

FROM THE PRESIDENT – FAY JEPPESEN

I write again during a longer Covid enforced lockdown and I hope you are keeping warm, well and occupied. We were fortunate to nearly get through July, though wearing masks, to play bridge. However, now it is the Olympics and walking for me, as I recover again from further hip surgery. I wish to thank members for their ongoing compliance with the health directives during play and we hope that it is not too long before we see each other again. As always, the club is governed by the Queensland Government CHO Directives on when/how bridge sessions can operate. With the frequency of change, it is not the intention of the Club to forward emails to members each time. Please check the club website on **Breaking News** for any updates and be guided by the CHO Directives.

During July we were fortunate to complete the Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs Competition, with congratulations to Robert Barr and Errol Miller in 1st place, Herold Rienstra and Ross Shardlow in 2nd place, and Robyn Burnage and Jane Doyle in 3rd place.

On 25 July we hosted the Inter-club competition with Caboolture Bridge Club

Congratulations to the winners, Redcliffe Club and to the individual over all winning pair, Greg Gosney and Margaret Plunkett. 2nd for Redcliffe were Dorothy Gehrke and Errol Miller, while best performing pair for Caboolture were Charlene Frederiksen and Hugh Gerhmann, with Noreen Weyling and Tony Davidson second. The day was well organised and keenly played in a convivial spirit with 14 pairs representing each club. Our thanks go to the Director, Jo Neary, Club Recorder, Sandra Routley, Tournament Organisers Steve Woodrow, and Noreen Weyling, Bridgemate and technical support Wayne Parker and Providore Magdeline Wong for their work in ensuring all aspects of the day went smoothly. Also, thanks to our members who helped in the kitchen, bar, and laundering of tablecloths, your contribution was appreciated.



Coming Events

There are several events to be held in August, with the first one our annual Redcliffe Congress on 15 August. In view of the lockdown uncertainty, and revised playing conditions that may impact on the number of tables that could be offered, the Committee has decided that our Congress will be cancelled. Further discussions will occur with QBA to see if this can be rescheduled to another date in 2021. Thank you to Wayne, the Congress Convenor for his work in the preparation for the congress and now “un-preparing” it, by notification to nominees and return of pre-payments.

The Brisbane Zone Regional GNOT competition to be held on 28/29 August and the Australia Wide Open Pairs event to be held at the club on Monday 30 August are also events that may be postponed. The club has paid the \$200 nomination fee for each of our GNOT team representatives, and the club will continue to subsidise the \$5 additional participation cost for players in the Australia-Wide pairs competition.

In memory of our dear friend – Jane Sanders

During the past few months, Jane has suffered some significant health issues, and it is with much sadness to report, that Jane passed away peacefully on 4 August. Maurice has advised that with the current Covid restrictions that there will be a simple celebration of Jane's life for the family. A card has been sent to Maurice and family on behalf of club members.



We wish our club member and board dealer, Jack Nyhouse, best wishes on his recovery after a recent bike/car accident and hope to see you back at bridge very soon.

COMMITTEE NEWS

At the committee meeting held on 15 July some highlights include:

1. Position Descriptions for various positions were distributed for members to review and appointments to various responsibilities were approved.

In the case of new positions, PDs are to be developed:

- Workplace Health and Safety (including Covid) - Carol Bailey, and
 - Education Officer – Max Kershaw
 - Steve Woodrow is to continue in the role of Tournament Organiser
 - Annette Hyland and Midge Spice will be the Masterpoint Secretary and Membership Secretary
 - Ron Elmes is Building Manager
 - Sandra Routley is Club Recorder
 - Wayne Parker has responsibility for Website and Technical Support, Pianola Administration
 - Fay Jeppesen and Carol Bailey are QBA and Zone delegates
 - Providore is Magdeline Wong
 - Librarian is Lorraine Bechly
 - Newsletter is Fay Jeppesen
 - Partner Liaison is Peter Murray
 - Rookie and Mentoring Program is Ross Shardlow
 - Bridge Tuition is Sue Kennard
 - Events Coordinator is Ken Griggs
2. Wayne reported that the new process of collecting table fees using the Square Terminal at the table is working well. Thank you to Melissa for putting QR Code check-ins on the back of each table number.
 3. During July the quarterly Fire Drill reminder to members was completed at the beginning of sessional play. Members are reminded to familiarise themselves with the Fire and Evacuation Procedures on Pages 5/6 of 2021 Program book.
 4. On 17 July, Wayne Parker conducted a training session for current and aspiring Bridgemate operators, and it was good to see some aspirants assist in our playing sessions.

