



From the President - *Fay Jeppesen*

It is a great honour to be elected as President of this wonderful club and it is my hope that I can provide leadership in the way that Presidents before me have done. Firstly, I wish to thank Ken Griggs and his committee for their efforts, not only during the past term, but extending their term to re-commence play in our "new normal" Covid era. Ken has contributed a lot to the club over the past 8 years in his various roles on the committee, as Vice President and President, and we are grateful for his dedication. The seamless transition provided by both Ken and Secretary Maurice Sanders to our new committee was greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Ron Elmes for filling the vacant committee position, which was approved at our management committee meeting on 24 September.

We received a very welcome email from our life member, Ton Vankan congratulating the new committee and also advising that he is enjoying playing bridge on Bridge Baron.

Players who are returning to play for the first time are reminded that it is mandatory to complete a Health Declaration Form, which is available on our website, and is to be retained by the club on your first entry. As usual, members need to be cleared at the entrance by the rostered Covid Officer before entering the playing room. Should your temperature test be 37.5 deg or above, you will be asked to remain outside and be re-tested within 10 minutes, however if your test is still 37.5 deg or above, you will not be admitted to play.

We commenced play on 5 October under our revised Club Covid Safe Plan, reintroducing single tables allowed for 12 tables and increased the opportunity for nomination of 48 players. Additionally, with this change, the committee has approved that a club member may play with a non-club member, providing that member is a registered financial member of the ABF.

Players are reminded to bring their own pen/pencil to write their bid. It is further emphasised that while able we are "on the field of play", however when not at table the 1.5m social distancing requirements are to be observed.

I am aware that some of our members are continuing to enjoy our great game at home, and it is enlightening that you have the social opportunity to continue to play and we hope that you return to us soon, as less than 100 of our 214 have returned. However, we ask that you stay home if you are not well.

As you are aware, club members endorsed the new By-Laws and Rules for the Club, at the Special General Meeting on 27 August. The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) have not approved the Rules, with a requirement for Clauses 43. (4) and 43. (5) to comply with the Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999, which states that payments of \$100 or more must be made by cheque or electronic funds transfer. The rules presented to the Special General Meeting had \$200. To effect the change of the Rules, a further Special General Meeting is to be held on Saturday 24 October at 12 noon, to approve this special resolution and approve the Rules to be resubmitted to the OFT.

The legislative requirements for bridge clubs to recommence play is included in the COVID Safe Industry Plan – Indoor sport, with clubs provided information from the President of the Queensland Bridge Association, after their negotiations with the relevant government health authorities. I wish to thank members who have returned to play very sincerely for their diligence in ensuring adherence to the Club's Covid Safe Plan and respect for their fellow players in ensuring that we play in a safe, healthy environment.

Some of our members have completed the on-line course for Covid-19 Infection Control, [Covid-19training.gov.au](https://www.covid-19training.gov.au) Any club member is invited to complete this 15 minutes online course and participate in a roster to assist in the screening of members at the entrance to the club. If you complete this course, please forward your certificate to the club and advise of your availability for a rostered pre-session time.

The renewal of the Club Lease is currently with the Moreton Bay Regional Council, with the club currently developing a Shared Use Agreement with the Redcliffe Snooker Club for the shared common area usage, outlining responsibilities and financial contributions.

Thank you to Sue Kennard for agreeing to conduct the next Bridge Lesson sessions, which will commence on Saturday 6 February 2021. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Sue and give her details.

I would like to introduce your new Committee, together with non-committee members who have volunteered to assist the running of the club in additional roles. We have had 2 meetings and I am really excited by the professionalism, agility and enthusiasm within the committee to structure the way forward for the club.

