



BRIDGING THE GAP



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President's Report

The AGM is done and dusted and we have two new committee members. Committee members L) to R) Evonne Sarich, Andrea Emmons, Kay Hyde, Di Barker, David Hiatt, Jean-Paul Tedeschi, Ross Pringle; *Front* Kate Sayer and Jenny Tedeschi. Thanks to all past and present committees.



We have had a couple of red point events lately and overall, they were well attended by our members, although our numbers on Wednesdays and Saturdays are down from last year. I am however pleased to say that Monday afternoons are picking up with the two movements running side by side.

The T4 Interclub Competitions are coming to an end with just one more team session to go. The results have been a little disappointing, but this experience has taught us how to improve things for next season. Evonne Sarich has done it again! This time with a presentation to Bendigo Bank for a grant for a new dealing machine for our club. We were successful and the new machine is on its way to the club.



Put these dates in your diary! The upcoming event - the Mix n Match with a sausage sizzle on Saturday 10th October. Also, the Melbourne Cup is event on Tuesday 3rd of November. I encourage everyone to participate in this fun day. And of course - the **Xmas party** on Saturday the 12th of December.

We have just wrapped up our latest busy bee, and we had an incredible turnout! A record-breaking fifteen members showed up to pitch in, truly making light work for everyone. Thanks to this amazing team, our facilities are completely refreshed and ready for the upcoming summer season. Outside, the garden beds were thoroughly weeded, sprayed, pruned, and tidied. Inside, the team worked wonders—deep cleaning the floors and bathroom grouting, refreshing the chair upholstery, and neatly sorting the dealing boxes. The hard work was rewarded with a delicious morning tea enjoyed by all. A massive thank you goes out to everyone who lent a hand—you know who you are, and your efforts have made a huge difference.

Your President *JP*

Coming Events – Additional details on [KDBC Webpage](#)

Melbourne Cup



3 November

Christmas Party



12 December



BTG Editor

Kay Hyde

Don't hesitate to provide me with ideas or items you would like in your newsletter.

Receipt of any suitable photos, current news, articles or stories that you would like included would be welcome

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Wellbeing Officer and Partnership Coordinator

Anita Davis

Anita is happy to assist anyone who has any difficulties in finding a partner for Bridge.
Please feel free to contact Anita or you can also write your name on the board on the internal door at the club rooms.

If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalised or suffering bereavement, please contact Anita and she will respond accordingly on behalf of the club.

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I injured myself while measuring radio frequencies. Still Hertz

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KDBC – Masterpoints and rankings

Many members of our club are aware of the masterpoint system and rankings associated with playing bridge. For those newer members of the club, the following information is provided in this newsletter, and subsequent editions as the points are published.

Up to about 2 years ago, the ABF would send a card to the club which showed the Ranking Promotions of a member. This was read out at a session (usually when the person was playing). However, the ABF stopped disseminating the points to individual clubs and it was left to the clubs to check any promotions and congratulate the members.

We now have a list of the promotions (since October 2025) and can congratulate members who have achieved an increase in rankings from that time to the present.

Master Rankings

Masterpoints won by players over their lifetime are used to determine each player's master ranking. There are currently 21 different ranks ranging from Graduate Master to Diamond Grand Master. Players can view the latest club player promotions at this web address on the [ABF Website](#).

The list includes:

- Top 100 Masterpoint Earners All Time – Club
- Top 100 Masterpoint Earners This Year – Club
- Filtered McCutcheons – Club
- Promotions - Club
- Most Improved Players This Year – Club

Master ranks may be used to determine seedings in tournaments. In addition, master events may be held in which entry is restricted to players of the specified masterpoint ranking(s)



AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION

MASTERPOINT MANUAL

Last Updated November 2025

Comments and queries should be forwarded to David Anderson at revokel@live.com

The clauses of this manual which should be read by club masterpoint secretaries and new users have been marked with a club symbol (♣). The other clauses feature reference material that is normally beyond the scope of a small club.

[Download the MP Manual as a Word Document](#)

[View the manual as an Acrobat Reader \(pdf\) file](#)

[ABF Masterpoint Centre](#)

[ABF Web Site](#)

You can view the manual on the following link ([Australian Bridge Federation Masterpoint Scheme, 2026](#)).



