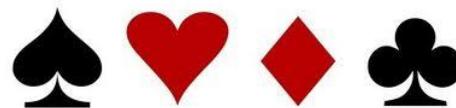


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Hello all members of BBC. I look forward to my second season as President of this lovely Club, and I am comforted by the certainty that my job will be made much easier having a fantastic committee behind me. Firstly many thanks to Peter Burke for his hard work over the last two years and for agreeing to continue his invaluable work in liaising with Council.

As we all know it is goodbye to Chris Larter who leaves the role of Club Administrator, having done a brilliant job over the last few years. Tomas Corney, Malcolm Corney's son, is currently looking after this position and I would ask all members to be supportive and helpful.

Many thanks to all those members (and non-member) who came and helped with the working bee and thanks to Chris for organising it. Gillian Baker, Judith Bennett, Peter Burke, Leith Cameron, Clive Carter, Andrew Chan, Julie Clark, Lynne Day, Brian Egan, Les Egan, Janette Hiatt, Gaye Jackson, Arne Jonsberg, Elaine Jonsberg, Louisa Kwok, John Lahey, Chris Larter, Keith Long, Judith Milliner, Laurie Queay, Rob Swann, Patricia Tan, Bronwyn Turner, Blair Waters, Bev Wilde, Sandy Young all pitched in to

help to make the club and gardens clean, tidy and refreshed. Pictures follow.

This Sunday sees our annual Novice Congress and I wish the best of luck to all BBC members who are playing. Thank you also to those generous souls who contribute their time for kitchen duties and to those who contribute cakes etc. And of course our usual gratitude to the hard work and effort that Janette Hiatt always contributes to these events.

I am hoping that this next period of my presidency will see a continuation of the growth and success of this Club. I know the Committee has the talent to do its part, so I am asking the members to become more pro-active - if you have ideas or queries, see a committee member - lets make this club even better. With this in mind I notice that Tuesday morning sessions seem to be showing a decline in table numbers, and even Wednesday morning sessions have their occasional disappointing numbers. Both mornings have brilliant directors and are friendly, entertaining and educational sessions - so please come along.

Elaine Jonsberg

## Chris's Administrator's Corner

### Resignation

On Tuesday 24 September, I handed in my notice of resignation as the Administrator of the Brisbane Bridge Centre. I finish up on Friday 25 October. I have been in this role since February 2015 and it is my time to move on. I have been fortunate to receive full-time employment at my other part-time place of work.



However, I won't be disappearing entirely from the club.

I am currently teaching the last set of beginner lessons for the year on Saturday mornings. Also, I will still continue with some directing and also find some time to play bridge at the BBC. Obviously, this will be limited to the Tuesday Night and Saturday Afternoon sessions.

In concluding, thank you to you all for the last 4 years and 7 months. I have enjoyed working for the club in the role as Administrator and appreciated the support you have all provided to me.

### Members' Contact Details Update

It is that time of year when members are asked to confirm that their contact details are correct. Landline and mobile phone numbers are published in the yearly diary.

A list is available on the noticeboard at the club. Please check the list to see that your details are correct.

*To any of our new players or visitors to BBC who plan to become members at the beginning of 2020, it would be great to also include your phone details in the diary. Please either email the club or write your details on a piece of paper and drop it into the white box at the club.*

### Sunnybank Bridge Club Renovations

I have been advised that Sunnybank Bridge Club will be closed Saturday 19 October – Sunday 27 October due to renovations at their club house. This may mean an influx of players at the BBC during this time, as Sunnybank is the next club in the southern direction from our club.

BBC members, please make the Sunnybank members welcome during this period with the usual BBC hospitality and friendly atmosphere.

### Saturday 1pm Green Point Teams – 26 October

Our next Green Point Teams session is Saturday 26 October at 1pm.

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

***I encourage that you mix it up with each team having an experienced pair and a novice pair. This would provide a great mentoring experience to the novice pair in each team.***

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. You can enter either as a team or a pair to be placed into a team.

**NOTE: There will be no normal pairs session on 26 October. The teams will be the only play.**

### Melbourne Cup Day

The race that stops a nation is coming up on Tuesday 5 November.

- Bridge will commence at 9.30am
- \$1, \$2 & \$5 Sweeps available prior to play
- Bring a plate of food to share for lunch. This can be a savoury/main/salad item or a sweet/dessert item.
- Cost: Coupon + \$3 or \$10 (members) & \$12 (visitors) – this includes a red point bridge session and drinks
- Dress in your Melbourne Cup Day finest. Prize for best dressed and best hat.

