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BRIDGE BUZZ

Special points of interest:

- Masterpoints Report
- Monthly Achievement Award
- QBA System Regulations
- 2026 Bridge Program Book

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From the President—Susan Kennard

Dear Members,

Now that we are at the end of another enjoyable year at our club, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on recent events and share a few important updates with members.

Firstly, we farewell **Lynda Bennion**, who has made a valued contribution to our club over her time with us. Lynda's involvement and commitment have been greatly appreciated, and she will be missed both at the table and socially. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her sincerely for her contribution to our club.

Congratulations to all members who participated in the **Australia Wide Restricted Pairs**. It is always pleasing to see our club represented in nationwide events, and your enthusiasm and participation help promote both the game and our club spirit. Well done to everyone involved.

Our **Club Novice Pairs** (under 50 master points) event was another highlight, showcasing the progress and confidence of our newer players. These events are vital in encouraging and supporting developing players, and it was wonderful to see such positive engagement and friendly competition. Thank you to those who helped organise and support the day.

Our **Christmas Party** was a delightful way to celebrate the season together. It was great to see so many members attend, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and share some laughter and friendship away from the bridge table. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event such a success.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Steve Woodrow**. Steve was a respected and much-loved member of the bridge community, and his contribution to the game and to those who played alongside him will not be forgotten.



Our sincere condolences are extended to his family and friends. Steve will be fondly remembered by many.

Finally, we hope **Fay Jeppesen** enjoys her trip and wish her safe travels and a wonderful experience. We look forward to hearing all about it when she returns.

On behalf of the committee, I thank all members for their continued support throughout the year. Your participation, friendship, and enthusiasm are what make our club such a welcoming and enjoyable place to play. I wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year.

Sue

"Bridge is not a game of cards it's a game of people."

Farewell to Lynda Bennion

We farewell **Lynda Bennion**, who has made a valued and lasting contribution to our club during her time with us. Lynda's commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity of spirit have been greatly appreciated by members and visitors alike.

As a **Bridgemate operator and Bridge teacher**, Lynda played an important role in supporting players at all levels, helping many develop their skills and confidence at the table. Her willingness to share her knowledge, offer encouragement, and give her time so freely has made a real difference to our club community.

Lynda will be greatly missed, not only for her contribution to the game, but also for her warmth, friendship, and the positive presence she brought to our club both at the table and socially.

We thank Lynda sincerely for her dedicated service and wish her every happiness and success in the future. Thank you, Lynda, for all you have given to our club.



please note

Our ten year lease has now been signed, sealed, delivered, stamped, authorised, so we have a home for the next ten years!

Australia Wide Restricted Pairs

The Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs is a prestigious national bridge event conducted by the Australian Bridge Federation and played simultaneously in clubs across Australia. Using the same set of boards, players compete not only for club honours but also against pairs from across the country, with results compared on an Australia-wide basis.

Designed for restricted master point players, this event offers an exciting opportunity to experience a national competition while playing in the familiar surroundings of your own club. In addition to club rankings, participants

are eligible to earn national master points and achieve Australia-wide recognition for strong performances.

Congratulations to our club winners: **North/South – Paul and Annette Hendry**, and **East/West – Robyn Church and Roxy Blaylock**, who achieved excellent results against strong national competition. Well done to all members who took part and represented our club so well in this popular event.

Thank you to Max Kershaw as director for the day, assisted by Suzy Brownlow.



Monthly Achievement Award

Congratulations to **Debbie Paltridge**, the deserving recipient of this month's **Bridge Monthly Achievement Award**. This award recognises Debbie's dedication, consistent effort, and positive attitude at the bridge table. Her commitment to improving her skills, supporting fellow players, and contributing to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of our club has truly stood out.

The award was proudly **presented by Sandra Routley**, celebrating Debbie's achievement and highlighting the importance of enthusiasm, perseverance, and good sportsmanship in our bridge community. Well done, Debbie, on this well-earned recognition – we are proud to celebrate your success!