KDBC – Masterpoints and rankings (cont.)

The latest updates on masterpoint rankings for our club members (from October 2025 to August 2026).

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Congratulations to all!

KDBC - Coming Events

October 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Beginners lessons <i>P Cameron</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Beginners lessons <i>P Cameron</i>	10 Mix n Match & Sausage Sizzle	11
12	13	14	15 Novice Plate Comp <15MP Green Pt	16 Beginners lessons <i>P Cameron</i>	17 Mix n Match & Sausage sizzle Green Pt	18
19	20	21	22	23 Beginners lessons <i>P Cameron</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Beginners lessons <i>P Cameron</i>	31	



November 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3 Melbourne Cup Green Pt	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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KDBC – Coming Events

December 2026						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Christmas Party Green Point	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 KDBC Closed	25 KDBC Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31			

*We Want
Your ideas!*

On how to increase
membership of KDBC

Currently we have Open Days, training sessions, display
brochures on notice boards in shopping centres, run information
items on local radio, have information blogs in local
newspapers...

but we need more ideas from you!



KALAMUNDA DISTRICT BRIDGE CLUB

OPEN DAY – Come and check us out!

Thursday 3rd September 2026 12-2pm,
56 Ledger Rd. Gooseberry Hill

Beginners Lessons

Friday 11th September till Friday 30th October 2026
9.30-11.30am

For further details and to register please phone Jenny on 0407 085 229
www.kalamunda-district-bridge-club.org



We would like to hear from you. Any additional ideas on increasing our membership are most welcome.

Please either place any suggestions:

- in the “Ideas box” in the club rooms
- discuss with any of the committee members
- or send to kdbclub@bigpond.com

Teaching Children Bridge

Peter Daniel

Here's a challenge to consider.

If you were to introduce bridge to a class of year six students, (eleven-year-olds), how would you go about it?

Of course, as with most teaching situations, it's best not to make assumptions. Thus, I did not assume that the students had familiarity with a standard deck of cards. It's likely that some would have, but not all.

Let's start with the suits. These were the answers I received when I asked - hearts, spears and clovers. After some prompting, we unearthed diamonds. Interestingly, if you read my other article about cards in this edition of BTG, both spears and clovers are names used in different parts of the world for spades and clubs.

Then on to place value. Aces are top. Then kings, queens and jacks (or knaves as they were originally referred to). At this stage no points values mentioned – then ten down to two. All this information was written on the whiteboard for easy reference.

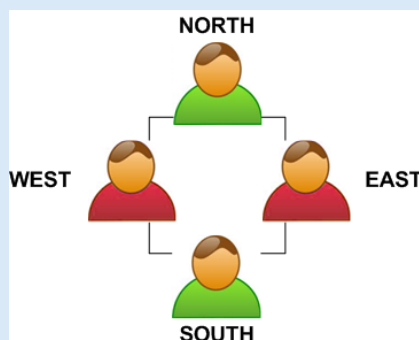
A playing board was placed on each pair of tables. I nominated a classroom wall for North, and I pointed out that every board has a North

indicator which, of course, also provides the other places. I also pointed out that each board nominates the dealer. Up to this stage there had been about ten questions and interruptions, including one boy who asked if he could show me his card trick. I suggested he show it to me later. To a kid 'later' simply means any time from now. He asked me again two minutes later.

I was now close to half-way through my allocated time of one hour, which actually became about forty-five minutes after a late start due to students dribbling in after the siren. It became apparent that tardiness was a tolerated and accepted practice for this class. Also, the teacher wanted me to finish each session ten minutes early.

At this stage we have the students in groups of four, and each table has a board. I showed them how to remove the cards from the board and told them to count their cards and make sure they had thirteen. I explained the role of the Director and how to make the call. I had earlier removed a card from one of the boards to provide an early example of calling the Director. There was no response. Count your cards again I suggested. Still no call. Ah well – best laid plans and all that!

I showed the students how to arrange the cards in suits (face up for starters) and stressed the importance of not mixing their cards with other players' cards and explained the reason.



