

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

In some very sad news Dawn Carroll, a much loved club member, passed away last Wednesday. A service will be held to celebrate Dawn's life at 12 noon Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at Gardens Chapel, Albany Creek Gardens. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dawn's family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Our Graded Butler Pairs Congress is being held this coming Sunday 29 May from 9.30 to approx 4.30. We are hopeful of getting more entries, in particular from club members. For more information, see Tom's Admin Corner.

In addition, we are looking for food contributions and, very importantly, kitchen volunteers to assist on the day. If you could spare an hour on the day it would be a big help and greatly appreciated. Lists are on the club noticeboard for you to add your name.

Please support your club to make this Congress a successful event.

Coming up next month is the club's Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) heat. This is an all

day event where you can earn gold points. It will be held on Sunday 19 June. Please consider entering a team and once again supporting your club. You can play as a competing team, which would mean that if you are placed in the heat you will progress to the next round, or non-competing – playing only on the club heats day (still for gold points, but not playing in the next round if you are placed on the day). So it's well worth playing, even if you only want to play on the club day. See Tom's column for more information.

In club bridge news our most recent red point event was held over the first two Wednesdays of this month and won by Ewa Kowalczyk and Gheorghi Belonogov. Congratulations.

Despite some setbacks due to plumbing and drainage issues the slab for the new lift has been poured. The lift project is on target with a completion date of early next month.

Peter Burke

## Tom's Admin Corner

### **BBC Graded Butler Pairs (Sunday 29 May, 9:30am)**

Entries for the Graded Butler Pairs Congress are a little low at the moment; if you wish to play in the congress please get your entry in ASAP. The cost is \$30 per player (\$60 per pair). The entry link is available online via the BBC website and entries will close Wednesday 25 May at 1pm.

*Please Note: We are also after spare players for the Butler Pairs Congress. Please phone Tom on 0450510196 or email [bbridgecentre@bigpond.com](mailto:bbridgecentre@bigpond.com) if you can help out.*

### **Monday Morning June Pairs – Red Points (6 & 13 June, 9:30am)**

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 must play both weeks with the same partner. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

### **BBC GNOT Heat - Gold Points (Sunday 19 June, 9:30am)**

A team can consist of 4 - 6 players. Prior entry is required. You can enter on the BBC website events page, email the club or submit the entry form available at the club. The cost for the GNOT is \$120 per team. If you wish to be a contending team, you must have no more than one non BBC financial member. For teams who are contending, you must attend the Zone Final and National Final if successful in each stage. Entries for the GNOT Heat close Wednesday 15 June at 1pm.

### **Beginner Lessons**

Our next set of beginner lessons at BBC will be held on Saturday mornings, 9:30am – 11:30am, 25 June – 30 July. Flyers are available near the front door at the club and details are also available on the BBC website. The future of the game of Bridge that we love depends on recruiting new players to the game. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to register at the club via email [bbridgecentre@bigpond.com](mailto:bbridgecentre@bigpond.com), or by phoning the club on 3392 7933 or myself on 0450 510 196.

### **Wednesday Sessions**

Richard Wallis is willing to be a partner for anyone turning up on the day for our Wednesday sessions going forward. If you wish to turn up without a partner make sure you call the club early and arrive at least 20 minutes beforehand.

### **Rugby @ Souths**

The next few rugby home game days are Saturdays 21 May, 4 June, 18 June and 25 June. Those arriving by car are asked to arrive before 12:40pm on rugby game days. This is to allow you an easy park and also so the session can start on time. It would be great to please have a few more volunteers to look after the entrance to the car park before the game. If you can help, please let me know.

### **Cold & Flu Season**

With the cooler weather beginning, here is your reminder to get the seasonal flu vaccine. During play it is important to remember the following ...

- If you are sick, or have cold/flu symptoms 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 on your hands.

- Clive Carter – State
- Nicky Denholm – Local
- Nanette Hinsch – Bronze National
- Cathie Moller – Bronze Local

### Masterpoint Promotions

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

### New Member

The Committee welcomes Peter Grinlaubs and wishes him a long and happy association with BBC.

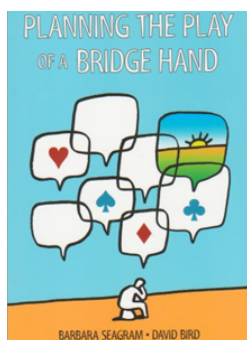
*Tomas Corney*

### Bridge hand:

Henk Bomgaars drew my attention to a hand in the book *Mind Games* that he thought might be of interest to readers of the Newsletter. Allegedly a hand that was actually played as described, it looks more like a hand constructed to show that it is possible to make a grand slam with as few as a combined six points.

The bidding:

N	E	S	W
			2D
2H	3C	P	3D
3S	4D	4S	4NT
5S	P	P	5NT
6S	P	P	6NT
7S	P	P	X
P	P	P	



Dlr: W  
Vul: unknown

♠ A Q x x x x		
♥ x x x x x x x		
♦ -		
♣ -		
♠ K J		♠ x
♥ A K Q		♥ J x x
♦ A Q J x x		♦ K x x x
♣ K x x		♣ A Q J x x
♠ x x x x		
♥ -		
♦ x x x x		
♣ x x x x x		

West's opening 2D bid was a game force and most of the others are obvious with the exception of South who felt he had enough to bid 4S.

East led a diamond which was trumped in the North hand, a heart return was trumped in dummy, a Spade lead from dummy drew the Jack from West and was won by the Queen in the North hand. Another Heart from North was trumped in dummy and a diamond was led to a small Spade in the North hand. A third Heart was played from North and ruffed in dummy. The East/West hearts broke 3-3, so another Diamond led from dummy could be trumped by declarer, the remaining trump drawn by North's Ace and declarer then had trumps and four good Heart tricks. Grand Slam made and never in doubt? If you believe that you believe anything.

Arne

## Heard at the Bridge Table

The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master Bridge player.

Bridge is one of the few games you can enjoy without being good at it.

Four hearts is a very good bid -- but on some other hand.

Bad enough when the trumps are 4-1, but when the singleton trump gets a ruff, that's downright unfair.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

The computer has just made a psychic bid. It shows you can't even trust a machine nowadays.

I go to bridge tournaments full of confidence...and then the game begins.

If you can't be kind to your partner, at least have the decency to be vague.

The good thing about bridge is that you only need to be healthy above the neck.

Bridge advice is always given by people least qualified to do so and received by people most likely to ignore it.

Bridge can't make you happy ... but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery

Playing bridge is indispensable for those who have too much brain and very little life.

My partner has made a major contribution to Bridge – he stopped playing it.

When partner says too busy to play bridge, he really says he's too busy to play with you.

Not in jail, not in  
a mental hospital,  
not in a grave - I  
say I'm having a  
very good day.

**For Sale:  
Parachute.  
Only used  
once, never  
opened,  
small stain.**

You come from  
dust and you will  
return to dust.  
That's why I don't  
dust. It could be  
someone I know.

## Endgame

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