Club novice pairs champions under 50 master points



We are delighted to announce the winners of our Club Novice Pairs Championship for players with under 50 master points. This event celebrates the achievements of our newer and developing players, providing a friendly yet competitive opportunity to test skills and enjoy the camaraderie of the club.

Congratulations to our champions: **Brooke Anderson and Ross Mangano** who demonstrated excellent strategy, teamwork, and determination throughout the competition. Their success is a testament to their dedication to learning and improving at the bridge table. We also commend all participants for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Events like the Novice Pairs Championship are vital in fostering the growth of our club and encouraging players to continue developing their skills in a supportive environment.

Well done to everyone involved – your energy, focus, and enjoyment of the game make our club a wonderful place to play and learn!

In Memory of Steve Woodrow



Our hearts go out to **Sue Woodrow and family** at this difficult time. We extend our love, support, and kindest thoughts to her, and we hope they find comfort in the many lives Steve touched and the legacy he leaves behind.

This is a profoundly sad and tragic loss for our club. Steve's influence, guidance, and spirit will continue to inspire us, and his memory will remain an enduring part of the Redcliffe Bridge Club.

From the Directors

Steve Woodrow was a very valued member of the directing group at the Redcliffe Bridge Club. He became an accredited club director after passing his exams in 2015 and was a very capable and accomplished director.

Steve had the respect of the members of the Redcliffe Bridge Club, not only for his knowledge of the Laws of Bridge but also because of the professional way he conducted himself in performing his directing duties.

Steve's presence in the directing cohort will be very much missed, not only for his expertise but for the supportive attitude he displayed to other directors, both experienced and new.

The Redcliffe Bridge Club is the poorer for his passing. The directors will miss him both as a friend and as one who generously donated his services to the club for the betterment of others.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Steve Woodrow**, a long-standing and deeply valued member of our club. Steve's involvement in the Redcliffe Bridge Club extended far beyond simply playing the game; he was a driving force behind the club's growth, reputation, and spirit.

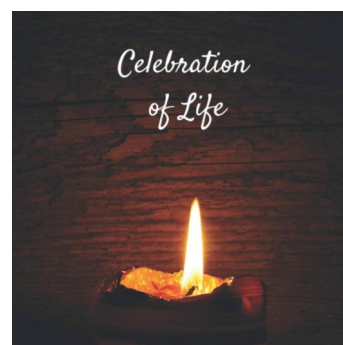
During his time with us, Steve served on the committee and dedicated over ten years as a director, offering guidance, leadership, and support to both new and experienced players. His commitment to maintaining high standards and promoting Redcliffe Bridge Club as a competitive and welcoming environment was evident in everything he did. Members benefited greatly from his knowledge, patience, and encouragement, and many credit him with helping them develop their skills and confidence at the table.

Much-loved **husband of Sue**, devoted **father to Daniel and Lucas**, cherished **father-in-law to Kellie and Amanda**, and doting **Pop to Jessica, Ebony, and Jayci**, Steve's family was at the heart of his life, and his love for them was evident to all who knew him.

**“When someone
you love becomes
a memory,**

**the memory
becomes a
treasure.”**

- Unknown



QBA Regulations and Club By-Laws

All Players are bound by the Rules and By-Laws of the Redcliffe Bridge Club.

All play shall be in accordance with the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge and Queensland Bridge Association Regulations. The Tournament Organiser and/or the Director has responsibility for the onsite technical management of each session of bridge and in so doing is bound by these Laws and Regulations in application of his or her responsibilities.

Alerting

Any bid up to the level of 3 NT which may have a special meaning or a meaning the opponents do not expect must be alerted and circled. Some conventional bids at the 4 level must also be alerted (QBA Regulation 2). The fact that a system card explains the meaning of a call does not remove the obligation to alert that bid.

