

# Brisbane Bridge Centre Newsletter



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## President's Report

Could I please remind members that this Sunday coming is the Under 500 and Novice Pairs Congress at our club. Please support and come and earn some red points. Full details in Tom's Admin Corner.

I repeat last month's request for more support for a couple of our bridge sessions. Whilst Tuesday has shown some signs of recovery, Saturday is becoming worryingly sparse. Director Neil directs this session brilliantly and efficiently with often 36 boards played but for

some reason numbers remain low. This brings me to the Club Christmas party which is on Saturday Dec 14, and is open to all club members. Even if you don't routinely play on Saturdays please come and support this red point bridge session. There will be lunch commencing 11:45, there will be the usual raffle of my world famous Christmas hampers and of course wine and red points.

So again ....please support your club.

Elaine Jonsberg

## Tom's Administrator's Corner

### **BBC Under 500 & Novice Pairs Congress (Sunday, 27 October, 9:30am)**

Come and support your club and join our final congress of the year! The BBC Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress is coming up on Sunday 27 October. Please get your entries in ASAP as entries close Tuesday 22 October. The cost is only \$60 per pair (\$30 per player). The entry form is available at the club or online on the BBC or QBA websites. To enter please email the club on [bbcentries@gmail.com](mailto:bbcentries@gmail.com), enter through MyABF or submit a paper entry at the club. If you are interested in playing in the congress but don't have a partner, let me know and I may be able to find someone for you to play with.

We are also looking for volunteers on the day! Please check your calendar and let us know if you can help out. There are three kitchen volunteer timeslots – morning, noon and afternoon and any food donations are happily welcomed. There are lists on the noticeboard at the club to add your details to.

### **Wednesday AM Cup Season Pairs (6 November, 9:30am)**

No prior entry is required; everyone plays in the red point sessions. The cost will be a coupon or \$7 for members and \$9 for visitors. There is no special Melbourne Cup Day event at BBC.

## Members' Contact Details Update

It is that time of year when members are asked to confirm that their contact details are correct. Landline and mobile phone numbers are published in the yearly diary. A list is available on the blue noticeboard at the club. Please check the list to see that your details are correct.

To any of our new players or anyone thinking of joining at the beginning of 2025, I would also like to include your phone details in the diary. Please either come and see me or write your details on the list at the club.

## Masterpoint Promotions

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

- Matthew Atterbury – Local
- Kim Coleman – Graduate
- Allie Hays – Silver Local
- Robyn King – Graduate
- Marion Swann – Club

Tomas Corney

## USING THE OPPONENTS' BIDDING



Dealer: W

Vul: Nil

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

W	N	E	S
1C	2S (1)	X (2)	P
3C	P	3S (3)	P
3NT	P	P	P

1. 6 spades, 6-9 points
2. 4+ hearts, 8+ points
3. Can you stop the spades for NTs?

This hand occurred in the 2024 GNOT national final. It shows the power of listening carefully to the opponents' bidding and using the information. The EW pair are 2 of the strongest players in the country. Players at this level bid the spots off the cards – I wouldn't have regarded the West hand as an opening hand and would have been nervous about forcing to game with the invite strength East hand. But West's play was to justify the bidding. I was the lucky victim in the South seat.

North led the ♠7. This is completely correct. North has no entries outside the spades and if he starts with the ♠AK South is unlikely to be able to get back to his hand given South didn't support spades. North hopes South has 2 spades and that, after losing the first round, he will be able to get back in and run the rest of the suit.

West won with the ♠9 in hand and took stock. Knowing North had ♠AK from the opening lead and the bidding, she realised that I must have the ♦AK and the ♥K, otherwise North's hand would be too strong for a weak jump. And that I don't have another spade to get back to partner. This showed her the path to success.

She ran 5 club tricks and led a heart to the ♥A, eschewing the finesse, giving this picture:

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

West now led a diamond towards her hand, I played ♦10 (it doesn't help to rise with the ♦A or ♦K), and West won with the ♦Q giving her 8 tricks so far. She now exited a diamond and held her breath. I couldn't do anything but cash three diamonds and the ♥K and then had to give declarer the ♥Q for 9 nine tricks.



Peter Evans

## Heard at the Bridge Table

I never drink alcohol while playing bridge. It interferes with my suffering.

Don't let worries get you down - play Bridge instead

Bridge is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkles you get.

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

If you award Masterpoints for very good results then, logically, you should deduct them for very bad results.

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.

Nature is so unfair that I have to be the dummy over ten percent of the time. What a waste of my talent.

Your bidding and card play are not on the same high level as the rest of your game.

My partner plus 12 sure tricks equals 11.

I play bridge to be entertained. If I wanted to be stressed and abused, I might as well stay home with my wife.

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

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.

Playing Bridge with my partner is as much fun as moving a piano.

"My idea of an agreeable partner is someone who always agrees with me."

### **Thoughts for the Over 60's (There are a couple at the Club)**

Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.

The older you get the better you get! Unless you are a banana.

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

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

I'm the life and soul of the party – even if it lasts until 8pm.

I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I'm going.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm not really grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, unruly kids, barking dogs, politicians and a few other things I can't seem to remember right now.

Age is important only if you're cheese or wine.

If God had wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep.

I'm wondering, if you are only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150?

### **Endgame**

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