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## BRIDGE BUZZ—March 2021

### FROM THE PRESIDENT—*Fay Jeppesen*

Our club celebrates its founding on 10 March 1967. Our Club has seen many venue changes from individual homes, various Redcliffe venues including Scouts Hall, RSL, Harness Racing Club, Leagues Club and U3A Sutton Street, and finally our new and current tenure by negotiated lease from Council since 28 June 2012. Thank you to Sandra Routley and Judy Clifford for formulating the history of our club that is displayed upon entry and is now available on the club website documents. I am pleased to advise that we have now received a signed lease for the next 5 years with the Moreton Bay Regional Council.

A very special welcome to our potential new members who are enjoying the challenges of learning bridge under the tuition of Sue Kennard. It is exciting to see your keenness to learn together with your enjoyment of playing hands, with our weekly class numbers averaging 36. A thank you to Gordon, Max, Jill, Ross, Sue L, Wayne and I who assist Sue in player support. It is invaluable to have an experienced player at each table to assist with bidding, play structure and bridge etiquette.

A role that many are not familiar with is the newly appointed position of Club Recorder. Thank you to Sandra Routley for undertaking this role and preparing the Position Description. RBC By Law 6.0 outlines the role, with the main function to consider issues relating to player behaviour referred by a session Director or by any club member. On referral of such an issue, the Recorder will informally and confidentially attempt to resolve the issue through advice to, and if necessary, mediation between the member(s) involved. Sandra may be contacted on 0414 373 885.

During the past week the Square pay-wave payment system was introduced for members to pay for games. As previously advised the club will not pass on banking fees for this service for members. Consideration will be given for the club to go cashless in the near future.

Thank you to Tom Murphy for converting a board fixed to the western wall, donated to the club by the Scrabble Club, as a notice board.

At this stage, there has been insufficient interest shown by members for the reintroduction of the Tuesday night bridge session. It is noted that in our learner group there are a few who are still in the workforce that may find this session suitable. If you didn't register your interest, please forward an email to the club.

During the past month we have welcomed returning members back to the club and it is pleasing to see our new Friday session being well received by our novice members with an average of 11 tables, and thank you to our mentors for their ongoing support of our rookie members. An increase in player numbers also resulted in 2 sections on Thursday and Saturday last week, which is encouraging.

Membership renewal was due by 28 February. There are 60 members who have not responded. **Please advise if you are discontinuing your membership.** The Club has to submit returns to both QBA and ABF by the end of March with financial membership details for club members. Please pay your membership now if you have overlooked this.





## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY—8 March 2021

It would be re-miss of me to not recognise this significant day. While in the workforce, I was honoured to receive the Emma Miller Award, sponsored by the Queensland Council of Unions, for outstanding contribution to women in the public service. It was tradition in Education Department to have an early morning breakfast or morning tea to recognise the contributions of women in various roles, with "her story" being featured among guest speakers.

I decided to "google" search "women in bridge" to highlight the contribution by significant women. I was surprised to read of the role of Emily Roebling in the building of the Brooklyn bridge in New York, and another article on the Ladies Bridge, known as the Waterloo Bridge in London, built mainly by women in World War 2.

So where to from here? – our wonderful QBA website <https://www.qldbridge.com.au/documents/2020/qbaHistoryIntro.PDF> has a very interesting history of bridge prepared by Keith Osborn, the [historian@ABF.com.au](mailto:historian@ABF.com.au)

To highlight a few interesting articles on the QBA website, particularly the role of women in bridge in Queensland:

- 1901 The local papers reported that bridge was seen as a gambling game and almost never played except for money. Much of the publicity was negative involving stories of women, neglecting their homes and losing large amounts. This did little to stop the spread of bridge, and probably helped promote interest in it.
- 1902 Mrs Henderson of Southport hosted the first tournament at her home. The history says that these home bridge tournaments or bridge parties were to be a major part of society' life in Queensland for the next 30 years. **Well .... COVID certainly re-wrote bridge history!**
- 1904 The first evidence of the formation of home-based ladies' bridge clubs was the Richmond Hill (Charters Towers) Ladies Bridge Club.
- 1905 Beginnings of a bridge dynasty with bridge parties being held in the fashionable cafes of central Brisbane.
- 1923 Mrs Gilbert Wilson gave a bridge party for sixty friends at the Bellevue Hotel
- 1924 The Bundaberg QCWA organised a bridge and jazz evening for more than 100 people, and was used to raise funds
- 1927 The Brisbane Ladies Bridge Club is formed holding their first session at Vaughan's Café with table proceeds donated to charity.