Systems and System Cards

Both players in a partnership must have an identical system card available to opponents. Only Green and Blue systems shall be allowed at the Redcliffe Bridge Club for club competitions and regular club sessional events.

Ethics and Proprieties

All players are required to play in accordance with Bridge Laws 73 and 74.

- a) Appropriate behaviour includes, but is not limited to:
1. Being a good host or guest at every table.
 2. Greeting opponents in a friendly manner.
 3. Making new players and visitors welcome
 4. Partners having identical system cards readily available.
 5. Thanking opponents when the round has ended.
 6. Calling the Director immediately if there is an irregularity at the table.
 7. Refraining from any actions or remarks likely to embarrass a partner or opponent.
- b) Inappropriate behaviour includes, but is not limited to:
1. Criticising partner or opponent
 2. Making negative comments or bidding or play
 3. Loud or lengthy discussions of hands that may convey information to adjacent tables or delay play
 4. Rudeness, badgering, threats, profanity, insinuations
 5. Disputing a Director's ruling during play (An Appeal process is available)

“Bridge: the art of making the other players think you know what you're doing.”



Please note that there has been some changes to our 2026 bridge program book.

Cancel Monday 19 January 2026 - Championship Teams

Add Monday 12 January 2026 - Championship Teams ALL DAY, director - Jo Neary

Add Wednesday 2 December 2026 - Christmas Party, Redcliffe Dolphins Leagues Club

Change Christmas Day and Boxing Day to the 25th and 26th of December 2026

Christmas Party

At the Christmas Party, the club took the opportunity to reflect on a successful year and to acknowledge the people whose dedication and efforts made 2025 such a memorable year. Throughout the year, the club hosted and participated in a wide range of events, competitions, and tournaments, with many members achieving remarkable success and advancing through the promotion ranks.

These events included Championship Teams, **Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Club Heats**, which involved the club conducting **three separate sessions**. For these heats, **each team was required to include at least three Redcliffe Club members**, with any additional players being

members of a club within the **Brisbane Zone**. Other events included GNOT Club Heats, Championship Individual, Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs, Redcliffe Club Congress, Championship Pairs, Novice (<50 Master Points), Redcliffe <300 Master Points Teams Congress, Teams of Three, Redcliffe Pro-Am, President's Trophy, Australia-Wide Novice Pairs, Australia-Wide Open Pairs, Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs, Melbourne Cup Day, the Three-Way event at Redcliffe Bridge Club, Caboolture Inter-Club at Redcliffe Bridge Club, and the Brisbane Zone Inter-Club Teams.

At the Annual General Meeting held on **16 June**, a new Committee was appointed comprising: **President** Susan Kennard; **Vice-President** Melva Leal; **Treasurer** Linda Almond; **Secretary** Marg Nicholls; and



Committee Members Sandra Routley, Ken Griggs, Brooke Anderson, Peter Hancock, and Di McColl.

Since that time there have been some changes, **Marg Nicholls has resigned** and **Wayne Parker has been appointed as Secretary.**

Our heartfelt gratitude to all the incredible individuals who take on jobs, big and small, at our club. Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm help create an environment where we all thrive. Whether you're volunteering behind the scenes, organizing events, supporting the day-to-day operations, or contributing in any other way, your efforts are truly appreciated.

These jobs include the

Tournament Organiser: Sandra Routley

MyABF Administrators: Wayne Parker and

Linda Almond, Brooke Anderson

Pianola Administrator: Wayne Parker

Masterpoint Secretary: Midge Spice

OH&S: Ken Griggs

Membership Secretary: Peter Hancock

Providore: Magdeline Wong

Website and IT: Wayne Parker

Librarian: Lorraine Bechly

Newsletter Editor: Tracey Langton

Partner Liaison: Peter Murray

Building Manager: Dianne McColl

Education Officer: Melva Leal

Welfare Officer: Brooke Anderson

Club Recorder: Sandra Routley

Dealing Co-ordinator: Peter Murray

Events Co-ordinator: Ken Griggs

Bridge Tuition: Wayne Parker and Susan Kennard

QBA and Zonal Delegates: Susan Kennard and Melva Leal

Emergency Callout Officers: Ken Griggs and Wayne Parker

DIRECTORS:

