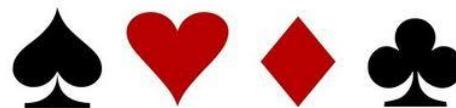


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President's Report

After a short break between our last Congress at Easter we have our Butler Pairs this coming Sunday May 26. Food donations would be most welcome, as will adding your name to the list of kitchen volunteers.

Our next set of Beginner classes commence Saturday June 15 for 6 lessons with a week off so concluding Saturday July 27. If members know of anyone interested in learning the game we love please encourage them to attend.

We have recently obtained a copy of our Building Audit Report which we commissioned as part of our toilet upgrade project. When undertaking renovation work the entire building has to meet current standards and code. The report highlights a number of issues most of which we were aware of.

The next step is to submit certified drawings of

the planned renovation work together with the audit report to council for their consideration. After that we will then commission a quantity surveyor to provide cost estimates of the proposed work.

I want to extend my personal thanks and that of the club to Peter Roy. Peter is a friend of the Kelly's and an architect. Peter has put in a lot of time and effort to do the drawings and his knowledge and advice has been of invaluable assistance.

Good Luck to all our members who are playing in this weekends Butler Pairs congress.

On behalf of the Committee and Members I extend sympathy and condolences to the families of Doug Mathews and Maureen Munro. (See Chris's section).

Peter Burke

Chris's Administrator's Corner

Mobile Phones

Please switch your mobile phone to silent during play. Silent means that we should not hear ringtones, ping sounds or vibrating sounds. Having your mobile on silent allows all players to enjoy their game of bridge in a quiet atmosphere.

If you need to leave your mobile phone on for emergency purposes, please let the director know prior to play.

If you do need to take a call, please answer your mobile phone outside. Do not answer it in the playing room.

Friday Mini-Lessons

Due to the popularity of the Friday Mini-Lessons, the notes for the lessons will be available on the Documents page of the BBC website.

As this is another item on my weekly 'to do list', I will try to remember to upload the notes (when notes are provided) on Friday afternoon.

Red Point Sessions

Our next red point sessions are ...

- Fridays 7 & 14 June @ 10.00am
- Tuesday Nights 18 & 25 June @ 7.15pm

To qualify for the overall, you need to play both weeks with the same partner. Members pay the usual \$7 or coupon and visitors pay \$9.

Saturday 1pm Green Point Teams - 29 June

Our next Green Point Teams session is Saturday 29 June at 1pm.

The aim of these afternoons is for players to experience teams in a friendly club atmosphere.

Prior entry is required. To enter, there is an entry list on the blue noticeboard near the front door at the club. Alternatively, you can enter via the BBC website or email the club. Entry can be as a team or a pair to be placed into a team.

NOTE: There will be no normal pairs session on 29 June. The teams will be the only play.

Beginner Lessons

Our next set of beginner lessons at BBC will be held on Saturday mornings, 9.30am – 11.30am, 15 June – 27 July (no lesson on 13 July). Flyers are available near the front door at the club and on the BBC website. If you know anyone interested, please ask them to register at the club via email bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or by phoning 3392 7933 and leaving their details.

Teaching Contract Bridge to Children Book



The future of the game of Bridge that we love depends on recruiting new players to the game. If we can introduce the game to young people, they have a lifetime of challenge and enjoyment ahead of them.

Fellow Queenslanders Lyn and Malcolm Carter have combined all their experiences of being school teachers and managers, as well as teaching bridge to children, to write the book "Teaching Contract Bridge to Children". This book has just been published last month.

The book is aimed at bridge players who want to teach the game to children – to young relatives in the family home, in a program for young players in a bridge club, or in a school.

The promotional flyer and order form is available on the blue noticeboard near the front door of the club. As well as the flyer, the short extract of the book has been printed for people to view.

Bridge for Brain Research Challenge

Thank you to all who came along to Bridge for Brain Research Challenge session on Saturday 4 May. Just over \$400 was raised from table fees to go to NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia). The goal of NeuRA is to prevent, treat and cure brain and nervous system diseases, disorders and injuries through medical research.



Cold and Flu Season

With the cooler weather around and the reminder to get the flu vaccine, it is never too early to remind all of the following ...



- If you are sick, please think twice before coming to bridge. We rather you get well than sharing your cold or the flu with others at the bridge table.
- If you do need to cough at the bridge table, please cough into a tissue, handkerchief or your shoulder. Do not cough into the playing cards or your hands.



