

Spring 2020

Newsletter



Normally this Spring edition would contain details of forthcoming events; news; teaching; and other assorted articles but for obvious reasons this edition will be different. Normally it is sent to Members Only but I will also be sending the link to it to our past students and newcomers as it is really important now that we show just how inclusive we all are to those who are connected to us. I have tried to include something in the Newsletter of interest for everyone and whilst it is has a few bridge related matters there are non-bridge quizzes; humour and other general information. I wish all our members and friends to stay safe and well in these difficult times.

BBO UPDATE

I know of 40 of us who have registered as FRIENDS on BBO! Many are now arranging and playing matches, but I am aware that some of you are nervous about playing or even watching. Firstly, let me reassure everyone that you can usually join any table – if you can't it is because the HOST has prohibited that. If all the seats at the table are taken you will join as a kibitzer and can watch. You can leave a table any time so if you find yourself in the wrong place simply leave! Please remember to tell me your USERNAME as soon as you register and I will update the list of names that is found on the PDBC web site NEWS page. If you want to kibitz some world class players who regularly play on BBO and who allow kibitzers add these usernames to your FRIENDS list so you know when they are playing: JEC (Jimmy Cayne) ; smispi (Dano de Falco) ; Sillafu (Benito Garozzo - born 1927 and affectionately called "Papa" on BBO chat). They only play teams matches - Cayne plays on BBO three times a day, every day! Google their real names; they are interesting characters as well as outstanding bridge players. Finally, there is NOTHING to be nervous about BBO but please do click this link for easy to follow videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9IOXJf9R9em-kAdxhUGxQniqZJm1PpCl>

SUPERVISED PLAY

I am giving Supervised Play teaching sessions on BBO every Tuesday at 7pm. Please let me know beforehand if you are coming along so I can look out for you and prepare - past students or current newcomers can watch or play. We finish at 9pm. I will rotate people so you all get a go at playing.

CONVENTIONS / GADGETS!

Bridge has thousands of conventions. Some are very useful and crop up pretty frequently like transfers, stayman, blackwood etc. Others, far less so. The trouble with gadgets is that you more you have the more you have to carry them around in your head for the once in ten years you need them! I am indebted to Jonathan for sending me this hand he had recently and there is a gadget I use with some partners specifically for this type of hand! Open 4NT!



This asks for specific Aces; so after 4NT partner replies:

- 5♣ = 0 Aces
- 5♦ = Ace of diamonds
- 5♥ = Ace of hearts
- 5♠ = Ace of spades
- 5NT = Any 2 Aces
- 6♣ = Ace of clubs

As it happened Jonathan's partner had two aces! Using the opening 4NT convention 7NT is a lay down.

Turn over for NON BRIDGE QUIZZES!

