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BRIDGE BUZZ—April 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT—*Fay Jeppesen*

We have experienced another COVID interrupted month, fortunately with play continuing, however with mask wearing. I wish to thank members for their continued support of the QHealth and QBA instructions to clubs and to our Directors for providing additional breaks where necessary for player comfort.

With ANZAC Day commemorations held again this year in the traditional form, I wish to thank the members of our club who served their country proudly and we thank you for your service. It was interesting to read of the night of Nov 7, 1942 as allied forces headed for the North African coast, commanding officer Gen Dwight Eisenhower waited anxiously, with news of the invasion slow to arrive. To pass the time Ike and 3 associates played bridge. One of the men at the table was Gen Alfred Gruenther, later NATO Commander and for many years president of the World Bridge Federation.

It was with much sadness to report the passing of two of our members. We remember Joan Cormack fondly. Joan was a regular Friday player with her good friend Margaret Sullivan.

On 22 April, a dear friend to many, Bob McNab passed away. Bob was a regular Tuesday and Thursday player, with Peter Steinhort and Dawn Cook. Bob had a life of service in Queensland Police Service and Royal Australian Navy. A minute's silence was held to remember these players and cards sent to their families.



A reminder to players for the Friday session – please note the playing conditions are any two novice players (<100 Masterpoints) may play together; a player with >100 Masterpoints may play with a player <30 Masterpoints.

Please check to ensure you fit this category before nomination. To check your Masterpoints please go to <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/myawards.asp>

Thank you to David Lehmann for design and construction of our new wooden boxes to house the bridgemate machines. This will make it easier for collection/distribution and greatly appreciated by our Bridgemate operators.

There have been significant price increases for the production of name badges. If any member can recommend any service providers please let Wayne know.

We wish Robyn Burnage a speedy recovery after her recent accident and other members who have been unwell. It is also great to see our Vice President Ross back on deck after his surgery.



PRESIDENTS DAY

I was quite upset to not be able to play on this day due to ill-health. Thank you to Vice-President Ross for standing in for me and delivering my speech. A warm congratulations to our winners:

Open – Melissa Weber and Carol Bailey; Novice – Jan Dann and Leanne Paddison. Thank you to Steve Woodrow for his organisation and directing. I hope that next year we can resume our normal fun day.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following on their recent promotions:

Melva Leal to State; Peter Godfrey to Bronze Local; Quentin Crestanelli to Graduate, Kay Strahan to Graduate; Tony Davidson to Silver Life.

CONGRATULATIONS

With the return of various Congresses, it is wonderful to see club members participating. We wish to congratulate the following on their successes:

Brisbane Bridge Centre Easter Congress A Grade – John Scrivens and team 2nd

BBC Easter Congress B Grade – Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett and team 1st

Redland District Restricted Teams – Magdeline Wong, Ken Griggs, Roxy Blaylock, Ilo Hellaby 2nd

Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs B Grade – Annette Hyland and Abby Wanigaratne 3rd

Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs C Grade – Bob and Christine Thomas 2nd

Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs C Grade – Maree Filippini and Lynne Miller 3rd

For those members who played Tuesday nights, you may remember Abby Wanigaratne. After a gruelling 2 weekends of intense bridge at QCBC in the Queensland women's trials in finishing 4th, Abby and her partner Maureen Jakes qualified as the Reserve Pair for the Queensland Women's Team to be held in Perth. Wonderful effort Abby and we hope you get a call up.

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION—NEWS

The latest ABF Newsletter is available on <https://www.abf.com.au/abf-newsletter-april-2021/>

Players who participate in Congresses should note that future Congress Nominations and Payments are to be paid through the MYABF tab on the ABF site. The first one in Queensland coming up is the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club Congress 18-20 June. Please familiarise yourself with this new process.

QUEENSLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION—NEWS

I attended a quarterly zoom QBA meeting on 22 April. QBA are revamping their website to make it more functional. QBA President, Richard Ward attended a face to face ABF meeting in Canberra 17-18 April. Major focus on new MYABF site for congress nominations and payments. WA and Tas have moved their congress processes to this site. Again lengthy discussion held on on-line cheating in bridge. A disciplinary committee led by Judge Geoff Chettle leads the investigations. Some experienced directors are kibitzing players in on line bridge. He advised that Mixed Pairs competitions are becoming more popular, with the Sydney Autumn Festival removing both. The Women's and Seniors events and replaced with Mixed Pairs. The computer problems that occurred at the end of month for club Masterpoint secretaries has been resolved.



