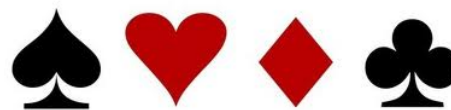


Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

All of us were shocked and saddened to hear of Janette Hiatt's death on 29th May. Janette played at our club at almost every session, health permitting, and was known to us all. Before her health began to fail, she was the club providore, keeping up the supplies for our regular sessions, and also volunteered in the kitchen for every congress, purchasing supplies and working hard all day in the kitchen. She was also a long-standing committee member. She will be missed at the club. Janette's family are holding an event at Carina leagues club on Saturday 21st June at 2pm to celebrate her life. As most of the regular Saturday players and directors will be attending, the Saturday afternoon session is cancelled for that day (the morning GNOT session will go ahead as advertised).



Our most recent congress, the Graded Butler pairs, was very successful – thanks to all who helped to make it such a successful day. Julie Jeffries was our director, Alan McKenna caddied, Penny Grace convened. Thanks as always to our wonderful kitchen volunteers, Pat and Clive, Hazel, and Neil, who covered 2 sessions (BTW, I forgot to mention Peter Burke as one of our kitchen volunteers at Easter – apologies, Peter!). Thanks also to the members who helped to set up before the event, and to tidy up afterwards, and to all who contributed the delicious food.

Congratulations to Rod Wilson and Leith Cameron, who won the B Grade section!



The first week of our GNOT heats will be held on Saturday 21st June, and the second week on Saturday 28th June. Please consider playing in this event, it's an opportunity to earn some gold points and have fun day playing in a teams event.

As you may have noticed, our Tuesday morning numbers are falling away for some reason. In an effort to increase attendance on these mornings, the committee is considering the idea of running a separate section for players with fewer than 50 MPs, but we need to know if there is any interest in this. If you think you

would like to play in this session, could you please write your name on the list on the noticeboard so we can gauge the level of interest?

Stay warm, everyone!

Elaine Jonsberg

Penny's Administrator Corner

Hello BBC members

May was another busy month at the club. On Sunday 18th May the club held the annual Graded Butler Pairs event which was very well attended and was a very successful day. Thank you to all who helped make this such a great event. Once again, entry to this event was via MyABF only. MyABF enables entries to be managed more efficiently than in the past so that organisers who know immediately how many people have entered and who have entered. This greatly assists with the preparation for the event.

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

Please note coming events -

GNOT Heat 2025

The Brisbane Bridge Centre is hosting a heat of the GNOT in June which is a Gold Point event. This will be run as two half day sessions over two Saturday mornings - 21st and 28th June. This team event commences at 9.30 am and will run until approximately 12.45pm on both days. There will be no Saturday afternoon bridge on Sat 21st due to the memorial service for Janette Hiatt. However, there will be normal afternoon bridge on Saturday 28th.

Entry is via MyABF only and the fee is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player or \$160 (160 bridge credits per team). This fee covers entry for both weeks.

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.

QBA -

Kim Ellaway and Julie Jeffries have asked that we advise members that the **Australian National Bridge Championships** are being hosted by the QBA and being held between 6th and 17th July. This event is being held at the Brisbane Technology Park Conference & Exhibition Centre. There are red and gold points on offer. Details are on the QBA website.

As well as looking for entries into these events, Julie Jeffries is asking for volunteers to be on standby for these events and a notice has gone out to members of the BBC seeking their assistance. Julie has asked for anyone who is interested in helping in this regard to contact her directly. Please see the end of this newsletter for more information.

Beginner Lessons

The Club is preparing to run a new beginners program. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning to play bridge, please let them know we are looking to run some lessons commencing late August.

New members

There were no new members this month.

It is very sad news that we lost Janette Hiatt on 29th May. Janette had been a very active member at the club and will be missed. A gathering has been organised to celebrate

Janette's life on Saturday 21st June. As a large number of Club members (around 20) will be attending this celebration, there will be no afternoon bridge on that Saturday.

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 game is on 28th June.

Penny Grace

Bridge Hand – OK... So How Good A Bridge Player Are You?

Where do you stand in the pantheon of bridge playing virtuosi? This hand will test if you are le grand fromage du monde or whether, like me, you are an average bridge player. So plan the play before looking at the full hands and solution.

Dlr: South
Vul: N-S

♠ A K J
♥ 6 3
♦ J 9 8 4 2
♣ J 7 3

♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ A K
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K Q 4 2

South opens with 1NT and North, not unreasonably, jumps to game. So how do you play 3NT from South on the lead of the Q♥?

