

## ABF NEWS

From 1 January, the titles of ranks that used stars in the rank name (e.g. \*\*Local) have their stars replaced by either bronze for one-star ranks or silver for two-star ranks. This applies to Local, Regional, State and National, and is consistent with terminology used in the upper ranks.

## QBA NEWS

Nominations are required for the Toowong Novice pairs 7 March and the Barrier Reef Congress to be held from 30 April in Mackay. Details are on QBA events calendar on website. Saturday afternoon BBO Session to continue while there is demand, as there is an average of 9 tables.

## INTERCLUB 3Way CHALLENGE COMPETITION

It was regrettable that the Bribie Club advised that due to lack of nominations they could not participate, resulting in the cancellation of the event. Thank you, Steve, for your contribution in preparing for the event and we look forward to our future competition with Caboolture.

## MENTORING OF ROOKIES—*Ross Shardlow*

Mentoring is continuing and there are currently just 2 Rookies who have not commenced yet. Ross did some analysis of our membership and found that we have about 90 members who fit the Rookie status (less than 30 points) and about another 40 who have between 30 and 100 points so all these members will be eligible to play in our new Friday session. We have only around 9 members in the 100-150 group, and about 40 with more than 150 points.

Thank you to the mentors for their encouragement and sharing their expertise.

Ross arranged for the Dolphin News to provide some publicity for the club and for the forthcoming beginners lessons.

## BRIDGE LESSONS—START SATURDAY—6 FEBRUARY 2021

Sue Kennard has advised that she has bookings for 28 new players to commence in this session commencing at 9.00am. It is great to see some returning from the class of 2020, which was cancelled in March. Thank you again Sue for your time in preparation and delivery of this course and to your club volunteers.

## FINANCE

Wayne presented research on 4 different methods for receiving electronic payments. It was approved by the committee to purchase a "Square Terminal" which has a Tap and Go with a Flat fee of 1.6%. A receipt can be printed if required, it provides sales data and transaction history for accounting purposes. Some discussion was held about passing on fees to members. It was noted that another club recently started accepting Electronic Payments and charge a 20 cent transaction fee on their \$6 table fee payments. It was decided that the club would absorb these transaction costs for now, and that prior to the next annual general meeting, the committee will review this.

Wayne presented a sample of the Subscription Notice that will be forwarded to all members over the next couple of days, the notice will include a section to ensure that your address/email/phone no/emergency contact details are correct. A finance accountability form has also been prepared for acquittal of session cash/voucher collections.

## BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Ron advised that the solar panels have been cleaned. He has completed various workplace health and safety checks that have been initiated with the Fire Drill, First Aid Kit checks, development of an Accident/Medical report form, and is arranging for Pest Control to be completed in February. The quarterly servicing of the air conditioning units in the playing area has also been completed. A thank you to the Covid reception officers who undertake the health screening and cash collection task prior to the commencement of each session and to Ron for organising the roster. As always if you would like to assist in this task please let a committee member know.



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## BRIDGE BUZZ—January 2021

### FROM THE PRESIDENT—*Fay Jeppesen*

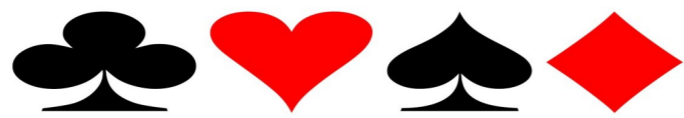
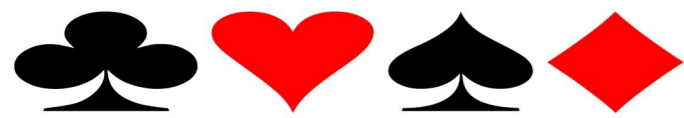
On behalf of the committee, I wish all members a very happy and healthy New Year and for you to enjoy many hours of bridge play at our Club. Our "relaxed" Covid Queensland life came to a halt early January with a hard lockdown and restrictions on indoor play, resulting in another Covid Plan and changed playing conditions. Thank you to all for your adherence to the CHO requirement for mask wearing and social distancing. It was unpleasant and uncomfortable but a small sacrifice to enjoy a game of face-to-face bridge and provide protection for self and others. Thank you to our Directors for providing some additional short breather breaks. It was pleasing to write another Covid Plan on 21 January to revert back to 19 tables and no masks for our session on 23 January. On-line booking of games will continue in the near future.



We are gradually seeing a return by members to the club and hopefully this will continue as we venture on to the "new normal" until the "next time".

There were a few very hot weeks over the Christmas period in the committee room, which resulted in the replacement of the air conditioning unit, at a cost of \$1870.

