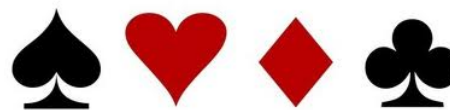


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President's Report from the 2022 AGM

Firstly, I want to apologise to Tomas Corney. In my report I only thanked members of the committee. This was very remiss of me.

Tom as our Administrator performs a variety of duties on a regular basis. These are vital in ensuring that we can operate efficiently. A big thank you Tom for diligently working through these tasks.

Again welcome and thank you for attending the AGM.

After another year affected by COVID and by floods earlier this year the club remains in a healthy and stable state.

Sadly, we did suffer the passing of Muriel Baker, Dawn Carroll, Annette Scott, John Mills and last week Alan Aitcheson. They are missed at the club.

Despite the presence of COVID we were able to conduct all our scheduled Congresses throughout the year. I am pleased to say that a number of our members performed very well.

For these events to be a success a lot of hard work has to be put in.

Firstly, I want to thank Tomas Corney for the fantastic job he did as Convenor.

To those members who donated food thank you very much. To Janette and her team of kitchen volunteers a big thank you.

To those kind souls who helped with set up and to those who assisted putting away tables and chairs at the conclusion of play your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

It is certainly made worthwhile when you hear the very positive feedback of visitors and members as to what an enjoyable Congress it was.

The club continues to work closely with Council to improve facilities and comfort levels for members. The restoration of the storage sheds was a major undertaking and follows a number of years of negotiation due to heritage issues. The replacement of the old unreliable lift will be a major benefit to the club. We have recently signed a 4 year lease with Council and look forward to a long and cooperative association with them.

The club is basically a small business and as such it takes the efforts of a number of people to ensure smooth operations and effective workings.

My job as President has been made much easier by the fantastic committee that I have enjoyed working with.

When Elaine first approached me about standing as President again she could sense a slight hesitancy. Elaine said to me that she would assist as much as possible. Elaine has been true to her word. There were some difficult days and Elaine your encouragement, support and wise advice was greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

There is no doubt that the most time consuming role on the committee is that of Treasurer. We have been extremely fortunate to have John Kelly fill that role over the last several years.

Despite the negative impact of COVID on our revenue due to John's outstanding stewardship the club's finances are in a strong and robust state. Thank you John.

Thanks also to Lynn Kelly who continues to be our highly efficient secretary. Lynn ensures that our reporting and testing requirements are complied with.

Janette Hiatt has again kept us well fed and nourished during club sessions and does an outstanding role as Providor for our Congresses. Many thanks Janette.

Richard Wallis is a font of knowledge in bridge matters and provides a fantastic mentoring role with his supervised sessions. Thank you Richard.

Marie Buckley is not standing again but I thank her for her inputs and contributions. Most notably her role in checking the vaccination status of players.

The club is blessed to have a wonderful pool of directors at our disposal. Nanette, Richard, Peter, Elaine, John and Neil. The club does not function without you so thank you all for making our sessions so relaxed and enjoyable.

The club also does not function without boards. I am pleased to hear that since the acquisition of a new dealing machine the task of providing

boards has been made less onerous. Nonetheless a big thank you to Elaine and Leith. The parking horrors of rugby season are made manageable by Arne and Elaine early on Saturday mornings of home games placing out the bollards and then to the brave souls who man them to ensure that members get a park. Thank you to all involved.

A big thank you to Arne for producing the monthly newsletter. Like me I know there are many members who look forward to it. In particular Heard at the Bridge Table which is always good for a laugh.

In conclusion I look forward to the next 12 months. This truly is a great club. We are highly regarded in the bridge community as a welcoming and friendly club.

Things are ever so slowly starting to pick up. Member numbers and table numbers are trending upwards.

I am confident that with the hard work of the committee and the support of the members that our club will continue to grow and strengthen into the future.

Thank you.

Peter Burke

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Tuesday PM Spring Pairs - Red Points (4 & 11 October, 7:15pm)

Please arrive by 7:00pm each afternoon. No prior entry is required; everyone plays in the red point sessions. To qualify for the combined sessions overall placing result, you need to play both weeks with the same partner. The cost will be a coupon for members and \$10 for visitors.

BBC Under 500 & Novice Pairs Congress (Sunday, 16 October, 9:30am)

The BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress is coming up on Sunday 16 October. The cost is \$70 per pair (\$35 per player). Congress start time is 9:30am and will go to approximately

4:30pm. I encourage all eligible BBC members to enter and play in this congress.

Members entering the Novice section must have fewer than 100 masterpoints and the Under 500 section must have fewer than 500 masterpoints as of 31 July this year. If you are on the edge of either of these cut-offs you can check your masterpoints on the ABF website or ask myself at the office to check for you. The entry form is available at the club or online on the BBC or QBA websites.

To enter please fill out an entry form online on the BBC website or a paper entry at the club. Entries close after Tuesday 11 October at 1:00pm.

Spare Players

I will also be looking for spare players for the Under 500 & Novice Pairs Congress, please let me know if you can help out.

Improve Your Bridge

John Kelly will be running an improver lesson course beginning Saturday October 22 and running until November 26. This course is six weeks of two hour lessons from 10:00am to 12:00pm each Saturday based on Audrey Grant's *Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding*. The cost is \$70 which includes the textbook. Please register for these lessons by emailing the club at bbridgecentre@bigpond.com or phoning myself on 0450 510 196.

