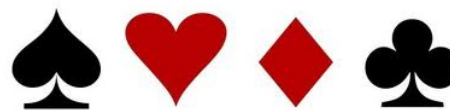


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Annual General Meeting 2025 President's Report

Thanks to all who attended the 2025 AGM. My report to the meeting follows (including a few additions of people that I forget to thank on the day – sorry!)

We are still fighting a battle to get back to something like the pre-covid numbers and some of our sessions remain quite poorly attended. As you all know, the Tuesday morning session was cancelled due to poor attendance. John Kelly will give us a clearer idea of how the club numbers are going during his Treasurer's Report. However the Club remains healthy and popular, and I often hear visitors saying how much they enjoy playing at our club – if only they would play here more often!

Sadly this past year has seen the passing of two of our members – Janette Hiatt and June Patties. Janette, of course, organised our catering, both congress and regular, for many years – a prodigious effort. She was a long-standing committee member. Janette played in almost every session and was well known to, and liked by, all members. June had a wicked sense of humour and thoroughly enjoyed her games here, and it was sad to see her health decline. We will miss them and our condolences go out to their families.

Our committee has worked hard this year as usual and I have been very lucky as President to

have had such a wonderful group of people working with me.

John is a brilliant and scrupulous treasurer, spending many hours looking after the club's finances and dealing with the bank. Lynne is an excellent secretary.

Peter Burke does amazing work liaising with council, organizing grant applications and sorting out building works to keep our premises safe and sound, and fulfilling the obligations of our lease. Whilst Peter has withdrawn from the cycle of assuming the presidency in rotation with me, due to increasing granddad duties, he will remain on the committee and continue on with these most important duties.

Richard Wallis is our QBA delegate and continues to run the supervised sessions.

Judith Bennett has been the driving force behind the recent improvements to the downstairs area, and I'm sure you will all agree that it looks fresher, brighter and somehow bigger. Judith is currently conducting the beginner lessons with help from Tony Williams and Michelle Harris, and John Kelly will be running improver lessons later in the year.

I would also like to thank Pat Tan and Clive Carter for keeping the library area so tidy and organized.

Tom Corney has moved on from being our admin officer, but remains a guru on all things

computer oriented, and still comes in to help when we need IT support, or gives advice over the phone.

I'm sure that by now you will all have met our new admin officer Penny. She is doing a terrific job and is in the club 3 mornings a week giving everyone the opportunity to see her and ask for help and advice, especially with MyABF and Pianola. Penny has been great in helping to organise our congresses this year.

Thanks to all of you.

Whilst in a thank you mode I have to mention our marvelous directors, Neil Hansen, Richard Wallis, John Kelly, Nanette Hinsch and Peter Evans – thank you all, the club could not function without you. Thanks also to Marie Buckley for stepping in to help whenever needed.

Another unappreciated group to thank are the board dealers. Many thanks to Leith Cameron, Janet Leggo and Rod Wilson for taking on this task.

All of these jobs take up a lot of our volunteers' time and effort, and you are all greatly appreciated.

Our Congresses this year have been extremely successful with good numbers, and I thank all the members who contributed the time and effort to set up the upstairs area, look after the kitchens, and clean up on those days. Thanks also to those who provided food. Our Congresses are always popular and

complimented, I think due to the friendly, relaxed atmosphere. They are helped by the efficient convening by Penny, and caddying by Alan McKenna, who has to make a huge effort to get into the club early on Congress days.

Thanks are also due to Allie, who continues to make preserves to sell, and contributes all profits to the club.

Arne continues to edit the club newsletter and the content is usually his alone. He would be very happy to have any contributions or even suggestions as to type of content.

Archie Smith has been brilliant again this year in rescuing us from plumbing disasters, and he has also given us much free help and advice with non-urgent plumbing issues.

In conclusion I thank you all for supporting this club and the committee. We will continue to work hard and I ask you all to do all you can to make sure this club goes from strength to strength.

Thank you all.

This is my final report for, hopefully, at least two years. I would like to welcome Neil Hansen as our new president. I'm certain that Neil will do a wonderful job. Welcome also to two new committee members, Jenny Nitz and Michelle Harris. I look forward to working with you all.

