



December  
2023



## BRIDGE BUZZ

### Special points of interest:

- \* Sessions
- \* Fees
- \* AGM date

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### From the President—Sue Kennard

*Christmas Party speech*—A big welcome everyone to our annual Christmas lunch.

May I say it has been a great privilege to be the President of the best bridge club in Queensland!

The club has had its share of woes this year with some unwelcome members . . . Multi-nesting termites!

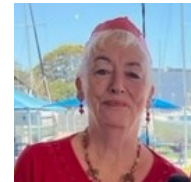
The council are doing everything they can to terminate their

membership, but obviously they are still very happy being in our bridge club because they are still here!

For the last few months we have had to operate without a kitchen and hot water and I would like to thank you all for happily bringing along your thermoses etc. Also a big vote of thanks to our Providore whose kitchen has been reduced to a table and cupboard, but she is still doing a great job of

providing for our comfort.

A club cannot run efficiently without the help of so many volunteers and as the year draws to a close, there are many people who need to be thanked by all of us and to expedite our thanks to them I will ask them to come up the front here for a photo and a little something as a token of our appreciation.



### Thank you . . .

First of all, and call me a little bias if you will, I am called up the teachers who have helped with the classes during the year. You may think that it is just down to Wayne and myself, but in fact we have help from a whole team of teachers who come to the lessons and sit with the beginners helping them to achieve what they have just been taught. We have a

real teaching team and my sincere thanks goes to all who help on a regular basis. And while I have him up here, I would like to pay tribute to Wayne, who is the life blood of the office and our go to person for many things. This year he also stood in as secretary when we could not get one last election . . . It is not as if he had nothing else to do!



Sue Kennard and Wayne Parker



Sue Kennard, Jill Hanley, Ross Shardlow, Lynda Bennion,  
Wayne Parker and Gordon Gemmell  
Absent: Suzy Brownlow and Roxy Blaylock



## Thank you to the Directors . . .

Without this group of people, we would not be playing! Their job is often difficult, it takes a lot of training and then there are exams to sit. They are the first to arrive for a session and the last to leave. Also,

they are as scarce as hen's teeth and this club is so lucky to have this wonderful cohort of directors. Let us all please treasure them and thank them for the work they do. Sandra is not only our chief

director as tournament organiser, she is also our Club Recorder. Sandra has quietly contributed much to us in the way of support for the club this year.



Sue Kennard, Steve Woodrow, Sandra Woodrow, Maurice Sanders, Greg Gosney, Helen Chapman and Max Kershaw.  
Absent : Annette Hyland

## Christmas Donation

This year the club gave \$2200 to the Salvation Army Christmas appeal.

A total of 110 members and their partners joined us for the Christmas party at \$10 each.

The \$10 fee was matched by the club.

## Thank you to the Dealers . . .

They give up their time to deal our boards, the results of which are connected to the computer for instant scoring. Before

Bridgemates and dealing machines came into being we scored by hand and the results were worked out manually so

sometimes it was a few days before the scores came out. So big thank you to this group who keep our cards rolling out.



Sue Kennard, Colin Morrison, Peter Hancock, Melva Leal, Maurice Sanders and Maw Kershaw

## Thank you to the Fee Collectors . . .

I would like to thank our fee collectors, who help keep the club

financially afloat by extracting your dash each session.



Di McColl, Melva Leal, Sue Kennard, Sue Woodrow, Robyn Church and Carol Bailey  
Absent: Leanne Paddison, Fay Jeppesen and Debbie Gavin

## Thank you continued . . .

There are other vital people who are not in a group—  
Peter Hancock—Membership  
Ken Griggs—Events

(who can forget Captain No Beard)  
Midge Spice—Master points  
Lorraine Bechly—Librarian

Tracey Langton—Newsletter  
Magdeline Wong—Providore  
. . . Who did not let a bunch of termites hold her back!



Ken Griggs  
Events Co-ordinator



Lorraine Bechly  
Librarian



Magdeline Wong  
Providore



Tracey Langton  
Newsletter

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## Membership Fees

**Club Joining Fee**  
Annual (Apr-Sep) \$10  
Half Yearly (Oct-Dec) \$10  
Quarter Year (Jan-Mar) \$10

**QBF-QBA Levies**  
Annual (Apr-Sep) \$40  
Half Yearly (Oct-Dec) \$20

**Home Member**  
Annual (Apr-Sep) \$10  
Half Yearly (Oct-Dec) \$5

**Away Member**  
Annual (Apr-Sep) \$10  
Half Yearly (Oct-Dec) \$5

**Table Fees**  
Members \$5  
Visitors \$6  
Student Members \$2.50  
Visitors \$3

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## Final thank you . . .