Teaching Children Bridge

Peter Daniel

We played the first game, without trumps of course, simply by following suit – highest card wins. At the end of the first game the four players at one table put all their cards in the middle of the table and mused them together.

Question: What is the average concentration span of eleven-year-olds?

Answer: About as long as it takes a kid to demonstrate his card trick – twice – because it didn't work the first time (or the second!)

Question: Did Donald Trump invent trumps?

Answer: No, but given that bridge is played worldwide by millions of people and that he tells fibs; I reckon he wishes he did! That was naughty of me because politics is disallowed in primary schools. Plus, the teacher is American!

That was it for the first lesson. Not much progress made but a reminder for me about the level of patience required when teaching. The following week we played a couple more face-up hands, and then I introduced the concepts of bidding and trumping. After one student trumped the opponent's hand and called out 'Ha, gotcha!' I decided it was time to introduce some basic aspects of bridge etiquette.

All in all, some progress was made. It has occurred to me that it might be worth trying this on a broader scale. The biggest problem is negotiating with the teachers/schools because they are so busy and committed to their regular programs. It would also be useful to have a second instructor to assist.

Youth Group Sessions

July 2026

The inaugural session of youth group bridge occurred during July 2026. Whilst it was a small group, the interest shown by the members of the group was great.

David Kininmonth provided excellent tuition for the attendees.

It was great to see grandparents also attend to support and help mentor the students in playing bridge.

The members of the Youth Group Sub-committee also attended to provide support, mentoring and assistance to the teacher!

Sub-committee members include JP Tedeschi, David Kininmonth, Cora Brown, Peter Daniel, Mari McKie and Kay Hyde. Thanks to our Chair of the Recruitment and Training Sub-committee Jenny Tedeschi also assisted in mentoring and overseeing the sessions.

We hope that Amity, Antonio, Harry and Oscar enjoyed the lessons!



Results

The final results for all competitions held over the recent July to September quarter! A fantastic effort was put in by everyone who took part, and we extend a huge well done to all of our place getters!

Mixed Pairs

29 June & 6 July 2026

This was a **Red Point** event for members of the KDBC. Congratulations to all winners!

Winners - Mixed Pairs

1 st	Carmen Jackson & Steven Thyer
2 nd	Joe Louis & Wendy Harman
3 rd	Alan Harper & Anita Davis
4 th	Sheila Pryce & Gordon Brown



Restricted Pairs (<50MP)

16 July 2026

There were ten pairs who entered this competition. No photos available however congratulations to all who played on the day.

Winners - Restricted Pairs

1 st	Michelle McDiarmid & Helen Ottosson
2 nd	David Hiatt & Jane Pilgrim
3 rd	Suzanne Dewar & Peter Daniel
4 th	Elijah Guest & Karlee Guest
5 th	Mari McKie & Pat Edington

Australia Wide Open Pairs Competition

26 August 2026

The Australia Wide Open Pairs Competition attracted 14 pairs for the event. The following results provide the names of the top 3 pairs (North/South and East/West). Congratulations to all winners.

	Winners - North/South	Winners - East/West
1	Sheila Pryce & Gudrun Kemmer	Carole McMahon & Robert McMahon
2	Stephen Thyer & Carmen Jackson	Peter Clarke & Sandra Hoffman
3	Jenny Tedeschi & Elizabeth McMillen	Joscelyn Charters & Alan Puckey
3	Peter Cameron & Ross Pringle	

We had a great turnout this year, with seven teams facing off in the Open Teams competition! You can check out the final winning placements below.

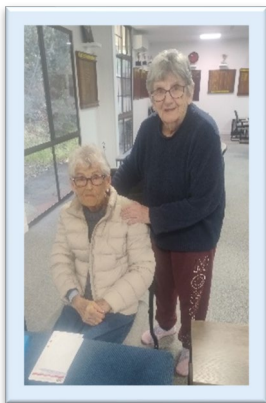
A huge congratulations to our winning teams on their winning performance!