The full hand:

♠ A K J
♥ 6 3
♦ J 9 8 4 2
♣ J 7 3

♠ 7 5 2
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A 5
♣ 10 8 6 5

♠ 8 6 3
♥ 9 8 7 5 2
♦ K 7 6
♣ A 9

♠ Q 10 9 4
♥ A K
♦ Q 10 3
♣ K Q 4 2

Most Souths, when faced with this deal, will take the opening Heart lead with the ace and attack diamonds, dummy's long suit. This plan fails because the opening lead has left declarer lagging in the race for tricks. East wins the first diamond and returns a heart, and West unblocks an honour under South's king. When West takes the next diamond, the defenders cash three heart tricks to beat the game. South demonstrates that he is an above average player by attacking clubs at the second trick, but he still goes down if he plays a low club to

dummy's Jack. East wins and clears the Hearts and when clubs split 4-2, South has only 8 tricks. Now the top players amongst us will demonstrate good technique by getting to dummy at trick 2 with a high spade and leading towards the two club honours in his hand. After the K♣ wins declarer returns to dummy with

another spade to lead another club. When East's Ace pops up, South is assured of three club tricks, four spades and two hearts. Game made and you can claim to be in the top echelon of bridge players. I told you it is an easy game.

Arne

Sarcasm Overheard at the Bridge Table

Bridge Player: "You've got to be the worst partner in the world."

Partner: "I doubt it, that would be too much of a coincidence."

Bridge Player: "Well partner, how do you like my play?"

Partner: "Very good! But personally I prefer Bridge."

Bridge Player: "Sorry Partner, I haven't played this badly before!"

Partner: "I didn't realize that you had played before."

Bridge Player: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Partner: "Oh yes! You only go down one nowadays."

Bridge Player: "Do you think it is a sin to play Bridge on Sunday?"

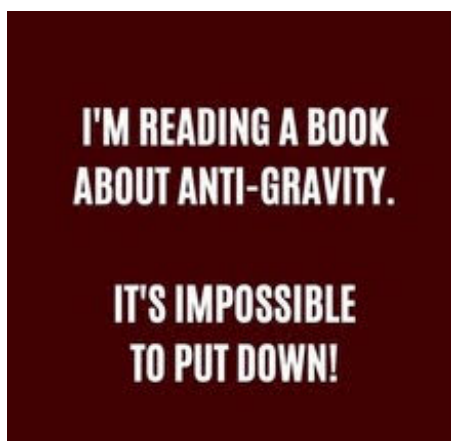
Partner: "The way you play, it's a sin any day of the week!"

Joke of the Month

An old woman is sitting on the patio with her husband and sipping on a large glass of wine. She says "I love you so much, I don't know how I could live without you".

Her husband, slightly pleased, asks "Is that you or the wine talking?"

She replies "It's me ... talking to the wine."



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

(from Julie Jeffries)

Queensland Bridge Association is hosting the ANC (Australian National Championships) from the 6 to 17 July at Brisbane Technology Park Conference & Exhibition Centre at Eight Mile Plains.

As BBC is a southside club and most of their members live nearby, we are looking for players/pairs who would be willing to volunteer as stand-bys for several of the events.

The events are:

- Sunday 6 July: Welcome Swiss Butler Pairs Open (Red points)
- Sunday 6 July: Welcome Swiss Butler Pairs Restricted (fewer than 300 masterpoints at 30/04/2025) (Red Points)
- Friday 11 July: Interstate Matchpoint Pairs (Gold Points)
- Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 July: Open Butler Pairs (2 day event) (Gold Points)
- Monday & Tuesday 14 & 15 July: Mixed Butler Pairs (Male/Female) (2 day event) (Gold Points)
- Monday & Tuesday 14 & 15 July: Swiss Pairs A (2 day event) (Gold Points)
- Wednesday & Thursday 16 & 17 July: Swiss Pairs B (2 day event) (Gold Points)

Stand by Pairs are asked to arrive at the venue by 9:00am on the day. They will know by 9:40 if they are required to stay and play. If they are required to play they will get free entry to the event.

If you would like to volunteer as standbys, please contact Julie Jeffries by phone or email.

Phone: 0419724506 Email: j.jeffries@bigpond.com

If you would like to play in this event, entries for all of the events listed above are now open on MyABF.

Please see the attached flyer **on the next page** for further information.

Endgame

Please send all material for future newsletters to the **Editor, Arne Jonsberg**, via email at arneuser2@bigpond.com, or contact Arne by phone on 0404 085 712. Current and past newsletters available on BBC's web-site: www.bbc.bridgeaustralia.org

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



6 – 17 July 2025

Hosted by Qld Bridge Association



Venue: Brisbane Technology Park Conference & Exhibition Centre
1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains



ANC entries are now open

Follow the link from the QBA Coming Events Page or visit



*Looking for a congress on Sunday 6 July?
Why not enter the Welcome Swiss Pairs Open or
Restricted Red Masterpoint Event*

or

*Enter the Interstate Matchpoint Pairs or any of the
2 day Gold Masterpoint Events from 12 – 17 July*

Friday 11 July

Interstate Matchpoint Pairs

Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 July

Open Butler Pairs Stage 1

Monday & Tuesday 14 & 15 July

Mixed Butler Pairs Stage 1

Monday & Tuesday 14 & 15 July

Swiss Pairs A

Wednesday & Thursday 16 & 17 July

Swiss Pairs B

