

## REPORTS ... Continued

### TOURNAMENT ORGANISER – Steve Woodrow

President's Day – Seeding was completed and organised, and then with late withdrawals a quick ring of members to fill gaps was necessary – thanks for those who helped.

The Redcliffe GNOT Team heat is to be held all day on Thursday 19 May, cost \$10. This is a wonderful opportunity for club members to obtain some elusive 'gold' points. Further information is available on club website. Nominations are to be on-line and close on 13 May with a light sandwich lunch provided. 3 of the team must be financial members of the Redcliffe club.

The Redcliffe Matchpoint Pairs Congress is to be held on Sunday 14 August. Nominations will be called for shortly. This is open to members of all clubs to submit nominations to play. Due to Covid this event has had to be cancelled during the past 2 years.

### EDUCATION REPORT – Fay

Max Kershaw, our committee member, bridge director, bridge dealer, and education officer has been co-opted to assist Weddin Shire Council (NSW) as acting General Manager to assist in the recruitment of a new GM. Max is held in very high regard for his 42 years in local government and 20 years as General Manager of a range of councils in NSW. This, hopefully short-term appointment, also provides Max and Sharne opportunities to catch up with their son, grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Max hopes to return by July in time for State of Origin 3 in Brisbane!

Sue Kennard has 10 very keen beginners progressing through the lessons, and big thank you to Gordon, Ross and Wayne who assist every Saturday in providing additional tutorials during board play.

Any existing players who would like a revision on topics are more than welcome to attend on Saturday 9-11am. Future topics: Saturday 30 April – Pre-emptive and Weak 2 bids; Saturday 7 May Strong 2 bids and Bridgemate handling; Supervised play 14, 21, 28 May and 4 June.

There will be ongoing refresher opportunities should the need require it. 30 mins prior to the commencement of play on Monday, Tuesday night, and Friday, players who identify as requiring some additional tutoring in aspects of play are invited to submit topics required to me (Monday/Friday) or Annette (Tuesday night) and an invitation will be extended to more experienced players to provide a short revision session.

### SOCIAL NEWS – Ken Griggs

With the easing of Covid restrictions it now provides opportunities for us to enjoy some social interaction away from the bridge table. Anyone who would like to organise an event please see Ken.

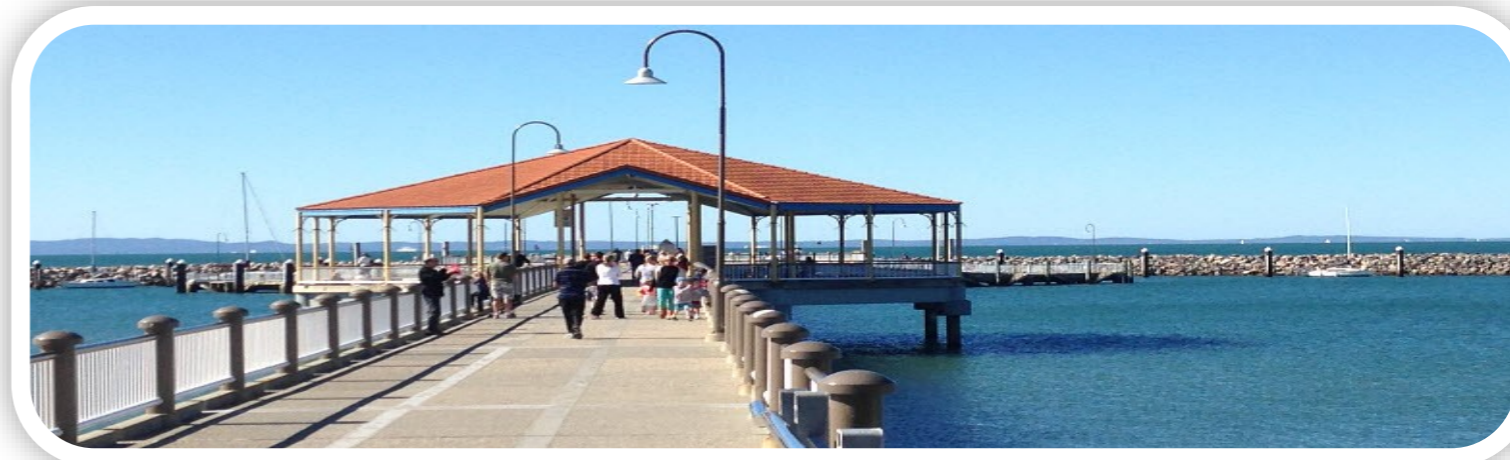
A very enjoyable Teppanyaki evening was organised by **Lorraine Bechly** and held on 24 April, 25 members and guests attended the function.



