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Message from the Editor

Dear Bridge Players

How very strange the last five months have been! There are times when I have felt that I am residing in Never Never Land – a mystical island cut off from the rest of the world where, it seems, time has become almost irrelevant. Our daily lives are so very different now and we are most grateful to have the option of continuing with our bridge activities online. There are a few key persons who are intricately involved with organizing these activities for us and we are extremely grateful to them for their efforts on our behalf – there are more details in Tim's report on the next page.

It is quite amazing how the world continues to function online in a parallel manner to our pre-Covid world - whether work, business, education (just to name a few aspects) and, of course, bridge. Unfortunately, there are parts of our "old" world that are still excluded, and there are so many of us who are at a distance from close family, whether in other parts of South Africa or overseas. The uncertainty of the future – whether next week or next year – undoubtedly takes its toll. The fact that we are bridge players, of whatever level, gives us a wonderful outlet and we are very fortunate indeed to be able to continue to play the game that is so much a part of our lives.

In this newsletter, Tim Cope has written a very instructive article on the modern way of looking for slam contracts, which is far more accurate than previous conventions allowed. Diniar Minwalla has given us an example of how alert one has to be about picking up clues during the course of declarer play; while Kathryn Herz and Eckhard Böhlke also look at declarer play but within the context of what contracts other pairs may be in. There are other items of interest in this newsletter, one of which is a bridge poem by Yvonne Hulett of Durban, which I'm sure sums up the feelings that most of us have at this moment in time.

Once again, a very big "thank you" to all our contributors as well as to Warwick Wealth for their continued sponsorship.

Happy reading – and stay safe!

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