

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER REPORT – Steve Woodrow

Steve advised that he has liaised with Directors for rostering for all sessions. A big thank you to those directing – without you we wouldn't be playing. A warm welcome to Melissa Weber who has agreed to become a trainee director and conducted a very successful session on 14 January.

Nominations for the 3way event to be held at Bribie on Sunday 6 February close on 31 January. It was decided by the Committee that if nominations are over-subscribed then decisions on who will play will be "drawn from the hat" and players notified accordingly.

Australian Bridge advised that the Australia Wide Pairs event scheduled to be held on 27 January is postponed.

The new Compscore 3 Program (the program that records Bridge-mates scores, session results, Masterpoint returns etc) will be uploaded by our Webmaster Wayne Parker on 1 February. Wayne will liaise with effected persons on changed procedures for use.

OCCUPATION HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT – Carol Bailey

Incident Report forms have been located adjacent to the First Aid Kit. Should a member suffer an injury at the club, please ensure that this is reported on these forms. The Fire and Evacuation Procedure Document is located on the club website. Please familiarise yourself with this document, noting exits, fire appliances and marshalling area.

EDUCATION REPORT – Max Kershaw

Andy Hung had been approached to deliver more player development sessions, however he has returned to WA, where he is contracted to the WABA. Club members who are available to conduct 1-hour sessions prior to play on either Monday/Friday are invited to contact Max who will coordinate a program to commence in March.

Mentors are always required to assist beginning players. If you are available to mentor a new player, or are a graduate from the last beginner program and have not received mentoring support for 4 lessons, please contact Max.

Investigations to upgrade current audio-visual equipment in the playing room occurred, however it was decided that there be no change at present. The layout of the room, with minimal wall space, and supporting posts providing obstruction, were considered.

QBA news

There have been various communications regarding bridge club requirements resulting from changed Covid restrictions. The club appreciates the efforts of Kim Ellaway, who has regular meetings with QH and Department of Sport regarding bridge play requirements and to her fast communication to clubs.

Carol Bailey and myself, as your QBA delegates attended by zoom the QBA Delegates Meeting.

I attended the Brisbane Zone delegates meeting by zoom. The Zone Interclub Teams was cancelled in 2021, however in 2022 it will be held on 20 November at Arana in Open, Restricted, Novice sections. GNOT ZONE finals will be held at QCBC on 27/28 August.

QBA have updated their website to make it easier to navigate, there have been some changes to regulations.

ABF news

The Gold Coast Congress is still proceeding. The Summer Festival of Bridge which is held annually in Canberra is being held via Real Bridge online



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BRIDGE BUZZ—January 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT—Fay Jeppesen

I hope all members had an enjoyable Christmas with their family and friends, and I wish you all a very happy, healthy New Year filled with much bridge success and enjoyment.

We had a very successful Christmas party at the Moreton Bay Boat Club, with the highlight the musical performances from our wonderful chorallers. Special thanks to our new member Lesley Brown and her husband for providing the music and to our minstrels. At the conclusion of play on both Monday and Friday before Christmas, drinks and nibbles were enjoyed by all.



It was with pleasure, that I presented the Salvation Army with a \$1000 donation from club members to assist with the Christmas giving appeal.

As always, Covid is very much at a peak at present. A reminder - if you are not well, please don't come to bridge. If you have a positive test result, and have been playing bridge at present, please notify either myself or Steve Woodrow, who will enact our Covid Action Plan.

To summarise, you must QR code check-in, you must be double vaxed, masks must be worn covering nose and mouth, bring your own pen, sanitise hands at the end of each round, maintain distancing when seeking refreshments or at the begin/end of play. The kitchen is open at present and thank you to Magdeline for her assistance in spacing items to prevent double touch of items.

From **Tuesday 1 February**, there will be no requirement to pre-register to play. This will only be reinstated, should there be a QLD Health direction for changes to room capacity. The pre-registration process will continue to be used for special club events. Players are reminded that they must be seated 15 minutes before play commences, to allow the Director time to set the movement. If you are running a bit late, please telephone the club to advise.

Members are asked to consider nominations for Honorary Life Membership of the club. Details relating to criteria and process are detailed in the Club By-Laws 11.0 on our website.

Please submit nominations to the Secretary for consideration by the management committee.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT ... *Continued*

If you are minimising your contact at present and have decided to not play face to face bridge, there are options for on-line games available on:

Stepbridge <https://www.stepbridge.com.au>

Bridge Base Online (BB0) <https://www.bridgebase.com>

Real Bridge <https://realbridge.online>

Thank you to the members who had volunteered to wash and replace our table coverings, though for a short period of time. Table coverings will resume when deemed safe to do so.

