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BRIDGE BUZZ—June 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT—*Fay Jeppesen*

The highlights of this month were our Annual General Meeting on 14th, the keenly contested Joan Dark Individual Competition, and the conclusion of the beginner lessons conducted by Sue Kennard, over the past 4 months.

Thank you to the 38 members who attended the AGM where the following were elected to the Management Committee for 2021-22: Fay Jeppesen (President), Steve Woodrow (Vice-President), Melissa Weber (Secretary), Wayne Parker (Treasurer), Other Committee members – Annette Hyland, Ron Elmes, Carol Bailey, Max Kershaw, Elly Ten Hacken. I wish to sincerely thank Ross Shardlow, our previous Vice President, who did not seek re-election, for his outstanding work on committee during the past two years. Ross has very kindly offered to continue to provide the lead role in the Rookies and Mentoring Program (MORP). Ross also very efficiently stood in for me during the past 6 weeks, during my hospitalisation and recovery. A warm welcome to Max, Carol and Elly in nominating for the committee.

All motions presented to the AGM were carried, noting the changes to the Club By-Laws. It was an extreme pleasure to present Life Membership badges to two stalwarts of our Club, Sandra Routley and Helen Chapman. These members have provided outstanding contributions to the club in various aspects over a long period of time and we thank them for their ongoing support to our club.

In February, the beginner lessons commenced with 38 very keen learners, some of whom started in 2020, but had to defer due to Covid closure. The organisation, preparation and delivery of lessons by Sue Kennard was outstanding. She was ably assisted during card play sessions by Gordon Gemmell, Max Kershaw, Jill Hanley, Sue Lind, Wayne Parker, Magdeline Wong, Ross Shardlow and myself. It is testament to the program delivery, that we have now welcomed 21 of this group as new members to the club. At the conclusion of the program, each new member was provided with 4 Mentor vouchers to be used when an experienced club player provides additional support in normal club playing sessions. If you would like to assist in the mentoring of new players, please contact Ross Shardlow.



During May various competitions were held at the Club and congratulations to the following:

- ♦ Australia Wide Novice Pairs—National Ranking (57) Sue Lind and Tom Murphy;
(200) Melva Leal and John Henderson; (246) Jill Hanley and Max Kershaw;
(261) Fred Bittar and Geoff Talbot.
- ♦ President's Day – Open section winners: Carol Bailey and Melissa Weber.
Novice section winners: Leanne Paddison and Jan Dann.



FROM THE PRESIDENT ... Continued

- ◆ GNOT Teams – 1st Woodrow Team:
Steve Woodrow, John Henderson, Duncan Cape and Bruce Meakins.
- ◆ The Joan Dark Individual competition was held over three consecutive Thursdays with 24 pairs in spirited competition with varying lead changes. A very special congratulations to Lynne Miller in 1st place, with David Lehmann 2nd and Gordon Gemmell 3rd. Lynne is also pictured here with her playing partner's over the three rounds.



COMMITTEE NEWS

Ross has reported on the progress of the very successful Friday novice session, including the mentoring program for our new members. The committee approved a change to the club Covid plan, by allowing visitors who are financial members of the ABF to play in sessions, with Health Declaration and contact tracing information to be completed for these players.

The Secretary and Treasurer have completed the requirements for all documentation and processes necessary for the Annual General Meeting. This was no small task, and resulted in many hours of preparation and we thank Melissa and Wayne for their considerable efforts.

Steve, as Tournament Organiser has ensured the smooth operation of the number of competitions held during the past two months. Again a lot of behind the scenes work occurs for these events, including nomination forms, appointment of directors, seeding of competitions, notification of events. Thanks Steve – these competitions have run well. We also thank Alan Gibson who has been our paid director for some of these events.

Annette has reported a few glitches with the Masterpoint system resulting from a software change by QBA, and were resolved for the end of the month club upload. Ron advised that all electrical items have been tested and tagged by an electrician and signage installed for first aid and defibrillator. The filter on the water cooler has also been replaced.

