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BRIDGE BUZZ—September 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the problems we have had in the past was disagreement in interpretation of our Club Constitution. This has been particularly in areas surrounding the makeup and election of the Club Committee. We now have a sub-committee set up with the sole purpose of clarifying and reviewing the Club Constitution. The team tasked with doing this review consists of Helen Chapman as the Chairperson, supported by Steve Woodrow, Sandra Routley, Richard Back, Fay Jeppesen, John Scrivens and Maree Filippini. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience in this group and I feel sure that the result will be excellent. The process will naturally include the Club members who will decide to accept or reject the review recommendations at a special general meeting. There is also a requirement of the Club to submit any changes to the constitution to both the Queensland Bridge Federation and the Department of Fair Trading.

A great big 'well done' should be passed onto Sue Kennard for her recent beginners' lessons. She has put a great deal of time and effort into the lessons and I know we are seeing a number of her class showing up regularly at our bridge sessions, also a special thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time helping Sue—a card has been sent to those members. Again, thanks to all, new bridge lessons will commence on Saturday morning the 7th September and this time they will be conducted by Wayne Parker and we wish him well in this. If you happen to know anyone who might be interested in learning the fabulous game of bridge, please invite them to the lessons.

I have been asked recently why it takes so long for minutes of the Committee meetings to be displayed. Quite simply, after our meetings the Secretary has to do up the minutes and then get them out to the Committee members to review that they are correct. It is not until the following Committee meeting (next month) that those minutes are ratified and approved. Naturally, they cannot be displayed until that process is followed. **Members can now view the minutes on our website under the Documents tab.**

I would like to wish all members happy bridging.

Ken Griggs

President

COMING EVENTS

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| ◆ Saturday 14 September | - | GNOT Zone Finals—QCBC |
| ◆ Sunday 15 September | - | GNOT Zone Finals—QCBC |
| ◆ Friday 20 September (All Day) | - | Club Championship Pairs |
| ◆ Saturday 21 September | - | Club Championship Pairs |
| ◆ Thursday 17 October (Round 1) | - | Novice Pairs |
| ◆ Thursday 24 October (Round 2) | - | Novice Pairs |
| ◆ Tuesday 5 November | - | Melbourne Cup |
| ◆ Sunday 17 November | - | Zone Inter-Club Teams—NSBC |
| ◆ Friday 29 November | - | QLD Wide Pairs |
| ◆ Tuesday 3 December | - | Christmas Party |
| ◆ Thursday 6 December | - | Christmas Party |

AGM REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 17th June, 2019 and a new Committee was elected:

- ◆ President—Ken Griggs
- ◆ Vice President—Sue Kennard
- ◆ Secretary—Maurice Sanders
- ◆ Treasurer—Wayne Parker
- ◆ Ross Shardlow
- ◆ Wayne Freeleagus
- ◆ Lorraine Bechly

A big thank-you to the outgoing Committee and the members who are standing down—Robyn Church, Brian Hallam and Fay Jeppesen for their contribution during the last 12 months.



DIRECTORS CALL—HANDLING REVOKES *by Ross Shardlow*

In any one session of Bridge, a Director can be called to a table to deal with a multitude of issues. Most are usually basic and straight forward and clearly defined in the Rules of the ABF, QBA, Club Rules and Laws of WBF under which we operate. Occasionally contentious issues arise, which can be very complex. I have seen examples where a panel of very experienced Congress Directors have been divided on what they regard as the correct ruling. I'm sure at our Club, Directors' rulings are RIGHT most of the time but players always have the right to appeal up to 30 minutes after the session.

One of the most common **CALL OUTS** for a Director is to rule on a **REVOKE**.

A Player's failure to follow suit, when they are in possession of that suit, constitutes a REVOKE.

A Revoke is **ESTABLISHED** when the offender or his partner have played or lead to the next trick.

If a Revoke is discovered before it is established it must be corrected by that player. The player withdraws the card he played and substitutes a legal card, and if the player is a defender then that withdrawn card becomes a **MAJOR** penalty card (lead restrictions may apply).

IF DECLARER IS THE ONE THAT HAS REVOKED AND IT IS DISCOVERED BEFORE THE NEXT LEAD THEN DECLARER PLACES CARD BACK IN HIS HAND AS DECLARER AND DUMMY CAN'T HAVE A PENALTY CARD

WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO INQUIRE ABOUT A POSSIBLE REVOKE?

Declarer may ask a Defender who has failed to follow suit if he has a card of the suit led.

Dummy may ask Declarer but not a Defender.

Defender may ask Declarer and one another.

REVOKE ON TRICK 12

On Trick 12 even if established, a Revoke must be corrected if discovered before all four hands have been returned to the board.

AUTOMATIC TRICK ADJUSTMENT – TRANSFER OF TRICKS

When the Director is called, he will determine who won the trick of the **REVOKE** and may result in the **TRANSFER** of 0(zero), 1 or 2 tricks.

REDRESS OF DAMAGE

When the Director assesses the Revoke, he may determine that the **NON OFFENDING SIDE** is insufficiently compensated by the Automatic Trick Adjustment, in which case he shall assign an adjusted score.

