

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Phyll Roxborough has given me a copy of an old BBC newsletter dated March 2000, which covers the Club moving into our present premises here in Annerley. An interesting fact that emerged from this newsletter is that BBC had a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 13<sup>th</sup> this year, a significant date that we sadly missed. If anybody would like to view this fascinating old newsletter please see the noticeboard.

If you have a sit-out table and look at the cards, please ensure that they go back into the correct slots. There have been several instances recently where boards have been corrupted by careless players. My own feeling is that it is never safe to have all four hands out at the same time. Please be careful because it is a nightmare for the director to find that the same contract has been played by both N/S and E/W.

We are saying goodbye to Tom, who is moving into a new role. (Please see Tom's admin section) Tom's IT knowledge has been invaluable during his time at BBC - thanks for all your IT support and skills over the last few years, Tom! Hopefully I can remember the things you taught me! Good luck in your new role, I hope you have an enjoyable and successful career.

Welcome to our new administrator, Penny Grace. Penny is a bridge player from the Gold Coast Bridge Club and brings with her a wealth

of experience of working in people management, customer management and administration. Please say hello to Penny and introduce yourself.

Could I please ask members to consider playing in an extra session at the club. Both Tuesday morning and Saturday sessions would welcome some new players.

I am happy to report that our Club has survived the recent seriously bad weather without any hint of a leak. It has taken a few years but at last we appear waterproof. To underline the severity of the rainfall around the club I have included a pic of the swimming pool in front of the building.



Elaine Jonsberg

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### Administrator Resignation

This was my last week working as administrator for the Brisbane Bridge Centre. I have been helping our new administrator, the lovely Penny Grace, learn the ropes of the position. She is looking forward to filling in the position and I believe you will be in good hands with her. Penny is likely to be in the office at the club on Mondays and depending on her schedule around 3 days a week so please say hello and make her feel welcome.

I have received an offer of full time employment with a company called EventsAir where I will be helping with software and customer support for their event management platform and I am starting there this coming week.

I have been administrator of the Brisbane Bridge Centre since late 2019 and I am thankful to all those who I have met and everyone who has helped me over the years.



### BBC Newnham Shield Club Pairs Championship - Red Points (Saturday 22 March)

Our club championship is coming up this weekend on Saturday. Please get your entries in ASAP as entries will close on Tuesday afternoon. If there are a low number of entries for the

under 300 section they will have to be merged with the open section. The event will be run with two grades.

Open – 9:30am start (all day)

Under 300 Masterpoints – 1pm start.

To enter each pair member must be financial BBC members and have played at least 3 times in BBC session games in the past 3 months (or may also be accepted at the discretion of the committee). Prior entry is required. You can enter on MyABF, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club and online. Entries close the afternoon of Tuesday 18 March.

*Note: The only play on Saturday 22 March will be the Club Championship. There will be no normal afternoon duplicate pairs on this day.*

### BBC Easter Congress (Sunday 20 April & Monday 21 April)

Each day starts at 9:30am, please arrive by 9:15am. The entry fee is \$40 per player (\$80 per pair/\$160 per team). Entries will close on the Monday of the week leading up to the event (Monday 14 April). You can find the entry form, details and entry links online on MyABF or printed on the noticeboards at the club. If you need help setting up an account for MyABF or entering into the tournament please let us know.

The MyABF page for the Easter congress can be found here: [www.myabf.com.au/go/BBC-Easter-2025](http://www.myabf.com.au/go/BBC-Easter-2025)

Please bring your own lunch on the day of the congress; there will be fridges available for players wishing to store their food. **We also need kitchen volunteers for the day and you**

**are welcome to bring along a plate of food to share.**

*Note We are looking for spare players. If you are available to be a spare player for the upcoming Easter Congress, please let Penny or Elaine know.*

### **Easter Play Weekend**

- Good Friday (18 April) – Usual 9:30am Session - *If you can stay after the session for a few minutes please lend a helping hand in setting up the tables and chairs upstairs for the congress.*
- Holy Saturday (19 April) – Usual 1pm Session
- Easter Sunday (20 April) – Congress [Graded Matchpoint Pairs]
- Easter Monday (21 April) – Congress [Graded Teams]

There will be *no 9:30am duplicate session on Easter Monday* due to the Easter Congress Graded Teams.

