pleased to help set this up for you.

Event in the Park – Wilderness Society

On Saturday 2nd August, the Wilderness Society will be holding a Community Day event between 10am and 1pm for fundraising and raising awareness of wildlife extinction, deforestation,

etc. This event will be held in the park opposite the bridge club and will include marquees with stalls and a barbecue sausage sizzle. An invitation has been extended to bridge club members to enjoy a free sausage on the day.

Tuesday sessions

It is disappointing that numbers have dropped off on Tuesdays and the Club has decided to cancel Tuesday morning sessions for the time being. Tuesday evening sessions will proceed as usual.

Beginner Lessons

The Club is preparing to run a new beginners program commencing on Saturday 30th August for five weeks. The cost is \$40 which includes a text book to take home. A flyer has been prepared with the details. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning to play bridge, please let them know about these lessons. We have a number of eager participants already and are hoping to find a few more before lessons begin.

Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is being held at the Club at 12.45 pm

on Saturday 13th September. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Nomination forms are available if you are interested in a position on the Committee or would like to nominate someone. Proxy forms are also available if you are wish to vote but are unable to attend the meeting.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following who have recently been promoted.

Anne Heathcote - Graduate Master
 Cecile Horgan - Graduate Master
 Jill McTaggart - Club Master
 Leith Cameron - Bronze State Master
 Maria Ceuls - Regional Master

Rugby at Souths

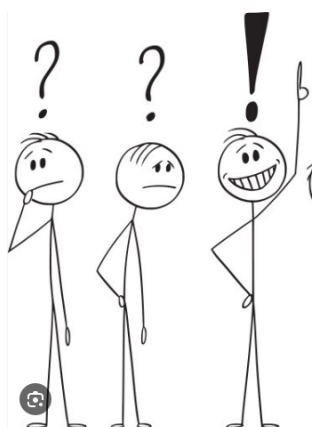
Just a reminder for those arriving by car on Saturdays when the Rugby is on to please arrive by 12.40pm to ensure you are able to park and bridge can start on time. The schedule of home games is on the noticeboard inside the front door at the Club. The next (and last for the season) game is on 26th July.

Happy bridging!

Penny Grace

Bridge Hand - Beware of Greeks bearing gifts

I return, once again, to the theme of thinking carefully, as declarer, to the play of the first card.



Dlr: South
 Vul: N-S

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

South opened the bidding with 2NT and North happily and optimistically raised to 3NT! The opening lead was the ♠5 and declarer played the ♠8 from dummy. When East played the ♠6, declarer thought "You Beauty" a nice cheap trick with the ♠8. The contract at this point was doomed. Declarer continued with the ♣A and K and led his remaining low spade to which West happily dropped his ♠K, thus depriving declarer of his second entry to dummy to establish the clubs. It doesn't help declarer to lead the ♠Q or J

at this point as West simply holds up for one round ensuring only one spade entry to dummy. Now a thoughtful declarer at trick one would unblock the ♠J, cash ♣A and K and lead a low spade to the ♠10 in dummy and force out the ♣Q. The ♠A entry allows access to the good clubs. Nine tricks made. Allowing the ♠8 to hold on the first trick meant only 8 tricks were possible.

Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

If you really want to get better at Bridge, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

Man who plays Bridge once a week is sociable. Man who plays 4 times a week is competitive. Man who plays every day has no life.

Unlike most sports, you only need 15cm of space to play bridge -- the distance between your ears.

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

There's 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.

He is an excellent declarer and can always make one trick more than others. Unfortunately, he bids two levels too high.

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbour, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

Takeout Double - the one that your partner passes.

Bridge is a self-inflicted punishment for people with too much time and intelligence.

Sign that you are a Bridge addict:

Your idea of a good time on a beautiful weekend is to go indoors and play.

Roman Key-Card Blackwood — an ingenious convention that allows you to get to a grand slam missing 3 Aces.

People who complain about bad luck in Bridge can be divided into 2 groups – men and women.

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

If bridge is the answer, you better rephrase the question.

Murphy's Laws of Bridge Opponents

1. No matter how badly your opponents bid, they will always end up in the correct contract.
2. No matter how badly your opponents play, you will hold the exact cards and distribution to allow them to make.

Rules of Being a Good Partner

'I have always believed that your attitude toward you partner is as important as your technical skill at the game' Rixi Markus

1. Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so.
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him/her to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something Don't
3. Never "result" (criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time)
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.
5. Remember you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget that your partner wants to win just as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud – excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.
10. Remember that bridge is only a card game.
11. Have a good time, and make sure your partner does also. Bridge is for fun.
12. Remember the worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same. Think twice before verbally analysing a hand – do not embarrass yourself with a hasty, inaccurate comment.
13. Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what they will have, not what you would.

14. Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that makes his/her life easier.

15. Sympathise with partner if he/she makes a mistake. Let your partner know that you like them and you will always support them 100%

These rules are courtesy of Marty Bergen from his excellent book Points Schmoints



Sometimes the thoughts in my head get bored and stroll out through my mouth. This is never a good thing.

Oldtimers

I see people around my age mountain climbing, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear with out losing my balance



Endgame

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