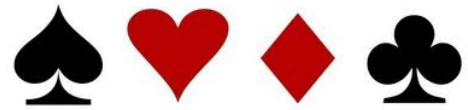


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President's Report

We had a very successful BBC Graded Teams event on the 26th of July. The 26 teams were in two sections and the event was ably directed by Chris Snook and organised efficiently by Penny and Elaine. Marie Buckley worked hard as caddy and the excellent kitchen volunteers were Kerry Pope, Janet Leggo, Rob Swann, Linda Groves, Lynn Kelly and Flo Hall. Thank you very much to them and all members who contributed much lovely food. The results will be shown a little later but a quick mention for those club members who did particularly well. John Kelly's team was second in the A Grade, Kathleen Clifford and Oliver Goodman were part of the winning B Grade team, and Peter Burke, Monica Gordon, Nanette Hinsch and Rod Wilson were second in B Grade. Congratulations to them.

Penny is leaving us. Her last day will be Friday August 21st, and we will be very sad to see her go. She has been a real breath of fresh air in the club with her enthusiasm and efficiency and will be missed, so please give her a good send off on Friday.

The BBC AGM is on Saturday 12th September and I would ask all members to attend. There are a few serious issues affecting the Club at present and this could be a very crucial AGM.

Our last congress of the year will be on Sunday October 25th. This is the under 500 and Novice Pairs Congress. Please think about supporting.

Penny's Administrator's Corner

Hello BBC members,

I am very sorry to say this will be my last entry in the BBC newsletter as I am leaving the Gold Coast and heading to Mt Isa for a few months to spend with my daughter. My last day at the BBC will be Friday 21st August. It has been a very special time for me working at this Club and I have very much enjoyed working with the committee and club members. The Club is looking forward to exciting new times in the future. Tony Treloar will be taking over the

administration duties and I wish him well in this role.

My very best wishes to you all.

New members

A warm welcome to the new members who joined the BBC this month -

Sandra Mulcahy
Lynne Day
Kym James
Rama Addepalli

BBC Graded Swiss Teams

This event was held on Sunday 26th July. This was an all day red point teams event and 26 teams entered. This was another very successful event at BBC with special thanks to Elaine and Chris Snook. Thank you also to those people who assisted in the kitchen, and Marie for caddying, to help make this a smoothly run event.

BBC AGM – Saturday 12th September

The BBC Annual General Meeting will be held at **11.45 am** on 12th September. Please put this date in your diary. A red point event follows the meeting so bring some lunch so you can come for the meeting and play bridge in the afternoon session commencing at 1pm. Nomination forms and Proxy forms are available from the office on request.

BBC Under 500 & Novice Pairs – 25th October

Entries are open on MyABF for the Under 500 & Novice Pairs. This is an all day event to be held on Sunday 25th October. All players are to have fewer than 500 Masterpoints in the Under 500 section and fewer than 100 Masterpoints in the Novice section. The cost is \$40 per player and BYO lunch. The director will be Julie Jeffries.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted this month –

Krishna Prasad - Club
Tom Goodwin - Bronze Local
Judith Browne - Silver Local

Happy Bridging!

Penny Grace

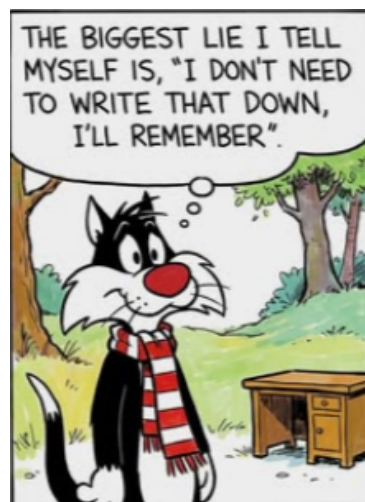
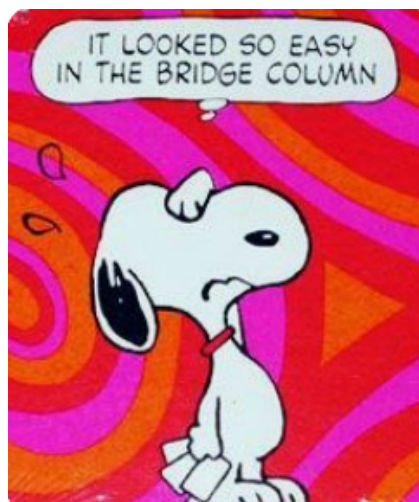
BBC Graded Teams - Results

A Grade

1. Paul Gosney, Ben Leung, Paddy Taylor, Andy Hung.
2. John Kelly, Carmel Martin, Abby Wanigaratne, Alison Dawson.
3. Richard Fox, Nikolas Moore, Christlne Newbery, Tim Runting.