5. Recycling Policy. At the AGM discussion was held by members regarding the need to develop a policy. Our thanks go to Carol Bailey for briefing the committee on recycled products and taking the lead in this. It was approved that the club will remove bins from each table. It is a member's individual responsibility to take their own rubbish and place in appropriate bin.
 - **South** should take the bidding slips and place in the recycling bin. It should be noted that the club provided disposable water cups are recyclable and should be placed in the recycle bin.
 - **East-West** have the responsibility for cleaning the table and side tables with the hygienic wipes, and
 - **North** has the responsibility to sanitise the bridgemate table-top unit, boards, and the table number.

NOTE: The hygienic wipes are not recyclable, and neither are tissues, these items should be placed in the general rubbish bin.

6. The committee approved the conduct of a Christmas Party to be held at the Moreton Bay Boat Club with Fay liaising with the club. It will be held on either Wednesday 8th or 15th December. Further information to be provided.
7. The Committee has approved the provision of an Honour Board to recognise the club life members. Steve is following up on this.
8. Education Report ... Max has conversed with Ross who has provided a report on "Club Membership Analysis" showing that 65% of our members have less than 100 masterpoints and 44% have less than 30 masterpoints. We are grateful to Ross who contributes a great deal of time and energy into directing and organizing the Friday novice session and has agreed to continue to be the MORP Coordinator.

It was approved that financial support will be provided to mentors who commit to spending 4 weeks with the one beginner to provide consistent education and mentoring. Four mentoring vouchers were provided to each graduate who became a club member at the conclusion of the last club program.

Max presented a report on proposed educational offerings for beginner/intermediate players. If you are an experienced club player and would like to offer support to assist in delivering various topics, please contact Max Kershaw. Ross is to survey novice players to determine their learning needs and appropriate timings for lessons.

9. The committee approved the appointment of Sue Kennard to conduct the next beginners course commencing on 4 September. Thank you, Sue, for your on-going commitment in this very important role for the club.
10. We currently have 5 board dealers – Peter Murray, Max Kershaw, Melva Leal, Jack Nyhouse and Wayne Parker. If others are interested, please contact Peter Murray.

PROMOTIONS AND MASTERPOINTS

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

Fay Jeppesen	Silver Life	Gary Wardrop	Life
Quentin Crestanelli	Club	Cheryl Williams	Graduate
Voyko Markovic	National	John Henderson	Bronze Regional
Dianne McColl	Club	Pam Powell	Graduate

Congratulations to Judy Scown on achieving the rank of Grand Master with 1002.42 masterpoints, she now joins her husband Don as Grand Master.

At the end of July, it is pleasing to see members ranked in the top 20 of the State McCutcheon lists, with special mention to Annette Hyland, Noreen Weyling, Melva Leal, John Henderson, Midge Spice, Lynda Bennion, Abby Wanigaratne who are in the top 4.

LOCKDOWN BRIDGE

With this free time, it might be worthwhile to review some boards that you have recently played with your partner. This is an option using Pianola or Bridge Solver or you could telephone your partner and discuss the bidding structure or defensive process.

For members who would like to keep busy with bridge, a few recommendations below might help the boredom:

1. Paul Marston is offering a free Introduction to Bridge Course to commence on Tuesday 10 August at 11 am, with 4 free lessons, 4 practice sessions and notes. To register please go online at <https://bridge.lounge.online/learn-bridge-registration/>
2. Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) have online resources for beginners, including beginner videos, and learner guided pathways including rebids, judgement, conventions, major suit raises, and a range of topics for improvers at <https://www.com.au/education/learn>
3. Bridge Base Online have a range of games for free or paid, go to www.bridgebase.com
4. Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) are conducting BBO sessions of play each day at 1pm and Tuesday and Friday at 7pm. Once registered with the QBA with your username, log into BBO, ensure you have enough BBO Dollars (\$3), click on virtual clubs, click onto ABF Australia, Click on QBA Lockdown, then invite your partner. Any problems ring Kim or Ray Ellaway on 0412 064903.
5. Stepbridge is an ABF affiliated club that provides online games. There are 5 free games for new players, then approximately \$5 per game, offered in Novice, Restricted and Open Sessions, playing 24 boards/session, 2 hrs 20 mins with 6 mins per board. Further information is available at www.stepbridge.com.au

BEGINNER LESSONS

Our beginner lessons commence on Saturday 4 September at 9.30 am, for 10 weeks, with Sue Kennard. Please spread the word with your neighbours and friends and ask them to contact Sue Kennard on Susan.kennard@bigpond.com or 0418 237 230. Free tuition, Joan Butts textbook \$20

QBA NEWS

Kim Ellaway has regularly updated clubs with current government Covid directions for the conduct of bridge sessions. Additionally, QBA are hosting daily BBO games, details in point 4 – lockdown above.

MyABF - QBA has appointed a MyABF officer to help clubs market this new way of offering congresses. If you are wanting to play in Congresses, use this time to register by going to the ABF website. Please note both partners must be registered with MyABF to register.

QBA Newsletter is available for May-July at <https://www.qldbridge.com.au/bulletin/qba/QBAJuly21.pdf>