NEW MEMBERS

At the meeting held on 15 April, some important decisions were made. Firstly, the Club will reintroduce the Tuesday night sessions, commencing at 7pm on June 1. Additionally, with effect June 1, the Club will go cashless. All vouchers that have previously been purchased will be honoured. Upon entry, payment will be \$5 by payWave on our Square machine with the Club continuing to absorb transaction fees. (Please note it is now \$8.20 to play at Northern Suburbs).

At the end of March, membership returns were compiled by both the Treasurer and Masterpoint Secretary for reporting to both the ABF and QBA for invoicing for your affiliation fees. We have a Home Club membership of 162 and Away Club membership of 29, as at 15 April. 31 Home Club members cancelled or transferred out. We wish our former President and long time player, Nicky Ballard best wishes for her future and thank her for her contribution to the Club.

It has been a busy time for our Treasurer Wayne in completing all financial returns and submission of books through to our Auditor, in readiness for the club AGM in June.

Ron arranged for the Testing and Tagging of electrical items in the club and ensure that our Fire and Evacuation Procedure has been reminded to club members. If you missed one of these announcements, please refer to the Club 2021 Program book and familiarise yourself with necessary actions. The medical kit has been updated.

Melissa has had a record month with 51 Inward/Outward Correspondence items to deal with. Additionally she prepared a planning document outlining planned/deadline dates for necessary actions leading up to our AGM. I believe the Annual Report should include reports from each committee member, and all will include reports on various areas of responsibility within committee.

Steve has coordinated processes and Directors for Presidents Day, and future GNOT (Please check the Club website for player entry conditions for this event), and Individual Club Championship events in June. QBA had requested the club submit a Congress Date for 2022 – Sunday 14 August has been submitted for approval. QBA Zoom Training for new directors is commencing, with Melissa, Carol Bailey and Annette Hyland showing interest, and we thank them for this. The Australia Wide Novice Pairs Event will be held on Friday 28 May. The committee has approved to cover the Australian Bridge costs of \$5 per player, with players just paying table fees for this event. Please note there will be no side section on this day for players >100, playing with players <30 MPs. All players will receive a booklet outlining the hand played, with bidding and defence recommendations.

Ross advised our beginner lessons are still well attended with 26 players regularly attending, with lessons nearing completion and supervised play starting. Thank you to club members who are assisting in this. A team of 3 at a table with an experienced player is ideal, so if you can assist on a casual Saturday morning please let Sue Kennard know. The course and supervised play concludes at the end of May, so there will be many new anxious players to welcome to our bridge tables. Paul Marston is promoting on line bridge lessons – further information on <https://bridgelounge.online/learn-bridge-registration/>

Wayne has produced a Beginners Notebook to assist new players, and we thank him for this contribution. This will be presented to beginners when they become club members. The committee also approved that beginners, who complete the course and become club members, will be issued with 4 Mentor vouchers with their name on to be given to mentors in mentoring sessions.

TBIB—Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers

TBIB Is a major sponsor of the ABF and QBA events. They have recently released new Travel Insurance for bridge players for domestic and NZ Travel. Further information is available on their website ABFinsurance.com.au or telephone 3252 5254.

CALLING THE DIRECTOR

All players have a right and more importantly, a responsibility to call the Director if it's thought that an infringement has occurred. The Director is the only person who can make a decision on any infringement, perceived or otherwise and all players have the responsibility to ensure that the Director is called, if necessary, to maintain discipline and to rule on infringements.

***If a bid is made out of turn:**

... Call the Director

***If a bid is insufficient:**

... Call the Director

***If remarks are made that may be causing annoyance or embarrassment and causing interference to the enjoyment of the game:**

... Call the Director

***If dummy is participating in the play by playing a card not called by the declarer or by making gratuitous comments:**

... Call the Director

***If a revoke is noted or suspected:**

... Call the Director

The ultimate goal of playing in a bridge session is for all players to enjoy the game but to remember that the Director is in charge.

UPCOMING CONGRESSES TO BE CONDUCTED BY QBA:

QBA Novice Matchpoint Pairs to be held at Sunnybank on 2 May – information on club noticeboard* (Financial support for ANC in Perth for winners)

QBA. Mixed Matchpoint Pairs Toowong 16 May

QBA Butler Pairs Northern Suburbs 12-13 June

QBA Teams of 3 for players <50. MPs 10 July at Toowong

GNOT final to be held at QCBC

Queensland Festival of Bridge QCBC 9-11 October (30 tables)*

Gold Coast Congress Feb 18-26 program on QBA website now*

*Nominations and payment will be by MYABF