Rest in Peace

We remember Maureen Munro and Doug Mathews who have passed away in the last month.

Maureen (pictured) played for many years at BBC on Wednesdays and Saturdays. QCBC was Maureen's home club where she played on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Doug is a former member of BBC, and also the husband of Pat Mathews, and will be remembered by our long-standing members.

Masterpoint Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have received a masterpoint promotion.

- Graham Baker – *National
- Margaret Bower – *National
- Barry Koster – *National
- Judith Milliner – *National
- Unis Suliman – National
- Judith Hansen – State
- Archie Smith – Regional
- Bob Hearle – **Local
- Devi Thillainathan – *Local
- Carolyn Dart – Club
- Barry Salzman – Club

New Members

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

- Margaret Dyer
- Hilary Rofeta

Chris Larter

Bridge Hand

I return to a theme I discussed in a previous newsletter – Declarers who play too quickly to the first trick. In the following hand North/South, via a bidding sequence lost to posterity, reached a risky 7 Hearts by South on the lead of ♦K

	♠ Q 5 4	
	♥ K 7	
	♦ A 6 4 2	
	♣ A K 6 4	
♠ J 9 8 3		♠ 10 6
♥ 9 5 3		♥ 10 8
♦ K Q J 9		♦ 10 8 7 5 3
♣ Q 2		♣ 10 9 8 5
	♠ A K 7 2	
	♥ A Q J 6 4 2	
	♦ None	
	♣ J 7 3	

South took only a few seconds to assure defeat. Spotting the ♦A in dummy he impulsively used it to win the first trick. He then thought long and hard about what to discard from his hand before finally deciding to throw his club “loser”.

The grand slam was now doomed.

Since South cannot be sure what he should discard on the ♦A he should play low from dummy and ruff the first trick. South then draws trumps and cashes the ♣A-K. When the Queen falls, South wins the 13th trick with the ♣J. If the Queen does not fall, South would discard the ♣J on the ♦A and ruff a Club. If Clubs break 3-3 dummy’s fourth club fulfills the contract. If not, South would still have the chance of a 3-3 Spade break or a Spade-Club squeeze.

Just a moment’s reflection at the first trick was all South needed to bring home the grand slam.

Arne

Glossary of Alternate Bridge Terms

Bid: Something you say when you shouldn’t.

Cash: A rather vulgar term to describe playing your one winning card as soon as possible.

Contract: The mess your bidding has landed you in. There is, unfortunately, no facility to contract out.

Convention: An agreement between partners that what they bid does, does not, might, or ought to mean what you and they think it does.

Cue Bid: A bid that means when you say Four Clubs you haven’t necessarily got any, but you would like your partner to reply Four Spades so that you, like the idiot you are, can bid Six Hearts.

Declarer: A player who has committed himself to playing the hand before he has any idea what dummy looks like.

Defender: A player who has to play against the Declarer; and more often than not, his own partner.

Discard: The card you should have kept back.

Lead: The most difficult moment in any bridge player’s life. It occurs often and never gets less difficult.

Pass: The privilege of silence, seldom taken advantage of.

Grand Slam: What we ought to have bid, but didn't.

Small Slam: What we ought never to have bid, but did.

Trumps: The things you always forget to draw until your opponents begin to trump some of your best cards.

Heard at the Bridge Table

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do.

Bridge is basically Poker on Valium

If you play bridge without ever having to explain your decision or make an apology, then you obviously don't exist.

The biggest problem with buying a pack of bridge cards is that brains are not included.

If you cannot annoy somebody, there is little point in playing Bridge.
Bridge and potato chips are alike. You can never have enough of either.

Bridge is "just a game" unless of course when you win.

What should you do when your partner is buried up to his neck in sand?
Get more sand.

The difference between a fantastic bid and a stupid bid is largely a matter of result.

Politeness is not saying bad things about your partner until you are at least 50 metres away.

I somehow get the feeling that bridge would be more enjoyable if it had been played with a soccer ball.

I never met anybody who said when they were a kid, "I wanna grow up and be a bridge player"

Bridge players are OK; I just wouldn't want my sister to marry one.

Behind every argument is someone's ignorance.

Bridge is a chocolate substitute.

Since I started playing Bridge, I have more stress, weigh more, exercise less and care less

Endgame

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