Winners - Open Teams	
1 st	Sandra Hoffman, Peter Clarke, Jenny Tedeschi, Joscelyn Charters
2 nd	Stephen Thyer, Kit Lemann, Tom Lemann, Carmen Jackson
3 rd	Rhonda Williams, Julie Bechelli, Jo Collings, Bernard Szalkowski

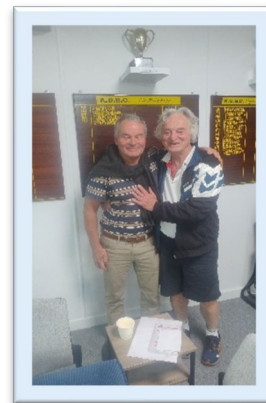


Ladies & Mens Competition

23-30 September 2026



	Winners
1	Stephen Thyer & Tom Lemann
2	Ann Todd & Madge Myburgh
3	Peter Cameron & Doug Hegarty
4	Carol Dickie & Julie Bechelli



I am excited to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list.

I have the bucket!

Scientists got bored after watching the Earth rotate for 24 hours.

So they called it a day!

Ever since I drew a wristwatch on my arm with a ballpoint pen...

I've been living on *bir-oed* time.

A comma, a period and an exclamation mark were called into court.

They were being sentenced.

Christmas in July attracted a large crowd. There were 16 tables in all with sections A and B each having 8 tables.

A surprise visit from good ol' Santa himself delighted the crowd, entertaining everyone with poems and ditties about many of the bridge club members.

Santa's attendance provided jolly good humour and gifts and his exceptional performance was greatly appreciated by all.



Santa's
Xmas
Poems



A request has already been made to Santa for a return in December – to which he has kindly agreed – “so long as he is still around!”



Section A



	Winners – North/South	Winners – East/West
1	Joscelyn Charteres & Robert Prince	Gerry Emmons & Andrea Emmons
2	Jenny Tedeschi & Margaret McRobbie	Peter Walczak & Jeanne Walczak
3	Jean-Paul Tedeschi & Marie-Fran Van Hall	Lorraine Stivey & Dennis McKinley



Special thanks to David Hiatt for his approaches to generous local business for donations of prizes for the Event. The donors were:

- *Auto One Kalamunda*
- *The Kalamunda Hotel*
- *The Clip Joint Pet Grooming*
- *Mia Lingerie*
- *Kalamunda Gardening*
- *Front Cover For Hair*
- *Kostera's Garage*
- *The Best Drop Tavern*



Section B 

	Winners - North/South	Winners - East/West
1	Steven Thyer & Carmen Jackson	Tom Lemann & Kit Lemann
2	Anita Davis & Renee Wylie	Wendy Dodd & Evonne Sarich
3	Rob McMahon & Carole McMahon	Helen Ottosson & Robin Ward

Grand Slams and 70 Percenters

Grand Slams		July 2026 - September 2026	
Sandra Hoffman & Peter Clarke	7S N	Friday	18 Sept 2026
Sheila Pryce & Gordon Brown	7NT W	Saturday	5 Sept 2026
Peter Cameron & Bernard Szalkowski	7NT S	Monday	24 Aug 2026
Sheila Pryce & Gordon Brown	7NT E	Friday	7 Aug 2026
Bruce Cowan & David Harris	7NT E	Friday	7 Aug 2026
Ross Pringle & Lorraine Stivey	7NT N	Friday	7 Aug 2026
Helen Ottosson & Robin Ward	7NT N	Friday	1 Aug 2026
Stephen Thyer & Carme Jackson	7NT S	Saturday	1 Aug 2026



70 Percent Club		July 2026 - September 2026	
Kathryn Thomas & Phantom	70.0%	Monday	14 Sept 2026
Sandra Hoffman & Joscelyn Charters	71.8%	Monday	17 Aug 2026
David Harris & Bruce Cowan	70.2%	Friday	7 Aug 2026
Carmen Jackson & Stephen Thyer	73.8%	Saturday	25 Jul 2026
Peter Clarke & Joe Louis	70.6%	Monday	20 Jul 2026
Phantom 1 & Phantom 2	79.0%	Monday	13 Jul 2026
Madge Myburgh & Stephen Thyer	72.0%	Friday	3 Jul 2026

SOMETIMES I
REPLACE MY FEELINGS
WITH NEW SHOES.
I'M OKAY WITH
THAT. IT'S CALLED
SOLE SEARCHING.

@ADRYANA_JADE

I just read a very long
article on Japanese
sword fighting.