COMMITTEE AND KEY RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS

Fay Jeppesen – President – Newsletter, Covid Plan, negotiations with MBRC and Snooker Club re Lease, QBA and Zonal Delegate

Ross Shardlow – Vice President – Education Officer – coordination of lessons and development of mentoring program, QBA and Zonal Delegate, Director

Melissa Weber – Secretary, Bridge Mate

Wayne Parker – Treasurer - Web and IT Officer, Bridgemate

Steve Woodrow – Committee member - Tournament Organiser, Director

Annette Hyland – Committee member - Masterpoint Secretary and Membership Secretary, Director

Ron Elms – Committee member – Building Maintenance, Workplace Health and Safety and Covid Roster, Director

Sandra Routley – Club Recorder, Director

Magdeline Wong – Providore

Sue Kennard – Bridge Teacher, Bridgemate

Peter Murray – Head Dealer, Bridgemate and Partner Liaison Officer

Lorraine Bechly – Librarian

Ken Griggs – Events Coordinator

A small working group, led by Steve Woodrow, finalised and updated the web and distributed to members a revised schedule for the remainder of this year, in allocating red point events, re-scheduling of the Ton Vankan pairs on 8, 15 October, and the Club Championship Pairs to be held on Friday 20 November. The championship pairs will be an all-day session, with members to provide their own catering. Nomination details will be on the website shortly. This group is also preparing the Club Handbook for 2021. If you have changed your telephone details for inclusion in the book, please advise the Secretary now by email to redbridg@bigpond.net.au

Ross Shardlow is developing a Mentoring of Rookies Program, for players with less than 30 Masterpoints, of which we have 87 members, with 21 active since recommencement. A working group, led by Ross, together with Gordon Gemmell and Fay Jeppesen will further develop the key elements of the program. If you are an experienced club player with more than 200 masterpoints and would like to participate in a mentoring role for 4 games to grow our rookies, please contact Ross Shardlow. The committee has approved free games for Mentors when mentoring Rookies as part of this program.

If anyone would like to be trained as the Masterpoint Secretary please contact Annette Hyland as she is only too willing to assist, the same goes for anyone interested in taking over the Treasury as Wayne has been filling this position on and off for many years now. The only requirement is that you must have some computer skills to find your way around the programs.

CLUB PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following players who have received Masterpoint Promotions:

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| Bob Thomas | *National |
| Ilo Hellaby | * State |
| Midge Spice | *Local |
| Lynda Bennion | * Local |
| Maja Widomski | Local |

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members to the Club:

- Brian Vernon
- Jo Sinclair
- Quentin Crestanelli
- Julie Simpson
- Dianne McColl

QBA NEWS

QBA held a zoom meeting with Club delegates on 28 September, in which Wayne Parker represented our Club. Much discussion was held on how clubs are re-commencing play within the constraints of the Queensland Health legislative requirements. There were concerns raised regarding the conduct of "tea" breaks during play, particularly with the requirement for the 1.5m social distancing of players.

Further advice was received that QBA council and delegate meetings for 2021 will be conducted by zoom.

For players who are playing on-line, QBA will continue to host BBO Red Point Imp sessions on Saturday afternoons at 2 pm. ABF will continue to host BBO on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Advice has been received from QBA of the cancellation of many events up until the end of May 2021. It is proposed for TBIB to sponsor a new event, the TBIB Queensland Festival of Bridge, which will be held 8-11 October 2021. There will be opportunities for Novice Intermediate and Senior players to participate in the competition, however the detail is still in the planning.

SOCIAL EVENTS

It is regrettable that the club cannot host social events at this time, especially with the fun and frivolity that has occurred in the past. To this end, the following arrangements have been made:

- **Melbourne Cup:** Sweeps will be coordinated by Ken Griggs and Alan Metcalf at the club. Details are on the notice board. When the table is set up to take money for the various sweeps, you must maintain 1.5m social distancing. Ken has also booked 4x10 tables at the RSL for those players and partners interested for lunch at the conclusion of play on Tuesday 3 November. Please check the notice board for details.
- **Christmas Party:** A booking has been made for 110 for the Moreton Bay Boat Club on Friday 11 December. A notice will be placed on the notice board shortly for members to record their names. Please note that once the booking is confirmed and should a member pull out – that member will be required to pay the \$35 for their meal. A two course lunch will be provided, with drinks at members expense. Should there be insufficient numbers, non playing partners will be invited at their expense.
- **Tangalooma holiday:** 23 members and partners are going across the Bay from 19-23 October. We hope you have a wonderful time exploring the island, and as the sunrises we will wave and no doubt as the sun sets you will salute us!

Wherever you are playing bridge, I hope you are enjoying your experience. For those members that are not enjoying good health, I wish you a speedy recovery.

Fay Jeppesen

President and

Newsletter Editor

