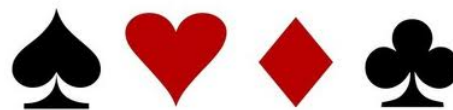


# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

The major news this month was the sad passing of Lloyd Yates, long-standing and much loved member of our bridge club. Arne and I attended his funeral last week with a good number of other club members. We always knew that Lloyd was a gentle man and a gentleman but we learned many interesting things from the funeral oration from Lloyd's son. An excellent teacher, a devoted Christian, Lloyd raised six very successful children on his own. He was also a successful punter travelling to race meetings all over Australia as well as taking an interest in dog racing and casinos. Lloyd was an excellent bridge player and he and partner Leo were always splendid opponents to arrive at your table. He and the partnership will be sorely missed. Lloyd's daughters Susan and Teresa have promised to get together with Leo and give a personal and fuller obituary for Lloyd which will appear in the next newsletter.

They send their thanks to all the BBC members who attended Lloyd's funeral

We have one of the major BBC Congresses coming up on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, and details are covered in Tom's section. Please support!

We recently had the BBC GNOT qualification event and the Teams who qualified for the Brisbane Zone Finals on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August are as follows:

**Loth** – Carol Loth, Lesleigh Egan, John Lahey, Chris Larter

**Mander** - Evelyne Mander, Joan Jenkins, Richard Spelman, Lyn Tracey

**Baker** – Graham Baker, Arne Jonsberg, Judith Milliner, Alan McKenna

**Jonsberg** – Elaine Jonsberg, Lynne Henley, Ankie Stempher, Ingrid Hartel

Redlands Bridge Club held their Under 500 and Novice Pairs congress on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Judith Bennett and Leith Camrean came second, and Lilly Jia and partner equal third in the under 500 section. Congratulations!

Elaine Jonsberg

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### **BBC Graded Teams (Sunday 28 July, 9:30am)**

BBC's next congress is coming up at the end of the month, Sunday 28 July. Please arrive by 9:15am for a 9:30am start. Entry forms are on the noticeboards at the club and you can enter by emailing [bbcentries@gmail.com](mailto:bbcentries@gmail.com) or enter online on MyABF. Entries will close after Wednesday 24 July.

Kitchen volunteers and food donations are highly appreciated. Lists are on the noticeboard near the front door.

Our kitchen shifts are 8:30am – 11:30am; 11:30am – 2:30pm; and 2:30pm – 5:30pm so please let us know if you can help on the day.

I am also looking for Spare Players for the Congress. Please phone 0450 510 196 or email if you can help out.

### **No Red Point sessions – August**

Please update your diaries if you are planning future sessions; our red point events for the rest of the year will be changed. These changes are also updated on our website.

There will be no red points in August or October. The remaining sessions this year will be:

- AGM Pairs – Saturday 14 September, 1pm (after AGM)
- Spring Pairs – Monday 7 October, 9:30am
- Christmas Pairs – Saturday 14 December, 1pm (after the Christmas party)

For each of these sessions, the cost will be a coupon or \$7 for members and \$9 for visitors. Other red point sessions marked in our diary will be replaced by our regular duplicate pairs.

### **Australia Wide Club Teams Knockout – Gold Points (RealBridge)**

For anyone interested in forming a team for the Australia Wide Club Teams Knockout event, please contact me. Our club can enter one team in each of the following categories:

- Open
- Under 750 masterpoints
- Under 300 masterpoints
- Under 100 masterpoints
- Under 50 masterpoints

To participate you will need to have a MyABF account and be able to use RealBridge. The event is played on the first or second Tuesday of each month from August to December at 7:30pm.

The committee has decided that teams should pay for their own entry and any winnings will go back to the team members. The entry fee is \$200 for the five sessions and prize winnings are \$1000 for first and \$500 for second.