Bookings are now required for a 5 Course Seafood Celebration (\$82) Wine flight extra (\$20.80) at The Golden Ox at Margate organised by **Ken Griggs** for Wednesday 25 May. Bookings close on 18 May.



**Jill Hanley** is organising a night at the Redcliffe Paceway on Friday 17 June. Tables will be booked in the restaurant area upstairs and meals are available for purchase. This is a special event night and bookings had to be made early to secure tables, unfortunately bookings are now closed.



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**BRIDGE BUZZ—April 2022**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT—Fay Jeppesen

It was with much sadness to be advised in March, of the sudden passing of Neil Gibson, a long-term club member. Our deepest sympathies have been extended to Neil's wife Elizabeth and his sister Claudia, who are also club members. A large number of club members attended Neil's farewell on 4 April where Neil's long time bridge partner John Scrivens provided an insight on Neil's bridge story. Neil grew up in a bridge family, tutored by his mother. However, it wasn't until 1993 that Neil joined Northern Suburbs club and he eventually taught Elizabeth to play and with a fine bridge partnership developed, they travelled throughout Queensland in various tournaments. Neil became a Grand Master in 2012. Neil was an electrical engineer, trained to be precise and analytical and used this to good effect in analysing bidding systems and selecting systems that best suited his style of bidding. He had a brilliant sense of card play knowing when to bid and when not to! He mentored less experienced players and provided advice to help players at all levels. Neil was a great guy, a great bridge player, and very well respected in the wider bridge community. Elizabeth has passed on her sincere thanks to members for their attendance at the service and for the very kind messages of support she has received during this time.



I have just been informed of the passing of Robert Wilkinson on 25 April. Robert has been unwell and recently relocated to an aged care facility from hospital. Thank you to the club members who have been visiting Robert and I am sure that he felt comfort knowing you cared for him. Robert has had a lifetime of bridge play, first joining our club in 2002. He was an exceptional bridge player winning various club individual, pairs and team championship events and was successful in various congress events. He will be sadly missed by all, especially his bridge partners.



It wouldn't be a newsletter without something mentioned about Covid! As you are all aware of the relaxations of restrictions throughout Australia, which has changed significantly in recent weeks. Please be aware of QHealth requirements with effect 28 April for changes for close contacts:

[https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19?gclid=CjwKCAjwx46TBhBhEiwArA\\_DjOPKDMUd\\_UBmyZwn5KGsbHfHQbVV\\_JUYyEjLQBRBAUDLYjYczgKzohoCC7QQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19?gclid=CjwKCAjwx46TBhBhEiwArA_DjOPKDMUd_UBmyZwn5KGsbHfHQbVV_JUYyEjLQBRBAUDLYjYczgKzohoCC7QQAvD_BwE)

Even though the government has eased the requirements to be fully vaccinated in most venues, the Club's policy is for all players and visitors who enter our club are to be double vaxed for Covid-19 with these persons to provide documentary evidence which will be recorded at the club. Our policy reflects that of both the QBA and ABF, where those playing at Congresses and events are to be fully vaccinated. All food service is to be by individual packaged items, or by volunteers (masked/gloved) to serve food to members. Table covers are to be washed monthly and our thanks to Jill for coordinating and members who undertake this task.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ... *Continued*

Just a reminder if you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms (get tested) and please don't come to bridge. Please ensure hand hygiene and distancing where appropriate are observed. The committee has decided that no further advice will be provided to members of reported Covid cases by members. If you do test positive, please ensure you advise your bridge partners.

The club hosted two significant events during the past month. Firstly, with the very successful **Club Championship Teams** on 14 March, with 16 teams playing in a Swiss movement directed by Alan Gibson. Congratulations to our winners Greg Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Joan Mills and Carolyn Adcock. My apologies I don't have a photo of our winning team.