Elaine Jonsberg

Penny's Administrator's Corner

Hello BBC members

New members

We welcomed two new members this month – Edward Attard and Helen Klieve

BBC Under 500 and Novice Pairs

Our next major event is the BBC Under 500 and Novice Pairs which will be an all day event and will be held on Sunday 26 October commencing at 9.30am. Entries are by MyABF only.

The cost is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player or \$80 (80 bridge credits) per pair. BYO lunch.

We will need some volunteers to work in the kitchen on the day so please let us know if you can help.

Beginner Lessons

The Club began a new beginners program on Saturday 30 th August. These lessons have been well attended with 24 attendees in the classes. We hope they will enjoy learning this great game and will enrol as members of the club on completion. Preparations are currently underway for some Improver lessons to follow the beginner lessons.

Annual General Meeting

The BBC Annual General Meeting was held at the Club at 12.45 pm on Saturday 13 September. The meeting was very well attended and proved to be very constructive with meaningful discussions between members and the committee. We have a new President - Welcome Neil Hansen - and two new committee members - Jenny Nitz and Michelle Harris.

This meeting was followed by the first week of a two week red point event.

Improvements to the Clubroom

The committee have recently decided on some improvements to the downstairs clubroom.

You will have noticed that the pillars in the downstairs clubroom have recently been painted white. Comments received have been positive and that the room appears larger.

Some new roller blinds have been ordered to replace the wooden venetians on the carpark side of the building and this should improve the look of that side of the room. These will be installed shortly.

A new computer has been installed on the Directors' desk which should assist the directors in their important work at the club. The previous computer was very old and slow. In addition, a new printer has been installed in the office as the old one was seriously in need of replacement.

Promotions

Congratulations to Judith Hansen who has recently been promoted to National Master.

Happy bridging!

Penny Grace

Bridge Hand

The "Rabbi's Rule" is a tongue-in-cheek, unhelpful rule in the game of bridge that states "When the King is singleton offside, play the Ace". It's a satirical guideline that humorously suggests playing the Ace when you would normally take a finesse, a play that relies on luck and is often against the odds but can be rewarded. The rule is named after bridge-playing rabbis, potentially Rabbi Leonard Helman, and humorously reflects the idea that sometimes the less likely play, even if anti-percentage, can work out.

The rule was invoked on the following hand:

Dlr: South

Vul; N-S

♠ A K J 6 4

♥ 8 5 2

♦ J 9 4

♣ Q 6

♠ 9 8 3

♥ K

♦ A 6 5 2

♣ J 9 7 5 2

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ J 9 6

♦ K 8 7

♣ K 10 4

♠ 2

♥ A Q 10 7 4 3

♦ Q 10 3

♣ A 8 3

Via a straightforward sequence N/S bid to 4H by South on the lead of the ♣5. South played dummy's queen at the first trick and took East's king with the ace. Faced with a plethora of certain and potential losers, declarer risked an immediate finesse with the ♠J. Oh dear!! East won the queen and the defence then took a club and two diamond tricks and later got two trump tricks when declarer misguessed in that

suit as well. Down three!

South makes his game if he follows the Rabbi's Rule. Once he has decided to finesse in spades, he should first cash the ♥A. When West's king falls, declarer takes the ♠A-K throwing a club, draws trumps with a finesse of the ten, and holds his losers to two diamonds and a club. I told you it was 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 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.

Partner : A person who took up bridge to make another person miserable.

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.

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 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.

The cure for boredom is bridge. There is no cure for bridge.

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

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

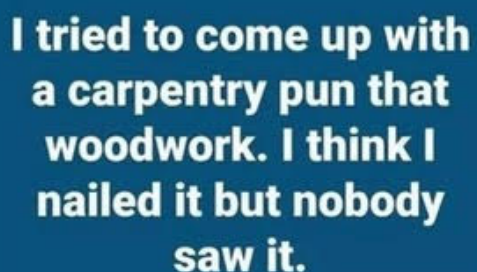
If God wanted us to play bridge, he would have given us 13 fingers.

It is always the best policy to admit your mistake, unless of course you are an exceptionally good liar.

Having a good sense of humour is useless in bridge as the people you use it on are usually not in a very good mood.

The way you have fun in Bridge is by winning.

Dave's Funnies



**I tried to come up with
a carpentry pun that
woodwork. I think I
nailed it but nobody
saw it.**



**I ASKED MY FRIEND
TO SPELL WONTON
BACKWARDS**

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HE SAID NOT NOW

Endgame

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