REMEMBER – It is frequently more advantageous to correct the Revoke before play to the next trick. If you suspect a Revoke by Partner it is best to ask – **“NONE OF THAT SUIT PARTNER”**. **IF A REVOKE BY A DEFENDER IS DISCOVERED AT THIS STAGE CALL THE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY.** If a Revoke has been established then play until the hand is finished and **CALL THE DIRECTOR**. Don't start turning over cards as this makes the Director's job more **DIFFICULT**.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

All bridge players, but especially more experienced players, should provide an example of good bridge etiquette for others to emulate.

1. Be courteous to partner and opponents at **all** times.
2. Avoid remarks or actions that might annoy or embarrass another player.
3. A call for the director should be made, when necessary, in a manner that is courteous to the other players and the director.
4. Don't take offence at inadvertent or ignorant breaches of etiquette by other players, especially inexperienced players.
5. Maintain a pleasant demeanour.
6. Refrain from unnecessary talking during a hand or between the boards of a round.
7. Be a good sport. Compliment your partner or opponents when it is deserved.
8. Avoid gloating after a good result.
9. Avoid griping after a bad result.
10. Abide by the director's decisions with graciousness.
11. Good bridge etiquette will make you a popular player.

Bad bridge manners result in an atmosphere of hostility. When such a player does well, an air of suspicion and detachment surrounds him/her. Regardless of his ability and results, he will eventually run out of partners and team mates. It is in every player's self interest to develop good bridge etiquette.



INTER—CLUB CHALLENGE WITH CABOOLTURE

We took 14 pairs up to Caboolture to contest the Inter-Club trophy and congratulations go to all our players who represented the Redcliffe Bridge Club. Overall, Robyn Burnage and Joan Mills were the best pair on the day and it was good to see Tom Murphy and Sue Lind step out and take part in the competition. Ken Griggs was happy to accept the trophy and bring it back home again where he recons we should “nail it to the wall”. Thank you to the Caboolture Bridge Club for hosting the event—a good day was had by all.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Congratulations to John Scrivens
who is our
2019 Club Individual Champion



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Congratulations to Anita Crestanelli
who is our Runner-Up
2019 Club Individual Champion



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Congratulations to Peter Stride
and Annette Hyland who won the
Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs



A Certificate was presented to Max Kershaw for becoming an accredited Club Director Level 2.

Mary has been a member of our Club for many years and was very proud of her Scottish heritage. It was sad to hear that she had passed away recently. It was to see some of our members attend her service ... Rest in Peace Mary



Some of our other friends have been doing it tough also, just to let you know—we are all thinking of you. Get Well Soon!



MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS:

Club	Jeanette Boulton
Local	Melva Leal
	Brian Pridham
	Sue Woodrow
	Ron Elmes
	Desley Strik
Local*	Elizabeth Haddon
National*	Duncan Cape
National**	Maree Filippini

TOP 50—Most Improved Players for 2019—Nationally
Vesna and Voyko Markovic

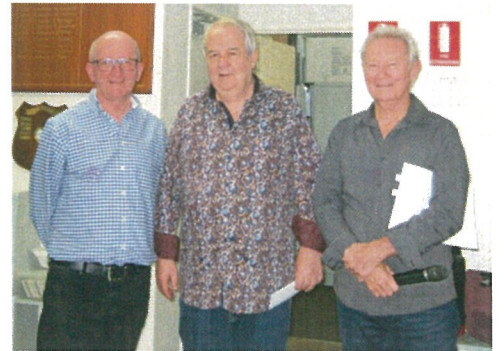
TOP 50—Most Improved Players for 2019—Queensland
Vesna and Voyko Markovic, Abigail Wanigaratne, Paul Hendry

REDCLIFFE BRIDGE CLUB CONGRESS

The Congress was held on Sunday the 18th of August, 2019 with 34 pairs or 17 tables in play, Julie Jeffries was the Director.

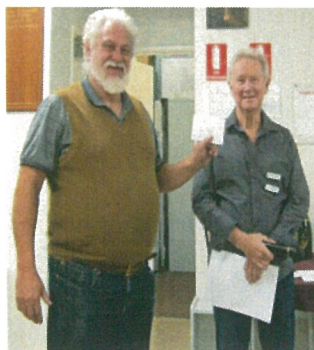
The winners were:

- Group A**
- 1st place - Ralph Parker and Lynne Gray
 - 2nd place - Annette Hyland and Peter Stride
 - 3rd place - Richard Ward and Tony Hutton



- Group B**
- 1st place - Don Robertson and Margaret Robertson
 - 2nd place - Ross Shardlow and Gary Wardrop
 - 3rd place - Eugene Pereia and Rex Medowcroft

Best Novice Pair under 100 MP's - Elly Ten Hacken and Elizabeth Haddon



A magnificent spread was supplied by our members for the grazing table including cakes and slices and the Friendly Grocer provided a nice range of sandwiches and fruit for lunch. The day was a great success due to our band of volunteers and kitchen helpers ably led by our President Ken Griggs, Lorraine Bechly, Ron Elmes and Gordon Gemmell.

Wayne Parker did a wonderful job of preparing the boards and hand records as well as helping the director on the day. Sandra Routley volunteered to be the recorder for the congress and Ross Shardlow collected all the nomination fees. There is a lot of work that goes into a congress and once again, thank you to all those people involved on the day.