Wayne Parker will be the Redcliffe Congress Convenor. The event will be hosted by our club on Sunday 15 August. Cost will be \$30 per player, no lunch provided. Nominations can be made on the QBA website or on the link on the 'Events' tab on our webpage,. There are a limited number of tables so please submit your entries early.

Wayne is also conducting training for Bridgemate operators and Directors on **Saturday morning the 10th of July at 9.30am**. Ideally, the club would like to have two trained Bridgemates allocated to every playing session so that if one operator is away the other can assist the Director on the day. A flyer has been placed on the noticeboard and if you wish to attend and become an aspiring Bridgemate operator, please put your name on the list and if you have any questions you can ring Wayne on 3284 5567 or 0428 131 918 preferably after 6pm.

All players are reminded that they play under the Laws of Bridge. Law 74 is Conduct and Etiquette - a player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times. All players should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that may cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.



BREAKING COMMITTEE NEWS

As you are now aware, the Qld Government has released new guidelines regarding the easing of restrictions for Covid and these have been emailed to you by the Secretary.

- ◆ From 1 July, the tables in the foyer will be removed, we will not be checking temperatures anymore and table fees will be collected at the bridge table—so everyone should be seated 15 minutes before play starts.
- ◆ From 9 July, everyone who enters the playing room will have to check in through the Qld-Health app on their mobile phone, if you do not have a phone or you have left it at home—get your partner to log you in as their guest.

1. To get the **Check in Qld app** on your mobile phone, it is very easy:
2. In your search box ... search for **qld check in app**
3. Tap Install

The Qld Government has advised that this is the new normal:

- Stay at home when sick and get tested
- Maintain physical distancing (1.5m)
- + Wear a mask when distancing is not possible (or required under Health Directions)
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Collection of electronic contact details to allow for effective contact tracing

IN MEMORY OF ... WARWICK PRIDHAM

It is with much sadness that our club member Warwick Pridham passed away. Warwick has been a club member for 10 years and has provided mentoring for a number of our newer players and will be sadly missed by all. Our sympathies have been extended to his son Brian, also a club member and regular Saturday player, and the club held a minute's silence in his memory. Several club members attended his memorial service.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following 24 members to our club:

Helen Gooderidge	Peter Hancock	Lesley Brown
Sally Huxley	Paul Roberts	Fay Lawrence
Debbie Pearce	Denise Holland	Rod Bell
Christine Broughton	Alex Bencsevich	Jan Bencsevich
Harriet Jakins	Lisa Balfour	Bernard Trefeu
Eva Marshall	Joan Watkins	Wendy Copeland
Mary McDonald	Sandy Hahn	Peter Moritz
Barbara Richardson	Jeanette Thomson	Muriel Miller

They call it "bridge" because it makes you want to shove your partner off one.

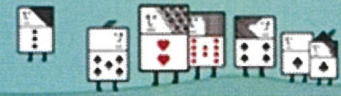




PIANOLA GUIDE

by ... Wayne Parker

Login to Pianola



Some members have recently asked for more information about Pianola and as we have a lot of new members in the club, it is a good time to bring everyone up to date.

What is Pianola?

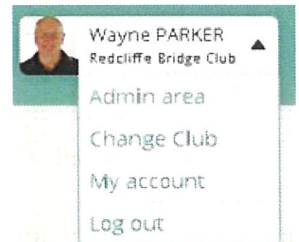
Pianola is a smart tool, developed in the United Kingdom, to give **bridge clubs** and **players** a new way of communicating with other members, and to help players analyse their game performance and find new partners.

All players would have received an invitation email to join Pianola and if you have not got one yet, please let Wayne Parker know and he will send you one. You can activate your account by clicking on the instructions **in your invitation email**, there are two types of account and the club has subscribed all our members for the basic Pianola tool. Players can upgrade their account to Pianola Plus for a fee.