Over the next century there have been significant achievements by women players, directors, and club, state and national officials. I would like to highlight 3 significant women. Their "story" is outlined in their obituary on the QBA site <https://qld.bridge.com.au/players/qldPlayers.php/type=o>

**Ivy Dahler** .... outstanding player at Queensland, Australian and World levels; was and Australian and World Tournament Bridge Director, Teacher and was Tournament Director at the Gold Coast Congress a week before her passing in 2006. Those of us who have played at the Gold Coast Congress may have played in the Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs named in her honour.

**Marion Cooke** .... was the founder of Mt Isa Bridge Club, represented Queensland in various competitions, was ANC Secretary, Bicentennial Expo Secretary, Brisbane Zone Secretary and QBA Delegate for over 25 years and QBA Card dealer and Chairman of the Board of QCBC. On a side note she is the mother of QBA Manager, Kim Ellaway.

**Diana Dick** .... grew up in a "bridge family" and I enjoyed the story that most of her time at university was "playing cards" in the refectory! After career and family, she returned to bridge joining Northern Suburbs in 1981, where she taught bridge for 33 years and directed the Saturday session for 38 years. She was President and is an Honorary Life Member of Northern Suburbs. Diana also taught bridge at Toowong Bridge Club for many years and is an Honorary Life Member at Toowong. She passed away October 2020 and was awarded an OAM posthumously in the Australia Day Honours Awards 2021.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY—8 March 2021 (continued)

**Redcliffe Bridge Club** .... also honours and recognises the contribution by some significant women during the past 54 years. The Club was founded by Mrs Lincoln, with various members' homes utilised as playing venues for 10 years from 1967. During the 1970-90s Honorary Life Memberships were conferred on Edna Hodgen and Nora Hodgen for their management of the club, teaching and as directors and scorers. Our most recent Honorary Life Membership was conferred on Daphne Kerr for her significant role as a bridge teacher in which she used her home for the club, President of the Club various other committees and club roles.

Sandra Routley, who has been a club member for 25 years, has served on Committee for 10 years in various roles including writing submissions for government grants, has been a Director since 2000 and qualified since 2004 and a mentor to various club directors, a qualified teacher of bridge since 2002 and is currently the Club Recorder. Sandra also was secretary of the recent Sub Committee to review the Club Constitution and By Laws. Winner of various club events.

Helen Chapman, a club member since 1995 and was taught by Edna Hodgen. She has served on Committee in various roles 2001-2009 and chaired the recent Sub Committee to review the Club Constitution and By Laws. Helen also wrote various grant applications to secure necessities to establish the club when occupying the Sutton Street premises (the first secure home club). Helen has been a qualified Director since 2003 and became a qualified Bridge Teacher in 2003 and has conducted various beginner and advanced lessons. She was instrumental in introducing a Saturday playing session. Winner of various club events and representative of North Brisbane in GNOT and GNP in Sydney and Canberra.

Thank you ladies for your outstanding contribution to bridge across the centuries.

## CLUB COVID REMINDERS

The existing Club Covid Plan is still relevant and current with members reminded to be familiar with the requirements, in particular to social 1.5m distancing when not in the field of play – this includes at tea break, while at entry/exit, while perusing notice boards, toilets etc. QBA have advised that it is not compulsory to wear masks, have temperatures taken, however it is a club matter, which in our instance masks are optional and temperatures will be taken. It is a Health Department directive that unless food is served, it can't be provided and that we continue to sterilise and sanitise as much as we can and that Contact Tracing is mandatory for all non-members, visitors, contractors. Players are reminded of the need to sanitise tables, boards and bridge mate machines at the conclusion of play, and ensure that the table is tidy with rubbish removed.

Reminder - players are to nominate for playing sessions as detailed on the club website or for players with no internet access, please contact Wayne Parker. As part of our Covid plan there is also a restriction on 2 non-club members playing together at our bridge sessions.

