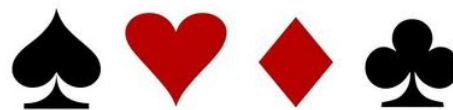


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Not the President's Report

We had an excellent GNOT BBC session on Sunday with ten quality teams competing. The three teams to represent BBC at the Brisbane Zone finals on the 22nd and 23rd of August are the Luck, Jonsberg and Egan teams. Congratulations to them. A fine article on this event, by Peter Evans (whose team came first), follows later in this newsletter.

A couple of reminders for members:

The BBC Graded Teams event is occurring on the 26th of July so please put a team together and

swell the numbers.

Entries for the Brisbane Gold Congress open on the July 1st. This is the Gold Coast Congress replacement event and is likely to be seriously over subscribed, so if you want to play at this Brisbane gold point event get your entries in early.

Most sessions have been struggling for table numbers in the last week or two. Saturday has been particularly bereft of members recently; this is a fun session so please give Saturdays a thought.

Penny's Administrator's Corner

New members

A warm welcome to four new members who were enrolled this month:

Geoff Day
Madelon Sutcliffe
Susan Wilson
Murray Martin

BBC GNOT

The BBC GNOT was held on Sunday 21st June. This was an all day Gold Points teams event and was a successful event for the club with thanks to Elaine and Jo Neary. Congratulations to the winning Kelly team.

BBC Graded Swiss Teams

This event will be held on Sunday 26th July. This is an all day red point teams event commencing at 9.30 am. BYO lunch. Entries are open on MyABF. The cost is \$40 (40 bridge credits) per player or \$160 (160 bridge credits) per team. The Director will be Chris Snook.

South's Rugby Club

If you are playing on Saturdays, please make sure to arrive early when there is a home game to ensure a parking space. The next home games are on 11th and 25th July.

Good news!

I am happy to report that the noisy beeping smoke alarm downstairs has finally been fixed and beeps no longer! Thanks to our smart thinking electrician, Anthony, and our new security monitoring service.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following member who has been promoted this month –

Peter Heathcote – Graduate

Happy Bridging!

Penny Grace

Bridge Hands, BBC GNOT Heat 2026

Our GNOT heat produced some exciting hands. An awful lot of contracts went down, including some reasonable slams:

Dealer: E

Vul: All

	♠ -		
	♥ 9 8		
	♦ A K Q J 9 7 5 2		
	♣ Q 10 8		
♠ K Q 9 4 3		♠ J 7 6 5 2	
♥ A 7 6 5 3		♥ Q J	
♦ 8 4		♦ 10 6 3	
♣ J		♣ 9 6 5	
	♠ A 10 8		
	♥ K 10 4 2		
	♦ -		
	♣ A K 7 4 3 2		
E	S	W	N
P	1♣	1♠	2♦
4♠	5♣	P	6♦
P	P	P	

I decided that if my partner John Kelly could bid 5♣ knowing only that I was 10+, my hand was worth slam. Alas, not a diamond slam. My East opponent found the heart lead and I had lost 2 heart tricks and was down before I even started.

As you can see, 6♣ from South makes as the ♥K is protected and South can draw trumps

finishing in dummy and then run 8 diamonds discarding all losers.

I avoided the club slam as I was worried my diamond suit could get stranded in dummy if the clubs broke badly or if I had to ruff a spade. I was heavily influenced by the old bridge joke:

Q: What do you call an 8 card suit

A: Trumps!

Former member John Mills always told me, "Never put an 8 card suit down in dummy."

Didn't work today.

The sob stories continued with this hand:

Dealer: N

Vul: All

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

N	E	S	W
2♣ (1)	P	2♦ (2)	P
3♣	P	6♣ (3)	P
P	P		

1. A little pushy and got us into trouble. I like 2♣ openings to have 9+ clear winners. I decided the club suit was worth 5 winners.
2. It's best to play 2♦ as "semi-waiting" – you have the option of an 8+ positive response but can bid 2♦ with 8+ hands where you want to let partner speak first. 2NT isn't a good bid as the big hand often ends up on the table.
3. No point in messing around – with 11 opposite a 2♣ opening you expect a slam to be on.

Alas, the heart finesse was wrong on this slam and with the ♠A put the contract down.

And finally, one that worked and no one else in the room found:



"TRUST ME, JOHN! JUST BECAUSE YOUR BRIDGE PARTNER DUMPS YOU... DOESN'T MEAN I WILL!"

Dealer: N
Vul: All

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

N	E	S	W
1♣	P	2♦ (1)	P
2♥ (2)	P	3♦	P
3NT	P	4NT (3)P	
6NT	P	P	P

1. 5+ diamonds, game force
2. Not showing any extra points like in a reverse
3. Very nice bid from John. Asks me to bid 6NT if I have more than the bare minimum 12-13.

While my North hand only has 13 high card points, I knew the ♦K was a very good card along with the 2 aces and the 5th club. The slam makes easily with both the diamonds and the clubs breaking well.

Peter Evans



THE MORNING AFTER THE BRIDGE NIGHT BEFORE

Heard at the Bridge Table

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.

There are three kinds of bridge players: Those who can count, and those who can't.

Why take a simple finesse to make your contract when you can go down in style on a triple squeeze play.

You know you're in trouble when you are the declarer and the opponents start drawing trumps.

A well-balanced player makes up for his inadequacy in the bidding with his ineptitude in the play.

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

The difference between an excellent bridge player and an incompetent bridge player is that excellence has its limits.

The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think.

Novice : For a long time I was ashamed of the way I played Bridge.

Friend : So you have finally improved – that's wonderful

Novice : No, I finally got over being ashamed.

Novice : Is there a way I can win easily?

Expert : No, but there is a way to lose more slowly

"Clever of you not to miscount the Spades, partner. What a pity you did not show the same advance technique with the Diamonds."

Losing is due to making the wrong mistakes. Every effort should be made to pick the right mistakes

Englishman: I use the ACOL System. I open 4-card Majors

Irishman: I use the ALCOHOL System. I open anything and don't worry about it.

A perfect partner is one that bids and plays perfectly and accepts that his partner does not.

A man was filling in the form at the optometrist for an eye test. Under the section that said "Recommended By: " he filled in "My Bridge Partner"

If you think fishermen and financial consultants are the biggest bluffers, you should ask a bridge player how he made his most difficult contract.

A Few Words on Growing Older

As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two.

You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old.

My mother always used to say, "The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana"

The older I get the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.

One of the good things about getting older is that you find you're more interesting than most of the people you meet.

Growing old is not upsetting; being perceived as old is.

But I'm kind of comfortable with getting older because it's better than the other option, which is being dead. So I'll settle for getting older.

And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.

Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy person has no time to form.

The minute you are born, you are getting older.

You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.

Endgame

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