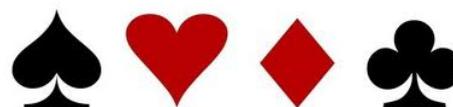


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President's Report

I look forward to my second term as president of this wonderful club. I am confident that with the support of a great committee my role will be made much easier.

I want to thank Elaine for all the hard work and time and effort that she put into being president. Together with an outstanding contribution from Julie Jeffries they have seen us through the unprecedented times of Covid.

As you are all aware, the sheds are undergoing repairs at the moment and when completed we will be able to use them for storage again. A benefit of this is that we will then be able to remove the shipping containers.

Council have confirmed that they will be replacing our current unreliable lift. Hopefully this work will be completed this financial year.

We are also in the process of applying to council for grants to improve the surrounds of the club. Most notably the repair of a number of the old shade stands and the removal of the others. Also to repair some of the old retaining walls and replace fencing.

The club has a lot happening over the next 12 months and I am hopeful that it will continue to grow and have many successes. I encourage members if they have any suggestions or

queries to raise these with me or other committee members.

I would like to offer the Club's congratulations to Peter Evans whose team recently won, comfortably, the QBA Festival of Bridge Teams event.

Peter is becoming a major force in Queensland bridge and we are lucky to have him as a member. I repeat Elaine's recommendation that all aspiring players should take the opportunity to listen to Peter's Zoom lessons on a Saturday morning.

This weekend we hold the Novice and Restricted Matchpoint Pairs Congress that is being directed by Julie Jeffries and convened by Tom Corney. I wish all the very best of luck to all our members who are playing and my thanks to all those who are assisting. The results will be found in next month's newsletter.

There are a number of drink bottles accumulating on the bench in the kitchen – some have been there for many months. In the interests of tidiness, these will be disposed of in the next couple of weeks unless they are claimed. It might be a good idea to put your name on your bottles.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrators Corner

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 blue noticeboard at the club. Please check the list to see that your details are correct.

Cup Season Pairs AM (2 & 9 November, 9:30am)

Our next red points session will be held over two Tuesday mornings; to qualify for the combined sessions overall placing result you will need to play both weeks with the same partner. No prior entry is required; everyone plays in the red point sessions. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

Masterpoint Promotions

Unfortunately with the ABF website being down and troubles with assigning Masterpoints, no promotions have been announced for the month September as of yet. Any promotions will be listed in next month's newsletter.

New Members

The Committee welcomes our new members and wishes them a long and happy association with BBC.

- Oliver Goodman
- Anne Lamport

Tomas Corney

How a Stimulus Package Works

For all of those people, like myself, who find economics and fiscal policy a total mystery, here is a little something from Robyn Brady that should make, amongst other things, stimulus packages crystal clear.

It is a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pumhandle, and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the motel, and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night.

As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the bill and runs down the street to retire his bill to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-Op.

The guy at the Co-Op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her services on credit.

This lady rushes to the motel and pays off her room bill with the motel proprietor.

The motel owner then places the \$100 bill back on the counter so the tourist will not suspect anything.

The traveler returns from upstairs and says that the rooms are not satisfactory. He picks up his \$100 and leaves.

No one has produced anything, no one has earned anything, however the whole town is now out of debt and the citizens look to the future with optimism and confidence.

Go figure. Anybody finding the vagaries of finance and economics confusing, should talk to our treasurer, whose knowledge of such things is legendary.

Bridge hand:

Procrastination (coming from the Latin *cras*, meaning tomorrow) can be a virtue for the good bridge player. Delaying guesses until you have a full picture of the hands is a hallmark of the expert.

Dlr: West

Vul: Nil

	♠ 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 1NT and N/S subsided in 4H played by South.

West led the ♠A and continued the suit. South ruffed the third spade and hastily drew trumps. He then led a club and played dummy's king on the assumption that West must have the Ace for his 1NT opening. East won, and although the diamond finesse worked for South later, West eventually made the ♣J to defeat the contract.

Procrastination here is key. Put off the guess in clubs and finesse in diamonds. The ♦Q holds and declarer plays ♦A and ruffs a diamond. The club position can now be worked out – West has produced 15 high card points (♠A K Q, ♥Q and ♦K J). If West had the ♣A his hand would be too strong to open 1NT, and if he lacked the ♣J, his hand would be too weak.

South thus leads a Club and finesses with dummy's nine. Contract made. Jeez this is an easy game.

Arne

Heard at the bridge table

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

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

My partner is so stupid that he leads 4th best from a 3-card suit.

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

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

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

The difference between my partner and a battery is that the battery has a positive side.

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

I thought I wanted a friendly, social game but it turns out I just wanted to abuse and be abused.

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

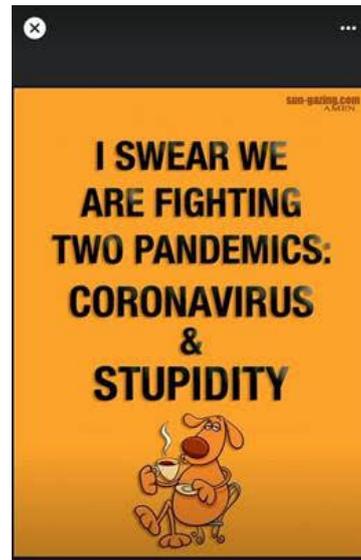
God's Dilemma:

Too many bridge players, not enough brains

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

Never attribute a mistake to carelessness when it can be adequately explained by stupidity.

Dave Jayne's Jolly Jokes



The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth

I never imagined I'd go up to a bank teller with a mask on and ask for money

When this virus is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me

Just told my kids I'm older than Google. They think I'm joking

This too shall pass. It might pass like a kidney stone, but pass it will

Endgame

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