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BRIDGE BUZZ—December 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The end of year loomed very quickly and on behalf of the committee, I hope you, your family and friends enjoyed a loving Christmas together. 2020 is something that we have experienced like no other, with a need for hope and strength in 2021 – hope that it will get better and strength to hold on until it does.

In recent days, just as we were beginning to feel comfortable in our “new normal”, another COVID cluster formed in Sydney. This reinforces the need for a conscious commitment for personal distancing, staying home if unwell, and maintaining hand sanitisation. There have been no Queensland Health instructions to change from our current playing conditions, as detailed in the Indoor Sports Directive with temperature checks and hand sanitisation required before entry. Contact tracing for members is maintained through the retention of Compscore result sheets, and a register for single use entry by committee, volunteers and contractors.

The Committee has decided to implement a change for player nominations. With effect, 1 January 2021, there will be no requirement to nominate to play in our sessions. Our current COVID Plan allows for 17 playing tables at each session – it should be noted that the maximum reached in recent times is 12 tables. It is a requirement that players must be seated to play at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Please ensure you allow sufficient time to clear entry for this to occur.

Additionally, with effect 1 January, the club will no longer supply disposable drinking cups and revert to the previous arrangement using existing china cups, which will be washed on a long, hot cycle in the dishwasher. Individual cups and spoons will be placed on the bench. Members are reminded to maintain personal distancing while dispensing coffee/tea and returning cups to the bench.

Players are also reminded of the need for hand sanitisation during play, and at the conclusion of play that playing boards, bridgemate machines, table numbers, and for both the playing and side tables are wiped down with wipes, with rubbish removed and chairs tidied. There is also a requirement to bring your own pen/pencil.

Wayne Parker is investigating options for payWave payments for daily entry, purchase of multiple game booklets and payment of membership fees is occurring. Toowong and Arana clubs have non-cash payments, and Northern Suburbs have optional payment methods. All clubs have a small surcharge to cover fees charged by banks for the use of payWave.

Ron Elmes, in his role as Building Maintenance Manager has arranged for the servicing of air conditioning units, repairs to men’s toilets, and cleaning of the solar panels. The air conditioning unit in the office area is to be replaced.



The Office of Fair Trading have approved the Club Rules, which are available on the club website or in the club rooms. Moreton Bay Regional Council have forwarded the 5 year Lease Renewal for sign off by the club executive. Unfortunately, there is a requirement for amendments which will delay this.

Our mentoring program for Rookies has continued with lectures continuing after play on Tuesday. It is pleasing to see a consistent 12-16 players participating in the lectures, and a thank you to the mentors for imparting their extensive knowledge to our beginning players.

The 2021 Program book is available in the club rooms for all members. Nominations for pairs to represent our club in the 3-Way challenge with Caboolture and Moreton Bribie Clubs on Sunday 7 February are on the notice board. Terry Davies has a new mobile no and can be contacted on 0488 010 666.

Congratulations to Thea Hobson, on winning first prize at the Redcliffe Art Gallery in November in the Landscape/Streetscape category.



NEW MEMBER

A welcome to Maureen Keegan, who has joined us from Toowoomba Bridge Club.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Melva Leal who has been promoted to Regional Master, and to Noreen Weyling to **National Master.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

On 20 November, 20 pairs played in the Club Championship Pairs event, with congratulations to Peter Stride and Annette Hyland winning the event, from Gordon Gemmell/Lorraine Bechly and Robyn Burnage/Jane Doyle.



A big thank you to Jo Neary, for her non-playing Director role in ensuring the smooth operation for the day.

CONGRATULATIONS

With very limited options for congress competitions, congratulations are extended to the following members who have recently won at Local club competitions:

- Herold Rienstra and Melissa Weber (Northern Suburbs Sarafov Pairs)
- Annette Hyland and Fay Jeppesen (Northern Suburbs tied for first with John Scriven and Paul Roberts for the Hoffman Tray)
- Maree Filippini, Melva Leal, Bob and Christine Thomas (Caboolture Stringfellow Teams)
- Errol Miller and Dorothy Gehrke (Caboolture Pairs)
- Annette and Paul Hendry (QBA BBO Pairs E/W 29 November)



DIRECTOR NEWS – STEVE WOODROW

Some useful bits of information for the up and coming player.