Phew! But that is still not all. I would like to thank the Bridgemates, the people who wash the tablecloths, the

people who help clear up and many others who quietly contribute to the smooth running of the club.

We appreciate you all, we need you all and our club is lucky to have such members as you.

## Ten Days of Christmas. . .

On the tenth day of Christmas, the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Christmas Decorations;  
On the ninth day of Christmas, the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Bidding Education;  
On the eighth day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Brain stimulation;

On the seventh day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Seven Red Points;  
On the sixth day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Many lasting friendships;  
On the fifth day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Five—Grand—Slams

On the fourth day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Four minor losses  
On the third day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Three Bad Hands  
On the second day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
Two system Cards;  
On the first day of Christmas the bridge club gave to me . . .  
An account for my annual fees.

So Redcliffe is the club for me.









## 2023 Club Event Winners . . .

### Club Champion Pairs

Magdeline Wong and Midge Spice

### Individual Champion

Carolyn Adcock



### Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs

Dorothy Ghrke and Errol Miller

### Novice Pairs

Chris and Mike Stewart

### Daphne Kerr Awards

Leanne Paddison

### Bea Donaldson Award

Brian Clark

### Australian Wide Restricted Pairs Club Winners

John Henderson and Carol Bailey



### Australian Wide Restricted Pairs Club Winners

Roxy Blaylock and Melva Perry



## Redcliffe Congresses

### Sunday 11th August

Annual pairs congress  
Swiss Movement  
Maximum 24 Tables

### Sunday 19 November

Under 300 MPs and under  
100 MPs Novice Teams  
Maximum 24 Tables

### Club Champion Teams

John Henderson, Robert Barr,  
Fay Jeppesen and Peter Stride



## Edna Hodgen Achievement Awards . . .

For the most masterpoints won by a member for six month period, players must have maintained the same rank for the entire period to be eligible for this award.



### Regional Master

Karen Gosney

### Silver Local Master

Peter Godfrey

### Bronze Local Master

Tom Murphy

### Local Master

Suzy Brownlow

### Club/Graduate Master

Brian Clark



Suzy Brownlow and Peter Godfrey

## Education . . .

The Redcliffe Bridge Club is offering mentoring and supervised play to all club members with volunteer club members assisting in the program.

A more experienced player will be able to mentor and provide supervised play for inexperienced players on a

personal basis.

The program is designed to create a permanent framework and structure for education which will include Mentoring and Supervised Play.

Changes to the point levels for playing in the Red Section:

- Allows mentors to mentor either in the Red or Blue

Sections.

- Complies with Queensland Bridge Association regulations. Mentored play can occur in both Red and Blue Sections as of January 2024.

As a part of the education program, supervised play will start in January of 2024 and will be evaluated after 4 weeks.

## Event in December . . .

### Rainbow Movement

A great day was had by all on Friday 8 December. There were 60 participants .

The event was organised and run by Sandra Routley and Helen Chapman. Wayne Parker was Bridge Mate for the session.

The Party Hats looked great on us all.

This was an individual competition with one winner, Brian Clark.

Many thanks to Sandra, Helen and Wayne for all their hard work.





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## Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

Recent Newsletter can be accessed on <https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/December2023/#p=1>

## Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) News. . .

1. The most recent QBA bulletin is available to download <https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/QBAOct23.pdf>

2. QBA Festival of Bridge - entries are open <https://qldbridge.com.au/events>

## Masterpoint News . . .

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

Rank Promotions		
November		
Grade	Name	Total MPs
Grand	Abby Wanigaratne	1,006.46
Bronze Local	Suzy Brownlow	26.19
Local	Brian Clark	15.13
Club	Tracey Langton	6.04
Club	Peter Holland	5.29
Club	Michael Stewart	5.22
Club	Christine Stewart	5.22
Club	Gary Pearce	5.20
Graduate	Tony Hill	2.03

## Annual General Meeting

Monday  
17 June, 2024

10 am

Club Room  
2A Irene St  
Redcliffe

For more information go to ABF Masterpoint Centre [www.abfmasterpoints.com.au](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au)

## Dates to remember . . .

<b>5 January—23 February</b>	<b>4 February</b>	<b>7, 14 and 21 March</b>
Supervised Play (9.15 am)	B51 3 Way Interclub Challenge	GNOT Club Heats
<b>15 January</b>	<b>18—24 February</b>	<b>19 April</b>
Teams of Three	Gold Coast Congress	President's Day
<b>29 January</b>	<b>2 February—11 May</b>	<b>18—25 May</b>
Championship Swiss Teams	Bridge Lessons	Supervised Play