



From the President - *Fay Jeppesen*

As I write this Newsletter, Australia is enjoying another COVID free community transmission day and no deaths. We are indeed blessed to have the health care services available and to live a life of cautious freedom in comparison to other parts of the world. A very big thank you to club members for their ongoing support of our club COVID policy and to the volunteers who undertake the health checks at the beginning of each session. Thank you to Ron for developing a monthly roster for our COVID officers. Players are reminded to continue hand sanitisation before each round and to maintain the 1.5m social distancing when not at the playing table.



Resulting from the "unprecedented times" of 2020, the committee has determined there is insufficient data to decide the Edna Hodgen Achievement Awards, the Daphne Kerr Shield and the Bea Donaldson Shield and they will not be awarded in 2020.

During these COVID times, it also should be noted that the monthly table fees are on average, \$1700 less per month, than this time last year due to less sessions and member attendances.

Committee members are currently reviewing their relevant Position Descriptions and they will be available in the club rooms for your perusal when they are endorsed at the December meeting.

A role that many are not familiar with is the newly appointed position of Club Recorder. Thank you to Sandra Routley for undertaking this role and preparing the Position Description. RBC By Law 6.0 outlines the role, with the main function to consider issues relating to player behaviour referred by a session Director or by any club member. On referral of such an issue, the Recorder will informally and confidentially attempt to resolve the issue through advice to, and if necessary, mediation between the member(s) involved.

The Shared Use Agreement with the Redcliffe Snooker Club has been agreed between the parties and forwarded to the Moreton Bay Regional Council for inclusion in the Lease.

When members first join the club, there is a box for next of kin and contact details on the Membership Form. For some members these details may have changed. If so, please advise the Secretary to update this information as it may be necessary should you have a medical emergency while at the club.

Cards were sent to Pat Gower and Estelle Vankan during their recent hospital stays and we wish them well for a speedy recovery. During the next few weeks both Errol Miller and Ross Shardlow will have surgery and good wishes are extended to them for successful outcomes and a speedy recovery.

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome our new member Elaine Jones and we hope you enjoy your play at our club.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

This all day event will be held on Friday 20 November at the club with nominations closing on Monday 16 November, noting no catering will be provided and the kitchen area is closed. Further information is available on the club website.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following players who have been promoted:

- Paul Hendry to State Master
- Midge Spice to **Local Master

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The special general meeting held on 24 October approved the Club Rules, which required the amendment to financial limits as advised by the Office of Fair Trading. Thank you to those members who attended.

TON VANKAN ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

Congratulations to our winners Paula Cassin and Gordon Gemmell with 59.98%, Gordon also features on the trophy in its first year in 2005, then in 2006.

In second place on 59.17% were Melissa Weber and Herold Rienstra.



MENTORING OF ROOKIES PROGRAM (MORP)

There are now 18 players registered in MORP, with 15 commenced with a mentor. I wish to thank the more experienced players for volunteering their time to support the development of these players. Feedback from participating players is that they are very appreciative of the opportunity to reinforce the basic principles of play with a mentor.

COMMENCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL SESSION IN 2021

The Management Committee has approved the introduction of an additional playing session to commence on **Friday 5 February, 2021** with a 12.00 for 12.30 pm starting time.

This session will have restrictions for play. It will be for members and/or visitors who have current affiliation with the ABF, with less than 100 Masterpoints (Novice players), as indicated at the commencement of each quarter. It will also be for mentors who are mentoring players as identified in the MORP, viz players less than 30 Masterpoints. Full green points will be available and the session is to be conducted as detailed in the RBC By Law 9.4.

BRIDGE LESSONS COMMENCE SATURDAY 6 FEB 2020

A notice detailing information about the forthcoming lessons to be conducted by Sue Kennard, will be available for members in the playing room. Please take a copy with you and place on local community notice boards or provide this information to friends, neighbours etc who may be interested in learning this great game. If you require further information please contact Sue Kennard.

2021 MEMBER HANDBOOK

A working group led by Steve Woodrow consisting of Ross Shardlow, Sandra Routley, Wayne Parker, Annette Hyland and Ron Elmes have nearly finalised the 2021 program and related member information. Just a reminder, if you have changed your telephone contact details please advise the Secretary now, as the book will be printed very shortly.

QBA NEWS

The Queensland Bridge Association Quarterly Newsletter is now available on their website.

<https://www.gldbridge.com.au/bulletin/qba/QBAOct20.pdf>

The QBA hosted an online congress with 44 pairs on 18 October. Congratulations to Maree Filippini and Melva Leal in being the best pair with fewer than 400 MPs.

Several of the hands played have been detailed in the Newsletter which may be of interest. A separate email was forwarded to all members by the club detailing hosted on line sessions by QBA and ABF. If you are interested in playing on-line in Bridge Base Online sessions and require further information please contact Kim Ellaway, QBA Manager on 0412064903.

BOOKING A GAME OF BRIDGE

It appears that some members are having trouble with the booking system.

After you have booked a game you will receive a confirmation email which you can use to cancel or change your booking.

If you have removed this confirmation message from your inbox - look in the Deleted or Trash folder on your device

Wayne Parker

Bridge Sessions

Thursday, November 19, 2020
9:30am

2A Irene Street, REDCLIFFE QLD 4020
REDCLIFFE BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Cancel

Reschedule

Edit Forms

Add to iCal/Outlook

Add to Google

Schedule another Appointment »

You can **CANCEL** your booking here or you can **RESCHEDULE** your game to another day or you can also **CHANGE** your partner's name by editing the form. If you are still having a problem with your booking, phone Wayne on 0428 131 918 or 3284 5567 (after 6pm preferably) to correct the issue, don't worry Wayne is still usually awake at midnight!

Another trick that you may not be aware of is that if you want to book multiple sessions with the same partner on the same day e.g. a Monday - Select the first Monday on the calendar you wish to book and instead of clicking "continue" click "recurring" and indicate the number of Mondays you wish to book.

SOCIAL NEWS

Last month a group of 22 from the club travelled to Tangalooma Island Resort where they dodged storms and had a sunny five day break. Alan Metcalf did a wonderful job organising the stay which included breakfast and dinner, and a function room for the daily bridge game and nightly games/activities. Some fed dolphins, a few did an island tour. Games of table tennis, badminton and beach volleyball gave onlookers a lot of laughs. Peter Murray was the overall bridge winner with Jenny Bishop second.

Melbourne Cup Day was well supported with 12 full tables and the usual high standard of dress on display. Roxy Blaylock and Sue Kennard were judged the best dressed. Many thanks to Alan Metcalf for organising the Melbourne Cup Sweeps. From all reports, lunch and a fun time followed the morning bridge session at the RSL and thanks to Ken Griggs our Events Coordinator for arranging this function.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held at the Moreton Bay Boat Club on **Friday 11 December at 12 noon.**

The booking is restricted to 110 under the MBBC Covid Safe Plan, which provides for 50 inside and 60 on the balcony.

Lunch will be Baked Ham and Turkey Breast with Roast and Steamed Vegetables, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce, with an alternate drop of either Pavlova with tropical fruit salad or Individual Plum Pudding and Brandy Custard.

The committee has decided that priority of attendance will be given to members that have returned to play regularly, then club members who are not playing at the club, if positions are vacant this will be extended to the spouse/partner of members who will be charged \$35, payable before the day.

Three lists will be placed on the notice board for names, which closes on Tuesday 1 December. Members who are on the list and do not attend will be invoiced \$35. Any queries please refer to the President.