Allow me to Samurais it
for you

If you boil a funny bone
it becomes a laughing
stock.

That's humerus.

The internet provides endless 'mirth'!

Around the Club – Archives on the KDBC Webpage

Consider a visit to the [Kalamunda District Bridge Club webpage](#) as there are new items of interest added recently.

Archived editions of the past and more recent Bridging the Gap (BTG) newsletters have been uploaded and are worth a read!



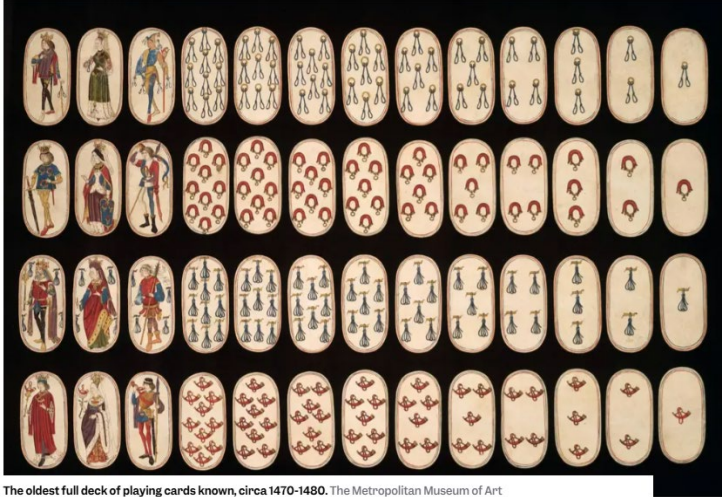
The following item was extracted from the [July 2020](#) edition of the BTG.



A Brief History of Playing Cards

Peter Daniel

Playing cards originated in 9th-century China and evolved through Asia, the Islamic world and Europe into the modern decks we use today. Believed to have been invented in China during the Tang Dynasty (618-907), likely as a result of woodblock printing technology and the widespread availability of paper.



The oldest full deck of playing cards known, circa 1470-1480. The Metropolitan Museum of Art

A playing card is a piece of specially prepared cardstock, heavy paper, thin cardboard, plastic-coated paper, cotton-blend paper, or thin plastic that is marked with distinguishing motifs. They are typically palm-sized for convenient handling, although there is wide variation in card sizes. For example, cards are produced for primary school students and sight impaired people that are double the size of conventional cards.

The most common type of playing card in the West is the French-suited, standard 52-card deck. However, many countries use other types including those that are German, Italian, Spanish, and Swiss.

Playing cards are available in a wide variety of styles, as decks may be custom-produced for competitions, casinos, magicians or made as promotional items or introduced as souvenirs or branded accessories. Decks of cards or even single cards are also collected as a hobby or for monetary value.

Sharp corners wear out more quickly, so they were replaced with rounded corners. Before the mid-19th century British, American, and French players preferred blank backs. The need to hide wear and tear and to discourage writing on the back led to cards to have designs, pictures, photos, or advertising on the reverse.

Playing cards were some of the earliest products to be sold in packaging. Early packs were sold in paper sleeves held closed with string. The 19th century saw the arrival of progressively more complex cardboard packaging, with tuck-flap boxes becoming common by the end of the century. Cellophane wrappers were common by 1937.

A Few Suit Variations

French: hearts, diamonds, clubs (originally called clovers), spades (originally spears). Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese: cups, coins, clubs, swords. German: hearts, bells, acorns, leaves. Swiss: roses, bells, acorns, shields.

The United States introduced the joker into the deck. It was devised for games of euchre. In euchre the highest trump card is the Jack of the trump suit (called the right bower).

The second-highest trump (the left bower) is the Jack of the suit of the same colour as trumps. The joker was invented in 1860 as a third trump (the best bower) and is ranked higher than the other two bowers. The word joker is thought to be derived from euchre.

Why does a standard deck have 52 cards and 4 suits? The reasons are complex and have astrological and mathematical associations. Look it up! Unsurprisingly, there is a connection with the number of seasons and weeks in the year.