1. Must a player advise the opponents that he has made a call that is not systemically correct?

Answer – No

Law 40A3: A player may make any call or play without prior announcement provided that such call or play is not based on an undisclosed partnership understanding (see Law 40C1).

Law 40C1: A player may deviate from his side's announced understandings always provided that his partner has no more reason than the opponents to be aware of the deviation [but see B2 (a) (v) above]. Repeated deviations lead to implicit understandings which then form part of the partnership's methods and must be disclosed in accordance with the regulations governing disclosure of system. If the Director judges, there is undisclosed knowledge that has damaged the opponents he shall adjust the score and may assess a procedural penalty.

2. Declarer tells dummy to "play anything" to a trick. May a defender now tell dummy which legal card to play?

Answer – Yes

Law 46B5: If declarer indicates a play without designating either a suit or a rank (as by saying 'play anything' or words of like meaning) either defender may designate the play from dummy.

3. A player has clearly thought about his call for some time before passing. Does his partner have to pass?

Answer – No

Law 73D1: It is desirable, though not always required, for players to maintain steady tempo and unvarying manner. However, players should be particularly careful when variations may work to the benefit of their side. Otherwise, unintentionally to vary the tempo or manner in which a call or play is made is not an infraction. Inferences from such variations are authorised only to the opponents, who may act upon the information at their own risk.

Law 16B1 (a) and Law 73C also need to be considered:

Law 16B1: Any extraneous information from partner that might suggest a call or play is unauthorised. This includes remarks, a question, replies to questions, unexpected alerts or failure to alert, unmistakable hesitation, unwonted speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism.

A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorised information if the other call or play is a logical alternative.

Law 73C: When a player has available to him unauthorised information from his partner, such as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorised information.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On 11 December, 95 members and partners attended the club Christmas party held at the Moreton Bay Boat Club. The MBBC decorated the tables in fine festive décor and served a hearty luncheon, which was enjoyed by all. From all feedback, the day was a success and enjoyed by all. Presentations were made by the President to Directors and volunteers that contribute so much behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the club. A warm welcome was extended to our life member Ton Vankan and his wife and former club President, Estelle. I am pleased to report that Estelle recovered well from her surgery the week before Christmas. The day provided a wonderful opportunity to catch up with some members who we have not seen for a lengthy period and we hope to see them back at bridge soon.

Check-out our web page for more photos of the Christmas party.



SESSIONS FOR PLAYERS WISHING TO BECOME BETTER PLAYERS

Northern Suburbs Bridge Club are extending an invitation to all players from novices up to players wishing to enter Congress events to attend. There will be 3 mentorees at the one table of a similar standard who will be matched with a more experienced player. Additionally, if you have the necessary bridge and teaching skills to be a successful mentor please contact the organisers below.

When: Thursday 14 January, 7 pm to 9.30 pm (commencing from)

Venue: Northern Suburbs Bridge Club, 116 Gerler Rd, Hendra

Booking: Andrew Slater - email: bramble_bay@bigpond.com

Larry Moses - email: larrygmoses@gmail.com

Richard Fox - email: richardfox99@yahoo.com

QBA NEWS

QBA will continue to run red point On-line bridge on Saturday afternoons 1pm, while demand is there. The McCutcheon Awards for leaders in various award categories at State and National level have been suspended for 2020.

QBA Regulations have been updated, the new updated copy is on the QBA webpage:

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/documents/2020/qbaRegulationsNov2020a.pdf>

The ABF have published the following document on cheating, which covers online bridge as well as face-to-face bridge:

<http://www.abf.com.au/abf-and-nz-bridge-against-cheating/>

The ABF December newsletter is also available at:

<https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/December2020/>