With the current reduction of playing numbers, the committee has decided that for the next month, there will be no social events or intermediate lessons arranged in the club. It is recognised that many members do not feel comfortable playing in the current Covid environment, and the committee decided that such events cannot proceed during this peak Covid time. However, any member who wishes to organise a social function in the future for club members is welcome to contact our Events Coordinator Ken Griggs with ideas and recommendations. Ken will liaise with the Committee.

It was promising to see the Monday novice section being so well supported on 3 January with 7 tables, however on 10 January there were insufficient numbers to provide a separate side section. Where this occurs, players will be invited to play in a combined section.

Thank you again to Sue Kennard, who has agreed to conduct the next Bridge Learners Program. Lessons will commence on Saturday 5 March at 9 am. Lessons go for 8 weeks, followed by 4 weeks of Supervised Play. If you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to register with Sue on 0418237230.

Over the next month, the clubrooms will be "spruced up". To start there will be a working bee held on Wednesday 19 January at 9 am. If you are available, you would be very welcome. Tasks will include removal of items stored in cupboards and drawers, which will then be cleaned, and unused/unwanted articles will be disposed of. A new storage cupboard is being procured and located adjacent to the refrigerator, where catering items will be stored. If you currently leave personal items for use in the clubroom, please remove them. If a member is interested in either of the 2 bookcases, that currently house these items, please contact me. Alternatively, they will be disposed of.

Thank you to Ron Elmes, our Building Manager for organising the following tasks that will occur over the next month:

- Carpets and Chairs to be shampooed
- Pest Control
- Contractor to clean blinds, screens, doors, walls, fans, windows
- Floors to be scrubbed and polished

HONOURS AND AWARDS

At the Christmas party, it was a great pleasure to present awards to club members for their achievements during 2021. Congratulations to the following:

Daphne Kerr Award – Lynda Bennion	Bea Donaldson Award – Jan Kinross
Edna Hodgen Achievement Awards:	Regional Master (Midge Spice)
Silver Local Master (Max Kershaw)	Bronze Local Master (Jan Dann)
Local Master (Barbara Wales)	Club/Graduate Master (Dianne McColl).

MEMBERSHIP AND MASTERPOINT REPORT—Annette Hyland

STATE AND NATIONAL AWARDS

Redcliffe is a small club with 200 members, in comparison to many others throughout the state and nationally. By comparison, It is really pleasing to recognise the achievements of our club members.

A special congratulations to our club members, Annette Hyland (Gold Life) and Abby Wanigaratne (Silver Life) for winning the McCutcheon Awards for their respective sections in Queensland, with both finishing 4th in the Australian lists. This is Annette's 5th award, winning various levels in 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2021, noting there were no awards for 2020. Abby has also won various levels in recent years.

The following members are to be congratulated on their achievements in obtaining rankings in the top 10 in Queensland and/or Australia for their respective levels:

- ♦ All Ranks—Annette Hyland (7th); Abby Wanigaratne (10th)
- ♦ Gold Life—Annette Hyland (1st) and Nationally (4th)
- ♦ Silver Life—Abby Wanigaratne (1st) and Nationally 4th
- ♦ Silver National Noreen Weyling (2nd)
- ♦ Bronze State—Voyko Markovic (2nd); Vesna Markovic (3rd)
- ♦ Regional—Melva Leal (2nd) and Nationally (7th); John Henderson (3rd) & Nationally (8th)
- ♦ Silver Local—Lynda Bennion (2nd) and Nationally (8th); Midge Spice (3rd) and Nationally (9th)
- ♦ Graduate Jan Kinross (3rd)

There are several lists for Most Improved players, top 200 Nationally for both Red and Green points and for Club Members. See where you came on <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au> selecting club, state, national on menu.

OTHER RESULTS

At the Northern Suburbs Congress held on Sunday 16 January, congratulations to:

- ♦ Greg Gosney and Margaret Plunkett who finished 3rd overall and 1st in B Grade
- ♦ Vesna and Voyko Markovic who finished 1st in C Grade
- ♦ Herold Reinstra, Steve Woodrow, Melissa Weber, and John Henderson who finished 3rd in B Grade
- ♦ Bob and Christine Thomas who finished 2nd in C Grade, and
- ♦ Jo Neary, Sue Kennard, Ted Morriss, Jane Doyle for finishing 3rd in C Grade.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Geoff Busiko, who has joined our club. We wish you well as you master this great game.

WELFARE – Elly ten Hacken

Cards have been sent to Barbara Richardson, Robert Wilkinson, and Elly ten Hacken, with best wishes from club members for a speedy recovery.