

TOURNAMENT ORGANISER REPORT – Steve Woodrow

Negotiations with Caboolture Club were finalised for the Interclub event. The committee discussed concerns by many of the uneven numbers and for one Redcliffe team played 6 of their 7 rounds against Redcliffe teams. The committee decided that unless an even number of pairs from the 3 clubs is provided, then Redcliffe will not participate.

The two-section format for both Monday and Friday sessions has been successful and well attended. As always, if both sections have a sit out or insufficient players to conduct a Howell movement, the Director determines the appropriate playing arrangements, which in some instances will require a pair to play in another section. Your cooperation in this is appreciated.

Entry requirements and nominations are currently online for the Club Championship Teams event to be held on Monday 14 March, commencing at 9 am for a 9.30 am start. Online nominations closed on Monday 7 March. A light sandwich lunch will be provided, with refreshments at the conclusion of play to celebrate the winning team. All members are encouraged to play, as a team format is completely different to a pairs event and a worthwhile experience.

MASTERPOINT AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – ANNETTE HYLAND

We welcome the following new members to our club – Neil McInnes, Geoffery Busiko, Alan Gibson and Raelene Clark and hope that you enjoy your play at our club.

During this month, together with the Treasurer, lists of financial members are being prepared for submission to the QBA and ABF for affiliation. If you have not paid your membership dues, please do so now, or alternatively if you do not wish to renew – please contact the club.

The ABF maintain a website to allow players monitor, not only their Masterpoints, but those of others. The website is available on <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/>. When open go to the left-hand side and open the heading Players – Masterpoints Lookup. You can also see where you stand in the club rankings by <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au/mccutcheons.asp?state=0&id=243>

If you require any assistance in navigating your way on the website, please see either Annette or Fay.

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

Annette Hyland - Grand Master Jane Doyle – National
Peter Murray, Lorraine Bechly to Bronze Regional Ron Elmes, Barbara Wales to Bronze Local
Brian Pridham, Ken Waterfield to Local Rod Bell to Club, and Peter Hancock to Graduate

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

The club had a working bee to clean out and declutter the various drawers, cupboards, and shelves. A big thank you to Alex and Jan, Magdeline, Max, Peter, Melissa, and Fay for their help on the day. The clubrooms look much tidier and in readiness for the next stage of work.

Internal cleaning of walls, sills, fans, doors, fans, carpet, and chair shampooing, flooring scrubbing, and pest control have had to be rescheduled do to demand of these services to help local residents with flooding needs. These works are intended to be completed mid-March and common areas are being completed in conjunction with the Snooker Club, as a co-tenant.

QBA NEWS

The latest newsletter is available at <https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/QBAJan22.pdf>

The manager of Queensland Bridge has had a very busy few months with the organisation of the Gold Coast Congress and liaising with clubs from her meetings with QHealth on requirements for Covid.

QBA River City Gold Mixed Pairs (Open and Novice) – is to be held at Toowong Bridge Club on 14/15 May. The novice section is not a separate side section, but will be conducted in a Swiss movement, and is for players with under 100 MPs as at 31 January, 2022. Gold points will be awarded for this event. Information on club noticeboard or <http://toowongbridgeclub.com/comingevents.asp?id=24347>



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BRIDGE BUZZ—March 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT—Fay Jeppesen

Free at last – bridge play with no masks! However, the use of hand wash, cleaning of tables, Bridgemates and boards is still required. QBA advised that clubs only present food in individual packaging. We have now shifted from a Covid focus to a Flood focus. Thank you to club members who notified the club of their positive result, which was communicated to all, and we hope that you have recovered with no side effects.

It has been quite distressing to know of a club member whose house was flooded and the damage to local businesses. Fortunately, our clubrooms had no issues. These businesses have suffered enough through reduced patronage during the past 2 years and now a flood. Local businesses have always supported the club through donations for charity events and I'm sure you will continue to support them as they recover. My thoughts are with the members at Toowong Bridge Club that had water entry to their building and have had a massive clean-up over the past few days and are hoping to open in another weeks' time. I would like to recognise the support of the Brisbane Bridge Club who stepped up to support Toowong to continue bridge events for their members. This is what the bridge family do for others. I am also aware of computer technical issues at 2 other clubs resulting from lightning strike.

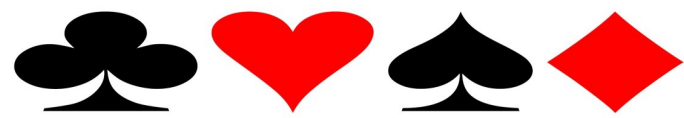
As I write this, there is another BOM warning for severe thunderstorms. I did a quick check on my mobile, having received 18 such warnings since 1 February. We would like to reach out to you, should you be impacted by these events as it tests our resilience and care for others. A bed, a meal, a person to talk to, you have many friends at the Redcliffe Bridge Club that are here to support you. If you are in this situation, please contact me or another committee member.

A very special congratulations to Annette Hyland on achieving the rank of Grand Master. Annette is a hardworking club member in her roles as Masterpoint and Membership Secretary, Club Director on Tuesday evenings, and mentor to various players and it is wonderful to see a player achieve this level and at the same time "giving back" to the club. Only 1400 Gold and Red Points to go to the Silver Grand level Annette – am sure you will achieve this!

