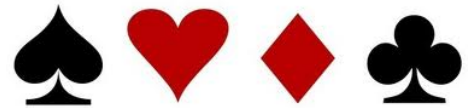


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Not the President's Report

This has been a very sad few weeks for Brisbane Bridge Centre - we have lost three highly regarded members of our Club.

Geoff Moller passed away a few weeks ago; he was a regular with his wife Cathie at the Tuesday and Friday sessions until failing health prevented them from playing.

Tony Williams died a short time ago – he was a regular, with his partner Michelle Harris, at the Friday session. Tony was a regular helper at the club's beginner lessons.

Last week Ian Argent died. He was a regular at the Saturday and Monday sessions, as well as playing on other days with his wife Jan.

Our deepest condolences go out to their family and friends and our Club will miss them all.

Two of our regular Saturday players, Laura and Helen Tomlin, played in the Toowoomba Under 150 X-Imp Pairs completion in June. They were ranked 21st of the 24 playing pairs, and came first in the B grade and second overall in A and B combined. Congratulations, what a great result!

On Sunday July 26th we will be holding our BBC Graded Teams congress, which looks to be a sell-out. If you have a couple of hours to spare on the day to help out in the kitchen, it would be greatly appreciated.

Penny's Administrator's Corner

Hello BBC members,

New members

A warm welcome to three new members who joined the BBC this month -

John Luck
Ivy Luck
Maha Hoenig

The BBC also extends a warm welcome to players from the Toowong Bridge Club whilst repairs are being made to their clubrooms.

BBC Graded Swiss Teams

This event will be held on Sunday 26th July. This is an all day red point teams event commencing at 9.30 am. BYO lunch. Entries are open on MyABF. The cost is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player or \$160 (160 bridge credits) per team. The Director will be Chris Snook. There are currently 24 teams entered in this event, and numbers will be limited to 26 teams.

We would really appreciate some kitchen helpers who may be available on the day. If you

can help, please let me know. There is a notice on the noticeboard at the club where you may put your name.

South's Rugby Club

The last home game for the year will be held on Saturday 25th July so if you are playing on Saturday, please make sure to arrive early to ensure a parking space.

Good news!

I am happy to report that the serious water leak on the western side of the building has been

repaired, thanks to good collaboration of committee members and an excellent plumbing company.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted this month –

Ruth Desses – Graduate

Robyn King – Club

Happy Bridging!

Penny Grace

Bridge Hand

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

The contract is 3NT by South, and West leads the ♠5. East plays the King on dummy's 9 and

declarer stops to think. There are nine tricks off the top, six Diamonds, two Spades and the ♥A. But the Diamond suit is blocked which makes transportation between the two hands difficult, nigh impossible. Suppose you take the first with the ♠A and then cash ♦AK, you then have to get back to hand to cash the remaining Diamond tricks.

There is a clever little solution to this dilemma for South; let East hold the first trick with the ♠K. East will almost certainly return a Spade at trick two and so declarer can discard the ♦AK on the ♠AQ, the Diamonds are unblocked and nine tricks are easy.

Heard at the Bridge Table

The difference between an excellent bridge player and an incompetent bridge player is that excellence has its limits.

Unfamiliar partnerships often can reap big rewards. The reason? No understanding -- no misunderstanding!

Novice : For a long time I was ashamed of the way I played Bridge.

Friend : So you have finally improved – that's wonderful

Novice : No, I finally got over being ashamed.

Bridge wisdom doesn't necessarily come with practice. Sometimes practice is all you're ever going to get.

A two-day bridge tournament was invented because it is impossible to cram all the bad luck into one day.

Should I require your opinion, partner, I will give it to you.

Clever of you not to miscount the Spades, partner. What a pity you did not show the same advance technique with the Diamonds.

Blessed is a partner who has nothing bad to say and cannot be persuaded to say it.

Sam : Sorry partner, my brain just went dead

Joe : Not only dead, decomposed.

Even if you go down 5 tricks doubled, it should not be considered a complete failure. After all, you can always use it as an example of poor bidding by your partner.

Sam: I am looking for a partner who is strong. A partner who is understanding.

Joe: Well, make up your mind

Remember to show humility when you win a tournament and are congratulated for your efforts. For those of you who don't know what humility is, it is the ability to look appropriately shy while explaining to people how wonderful you are.

If you are not confused, you are just not thinking clearly.

It takes a good bridge player to readily admit when he is wrong and even a better player to keep his mouth shut when he is right.

If you are always making your contract, you are not bidding high enough.

All the bridge tournaments I have participated in have 3 things in common – an optimistic beginning, a tough middle and a lousy end.

Endgame

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