Accredited: Helen Chapman, Sandra Routley, Ross Shardlow, Max Kershaw, and Greg Gosney

Club: Maurice Sanders, John Henderson, Brian Clark, Annette Hyland and Suzy Brownlow

BRIDGEMATE ASSISTANTS: Wayne Parker, Peter Murray, John Henderson, Melva Leal, Melissa Weber, Debbie Paltridge and Brian Clark.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy—your commitment is what makes our club so special.



2025 Club Championship Pairs



Congratulations to David Lehmann and Elizabeth Gibson who are the 2025 club Champions. The runners up were Ted Morriss and John Scrivens. We had a wonderful competition with 38 pairs contesting the championship.

The Redcliffe Bridge Club

“Bridge is a game of skill, nerve... and a good memory for whose fault it was.”

The Redcliffe Bridge Club was established in 1967 and has approximately 200 members. The Club conducts six duplicate master pointed sessions each week and details can be found on the **Sessions Tab**. Redcliffe welcomes visiting players from overseas and other bridge Clubs.

Players and officials are asked not to attend any event if they are feeling unwell. Those who come to play and self-diagnose that they may be infectious, should inform the Director and leave the venue.

The Club has a "No Cash" policy, so players are asked to pay by EFTPOS.

Table fees are \$6.00 for Members and \$7.00 for Visitors, and players need to be seated 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the session.

If you are interested in learning to play bridge, our next set of **Beginners' Classes** will commence on Saturday in March. If you send an email to the Club, your details will be passed on to our bridge teacher and you will be contacted before the commencement date.



A doctor was about to tell his patient some bad news, but was cut off...

"I already know I have very high blood pressure, Doc," the patient said.

"Does it come from your mother or your father's side?" the GP asked.

"Neither," the patient replied.
"It's from my bridge partner."



JOHN BLET TO BRIDGE

McCutcheon Totals

All Ranks		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Hyland, Annette	147.33
2	Wanigaratne, Abby	132.08
3	Shardlow, Ross	97.24
4	Gibbards, Gary	92.34
5	Gibbards, Debbie	89.71
6	Miller, Errol	79.42
7	Gruythuysen, Peter	73.55
8	Slater, Andrew	71.84
9	Kinross, Jan	68.81
10	Lehmann, David	66.79
11	Jeppesen, Fay	66.33
12	Leal, Melva	66.15
13	Henderson, John	65.4
14	Gosney, Gregory	65.11
15	Rienstra, Herold	62.07
16	Gemmell, Gordon	60.18
17	Clark, Brian	55.9
18	Plunkett, Margaret	55.26
19	Adcock, Carolyn	54.63
20	Scrivens, John	53.82

Grand		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Hyland, Annette	147.33
2	Wanigaratne, Abby	132.08
3	Miller, Errol	79.42
4	Slater, Andrew	71.84
5	Gosney, Gregory	65.11
6	Plunkett, Margaret	55.26
7	Scrivens, John	53.82
8	Gibson, Elizabeth	52.41
9	Scown, Don	30.02
10	Mills, Joan	29.14

Bronze Life		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Gibbards, Debbie	89.71
2	Stride, Peter	36.58
3	Weber, Melissa	36.42
4	Barr, Robert	24.01
5	Weyling, Noreen	23.57
6	Chapman, Helen	11.81

Gold Life		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Rienstra, Herold	62.07
2	Gemmell, Gordon	60.18

Life		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Markovic, Voyko	44.71
2	Markovic, Vesna	44.71
3	Stammel, Claire	39.66
4	Stammel, Robert	39.66
5	Routley, Sandra	33.03
6	Filippini, Maree	22.72
7	Wardrop, Gary	14.15