### Queensland Wide Pairs

The BBC will be participating in the Queensland Wide Pairs at the **Tuesday 9.30am session, 26 November**. This is a state-wide competition where clubs from all over Queensland can participate, playing the same boards. A hand commentary of the boards played is written by Andy Hung. Green points are offered at the club with red points offered for the overall event by the QBA.

The cost will be the usual table fees/coupon plus an extra \$3.50 per player.

#### Please note:

1. 9.30am session on Tuesday 26 November may not finish until 1pm, depending on the number of tables and the movement used.
2. You may only play in one Queensland Wide Pairs session over the week.

### Air-Conditioning

As we enter the warmer weather, it is a reminder that there are cool spots in the room with the air-conditioning. The air-conditioning is set at a temperature to cool the whole room. It is suggested, if you feel that cold, that you bring a jacket along for the times you sit in a cool spot. There are also shawls available in the white cupboard near the kitchen which players can use.

Players are asked to not adjust the temperature or direction of the air-flow themselves. If you have a problem, please advise the Director, Administrator or a Committee Member.

### Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Alan McKenna – Silver Life
- Bernadette O’Connell – Bronze Life
- Judith Heck –\*\*National
- Gillian Baker – State
- Rod Wilson – State
- Jane Whelan – Regional
- Don Weerheim – Local
- Maureen McNamara – Graduate

### New Member

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

- Carol Brennan
- Mark Brennan
- Ian Gillespie
- Ross McTaggart
- Rosemary Newsham

### Director, please

The April-June 2019 edition of the QBA Bulletin had a little snippet titled ‘Director – *please*.’ It is reprinted below as food for thought.

*Club directors are precious resources for all of us. We need to assist them in every way we can. Please realise that these people are unpaid volunteers who have put much time and effort in studying for and then passing the demanding accreditation exam. They are also willing to tolerate the constant disruptions to their own club games. Their own capacity to concentrate and their personal results suffer when distracted by other duties. They deserve our courtesy and cooperation. So, instead of bellowing “DIRECTOR!!” let’s start by calling “Director please”.*

Chris Larter

## 2019 Brisbane Zone GNOT Final

This year the Zone Final of the GNOT was held at QCBC on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September, and attracted 48 teams to vie for the 3 places available to proceed to the National Final at Tweed Heads in November.

BBC had 3 teams qualified, and my team was John Kelly, Sheila Wills and Alan McKenna. Wolf Stuthe was originally in our team but had to pull out and was replaced by Alan. Other BBC teams were Arne Jonsberg, Graham Baker, Chris Larter, John Lahey, and Sue Herbert, Lesleigh Egan, Elaine Jonsberg, Lynne Henley. All three teams acquitted themselves well without finishing in the top 3, but it was an enjoyable day none the less.

A couple of hands have been included, the first because of a lead and play problem, and the second because of an unusual balancing situation.

### M1 Bd 9 Dlr N Vul EW

	♠ J 9 6 4		
	♥ 9 8 6 4		
	♦ 8 2		
	♣ A J 2		
♠ T 8 3		♠ Q 7 5 2	
♥ K 7 5 3		♥ Q J T	
♦ K		♦ J 5 4 3	
♣ K T 9 6 3		♣ Q 5	
	♠ A K		
	♥ A 2		
	♦ A Q T 9 7 6		
	♣ 8 7 4		
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
			1D
P	1H	P	2NT
P	3NT		

On this board I added an additional point for my good 6-card suit and rebid 2NT, showing 18-19, over which John bid the obvious 3NT.

West was thus on lead and had no reason not to lead a club, but which one? She led the ♣6, 4<sup>th</sup>

highest, and when dummy tracked I had a problem, which in retrospect I failed to solve.

I elected to use the oft-quoted 'Power of the closed hand' by playing low in dummy and got lucky when East had no winning position, so she played the ♣Q and returned a club to dummy, enabling me to run the ♦8 and take advantage of split diamond honours.

Even though I lost to the stiff ♦K I still had 10 tricks in all for +430. At the other table South played in 3D and made only 8 tricks for +5 and 10 Imps.

West is better placed to lead the ♣T (or ♣9 if playing coded 10s and 9s), and then I have to play the ♣A at trick 1 to block the suit and make the right guess in diamonds.

