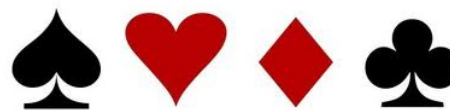


Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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President's Report

Our Easter Congress is over for another year, and was a very successful event, with 66 pairs in the graded pairs event, and 44 teams in the graded teams – a full house. Thank you to all who helped to make this event such a success.

Penny, our new administrator, joined us just in time for the most organisationally stressful congress in our calendar – thanks for all your hard work, Penny.

Chris Snook was our main director, and Jo Neary directed the downstairs event – thank you for a well run and pleasant couple of days, as always.

Our kitchen volunteers were Pat Tan, Hazel Lahey, Nannette Hinsch, Bronwyn Turner, Marion Swann, Kerry Pope, Phyll Roxborough, Lynn Henley, Marie Buckley and Colleen Stanley. Also Neil Hansen, who came in early on Monday morning to help in the kitchen and ended up caddying for the whole day as well.

Thanks also to Alan McKenna who braved the Easter public transport to caddy on Sunday.

The lovely people of the Society for Creative Anachronism (The Medieval group), who use our upstairs area on Monday evenings, set up all the tables and chairs upstairs, saving us a lot of work.

And thanks so much to all the wonderful people who stayed after the event to help put all the tables and chairs away, and leave the floor and kitchen clean and tidy.

And of course, to the kind people who brought in the delicious food to share – it was much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following place getters:

A Grade Pairs:

- 1st – Jack Luke-Paredi and Andy Hung
- 2nd – Martin Qin and Kuldip Bedi
- 3rd – Andrew Woollons and Nikolas Moore

B Grade Pairs:

- 1st – Margaret Giebels and Mick Fawcett
- 2nd – Sonya Palfreyman and Shayne Palfreyman
- 3rd – Kathey Males and Warren Males

C Grade Pairs:



1st - Judith Hansen and Neil Hansen (pictured)

2nd – Sandra Berns and Dov Berns

3rd – Ying Liu and Davis Zhang

A Grade Teams:

1st – Zhuqiang, Charlie Lu, Terry Strong, Jill Magee

2nd – Zac Ross, Jasmine Skeat, Kate MacDonald, Paul Gosney

3rd – Martin Qin, Eugene Pereira, Kuldip Bedi, Martin Wu

B Grade Teams:

1st – Remco Spencer, Lauren Morgan, Sarah Strickland, Ben Leung

2nd – Helen Clayton, Vesna Markovoc, Voyko Markavic, Kathy Males

3rd – Robyn Clark, Rosemary Thomson, Murray Perrin, Evelyne Mander

C Grade Teams:

1st – Oliver Goodman, Kathleen Clifford, John Rivers, Sameer Pandya

2nd – Gray Renwick, Anthony Mills, Maria Mills, Alexandra Mills

3rd – Pat Burke, Peter Burke, Rod Wilson, Patricia Tan.

The full results can be found on the QBA website.

Just as we are getting our breath back, it's time for our next congress – the BBC Graded Butler Pairs, to be held on Sunday 18th May.

Please see our website for information on how to enter. Entries close on Wed 14th May.

As always, we are asking for volunteers to help in the kitchen (this event will be upstairs only).

If you are playing on the day, please bring along some finger food to share.

Also, the BBC GNOT heats will be held on 2 Saturday mornings - 21st and 28th June. This is a gold point event, and you can play as contending (i.e wanting to play in the Brisbane finals at QCBC on Sat and Sun 23rd and 24th August if you qualify) or non-contending, playing only in the 2 sessions at our club.

If you left a Lindt bunny in the fridge during the Easter Congress, it's still there – for now...

Elaine Jonsberg

Penny's Administrator Corner

Hello BBC members

This last month has been an extremely busy one, particularly because of all the work required to organize and run the Easter Congress. The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes is huge but thanks to some very reliable and hardworking members (particularly our President), the Congress was a huge success. Entries through MyABF has helped to manage entries in a very efficient manner.

I would encourage anyone who has not yet signed up for MyABF to do so. It is a very simple process and I would be pleased to assist members who are not quite sure how to do this.

Please keep an eye on the diary for upcoming events so you don't miss out on any special events, particularly when red points are on offer.

Please note coming events -

BBC Graded Butler Pairs

The Graded Butler Pairs is coming up on Sunday 18th May. This will be an all day event commencing at 9.30am. If you are competing in this event, please be sure to arrive by at least 9.15am to ensure play can commence on time.