Don't forget that our Thursday AM Supervised and Saturday PM Supervised Bridge Sessions are great sessions to come to if you would like to play a relaxed game of bridge with some pointers during play. During the supervised

sessions you can raise your hand and ask for the director of the session to help you with your bidding or play and after the Thursday session Richard Wallis runs through a mini bridge lesson as well.

Lost & Found - Umbrellas

With the potential for wetter weather coming up, be careful about leaving your umbrellas on the cage outside the front door. Some umbrellas have been left here overnight or have ended up in the Lost and Found. There are currently two unclaimed umbrellas at the club in the lost and found section.

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Vanessa Brewis – Bronze State
- Pat Burke – Bronze State

Tomas Corney

BBC Committee 2022

President: Peter Burke

Vice President: Elaine Jonsberg

Treasurer: John Kelly

Secretary: Lynn Kelly

Committee members:

- Judith Bennett
- Janette Hiatt
- Lilly Jia
- Richard Wallis
- Tony Williams

Congratulations to all, and welcome to our new members Judith, Lilly and Tony.

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please feel free to approach any of our committee members.



Two Interesting Hands from the Brisbane Zone GNOT finals

Dlr: South
Vul: All

<p>♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ J 10 ♦ 10 9 5 4 ♣ 10 9 8</p> <p>♠ J 10 5 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ A K J 6 ♣ A 7</p>	<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ 7 6 5 2 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ K J 6 3</p> <p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ 8 7 ♣ Q 5 4 2</p>
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I was in 3NT from the West hand. North led ♠4, South took ♠K and returned ♠8. My ♠J was taken by North's ♠Q and he carefully switched to ♣10 (if he continues with a spade it gives me the critical trick, along with 2 clubs, 4 diamonds, ♥A and ♥Q finesse).

I played ♣J on the ♣10, South covered with ♣Q and I took ♣A. I crossed to dummy with ♦Q and took the successful ♥Q finesse. I cashed the remaining diamonds, ♥A and ♣K leaving this picture:

<p>♠ 10 5 ♥ 8 ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ A 9 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ - ♥ 7 6 ♦ - ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ 6 ♥ K ♦ - ♣ 5</p>
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♣6 from the East hand now endplayed North (who has no doubt defended this better than most in the room) and he has to give me a spade trick.

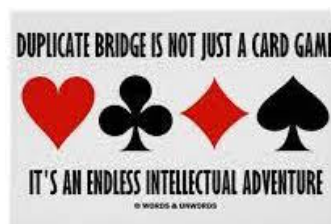
Peter Evans

Dlr: East
Vul: NS

<p>♠ K J 7 4 ♥ J 9 ♦ K 5 3 2 ♣ Q J 3</p> <p>♠ Q 6 2 ♥ A Q 5 4 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A 7 6 2</p> <p>♠ A 5 3 ♥ K 10 8 7 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ K 10 9</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 8 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A Q J 9 4 ♣ 8 5 4</p>
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This hand was board 18 in match 2 and Lilly and I were playing against David and our humble President! Peter passed as dealer, Lilly also passed and David opened 1H, over which I doubled for take-out. As a passed hand without Heart support, Peter could have pushed the boat out by bidding 2D (not forcing), but instead made the normal bid of 1NT, which was passed out. Lilly does not have a clear-cut opening lead, but mindful that my double would normally have Spades, she led the ♠3. I won the ♠J when dummy played low and we proceeded to cash 4 Spade tricks, ending in my hand, Lilly playing a discouraging Diamond. I then led the ♣Q, won in dummy to take the successful Diamond finesse, but after a successful Heart finesse, Peter was done and finished 2 down for a modest +100 to us. At the other table Eugene rebid 2C over Martin's 1NT and finished in 2H, going 1 down for -50 and 2 Imps to us.

Richard Wallis



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.

My Partner hasn't got the remotest knowledge of how to play bridge, nor the slightest instinct about when to die.

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

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

My partner plays slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.

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.

Partners, after a while, become like car alarms. They make a lot of noise no one listens to.

What do you do if your partner walks out on you?

You shut the door.

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

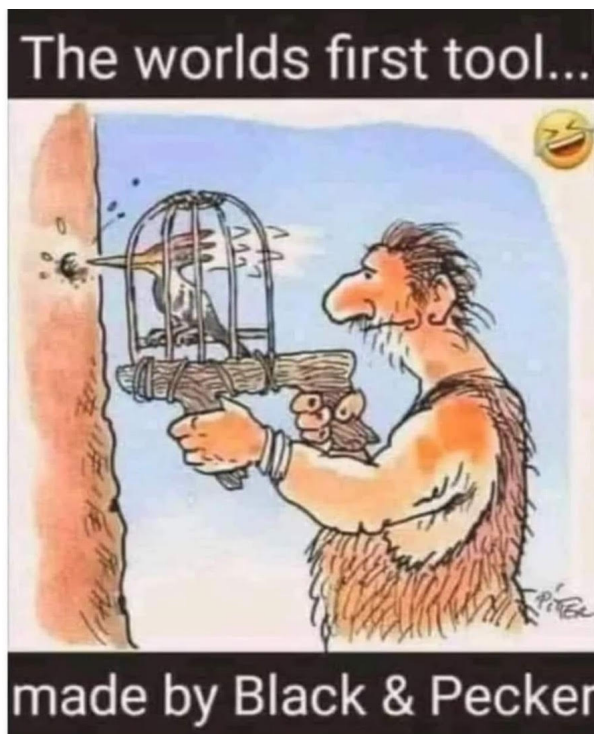
Too many bridge players, not enough brains

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

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.

Dave Jayne's Funnies



Endgame

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