B Grade

1. Oliver Goodman, Kathleen Clifford, John Rivers, Sameer Pandya.
2. Peter Burke, Monica Gordon, Nanette Hinsch, Rod Wilson.
3. Jill Dunning, Sue Ziegenfuss, Margaret Giebels. Mick Fawcett.



Bridge Hand.... The Bennetts!!

Those of us who occasionally make a bridge partner out of our life partner know that mayhem, violence and death are never far from the front of our mind. I return to the endlessly fascinating story of the Bennetts which is a worthwhile story for all who venture to play with their spouse.

In Kansas City in 1931, at the home of the Bennetts, the most famous hand in the history of bridge was dealt. The hand itself was unremarkable but the outcome was tragic and unforgettable. The Bennetts were playing host to their friends the Hoffmans in their regular social game of Bridge and the following hand was dealt:

Game All, Dealer South.

♠ A 10 6 3	
♥ 10 8 5	
♦ 4	
♣ A 9 8 7 2	
♠ Q 7 2	♠ 4
♥ A J 3	♥ Q 9 4
♦ A Q 10 9 2	♦ K J 7 6 3
♣ J 6	♣ Q 7 5 3
♠ K J 9 8 5	
♥ K 7 6 2	
♦ 8 5	
♣ K 10	

Mr. Bennett, perhaps unwisely, opened the South hand 1S and soon found himself in the optimistic contract of 4S. Mr. Hoffman, West, began with the ♦A, and then switched to the ♣J taken in hand with the King. The contract can now be made with three rounds of trumps picking up the Queen, then Ace and nine of clubs. But Mr. Bennett finished two down.

A couple down in a social game of bridge is hardly dramatic, but Mrs. Bennett observed "that was sure a bum play" and a furious row developed culminating in Mr. Bennett reaching across the table and slapping his wife several times. Mrs. Bennett repeated over and over that "only a bum would hit a woman" and appeared waving the family revolver. Mr. Bennett ran to the bathroom and locked the door. Firing twice through the door Mr. Bennett received a fatal wound.

At trial Mrs. Bennett was acquitted on the charge of murder. Possibly the jury agreed that Mr. Bennet's line of play was unacceptable, but most likely the real reason was given later by one of the jurors.... "she was only a woman, unused to guns. We reckoned that if she had really been trying to hit him, she would have missed." (A sexist remark you would not get away with nowadays).

Ron Klinger made the observation many decades later that Mrs. Bennett would subsequently have found it very difficult to find a bridge partner.

Heard at the Bridge Table

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

Of course Bridge is a sport. In fact, there is more swearing and cursing in bridge than in a football locker room.

My bridge partner hasn't an enemy in the world. It is just that all his friends hate him.

Just because someone agrees with my partner doesn't make him right. It just means there's someone else out there as stupid as him.

If you have the slightest touch of masochism you'll love this game.

It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents.

Bridge is my game and I play it seriously. Not well ... just seriously.

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbour, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

The difference between genius and stupidity at bridge is that genius has its limits.

Rule of Eleven — the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Bridge is a self-inflicted punishment for people with too much time and intelligence.

I assume full responsibility for my mistakes, except the ones that are someone else's fault.

I smile while playing Bridge because I don't know what the hell is going on.

The trouble with Bridge is that there is no rewind button.

Don't argue with your partner; people watching may not be able to tell who the idiot is.

You are lucky to have me as your partner as I am not as judgmental as all those censorious, self-righteous people around me.

I'll try being nicer, partner, if you'll try being smarter.

If I did everything right, Partner, I wouldn't be playing with you!

Experience is a great advantage. When you finally have enough, you are too old to do anything with it.

Endgame

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