

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

There were some fine performances from club members at last month's Gold Coast Congress. Richard Spelman and partner won Final B in the Intermediate Pairs Championship. The team of Lily Jia, Davis Zhang, Jenny McGowan and Vanessa Brewis were runners-up in the Intermediate Teams Championship. Oliver Goodman and partner won the Friday 0-500 Butler Swiss pairs. Don Weerheim and partner had success in the walk-in pairs events. Congratulations to them and to all other members who played with distinction at the Gold Coast.

The Newnham Shield Club Championship was played on Saturday and was brilliantly directed by Jo Neary. She has a gentle and amusing manner but is extremely efficient and directed a complex and potentially confusing movement faultlessly. The numbers of members who played at this premier club event was slightly disappointing and I will make a great effort to boost the field for next year. The results appear later in this newsletter.

The Easter Congress is coming up very soon and I ask all members to support this important event. It is the premier event that we host and it is important to the Club not only financially but also in terms of club kudos. Please play in the pairs or teams event, or both, but if not perhaps you could spare some time to help in the

kitchen. Food contributions, as usual, will be gratefully received.

You may have noticed that the Library area in the Club has been transformed thanks to the hard work of Patricia Tan and Clive Carter. Thank you very much to them. I would like to add that whilst the club welcomes book contributions, we have limited space so please consider your contributions carefully.

Whilst on the library topic many thanks to Malcolm Corney who recently purchased a collection of Bridge books and donated them to the club. Thank you Malcolm.

We have recently changed our cleaning company and it seems to me that things have improved in this area at the Club. I would welcome comments.

Happy Easter to all our members!



Elaine Jonsberg

## Newnham Shield Results

### Open:



- 1<sup>st</sup> John Kelly & Peter Evans, pictured.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Lamport & Ewa Kowalczyk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arne Jonsberg & John Lahey
- 4<sup>th</sup> John Morris & Joan Jenkins

### Under 300:



- 1<sup>st</sup> Neil Sadler & Don Weerheim, pictured
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gill Phillippo & Monica Gordon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gloria Newton & Lyn Edeson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Judith Bennett & Lynn Kelly

Congratulations!

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### BBC Easter Congress (Sunday March 31 & Monday 1 April)

Each day starts at 9:30am, please arrive by 9:15am. The entry fee is \$35 per player (\$70 per pair/\$140 per team), entries close soon (Tuesday 26 March) so please get your entries in ASAP. You can find the entry form online on the QBA website, the BBC website and on MyABF, or printed on the noticeboards at the club.

Please bring your own lunch; there will be fridges available for players wishing to store their food. **We also need kitchen volunteers for the day and you are welcome to bring along a plate of food to share.**

*Note: We are looking for spare players. If you are available to be a spare player for the upcoming Easter Congress, please let me know.*

### Easter Weekend Play

- Good Friday (29 March) – Usual 9:30am Session - *If you can stay after the session for a few minutes please lend a helping hand in setting up the tables and chairs upstairs for the congress.*
- Holy Saturday (30 March) – Usual 1pm Session
- Easter Sunday (31 March) – Congress [Graded Matchpoint Pairs]
- Easter Monday (1 April) – Congress [Graded Teams]

There will be *no 9:30am duplicate session on Easter Monday* due to the Easter Congress Graded Teams.



## Wed Autumn Pairs (Red Points) 3 & 10 April

9:30am start each morning. No prior entry is required. Everyone plays in the red point sessions.

To qualify for the combined sessions overall placing result, you need to play both weeks with the same partner. The cost will be \$7 or a coupon for members and \$9 for visitors.

### Looking for a Partner

Subhas Pahdy is looking for a partner to play regular club sessions with and is willing to play

any system. You can contact him on 0405 792 352.

### Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Carol Hunter - Club
- Jenny Nitz - Local
- Don Weerheim - Bronze State

Tomas Corney

## Bridge Hand – “I can resist anything except temptation”

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

Via a bidding sequence sadly lost to posterity N/S arrived in the promising contract of 6S with the lead of ♥8 from West. Reasoning optimistically that some strange souls will lead away from a King, declarer sought instant gratification, playing the ♥Q hoping for a winning finesse and subsequently claiming.

Unsportingly, East covered the Queen with the King and played the ♥J to force out the Ace.

Declarer was now doomed, with clubs breaking 4-2 there was not enough entries to dummy to set up the long club for the 12<sup>th</sup> trick.

Resisting temptation, declarer, at the first trick, should play a low Heart from dummy, letting East win with the ♥10.

If East returns a Diamond up to dummy's weakness, declarer wins the Ace, takes the ♣A-K and ruffs a club with a trump honour. Declarer then leads a spade to the Jack in dummy, ruffs a club high again, draws trumps and gets back to dummy with the ♥A and pitches the diamond loser on the 13<sup>th</sup> club.

Slam bid and made...you see, I told you it was an easy game.

Arne

## Heard at the Bridge Table

People shouldn't be allowed to use conventions they don't understand. It's not fair to the opponents.

I don't understand why you couldn't see my signal, partner. Everyone knows that a singleton is the top of nothing.

(He) is so bad that he admits to mistakes before he makes them

I can concentrate at will on all the hands except the one I am currently playing.

Some declarers have difficulty counting the opponents' distribution. I have the same problem with Dummy's distribution.

I expect the worst in bridge and am rarely disappointed.

I am so unlucky that in all my life, no one has ever revoked against me.

Through constant practice, I have become an expert loser.

You made your Ace of trumps. What else can you possibly want?

Better to play very badly than very well. If things go wrong you are in good company.

My partner plus 12 sure tricks equals 11.

I am such a fine player, no one can deny my right to be rude.

I do not doubt your luck and I know no one who needs it more than you

My point count system? Extra for long suit, extra for short suit and 3 points for my superb play.

Partners are extremely important. Who else to blame when you lose?

Isn't it a shame how 99% of bridge players give the whole game a bad name.

I could play bridge with you until the cows come home. On second thought, I'd rather play bridge with the cows until you come home.

If you cannot annoy your partner, there is little point in playing Bridge.

## Dave Jayne's Funnies



## Endgame

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