Log into Pianola using a computer, iPad, tablet or your mobile phone, the best way is to go to our website at www.redcliffe.bridgeaustralia.org and click on the 'Results' tab, you will then be presented with the Pianola dashboard.



The first thing you should do is to confirm or update your details on Pianola by clicking on the drop-down arrow on the far right of the dashboard and then select 'My Account'.



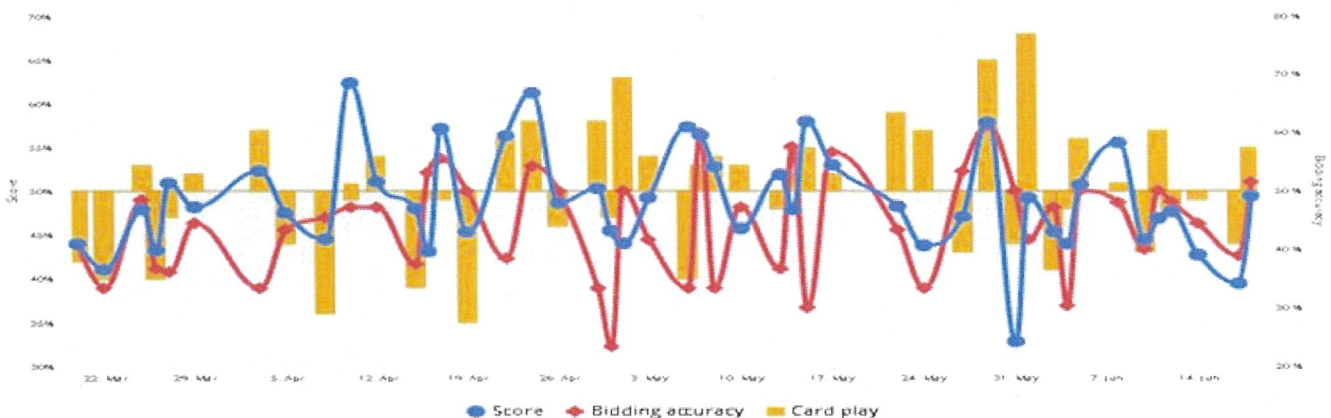
- ◆ **Personal Details** – no one else can see these details, you can change your password here.
- ◆ **Bridge Details** – check the boxes to show what system or bridge conventions you play, these will be listed when you want to find a partner.
- ◆ **Photo** – you can upload a photo here if you wish.
- ◆ **Communication Preferences** – indicate if you wish to receive 'result emails' from the club and general emails.
- ◆ **Privacy** – show what information you wish to share.

Now that you have set-up you account, explore Pianola a little further— on the green bar above, click **Results**, the Results history page opens and obviously you must play a few games to see anything worthwhile here. You can see all your results together and your performance by role over time on this page.

Results history

Mar 20, 2021 - Jun 20, 2021 All partners Match points

Average score	As declarer	As dummy	As defender on lead	As defender not on lead
48.89%	50.82%	49.68%	48.02%	47.17%





Click the drop-down arrow next to **'All partners'** to see your performance with other players.

Looking at the graph, look up your card play results (only) by clicking on **Score** and **Bidding Accuracy** and the trendlines will disappear - click on them again and they will come back to get your bidding accuracy results, click on Score and Card Play - I am sure that you get the idea.

The **Competitions** tab is not maintained in Pianola, instead you can check out the Calendar on our website.

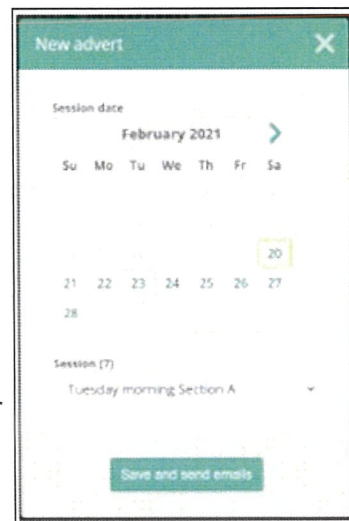
The **Members** tab shows details that they have allowed to be viewed by all members.