### M1 Bd 6 Dlr E Vul EW

		♠ J T 4	
		♥ A 7 3 2	
		♦ A K	
		♣ A Q 8 5	
♠ K 6 3			♠ A Q
♥ K J 9 8 5			♥ Q 6 4
♦ 9 8			♦ J T 6 3 2
♣ K 7 2			♣ 9 4 3
		♠ 9 8 7 5 2	
		♥ T	
		♦ Q 7 5 4	
		♣ J T 6	
<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>
		P	P
P	1C	P	P
1H	1NT!	2H	2S
P	P	P	

On this board I reluctantly passed when John opened 1C in 4<sup>th</sup> suit, but when John then rebid 1NT over West's balancing bid of 1H, he was showing 18-19 and balanced.

When East showed her heart support, I thought that if EW have a fit, we probably do as well, so took the plunge and bid 2S, as after all, we have the majority of the points between us.

West led the ♥8, 4<sup>th</sup> highest and at the same time marking East with the ♥Q or ♥K, as if West had both of those cards she would normally lead the ♥K.

I got a very suitable dummy and won the ♥A to lead a trump, on which East played the ♠Q and

led a heart. I ruffed this and led another trump, this time won by East with the ♠A.

Once East showed up with at least 8 points it was clear that the ♣K was with West and so it proved, making 10 tricks for +170. At the other table Alan played in 2H, going 1 off for -100 and 2 Imps.

Richard Wallis

### **Clever Witticisms from Lynn and Inta**

To the thief who stole my anti-depressants – I hope you're happy.

How is it possible to have a Civil War?

If one synchronised swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?

If clowns attack you – go for the juggler!

Things that tell the truth:

Small children

Drunk people

Yoga pants

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation

If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?

Auto correct makes me say things I didn't Nintendo.

The problem with political jokes is they sometimes get elected.

If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent.

If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is that a hostage situation?

## Working Bee



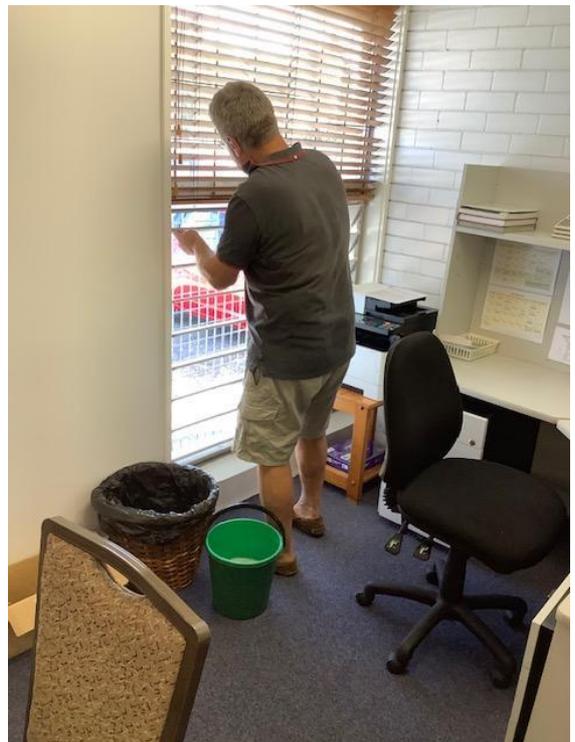
Andrew Chan, John Lahey, Gill Baker,  
Laurie Queay, Arne Jonsberg & Julie Clark



Judith Milliner & Chris Larter



Julie Clark & Peter Burke



Rob Swann



Judith Bennett



Janette Hiatt & Leith Cameron



Clive Carter



Sandy Young



Lesleigh Egan

### **Position Vacant - Brisbane Bridge Centre**

The Brisbane Bridge Centre invites applications for the casual position of Club Administrator. The position is for approximately 12-15 hours per week, which is flexible.

The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated ability in providing administrative support
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills for providing excellent customer service to internal and external stakeholders
- Demonstrated attention to detail
- Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others
- Initiative and self-direction
- Current computer skills

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Jonsberg (President) on **0411 181 543** or email **[elaine.jonsberg@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.jonsberg@gmail.com)**.

Applications close: Sunday 10 November 2019

***Editorial** – Sorry about the smaller newsletter this month, events have conspired to reduce my available time. Rest assured that next month it will be back with all guns blazing – Awards are awaiting, so be afraid, very afraid!*

### **Endgame**

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