Silver Life		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Shardlow, Ross	97.24
2	Gibbards, Gary	92.34
3	Gruythuysen, Peter	73.55
4	Lehmann, David	66.79
5	Jeppesen, Fay	66.33
6	Adcock, Carolyn	54.63
7	Davidson, Tony	23.47
8	Meakins, Bruce	10.19
9	McNee, Margaret	9.58
10	Robinson, Trish	3.55

Silver National		
	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Morriss, Ted	37.14
2	Miller, Lynne	20.45
3	Bavage, Jennifer	19.57
4	Crestanelli, Anita	11.25
5	Chapman, Ron	8.25

Bronze National

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Leal, Melva	66.15
2	Henderson, John	65.4
3	Reiter, John	47.23
4	Wong, Magdeline	45.06
5	Connell, Bev	39.25
6	Kennard, Susan	30.43
7	Parker, Wayne	22.08
8	Doyle, Jane	20.11
9	Cape, Duncan	13.88
10	Sayer, Tim	13
11	Huntington-Wynne, Sarah	12.95
12	Perry, Meryl	10.15
13	Porter, Jim	9.52
14	Thomas, Christine	7.77
15	Newton, John	5.3

National

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Kinross, Jan	68.81
2	Floquet, Rosemary	42.74
3	Borg, Jeff	39.51
4	Spice, Midge	37.99
5	Bennion, Lynda	28.68
6	Setiyawan, Maria	24.09
7	Blaylock, Roxane	18.91
8	Reid, Jenny	17.63
9	Cassin, Paula	17.52
10	Griggs, Kenneth	6.3

Bronze Regional

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Furminger, Vad	19.7
2	Sanders, Maurice	16.46
3	Murray, Peter	9.62
4	Bechly, Lorraine	6.6
5	Arahill, John	2.58
6	Metcalf, Alan	0.87
7	Grills, Robyn	0.36

State

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Gosney, Karen	41.95
2	Davies, Terry	26.27
3	Bailey, Carol	25.55
4	Church, Robyn	18.24
5	Gower, Patricia	17.95
6	Gibson, Claudia	17.18
7	Franklin, Janet	10.11
8	Hendry, Annette	9.62
9	Dwyer, Marlene	7.33
10	Black, Caroline	7.13
11	Sinclair, Joanne	6.65
12	Hanley, Jill	3.45

Bronze State

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Jackson, Olivia	19.39
2	Hendry, Paul	10.74
3	Woodrow, Steve	9.26

Regional

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Pridham, Brian	22.39
2	Kershaw, Max	10.26
3	Gysberti Hodenpyl, Trish	6.78
4	Dyer-Von Wagenhoff, Beatrice	6.74
5	Godfrey, Peter	6.03
6	Vernon, Brian	5.84
7	Halioris, Joanna	4.31
8	Gavin, Peter	3.83
9	Gavin, Debbie	3.83
10	Arahill, Elsa	2.58
11	Bishop, Jenefer	1.95
12	Paddison, Leanne	1.22
13	Hobson, Thea	1.19
14	Dyer, Frank	0.73
15	Nyhouse, Jack	0.44
16	Irvine, Liz	0.27

Silver Local

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Clark, Brian	55.9
2	Brownlow, Suzy	45.69
3	Pearce, Debbie	14.06
4	Murphy, Tom	13.73
5	Wales, Barbara	3.31
6	Woodrow, Sue	2.62
7	Cruickshank, Deanna	1.78
8	Dann, Jan	1.37
9	Dunne, John	0.81
10	Grills, Richard	0.36
11	Haddon, Elizabeth	0.18

Bronze Local

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Anderson, Brooke	35.71
2	Almond, Linda	21.6
3	Hancock, Peter	15.77
4	McColl, Dianne	11.53
5	Crestanelli, Quentin	10.4
6	Moritz, Peter	10.37
7	Widomski, Maya	4.96
8	Waterfield, Ken	3.33
9	Elmes, Ron	2.21
10	Watkin, Joan	1.62