The **Partner Finder** tab is particularly useful and used by a lot of members in our club.

Pianola can notify you when people you are interested in are looking for a partner and hide your adverts from people you would prefer not to partner with. By default, all players are in the neutral column, but you can change this setting under the preferences tab.

- ◆ Use the Advert tab to send out an invitation.
- ◆ Find the date and session for which you want a partner.
- ◆ Press "Save and send emails".

An email will be sent to everyone in the Club unless you have blocked them in your preferences. Members will contact you after they see your email, (via email or phone) if they are free for that session and wish to play. Sometimes it will only takes 10 minutes for someone to answer your request. It is important that when you have arranged a partner you cancel your "Partner Finder Request" in Pianola. You do this by clicking on the top right hand corner cross of your advertisement.



At the end of each game:

The club will email your results for the day, you can **unsubscribe** from this email if you want or change your profile under 'My Account'.

You can use the link to log into Pianola or log in through the club website, you can check your **Ranking** for the session - click on your pair to view the results of all boards played. The bidding analysis, card replay, and card-by-card guidance is not available in the basic level of Pianola, you have to subscribe to get this information.

On the **Travellers** link, you can see what players bid on every board, the tricks made and the lead card. The whole hand is also including the makeable contracts by NS and EW.

The **Score Card** shows you the number of matchpoints you earned on each board, and it is also displayed as a percentage.

On this email, you can also go to the session report.

There is a wealth of information on this page, please go through the constructive explanation of your partnership performance at the session and go back over your bad boards to see if could have bid them better or played the cards better.

Type this link into your web browser to watch a video explanation the graphs and reports in Pianola.

<https://vimeo.com/130237689>

YOUR RESULTS

Here are your results for the game "Friday - Novice Session" you played with DENISE HOLLAND at Redcliffe Bridge Club on 18 Jun 2021

OVERALL RESULT	View full results
SCORE: 49.39% POSITION: 7th MASTERPOINTS	

We've calculated your bidding and card play analysis. Log in to Pianola to view the full session report. [Go to session report](#)

BEST SCORE	WORST SCORE	MOST INTERESTING*
BOARD: 6	BOARD: 15	BOARD: 2
OPPONENTS: L BAINBROR, K WOODERIDGE	OPPONENTS: P GOWER, M WIDOMSKI	OPPONENTS: S DYER van WAGENHOFF, F DYER
YOU WERE: Defender Not On Lead	YOU WERE: Defender On Lead	YOU WERE: Declarer
SCORE: 100.00%	SCORE: 0.00%	SCORE: 70.00%
View complete traveller	View complete traveller	View complete traveller

* By 'most interesting' we mean the hand with the greatest variety of contract and/or declarer

BREAKDOWN BY ROLE

Here's how you scored in each role

AS DECLARER	AS DUMMY	AS DEFENDER ON LEAD	AS DEFENDER NOT ON LEAD
45.45%	53.75%	39.00%	55.38%

[Login to Pianola for more detail](#)



PROMOTIONS and MASTERPOINTS

Congratulations to the following members on their promotion to the next level:

- ◆ Trish Gysberti-Hodenpyl – Regional Master
- ◆ Rod Bell, Linda Almond, Geoffrey Shephard – Graduate Master

The ABF maintain a Masterpoint website - <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/myawards.asp> this site is for your use to check on your progress with Masterpoints received and also details various club, state and national reports where rank order of players is detailed in various levels.

At the end of May, it is pleasing to see members ranked in the top 20 of the McCutcheon lists. Just to highlight a few of our players in the top 4:

- ◆ Annette Hyland – Gold Life (1st. in Qld, 3rd in Aus); 5th in All Ranks Qld;
- ◆ Abby Wanigaratne – Silver Life (4th in Qld, 11th in Aus)
- ◆ Noreen Weyling – Silver National (1st in Qld, 8th in Aus)
- ◆ Melva Leal – Regional (3rd in Qld, 7th in Aus)
- ◆ John Henderson – Regional (4th in Qld, 11 in Aus)
- ◆ Lynda Bennion - Silver Local (2nd in Qld, 7 in Aus)
- ◆ Midge Spice – Silver Local (3rd in Qld, 9 in Aus)

CONGRATULATIONS and WELL DONE!