The cost is \$40 per player (40 MyABF bridge credits), \$80 per pair (80 MyABF bridge credits).

Entry is via MyABF only. BYO lunch.

For this event also, we need volunteers to help in the kitchen and/or bring food.

We also need standby players for this event to ensure smooth running on the day. Please let us know if you can help with this.

GNOT Heat 2025

The Brisbane Bridge Centre is hosting heats of the GNOT on two Saturdays 21st and 28th June. Entry is via MyABF only and the fee is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player or \$160 (160 bridge credits per team). This team event commences at 9.30 am and will run until approximately 12.45pm on both days.

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. More details will follow later.

New Members

This month we welcomed Derek Morris, Mary McLeigh and Peter Heard as Away members and Mukul Kumar as a new Home club member.

Masterpoints Promotion

Congratulations to Margaret Lane – Regional Master

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 date in May to watch out for is 31st May. We now allocate an area near the sheds for bridge parking, so help manning the barricades is no longer necessary .

Penny Grace

Bridge Hand: Safeguard Your Contract

Declare: North

Vul: NS

♠ K J 10 9 5 2
♥ K 6
♦ 10 4 2
♣ A Q

♠ Q
♥ -
♦ A Q 9 6 3
♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2

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♠ K J 10 9 5 2
♥ K 6
♦ 10 4 2
♣ A Q

♠ A 7 6
♥ J 10 3
♦ K J 7 5
♣ 8 6 3

♠ 8 4 3
♥ A Q 9 8 7 5 4 2
♦ 8
♣ 5

♠ Q
♥ -
♦ A Q 9 6 3
♣ K J 10 9 7 4 2

West leads ♥J. You cover with dummy's king and ruff East's ace. Plan the play.



South ruffed the first heart and correctly led the ♠Q at the second trick. West took the ace and led another heart for South to ruff.

Declarer then tried to draw trumps with dummy's A-Q. When East discarded, South pitched two diamonds on the high spades and then led a diamond to finesse with the queen. West won the king and got out with another heart, leaving declarer with a diamond loser.

Down one!!

Declarer forgot a basic rule of bridge ... safeguard the contract.

After ruffing the second heart, South gets to dummy with the ♣A and starts to run the spades. Two trumps are still out at this point. After West ruffs the fourth spade, South can win any return, draw the last trump with the queen and run his remaining spade winners.

Sure South loses an overtrick if trumps are 2-2, but he safeguards the contract against the far more likely 3-1 split.

Arne

Heard at the Bridge Table

"I never forget the partners I play with, but in your case I will make an exception."

Be awfully nice to your partner when he makes a mistake because you're going to make some yourself.

If you really have to tell your partner his mistake, it costs nothing to be polite.

I get along great with my partner. We had only one argument in 30 years. The problem is that the argument lasted 30 years.

"I don't have an attitude problem, partner. You have a perception problem."

My partner's mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone for the rest of the match.

"After that play, I'd insult you, partner, but you're not bright enough to notice."

The best way to get your partner to learn a new convention is to suggest he is too old for it.

I think I am a pretty good judge of character; which is why I hate all of my partners.

With hesitations, body language cues and the familiarity of partner's style, bridge can never really be a totally fair game.

What do you call a basement full of bridge players?

A whine cellar

Too many bridge players, not enough brains

Experience : A marvelous thing that enables you to recognise the same mistake you made the last time.

Bridge is organised loafing.

Bridge is 90% mental and 50% luck.

My finesses lose, I can't remember the cards, my bidding is terrible and no one wants to partner me anymore. Other than that, bridge is great.

Bridge players must believe in luck. How else to explain the successes of those bridge players we don't like.

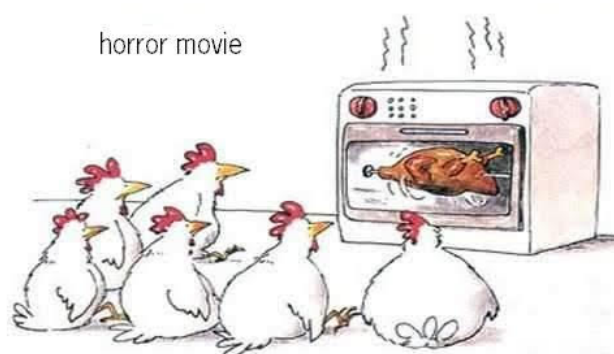
Bridge is what is left when you run out of meaningful things to do.

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

Dave Jayne's Funnies

More of Murphy's Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
3. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
6. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
7. God gave us toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
8. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
9. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
10. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.



Endgame

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