RAILWAY STATIONS

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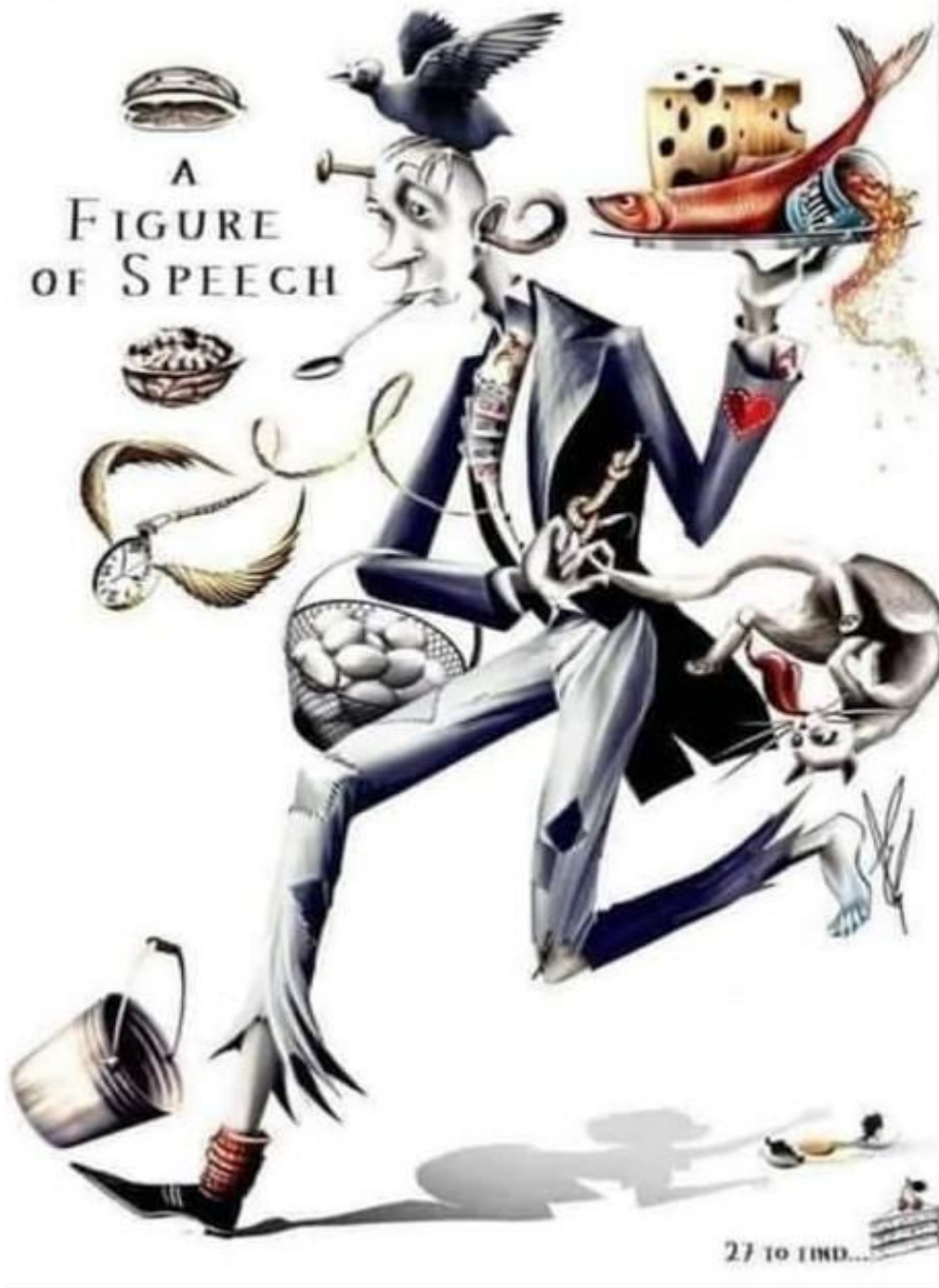
PTO FOR ANOTHER NON-BRIDGE QUIZ.

REMEMBER -YOU CAN LOOK AT PAST CLUB NEWSLETTERS THAT INCLUDE BRIDGE TIPS etc ON OUR [LIBRARY](#) PAGE OF PDBC WEB SITE. The Library also includes a Bridge Crossword

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ Thank you for your support ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

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There are 27 figures of speech in the photo. Who can guess one?
I'll start with "cat's got his tongue".



PLEASE DON'T WRITE TO ME WITH QUESTIONS RE QUIZZES!!! SEND ME ONLY COMPLETE ANSWERS AND I WILL CONFIRM TO YOU IF YOU ARE CORRECT!!!

PTO for some useful information:

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(reg charity ref: EW41010)

If you are on Facebook then I have found the following VERY informative:

PERSHORE NOTICE BOARD: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1569371250020963/>

PERSHORE AND DISTRICT WATCH: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/622185011185891/>

EVESHAM NOTICE BOARD: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/599383603497307/>

PERSHORE PRODUCE (not just veggies) - Free Delivery: <https://www.pershoreproduce.co.uk/>

Finally - I am grateful to those members who have sent me amusing clips or links. I have a number of my own of course but I cannot send them all out so apologies if yours hasn't been circulated to all members. Here are a few however to hopefully keep you smiling and I will send others out periodically:

Sound of Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMBh-eo3tvE&feature=share>

and Les Miserables:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2020/mar/31/kent-family-coronavirus-lockdown-adaptation-les-miserables-song-goes-viral-video>

Seen at Northampton Hospital (some while ago!)



And for a really good laugh stick with this Irish Commentary to the end:

https://www.liveleak.com/view?i=510_1344196881

STAY SAFE AND ISOLATED

Best wishes to you all.

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