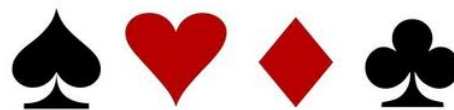


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President's Report

We had an extremely successful Congress last Sunday; the numbers were a little bit down but the quality was fantastic. Virtually all the top players in Brisbane were present and even the B Grade had pairs of the highest quality. The Congress was very efficiently run by director Julie Jeffries, and of course Tomas Corney's hard work ensured a well run and enjoyable congress. As always I thank members for the generous contributions of delicious food, and as ever the success of all our congresses are dependent on the hard work of the kitchen helpers. Many thanks to Flo Hall, Allie Hays, Linda Groves, Marion Swann, Pat Tan.

Thanks also to all those players who worked hard after play to tidy the tables and chairs etc away.

Thanks also to Lynn Kelly, for taking on the job of cleaning the mouldy downstairs louvres!

Congress Results:

A Grade:

- 1st - Jill Magee / Terry Strong
- 2nd - Jasmine Skeate / Kate Macdonald
- 3rd - John Kelly / Peter Evans

B Grade:

- 1st - Tony Treloar / Raelene Clark
- 2nd - Bob Ren / Martin Wu
- 3rd - Sameer Pandya / Winny Chan

Full results here:

<https://qld.bridgeaustralia.org/resultslistbyheadevent.asp?umbid=417>



Jill Magee and Terry Strong



Peter Evans and John Kelly

Congratulations to the place-getters!

Elaine Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

BBC GNOT Heat - Gold Points (Friday Mornings 21 & 28 June)

A team can consist of 4 - 6 players. Prior entry is required. You can enter via MyABF, email to the club or submit the entry form available at the club. You must enter as either contending or non-contending. The entry list is available on the BBC website and on MyABF. Cost for the GNOT is \$120 per team which covers the two weeks. Entries close Tuesday 18 June at 1pm. Contending teams are to have no more than one non-BBC financial member. Teams with more than one non-BBC financial member will be classified as non-contending. Contending teams who qualify will go on to the Brisbane Zone Final (24-25 August at QCBC) may then nominate as contending or non-contending for the ABF Online Qualifying event (20-22 September on RealBridge).

***Note:** We will hold both the GNOT and the usual Friday duplicate pairs on both these mornings.*

Monday Morning June Pairs – Red Points (3 & 10 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 \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

New Player - Looking for partner

We have just finished our intermediate lessons held by John Kelly, and our graduate Christine MacDonald is looking for a partner on Tuesday nights. This is your chance to mentor a newer player and take them under your wing. You can contact them on 0417 737 338. Please give them a ring if you are interested.

If *you* are looking for a partner please let me know which sessions you are looking for a game and your best contact number and I will feature you in the next edition of the newsletter.

Rugby @ Souths

The next few rugby home game days are:

- Saturday May 25
- Saturday June 22
- Saturday July 20

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.

Cold & Flu Season

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

- If you are sick, or have cold/flu/Covid symptoms please think twice before coming to bridge. We would 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.

New Members

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

- Peg Clydesdale
- Simon Fleming
- Cecile Horgan
- Charles Page

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Kath Armstrong – Graduate
- Carol Loth – Gold Life

Tomas Corney

Bridge Hand

Procrastination is not the 'Thief of Time'

Procrastination, a word that derives from the Latin "*cras*" meaning tomorrow, is a popular vice but in bridge can become a positive virtue. Take this hand as an example:

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

West opened the bidding with a 16-18 point 1NT, South overcalled 2H and N/S bid to 4H. West led the top two spades and South ruffed the third spade and hastily drew trumps.

Working on the assumption that you should not put off until Trick ten what you can do at Trick six, declarer led a club. Confident that West would have the A♣ for his 1NT opening he played the King from dummy. East won and although the diamond finesse later worked for declarer, West ultimately got the J♣ to defeat the contract.

Here it is rewarding to procrastinate. South should put off the crucial guess in clubs and at the sixth trick lead a diamond to finesse with dummy's queen. Cash the A♦ and ruff a diamond. South can now accurately work out the club position. West has so far produced 15 high card points (A-K-Q♠, Q♥, K-J♦). If West has the A♣ his hand would be too strong for his INT opening and if he lacked the J♣ his hand would be too weak. South must therefore lead a club and finesse with dummy's nine – game made, confirming that lousy bridge player Lord Byron was right when he said "*Ah, Vice! How soft are thy voluptuous ways!*"

Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

If God wanted us to play Bridge, he would have given us 13 fingers

The best investment I ever made in my life is teaching my wife how to play bridge. She plays terribly but who cares! I must have saved a fortune keeping her away from shopping.

My bridge partner hasn't an enemy in the world. It is just that all his friends hate him.

If you have the slightest touch of masochism you'll love this game.

Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners.

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbour, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding bridge players that stops bright ideas from penetrating. Unlike the Ozone layer, the Bozone layer shows no sign of weakening.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

The difference between genius and stupidity at bridge is that genius has its limits.

When arguing while partnering their spouse, most men view it as a matter of wife or deaf.

Takeout Double — the one that your partner passes.

Bridge is a self-inflicted punishment for people with too much time and intelligence.

My partner has just one minor flaw. He is still alive.

I assume full responsibility for my mistakes, except the ones that are someone else's fault.

I smile while playing Bridge because I don't know what the hell is going on.

God must hate bridge players. He made so few good ones.

The trouble with Bridge is that there is no rewind button.

Don't argue with your partner; people watching may not be able to tell who the idiot is.

You are lucky to have me as your partner as I am not as judgmental as all those censorious, self-righteous people around me.

I always forgive my partner for his mistakes. Thinking was unfamiliar territory to him.

I'll try being nicer, partner, if you'll try being smarter.

Dave Jayne's Funnies

I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness. (Mark Twain)

It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.

It turns out that when asked who your favourite child is, you're supposed to pick out one of your own. I know that now.

It's fine to eat a test grape in the produce section, but you take one bite of rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave!"

One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, a really good box.

If you dropped something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter, and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is bad.

I just read a book about marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on your first date. So tonight after dinner I'm dropping her off at her parents' house.

The best way to get back on your feet is to miss two car payments.

I love bacon. Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting.

Driver: "What am I supposed to do with this speeding ticket?" Officer, "Keep it. When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle."

I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end, I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I put our scale in the bathroom corner & that's where the little liar will stay until it apologises.

When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think, "That can't be accurate!"

Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation with "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven.

Who knew that the hardest thing about being an adult is figuring out what to fix for dinner and doing it every single night for the rest of your life until you die?

Endgame

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