A Brief History of Playing Cards

Peter Daniel

Standard Deck Colours

In a traditional 52 card French-suited deck, the suits are divided by colours for easy recognition: hearts and diamonds are red, while clubs and spades are black. This colour scheme is widely used globally. The cards typically have a white background to enhance visual clarity. Some games use four-colour schemes to further reduce confusion between suits. A common English four-colour deck assigns; hearts – red, spades – black, clubs – green, diamonds – blue. These are called no-revoke decks in trick-taking games because they reduce the chance of accidental rule variations. How would our club members feel about using four-colour cards?

The Court Cards

In the late 14th century Europeans changed the court cards that had been developed in China and Islamic countries to represent European royalty and attendants. The earliest court cards were originally a seated king, an upper marshal, and a lower marshal. In England, the lowest court card was called the knave which originally meant male child. So, in this context the character could represent the prince, son of the king and queen. Queens appeared in packs during the 14th century. The association of cards with gambling led to governments seeking a piece of the action. In 17th-century France, King Louis XIV's finance minister nourished the royal purse by virtually turning the Palace of Versailles into one vast card-playing casino. Some countries made card manufacture a state monopoly under pain of fine, imprisonment and even death to forgers. Others contented themselves with charging a tax on manufacture.



A 19th-century invention was the practice of indexing the rank and suit of each card in the top corners, making it possible for players to identify their cards without having to spread them so widely as to risk exposure to opponents. The first such cards were called squeezers because they could be squeezed together in a tight fan.



c.1865 De La Rue Playing Cards – McClosky's Antiquarian Books and Cards

Suit Symbolism

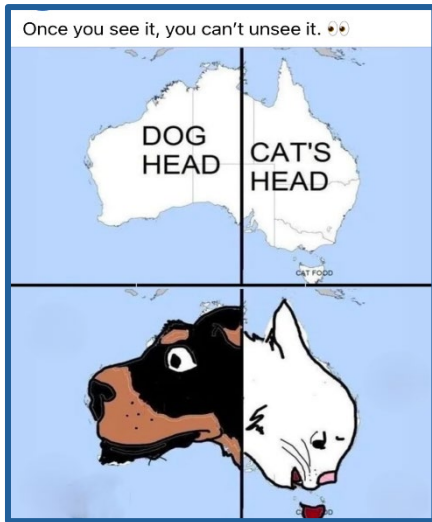
-  **Clubs:** associated with the peasantry and work.
-  **Diamonds:** linked to merchants and wealth.
-  **Hearts:** representing the clergy or emotion.
-  **Spades:** symbolising warriors or military

What do they
do with them?

Casinos use zillions of packs of cards. Each deck is used briefly before being discarded.

On the Funny Side

Animals



Dad Jokes...What ...?

What do you give to a sick bird?

Tweetment...

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

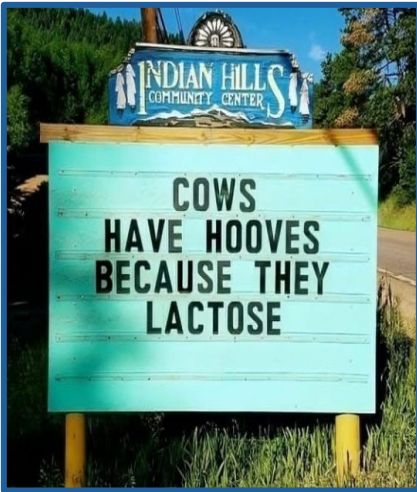
A palm tree

What do you think when a clown holds a door open for you?

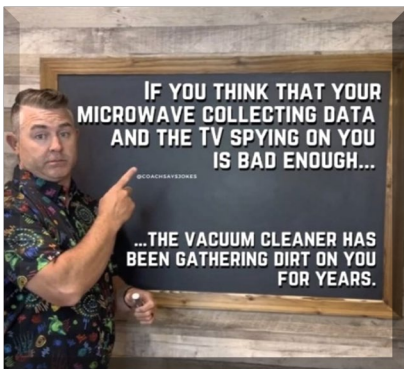
That is a nice jester!

On the Funny Side

Signs



Hmmm...



Meet the KDBC Sponsors

The following local businesses generously sponsor our club.



More recently the following businesses donated prizes to the KDBC for the Christmas in July event.



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