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FROM THE CHAIR

This is the first GBU Bulletin produced without Stephen Rosenberg. For those of you who have not heard yet, Stephen passed away sadly and very suddenly, in mid-January. He will be hugely missed in the bridge community for his cheerful personality and positive outlook on life.

Stephen told me he enjoyed researching articles for the Bulletin and prided himself on trying to draw up a newsletter with something for everyone. As the GBU Chair, I had many positive phone calls about the Bulletin, thanking us for keeping it going during COVID times.

*Yours will be a hard act to follow, Stephen.
Rest in Peace my friend.*

I would like to welcome Nicky Stephens as our new editor for the Bulletin. Nicky, Robert's sister, is known to many of you as she worked at The Links on Saturday afternoons and often helped with other bridge matters behind the scenes. She plays bridge casually and works as a freelance writer and publisher.

BBO claim that they will shortly be following in their rival's footsteps and will also have a version available where you can both see and hear the other players at your table. Though still playing at home, not at a club, there is now a need to dress as at least your top half will be on display! Also remember to avoid eating at the table and please keep all those annoying background noises, dogs barking, phones ringing, televisions blaring etc. to a minimum.

It seems with COVID still very much around, online bridge will be the method our GBU members have to use to enjoy their favourite card game!



In Memoriam: Stephen Rosenberg



GBU OPEN TEAMS REPORT

by **Deirdre Ingersent**

This event, organised by James Grant on behalf of the Gauteng Bridge Union with Robert Stephens providing the BBO expertise, attracted a high standard entry of 32 teams. There were entries from Cape Town and Durban which of course would not have occurred if the event had been staged live in Johannesburg.

It was the first time this BBO Swiss Format for teams had been used and it was not without problems. In teams, up to six players may be used and the substitution of players for the various matches was hard to put in place and often delayed the start of a match. However, probably of even more importance, it was not possible to see at a glance how your team had fared in any particular match. No final result was published so to assess your overall progress within the event was extremely tricky. Also, it was a bridge marathon with 6 x 10 board matches played on Day 1 and 5 x 12 board matches (when teams were now contesting either the “A” or the “B” event) on Day 2. Longer board matches, 10 or 12, are definitely preferred by the stronger players as 6 or 8 board matches can lead to skewed results!

The Tournament Directors are to be complimented on their informative typed messages as to timing and the start of each round, as well as their handling of situations which arose with player substitutions.

Overall, a great success and thank you to those participants who gave us positive and constructive feedback. Obviously all comments are noted so that next time will be an even better experience!

Prizes

Saturday Qualifying Round

1st Place – 99VPs

Sven-Ake Bjerregaard - Robert Stephens
Craig Gower - Alon Apteker

Consolation Prize – 25VPs

Pamela Hall - Judy Scott
Modie Naidu and Bonthego



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PUZZLES

BRIDGE NONSENSE!

by Deirdre Ingersent

The following list (24 in all) contains names of various conventions used in bridge, but the letters are all jumbled up. Can you sort them out and find the one that doesn't belong as well?

1. AAYTMNS
2. OOKBCDAWL
3. RREEBG
4. AEICSMLH
5. YBJOAC
6. NTHALOMI
7. PTLEICTPLEA
8. HEESSTPN
9. HBLLEONSE
10. YNRLEFNA
11. TIFNL
12. STUGO
13. TTTSROUC
14. YRRDU
15. DYLN
16. XASTA
17. WTCRUOSHR
18. SSSIW
19. LLHNTAAVI
20. ROAST
21. MESTEGH
22. GREENB
23. NNJBMIEA
24. YCNNEKME

(Solutions on Page 9)

SUDOKU

Every row, column and 3x3 square has to contain the numbers 1 to 9 with no repeats.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 6 | | 3 | 2 | | | | |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | 5 | 8 | | 6 | |
| 4 | 5 | | | | 7 | 3 | | |
| | | | 4 | | | | | |
| | 6 | 7 | | | | 1 | 8 | |
| 3 | | 4 | 5 | | | | | 7 |
| | | | 6 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 4 | |
| | | 8 | | 7 | 1 | | 2 | |

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| 5 | | | | | | 8 | 4 | |
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SID'S QUIZ

by Sid Ismail

Here is a hand from a recent Newmoon pairs tourney on BBO:

| | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| D 17 | N lettalotta | W N E S |
| | ♠ Q | 1♣ X P |
| | ♥ K1092 | 1♠ P 2♥ P |
| | ♦ KJ53 | 3♣ P 3NT P |
| | ♣ K643 | P P |
| W JenJen49 | ♣K | E FREKMAN1 |
| ♠ KJ876 | ♣2 | ♠ A42 |
| ♥ 74 | ♣5 | ♥ AQJ3 |
| ♦ 8 | ♣9 | ♦ Q964 |
| ♣ AQJ72 | | ♣ 105 |
| | S Annatjie | |
| | ♠ 10953 | |
| | ♥ 865 | |
| | ♦ A1072 | |
| | ♣ 98 | |
| | | 3NT E NS: 1 EW: 0 |

The bidding and play to trick 1 is shown above. (South led the 9♣).

You can look at all 4 hands for this one (still tough!)

QUIZ:

1. What continuation beats 3NT?
2. How could the contract have been made?

As the TD, I hop to and fro to monitor tables, to ensure mostly time usage. I stopped at this table, clicked "GIB" and was told by the built-in double-dummy solver that the continuation at trick 2 was the ONLY card to beat this contract. Imagine my surprise when North chose exactly that card and beat it!

North is Aletta Robertson of Hermanus, playing with her sister Annette. Kudos to her!