Last week was **President's Day**. The club has a recent history of celebrating this day by fund raising to support local charities – assistance to a young man to attend special Olympics, 2 domestic violence shelters, Peninsular Animal Shelter, Pender Riding for the Disabled, together with other fund raisers for the rural fire appeal and the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers. QBA advised that the ABF would provide free red points (yes, we have to normally pay for them!) for any club fund raising for the Flood Appeal. The committee decided that this would be conducted in conjunction with our President's Day. Again, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of members in donating items for inclusion in a hamper (10 really!), together with other goods to provide 15 opportunities for prize winners. Thank you, Carol, for preparing the hampers and your generosity in making and donating the proceeds of your fudge to the appeal. The raffle proceeds totalled \$1275. The committee had approved the provision of lunch and light refreshments for members with the \$10 table fees (\$780), together with a club approved donation of \$945 to total \$3000. This was further enhanced by generous donations of \$170 and \$200 from club members. I am extremely proud to advise that \$3370 has been donated to GIVIT as part of the Queensland Flood Appeal.

Congratulations to our winners on the day:

- ◆ In the open section, Ross Shardlow and Ted Morriss
- ◆ In the novice section, Debbie Pearce and Peter Moritz

A great achievement by Ross and Ted who had never played together before and to Debbie and Peter who graduated from our beginner class of 2021. Thank you to our other members who helped with kitchen, refreshments and tablecloth washing.

On 24 March, over 30 members attended a farewell afternoon tea for Richard and Pam Back prior to their departure back home to England. Thanks again Ron for coordinating this at The Village.



During the past month your committee has been undertaking many necessary tasks which have required a significant contribution of their personal time and I wish to sincerely thank them for this. A lot of administrative work is completed behind the scenes to ensure that a pleasurable day of bridge occurs for all. Our club, which is the smallest in the Brisbane Zone, is held in very high regard for our administrative processes, quality of play and for what the club provides for its membership.

**Some of the 'behind the scenes stuff'** - every document is reviewed to meet current legislative requirements and our administrative processes are available on our club website and displayed in our clubrooms; our financial management is well structured and organised with generous subsidies provided; our master-point reports are submitted and accurate; our club events and Program Booklet is coordinated; our building is well maintained, free lessons and training are provided, kitchen needs are provided, information is shared to members in a timely manner, boards are dealt weekly, and many more housekeeping tasks are completed.

**Now for the "front of house" stuff** – our Directors ensure that the Laws of Bridge are implemented during play, together with the support of Bridgemates, they ensure that the 3.5 hrs of play are enjoyable, competitive, and fun.

I have observed in recent weeks, some disrespect shown to, and further questioning of our Directors regarding decisions made. I am not referring to respectful points of clarification required by inexperienced players in this regard. I wish to refer players on the correct procedure for Appeals Processes should you and your partner disagree with a decision made by a Director, they are detailed in the club By-Laws 9.4 (11) and (12). If there is further dissent at the table after the ruling, Directors are asked to make formal complaints to the Committee for disciplinary consideration, as detailed in the club By-Law 7.

QBA has invited clubs to submit dates for inclusion in the 2023 Congress Calendar. The club has submitted for our annual Matchpoint Pairs Congress to be held in August 2023. In view of the large number of novice and restricted members, the club has applied for a Restricted and Novice Teams Congress to be held in November 2023 – this will be a first for the club and we hope that it will be successful and provide a local opportunity for our members. I have indicated that I will be happy to be this congress convenor, should the future committee approve this.

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### SECRETARY REPORT – Melissa Weber

A timeline for necessary procedures for the conduct of the AGM has been prepared. The AGM will be held at the club on 13 June at 10 am. All positions are declared vacant, with nominations to be available from 16 May and closing on 28 May. Advice has been received that the current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 1 committee member will not be seeking re-election. Members are asked to consider their availability and volunteer their services to support the club. Outgoing committee members are only too willing to support you, we aren't leaving the club!

### TREASURER REPORT – Wayne Parker

All the financial requirements for the annual audit have been completed. Additionally, the membership return required for our affiliation with the QBA and ABF was completed in conjunction with the Masterpoint Secretary. It was disappointing that significant follow up was necessary for members who had decided not to renew.

### MASTERPOINT SECRETARY – Annette Hyland

As of 31 March, there were 158 Home and 27 Away Club members (185). 35 former members did not renew.

### WELFARE REPORT – Elly ten Hacken

Elly is to contact members, who have renewed their membership however are still not currently playing bridge to identify their needs e.g., partner required, more training, health concerns. If you are receiving this newsletter, and are in this category, please feel free to either ring Elly or Fay to discuss how we can transition you back to bridge.