During the past 2 months, with the easing of some Covid restrictions, more congresses have been held. It is pleasing to see a number of club members participating in these events.

- ◆ Annette Hyland/Carolyn Adcock - 3rd B Grade Arana
- ◆ Vesna and Voyko Markovic– 2nd C Grade Arana
- ◆ Judy & Don Scown, Tony Davidson & Noreen Weyling - 1st B Grade Sunshine Coast teams

COMING EVENTS

Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs - 5th and 12th of July 2021. This is a RED point event, the Director will be Max Kershaw, nominate through the booking button on our website in the usual way. You must play with the same partner over both sessions to qualify for the competition, prize money will be awarded to each player - \$30 for the winners and \$20 for the runners-up.

The Inter-Club Challenge - Sunday the 14th July 2021. This is an ALL DAY competition and it is also a RED point event. Nominate through the booking button on our website by 5pm on Wednesday the 14th of July and the committee will select the players to represent our club. Prizes will be awarded to the top two pairs from each club, cost \$10.00 for the day and lunch will be provided.

The Redcliffe Congress - Sunday the 15th August 2021. This is an ALL DAY competition and it is also a RED point event, you can enter this competition by completing the application form in the clubroom or by following the link on the 'Events' tab of our website and completing the entry details. The cost is \$30 per player which can be paid into our bank account or through our Square Terminal, prize money will be awarded however it is a BYO lunch. Tea, Coffee and after play nibbles and drinks will be provided.

Beginner Lessons - The next round of bridge lessons will commence on Saturday the 4th of September and Sue Kennard has once again volunteered to conduct the lessons.



QBA NEWS

Queensland has reported two new cases of the highly contagious Delta strain of coronavirus. From 1am 29 June, masks will be required to be worn for the next two weeks (unless otherwise advised by the Chief Health Officer) and that the occupant density requirement also reverts to one person per four square meters which in our case is 50 players or 12 tables of bridge in any one session.

The QBA would also like to remind us that the key principles for compliance with our members include:

- ◆ Continued cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and equipment
- ◆ Promotion of good hand and respiratory hygiene
- ◆ Collection and storage of contact tracing information , please use the QR Code when entering the clubroom

The QBA held its AGM on 20 May by Zoom with club delegates. Fay attended this meeting. Richard Ward has been re-elected as President.

QBA Festival of Bridge will be held at QCBC, 9-11 October 2021. Entry is by using the MYABF Log in. Note that all players in the pairs or teams have to be registered by the MYABF. Most congresses in the future require congress nomination and payment to register by using MYABF. To register for MYABF go to this portal - <https://www.myabf.com.au/dashboard/help>

QBA are hosting one session of Teams of 3 for players 0-50 Masterpoints on 10 July at Toowong Bridge Club. The 4th member of the team will be a very experienced player to provide mentoring support and will alternate play with the 3 members of the team.

ABF NEWS

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

- ◆ Promotion of My ABF - Generate a webpage listing for your event
- ◆ Manage online entries from players
- ◆ Manage payments (online and offline) from players

Online payments are made via the ABF "Bridge credits" system which removes the need to set up your own facility to accept online payments. Entry fees are credited to the club's own "Bridge Credits" account which are then reimbursed to the club from the ABF (less transaction fees)

Where can I get more information?

The My ABF resources webpage contains assorted background materials, "How to" guides and links: There are assorted videos on the YouTube channel which cover:

- ◆ Signing up
- ◆ A player function overview of the system
- ◆ Functions for players when entering and paying for congresses
- ◆ Functions for tournament organisers

The ABF technology strategy can be found here - <https://www.abf.com.au/about-abf/abf-technology-strategy/>