Local

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Piovesan, Claudio	13.21
2	McNee, Annette	10.32
3	Brown, Lesley	8.61
4	Mangano, Ross	7.35
5	Bencsevich, Jan	5.34
6	Holland, Denise	3.91
7	Bell, Rod	3.9
8	Bencsevich, Alex	3.43
9	Bittar, Fred	3.01
10	Talbot, Geoff	2.72
11	Marshall, Eva	2.23
12	Watkins, Leonie	2.23
13	Ralph, Pauline	1.84
14	Jakins, Harriet	0.67
15	Church, Ross	0.12

Club

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Loton, Chris	6.7
2	Brownlow, Brett	5.66
3	Hill, Tony	4.05
4	Broughton, Christine	3.74
5	Ohlson, Garry	2.31
6	Stewart, Michael	2.28
7	Nicholls, Marg	2.11
8	Stewart, Christine	2.11
9	Williams, Dianne	2.06
10	Windsor, Sheryl	1.21
11	Wales, John	1.12
12	Gilligan, Judith	0.95
13	Williams, Cheryl	0.93
14	Langton, Tracey-Lee	0.77
15	Morrison, Colin	0.72
16	Cook, Dawn	0.72
17	Shephard, Helen	0.59
18	Borrows, Prue	0.43

Graduate

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Zandegiacomo, Nola	2.66
2	Moran, Cathy	1.55
3	Dwyer, Debbie	0.44

Nil

	NAME	MASTER POINTS
1	Paltridge, Debbie	10.08
2	Paltridge, Ian	9.04
3	Wolfenden, Dean	8.3
4	Capra, Michele	3.9
5	Butler, Di	2.64
6	Gallagher, Susan	2.56
7	Mitchell, Vicki	2.3
8	Harper, Christine	2.17
9	Ivanovic, Paula	1.91
10	Carvill, Michelle	1.9
11	Moran, John	1.55
12	Deane, Robyn	1.03
13	Landrigan, Brian	0.95
14	Jaunais, Peter	0.38
15	Taylor, Keith	0.23
16	Forrest, Paul	0.19
17	Hughes, Lorraine	0.1
18	Jastrzebski, Janusz	0.1
19	Fuller, Doug	0.09
20	Joce, Louise	0.04



Redcliffe Bridge Club

Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

<https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/December2025/December2025.html#p=1>

Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) News. . .

<https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/QBADec25-1.pdf>

Masterpoints news

NAME	TOTAL MPs		RANK	TOTAL MPs	
	November			December	
Routley, Sandra			Bronze Life		670.11
Bavage, Jennifer	Life	353.83			
Clark, Brian	Bronze State	101.87			
Gibson, Claudia	Bronze State	100.59			
Almond, Linda	Regional	50.99			
Hancock, Peter	Regional	50.11			
Broughton, Christine	Local	15.04			
Brown, Lesley			Bronze Local		27.63
Holland, Denise			Bronze Local		25.25
Ivanovic, Paula	Graduate	2.1			

Additional information can be found at <https://abfmasterpoints.com.au/>

Dates to Remember

Sunday 11 January

QCBC Pairs and Novice Pairs
9.15 am Start
Qld Contract Bridge Club

Sunday 18 January

Under 500/Novice Pairs
9am Start
Toowoomba Bridge Club

Monday 12 January

Club Championships Team
9 am Start
Lunch provided
Redcliffe Bridge Club

Monday 9 February

Teams of Three
12.30 am Start
Redcliffe Bridge Club

14 to 25 January

ABF Summer Festival of Bridge
9am Start
Canberra Rex Hotel

Thursday 12, 19 & 26 March

GNOT Club Heats
9 am Start
Redcliffe Bridge Club

Sunday 18 January

NSBC One Day Open Teams
9 am Start
Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

Friday 10 April

Single Session Teams
12.30 Start
Redcliffe Bridge Club

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