The session dates are listed here:

- August 6th – Qualifying Session 1
- September 10th – Qualifying Session 2
- October 8th – Quarter Finals KO and Consolation 1
- November 12th – Semi Finals KO and Consolation 2
- December 10th – Finals KO and Consolation 3

(Teams knocked out join the Consolation matches.)

### **Masterpoint Promotions**

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

- Peter Grinlaubs – Local
- Nicky Denholm – Bronze Local
- Monica Gordon – National
- Vanessa Brewis – Life

### **New Members**

The Committee welcomes the following new members and wishes them a long and happy association with BBC.

- Hai Jin Li
- Liz Petchell

Tomas Corney

## Bridge Hand

Bridge text books offer a long list of desirable and recommended opening leads that people read, learn and often use without thought. The flaw in this approach is obvious: a list cannot sit at the table to listen to the bidding, visualize the course of play and pick the best lead to counter declarer's plans.

Take this deal:

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

South opened the bidding with 1C, North bid 1H, South bid 1S which was optimistically raised to game by North.

West knew all the opening leads and started with the top card in his Heart sequence against South's game. South took full advantage of this thoughtless lead. He threw a diamond on the A♥, ruffed a Heart, cashed the A♣ and ruffed a Club. Next came a Heart ruff, a club ruff and another Heart ruff. South then took the two top Diamonds and ruffed a Diamond for his tenth trick. East looked forlornly at his A K Q of trumps.

West should have thought of the bidding: he has clubs and hearts under control and nobody has bid Diamonds. Ten tricks can likely only come via trumps and West should lead a trump and punish North for his overbidding. If East is allowed to cash his trumps on the first three tricks, South must play carefully to take even eight tricks.

Arne

Thanks to Leith Cameron, who found this lovely little article:

*These guidelines for a healthy bridge life were sent to me:*

### **A Bridge Player's Credo**

*I accept that bridge is not a game of perfection, that I err despite giving my utmost. I forgive myself the errors, but I resolve to learn from them. I make my calls and plays with confidence that these tenets contribute to a good and enjoyable game.*

*I acknowledge that bridge is a timed event, that slow play attracts penalty and lessens enjoyment for other players.*

*I commit to keeping my delays within bounds.*

*I acknowledge that bridge is a counting game. I commit to Always Being Counting. I can rest when I am dummy.*

*I promote sportsmanship as an important part of it. I am grateful for my partner who is striving toward the same ends as I am. I respect that my opponents are doing likewise. I aim to be courteous and to contribute to the game's enjoyment by others.*



## Heard at the Bridge Table

I don't suffer from bridge addiction; I enjoy every minute of it.

The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master Bridge player

Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.

Your play was not much better tonight, Partner, but your excuses certainly were.

The correct way to make the contract will become obvious as soon as you have finished your play.

Bridge is one of the few games you can enjoy without being good at it.

The more you practice, the luckier you get.

Four hearts is a very good bid -- but on some other hand

Bridge players exist mainly to make life difficult for each other.

Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last a lifetime, he can't afford to waste much of it on bridge partners.

Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a large number of antisocial people.

The people who give you the most advice are either bridge players or those with whiskey in their breath.

I go to bridge tournaments full of confidence... and then the game begins.

I think we're all a little masochistic. Otherwise, why would we continue to play bridge?

The good thing about bridge is that you only need to be healthy above the neck.

Bridge advice is always given by people least qualified to do so and received by people most likely to ignore it.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we make a mistake in our bidding or play, we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start over again

You smile after going down in a simple contract and then proceed to bang your head on the wall inside the toilet.

Bridge can't make you happy ... but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery

## Dave's Funnies

**Proof reading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?**

Did I read that sign right?

**TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.**

In a Laundromat:

**AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.**

In a London department store:

**BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS.**

In an office:

**WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.**

In an office:

**AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.**

Outside a second-hand shop:

**WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

Spotted in a safari park:

**ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.**

Seen during a conference:

**FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.**

## Endgame

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