A big thank you to Wayne Parker for updating the scoring program to Compscore 3. You will have noticed some different screen formats. Due to Wayne's diligence, he has been able to provide feedback to the program developer, Peter Busch, on the problems that have been faced and fixes recommended. This is not a matter of uploading a program, but providing instructional assistance to directors, bridgemates, and dealers. Thanks again Wayne, your expertise in this area is greatly appreciated.

We participated in the annual three-way club challenge in January with Caboolture and Moreton Bribie Bridge Clubs. We thank Caboolture for hosting this event with wonderful hospitality and organisation. Well done to the Redcliffe players who competed successfully to ensure that Redcliffe won the shield. Well done to Annette Hyland and Carolyn Adcock who finished 1st, closely followed by Dorothy Gehrke and Errol Miller in 2nd place.

Further discussions are to occur regarding the continuity of this event, with the diminishing numbers of participants from the Moreton Bribie Club.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT ... Continued

Photos from the 3Way Competition at Caboolture Bridge Club.

The Gold Coast International Congress was held at the Gold Coast Entertainment Centre from 18 – 26 February.

With no congress held in 2021, this was the 60th Anniversary of the Congress. Regular players at this congress would have noticed the reduced numbers of 1000 rather than the 2000 usual players. Previously there had been a large overseas contingent and WA, however with travel restrictions could not attend. Consequently, the QBA made the difficult decision to run the congress, however at a significant loss, rather than cancellation (which would have cost more!). I wish to congratulate the tournament organiser, Tim Runting for a well-run event.

Redcliffe had 25 members attending in various events across this period, with all bringing some gold home (gold point events)! **Congratulations to:**

- Jan Kinross and Rosie Floquet, who won the Novice Pairs (<100 MPS) and received 12.94 gold points. This is an outstanding result considering Jan previously had 23 MPs.
- Ross Shardlow and Peter Gruythuysen who won the <500 MPS butler pairs.
- Vesna and Voyko Markovic who teamed with a Northern Suburbs pair and were the best Queensland teams in the Restricted level.
- Raelene Clark (a new member) teamed with Toowong team members and finished 3rd.



Redcliffe has a proud history of having fun at the congress. This year was no exception with a diamond theme dress up day on the Wednesday.

We had joint runners up with Ross Shardlow, and the team of Sue Kennard, Ted Morriss, Jane Doyle and Magdeline Wong.

I would also like to encourage our novice members to work towards playing in the various rookie events that are held at the Gold Coast. This year there were 2 under 10 MPs and 3 under 50 MPs sessions held on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Each session was a half day, so plenty of time to shop, enjoy the beach and dinner with friends. Additionally, each day a walk-in pairs event was held.

A special thank you to our club Directors and Bridgemates who kept the sessions running while key persons were at the Gold Coast.



The club is extremely fortunate to have an outstanding tutor in Sue Kennard. Sue has again volunteered to conduct our beginner class that commenced on 5 March with 9 attendees, which will grow in number as former beginners join in. Thank you to our club members who assist at each table during the 12 weeks – the playing experience that you bring to the table is very much appreciated. To our new beginners, welcome to our club and we hope you enjoy your new learning experience. In no time, you will be addicted to the game like so many others and enjoy the company of new friends.

ABF NEWS

The current bulletin is available at <http://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/February2022/#p=1> There are several very useful bidding hands and explanations that you might find useful.

MORE PHOTOS AT THE GOLD COAST CONGRESS



OTHER CONGRESS RESULTS

Redcliffe players are enjoying success at various levels in the range of congresses that have been held this year. **Congratulations to our members:**

- Australia Day Swiss Teams Townsville - 2nd in A Grade – Errol Miller
- Toowong Swiss Pairs Congress - 5th overall, winner B Grade (was eligible for C Grade) Ted Morriss and Jane Doyle
- C Grade winners Deb and Gary Gibbards
- Arana Teams Congress - 2nd in B Grade – Abby Wanigaratne
- 1st in C Grade – Ted Morriss, Sue Kennard, Jo Neary, Sue Kennard

EDUCATION – MAX KERSHAW

Thank you to Max for his ongoing negotiations with Andy Hung to conduct further instructional lessons. We were fortunate that Andy, who is contracted to the WA Bridge Association, could not return. We also appreciate the fact that Andy is prepared to come to Redcliffe and support a small club. Andy leaves next week as part of the Australian Bridge Team to represent Australia in the USA and then onto Italy. Andy also very generously involves himself with the development of youth bridge, not only through lectures but partnering young people in open events. During the Gold Coast Congress, in addition to playing, he prepared the daily Congress Bulletin, and conducted instructional workshops either before play or during the lunch break.

The club again subsidised members by 50% in the two sessions, 'How to Bid and Play Like an Expert' (33 attendees) and 'Cue Bids and Pre-empt's' (21 attendees) with Max undertaking a survey of attendees, with very positive feedback. If you believe the Club could provide additional tutorials, or keynote speakers, please advise Max of your learning requirements. If you are available to provide tutorial support, or mentor a beginner graduate for 4 sessions, please contact Max.

WELFARE—Elly Ten Hacken

It is pleasing to see our committee member Elly back and enjoying her cards again. We wish Alan Metcalf all the best in his recovery from surgery.