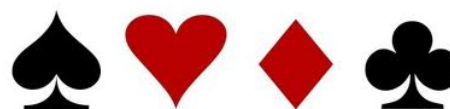


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President's Report

Further to the sad passing last month of valued member Lloyd Yates his daughters have, as promised, sent us a lovely mini biography of Lloyd. As it is quite extensive it is a little too large for the newsletter and we felt it inappropriate to alter or shorten it in any way. For this reason we have put it on the club website (under "Documents") and I recommend a read.

We had an excellent Congress at the end of last month with a good turnout of top players. As usual I have many people to thank for their help in the kitchen: Neil and Judy Hansen did long shifts and they were assisted by Bronwyn Turner, Hazel Lahey, Lynne Henley and myself. A big thank you to Archie Smith for his superhuman efforts to clear tables and chairs at conclusion of play. Thank you also to those members who contributed food. Congratulations to all the winners (full details and pictures later in the newsletter) and big thanks to our two highly efficient directors, Chris Snook and Jo Neary, and our convenor, Tomas Corney.

A link to the QBA Bulletin is provided here and on our website in the News Section. It is full of information, news, and bridge hands, and well worth a read. <https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/QBAJul24.pdf>

There have recently been reports of unauthorized persons entering and hanging around the BBC premises. I have reported this to the police and whilst they say they do not have the staff resources to closely monitor our club, they would be able to react promptly to any suspicious activity. To this end I have placed phone numbers for Police Link (131 444) on notices at the club. If you see anything dubious or suspicious, please call this number.

Our AGM rapidly approaches and we are always anxious to encourage new people to join the committee, particularly people who are prepared to work and make a positive contribution to the running of the club. I have heard recently of members asking "what does the committee do anyway?" I can assure you that the committee works incredibly hard in many different areas that may not be obvious to members. Please give your committee your support.



Elaine Jonsberg

Tom's Administrator's Corner

Annual General Meeting 2023 (Saturday 14 September, 11:45am)

The BBC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 14 September at 11:45am. This meeting is for the entire BBC membership, so everyone is encouraged to attend. Committee Nomination Forms are available on the blue notice board at the club and will be sent to you via email. Forms must be submitted by Thursday 5 September. Information regarding the AGM will be emailed out in the coming week and mailed to those without email.

Directly following the AGM will be the red points session AGM Pairs, beginning 1:00pm.

Saturday PM AGM Pairs – Red Points (Saturday 14 September, 1:00pm)

Please arrive by 12:45am for a 1:00pm start for the afternoon. No prior entry is required; everyone plays in the red point sessions. The cost will be a coupon for members or \$9 for visitors.

GNOT (Grand National Open Teams) Brisbane Zone Final

Good luck to the four BBC teams who qualified earlier this year for the GNOT Brisbane Zone Final. The final is being held on Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August at QCBC.

- Carol Loth, Lesleigh Egan, John Lahey, Chris Larter
- Judith Milliner, Arne Jonsberg, Graham Baker, Alan McKenna
- Richard Spelman, Lyn Tracey, Joan Jenkins, Evelyne Mander
- Ankie Stempher, Ingrid Hartel, Elaine Jonsberg, Lynne Henley

Gold Coast Congress 2025

Entries for the Gold Coast Congress for next year have opened; you must use MyABF to sign up. Please contact me if you need any help with this. Our home member Don Weerheim is eager and looking for a team, please feel free to contact him if you are interested. (0414 452 780)

Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Lesleigh Egan– Silver National
- Patricia Daly– Regional
- Devi Thillainathan– State
- Paul Wright – Graduate

Tomas Corney



Bridge Hand

Seated at the bridge table how often do you say, when dummy appears (and I'll put it politely), "Oh, that's not what I expected!" Often, when disconcerted by an unexpected dummy, it is possible to mis-play the hand. To borrow an injunction from golf ... 'play it as it lies'

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

North opened the bidding with 1D, South bid 1H which was supported by North, and South, encouraged by a potential double fit in the red

suits, jumped to game. On the lead of the ♠Q Declarer took the Ace, drew trumps and lead a diamond from dummy to finesse with the 9. West won the Jack and led a club. Dummy's Queen lost to the King, and East's diamond return gave West two more tricks for down one.

South was deeply unimpressed telling North that if his A Q was in the suit he bid, 11 tricks would have been simple. North, equally unimpressed, said the contract can make if you simply "play it as it lies".

After South draws trumps he takes the ♠K pitching a club from dummy, ruffs a spade, cashes the ♣A and exits with the ♣Q for an endplay. East wins and must return a diamond to avoid a ruff and discard. South plays the 9, West wins but must then cash his ♦A or concede a ruff and discard. Either way South gets his 10th trick. I told you it was an easy game.

Arne

BBC Graded Teams

A Grade



1. John Luck, Ivy Luck, Sue O'Brien, Paul Collins



2. John Morris, Neven Burica, Richard Wallis, Lilly Jia

3. Ann Liu, Usher Zeng, Tony Berger, Eva Berger

B Grade



1. Carmel Wikman, Margie Knox, Susan Sharp, Andrew Sharp

2. Kathleen Clifford, Peter Lang, Peter Munro, Rosemary Thomson

3. Paul Han, Davis Zhang, Richard Spelman, Lyn Tracey

(Arne wishes it to be known that his team beat both the first and second teams, and won five out of six games, and came absolutely nowhere. Shame? Any sympathy ?.... No, didn't think so).

Heard at the Bridge Table

Bridge players are like woodpeckers. They succeed by using their head.

We can't all be full-time Bridge Players. There must be someone who has to work to support us.

The inherent downside in looking for a new bridge partner is the possibility of that you might actually get one.

The difference between a fantastic bid and a stupid bid is largely a matter of result.

My partner and I have been partnering for 40 years ... out of spite.

Do you think my game is improving?
Of course. You only go down 2 nowadays.

Politeness is not saying bad things about your partner until you are at least 50 metres away.

Not everyone hates my Partner ... Only those who have partnered him.

My Bridge partner ran off with my wife: and let me tell you, I really miss him.

Bridge partners are like husbands -- they are fine as long as they are someone else's.

My partner has a brain like Einstein's --- dead since 1955.

Losing a bridge partner can be hard. In my case, it was almost impossible

I somehow get the feeling that bridge would be more enjoyable if it had been played with a soccer ball.

Bridge is the last refuge of those who have nothing to do.

Bidding is a rest period between arguments.

People are born to suffer. Even those that were initially free from suffering somehow end up playing bridge.

Teaching Bridge without mentioning the arguments is like sending someone to war without mentioning that people are going to get killed.

Bridge has kept more people sane than psychiatrists have.

Since I started playing Bridge, I have more stress, weigh more, exercise less and care less.

Thoughts for the Month

You know you are into middle age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

Everyone should have a spouse because there are a number of things that can go wrong that one cannot blame on the government.

If you cannot be a good example, then you'll just have to serve as a horrible warning.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Endgame

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