### **Friday Autumn Pairs (Red Points) 4 & 11 April**

9:30am start each morning. No prior entry is required. Everyone plays in the red point sessions.

To qualify for the combined sessions overall placing result, you need to play both weeks with

the same partner. The cost will be \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

### **Rugby at Souths**

Rugby at Souths has started up again in 2025. The next upcoming game will be held on Saturday March 29. I ask for those arriving by car on this Saturday and any other Saturdays with a Souths Rugby home game (see the schedule on the noticeboard) to please arrive by 12:40pm. This is to ensure you are able to park, so we can start bridge on time. Needless to say all volunteers are welcome to help man the barricades.

### **New Members**

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

- Kate Sangha
- Donna Shepherd

### **Masterpoint Promotions**

Congratulations to Jennifer Vickers who has received the masterpoint promotion: Bronze Life

Tomas Corney

### **Sage advice for the Bridge player**

1. If you focus on playing good bridge then good results will come. If you focus on trying to get good results then you won't play good bridge.
2. It's not usually the first mistake that gives you a bad board, it is the second one. You often make the second mistake because you are still focusing on the first one. Don't let one mistake cause another.
3. When you are in a bad contract be an optimist, when you are in a good contract be a pessimist.
4. On defence, active plays try to win tricks, while passive plays try to avoid giving up tricks.

5. The opening lead is our primary advantage as a defender, do not waste it.

### Bridge Hand

North  
 ♠ A 7 6 4 3  
 ♥ -  
 ♦ 7 5 4  
 ♣ A J 7 6 4

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

South  
 ♠ K Q J 10 9 2  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A Q 3 2  
 ♣ 2

♠ 8 5  
 ♥ 10 6 2  
 ♦ K J 6  
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 5

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

♠ K Q J 10 9 2  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A Q 3 2  
 ♣ 2

East	South	West	North
4H	4S	5H	6S

Opening lead: 2♥

Before looking at the full hand, plan the play.



On the lead of 2♥ – if your first impulse is to ruff in dummy, forget it, and discard a diamond from dummy at trick 1. Assuming East wins the trick with the Ace and returns a diamond, go up with the Ace, draw trumps and discard dummy's remaining diamond on the K♥. This simple loser on loser play is the only way to guarantee your slam contract.

As declarer it is always vital to think carefully about the play to the first trick; many contracts fail due to hasty play at trick 1.

### 10 Things Never Heard at the Bridge Table

1. This Club's playing area is always the perfect temperature, never too hot, never too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thank you.
3. A four board sit out .... Excellent, brilliant, super!
4. No I don't think table fees are too high.
5. I can always rely upon my partner remembering every convention on our card.

6. No gossip please. I'm really not interested.
7. More alerts. Please lets have more alerts.
8. Isn't it funny no matter which direction we sit the good cards seem to follow us.
9. Bridge? Today? No, I'd much rather go to the gym and work-out.
10. The directors decision was absolutely correct....I definitely hesitated before passing.

### **Pithy Commentaries, Thanks to Dave Jayne**

As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. – John Glenn

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.  
~ Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.  
~ David Letterman

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.  
~ Italian proverb

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.  
~ Jean Kerr

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.  
~ Zsa Zsa Gabor

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.  
~ Prince Philip

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.  
~ Harrison Ford

The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree.  
~ Spike Milligan

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke.  
~ Robin Hall

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I was just as happy as when

I had 48 million.

~ Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap.

~ Steve Martin

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

~ George Roberts

If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport. - Jonathan Winters

## Endgame

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