The first committee meeting was held on 14 January. Each committee member tabled reports of activity within their delegated area of responsibility. I would like to thank each, for their enthusiasm and responsibility for their various roles. A summary of their reports follows. I wish to recognise the efficiency of our Secretary Melissa, who regularly checks the correspondence and has a very quick turnaround to committee for information received, meeting minutes and agendas, and we thank you.



## 2020 MASTERPOINT AWARDS—Annette Hyland

The national McCutcheon masterpoint list for last year was not posted due to Covid. However, you can still find the Queensland-wide James O'Sullivan list as well as those players who did well at club level by going to [www.abfmasterpoints.com.au](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au)

Just a warning though – these lists come down on 1 February.

Very special congratulations go to **Melva Leal** who topped our State's list of players for Bronze Local Master.

Well done Melva!

### Statewide Stars! \*denotes an away club member.

Congratulations also go to others who made Queensland's top 10 list in their ranking level:

*Gold Life* – 7. Annette Hyland

*Bronze Life* – 2. Abby Wanigaratne\*

*Silver National* – 2. Melissa Weber, 6. Nigel Cleminson\*, 9. Maree Filippini

*Bronze National* – 8. Gary Gibbards\*

*Silver Local* – 3. Dominic Hummel\*

*Bronze Local* – 1. Melva Leal, 7. Midge Spice, 10. Lynda Bennion

### Redcliffe Club Stars! \*denotes an away club member.

Here are the players who came first in their Rank at Redcliffe for 2020. Most are Home Club Members who play regularly at Redcliffe. A couple are Away Members and only play here from time to time. Congratulations to all!

*Grand Master* – Dorothy Gehrke

*Gold Life Master* – Annette Hyland

*Silver Life Master* – Margaret Plunkett\*

*Bronze Life Master* – Abby Wanigaratne\*

*Life Master* – Robyn Burnage\*

*Silver National Master* – Melissa Weber

*Bronze National Master* – Gary Gibbards\*

*National Master* – Christine and Bob Thomas\*

*Bronze State Master* – Voyko Markovic

*State Master* – Magdeline Wong

*Bronze Regional* – Alan Metcalf

*Regional Master* – Paul Hendry

*Silver Local Master* – Dominic Hummel\*

*Bronze Local Master* – Melva Leal

*Local Master* – Midge Spice

*Club Master* – Barbara Wales

*Graduate Master* – Lois and Max Cameron

*Nil Master* – Suzy Brownlow



## MOST IMPROVED HOME CLUB PLAYERS FOR 2020

It is no surprise that **Melva Leal** was also the Club's Most Improved Player for 2020. Coming close behind were **Midge Spice** and **Lynda Bennion**. All three were also mentioned in the Queensland's Top 50 List at 24th, 28th and 37th respectively.

A hearty congratulations to the three of you, A well-deserved honour! They did not let Covid deter them. Instead, they started playing online and continue to do so at least 3 times a week.

Midge and Lynda attribute much of their success last year to getting their defence right! They also make a point of looking at their results carefully on Stepbridge and Pianola, then discussing hands that could have gone better.

Midge has a few favourite bridge authors and enjoys reading their books and doing the exercises they set. Lynda prefers to practise online and accesses the BBO Masters page to improve her bidding and play.

During Covid, Melva went onto Paul Marston's website and now works through the weekly emails he sends her. She also registered with Joan Butts and took a series of lessons with her. She says she has also learnt a great deal from playing with more experienced players and is grateful for the help they have given her.

Your hard work over the last couple of years has certainly paid off. With such dedication, I know you will all continue to improve, and we wish you every success in 2021.

Many thanks to Annette Hyland, our Masterpoints and Membership Secretary for compiling this report. Many members distinguished themselves with great play during the year. As President, I also wish to recognise Melva who is learning to deal the cards and to Midge who is learning the requirements of Masterpoint Secretary. Thank you ladies, for contributing to the club.

## NEW MEMBERS

I wish to welcome two new members to our club - Beatrice Dyer-von Wagenhoff and Fred Dyer, who have transferred from the Toowong and Kenmore clubs. Beatrice and Fred were welcomed during play recently and I hope you enjoy your new life at Redcliffe.

## NEW BRIDGE SESSION FOR NOVICE PLAYERS

### AFTERNOON BRIDGE SESSION

A reminder to all players regarding the introduction of a new session commencing on Friday 5 February, with play to start at 12.30 pm. This session is made available for novice players, who have not attained 100 Masterpoints, or for an approved Mentor who may provide 4 mentoring sessions for a rookie who has not attained 30 Masterpoints. Players are reminded to continue to complete an on-line booking and clear the Covid check in point prior to 12.15 pm to be seated for play.

Additional volunteers are required to assist for this session, both with the Covid check in and with the set-up/clean-up for the tea/coffee requirements. If you can assist in this, please let a committee member know of your availability.