## PIANOLA—Partner Finder

We have noticed that some of our long standing members have not been playing bridge and it is possible that they may be unable to find a partner or they do not want to use Pianola to find one!

Another reason maybe that some of our regular playing members have unsubscribed to Pianola (so that they do not get a lot of emails) as they have permanent playing partners for the days of the week that they want to play.

If you are in this category and you want to play occasionally, then you need to phone **Peter Murray, our Partner Liaison Officer on 3889 3039**, and let him know what days of the week you are available to play - he will put you in his little black book. Without this information, it makes it very hard for Peter to match players up for a bridge session. Please do not think that the club does not want to see you, your friends are always asking about you!

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members, we hope you enjoy your bridge play at our Club:  
Claudia Gibson, Helen Giles and Peter Gruythuysen.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING—Ross Shardlow

28 of our Rookies have undertaken 105 sessions with 18 Mentors. This initiative has been welcomed by these Rookies and have enjoyed playing with an experienced player for 4 sessions to reinforce their bridge play. With the introduction of new sessions, there is now a requirement for additional Directors.

**Bridge enjoys immense popularity partly because of the high standards of ethics and etiquette which are observed by the players who are expected to conduct themselves in a highly civilised manner.**

Violations of proper etiquette are quite common from inexperienced players, either through ignorance or inadvertence. A well-mannered opponent who is the victim of a violation by such a novice player will, if comment is considered necessary, be at pains to make it clear that the comment is intended to be helpful and will never make a newcomer feel ill-at-ease.

Bridge is an extremely ethical game. All good players strive to ensure that their bridge ethics are impeccable and no more serious charge, other than outright cheating, can be made than to accuse a player of bad ethics. Unlike poker in which all sorts of mannerisms, misleading statements and bluff tactics are part and parcel of the game, bridge is played with a 'poker face'!

Beginners are, of course, excused for their lapses and in social games nobody minds very much, but in serious competition your bridge demeanour must be beyond reproach.

When you are dummy, it is poor form to look at either opponent's hand or at declarer's. If you do, you lose your rights as dummy. Do not stand behind declarer to see how you would play. In tournament bridge, do not discuss the previous hand with your partner if another hand is still to be played.

After the play of a hand is over, do not take an opponent's cards and look at them without asking permission. As a kibitzer (onlooker) try to watch only one hand and above all, make no facial expressions during a hand. Do not comment or talk during or between hands. If the players want the benefit of your views, they will ask for them.

Conversation at the table in serious games is generally unwelcome. Post-mortems after each hand, if limited, can be useful as long as they seek to be constructive. It is best to keep all post-mortems until the session is over and you can go over the score-sheets with your partner at leisure. During the session, conserve your energies to do battle at the next table.

- ***It is extremely poor taste to abuse or criticise partner or an opponent.***
- ***Experienced players should go out of their way to make novice players feel at ease, so that they see bridge as a pleasant recreation, not a battleground.***
- ***Never try to teach anyone at the table.***
- ***Never let a harsh word pass your lips and you will be a sought-after rather than a shunned partner.***
- ***Prefer to say too little than too much. If partner has bid or played the hand like an idiot, say 'bad luck' and leave it at that.***
- ***Do not harp on past errors.***

## **QBA NEWS**

Members are reminded that there should be no direct contact with the ABF. All enquires should be directed to the Manager, Queensland Bridge Association. There will be a Brisbane Festival of Bridge to be held as follows:

Qld Pairs Saturday October 10; Qld Teams Sunday October 11, Walk in Pairs Friday night October 9 to be held at QCBC.

Blanket Insurance Policies held for clubs are Public Liability, Voluntary Workers and Directors Insurance, with copies on either the ABF (<https://www.abf.com.au/about-abf/insurances/>) and QBA websites. Saturday pm on line bridge continues – contact Kim Ellaway to nominate.

Notice for Future Directors (if interested please see Steve Woodrow)

QBA Zoom Basic Director Training is suitable for new directors and those seeking accreditation as a QBA Club Director or as a refresher for those already accredited.

When: Saturdays 9-10 am (6 Weeks) 17 April to 5 June (excluding May 1,15)

Cost: \$10 (to be paid by club)

Registrations: to Jan Peach QBA Director Accreditation 33526929 or [janpeach8@bigpond.com](mailto:janpeach8@bigpond.com)