



BRIDGE BUZZ - August 2024

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From the President ...

We have had a cold winter this year, but spring is just around the corner and that usually means a lot of work in the garden for many of us!

I am pleased to report that the club is in a very healthy state and I would like to thank last year's committee for their efforts in this regard.

The AGM was recently held with the following result:

President: Sue Kennard

Vice President: Melva Leal

Secretary: Ross Mangano

Treasurer: Linda Almond

Committee members: Ted Morriss, Fay Jeppesen, Ken Griggs, Lesley Brown and Sandra Routley.

We welcome three new members to the committee, with Ross as the new secretary and committee members Sandra and Lesley. We are so pleased to have you joining us, you will be a great asset to the club as we strive to do our best to keep it in good health throughout the coming year.

A few of our members have been away on long holidays this year.

Ken Griggs and his wife Wendy travelled to the United States, Amsterdam and finished with six weeks in the Loire Valley in France to soak up some French culture. It is great to see you safely back again Ken.

Maddy Wong did a half leg round the world cruise along with Fay Jeppesen who did the full leg. It is always good to see our providore back! Although Wayne did a stunning job as your replacement! We hope to welcome Fay back soon and no doubt she will have many tales to tell.

Ted Morriss and wife Camellia travelled around Australia in their caravan, going far and wide. It is good to see Ted back sporting a new head of hair, after he had it all shaved off in the aid of cancer.

Many other members have been travellers and it is good to see them return to the bridge family.



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Welcome to our new members ...



We are pleased to have Robert and Claire Stammel, Kym Moritz, John Wales, Paula Ivanovic, Elizabeth Irvine and Carolyn Black join our club recently. If you would like to have a game of bridge with them they have now been invited to join Pianola and you can also contact them through our partner liaison officer Peter Murray on 0413 169 925.

Some members have been enquiring about Pianola and MyABF lately, so now is a good time to go over some of the benefits of these programs:



PIANOLA ... is a smart tool to manage bridge clubs and to give players a new way to analyse results and find partners. In our club, Wayne Parker and Fay Jeppesen are the administrators of Pianola and this program is used to communicate with members (by email) to give you general information about the club as well as your recent bridge results.

Details on how to use Pianola have been put on our website under the **Documents tab**, if you do not have access to Pianola please contact Wayne in the first instance – in some cases, you may have to contact Pianola Support in the United Kingdom by email to fix the problem. All new members will be sent an email inviting them to join Pianola and they must click the link in the message to set up their account. The club pays Pianola for this service and there is no cost to our members.



MyABF ... the Australian Bridge Federation has been investing heavily in technology for the past five years, the MyABF technology platform is designed to support all Australian clubs and players by simplifying the administration of clubs and bridge events.

Nearly all bridge events (mainly Congresses) nationwide now use MyABF as the portal, providing players with the information they require and the ability to enter and pay their fees seamlessly. Some clubs have transitioned to using MyABF for their club management allowing their members to pay their table fees through their MyABF Account. Currently, only 47.3% of our members have registered with MyABF, it is easy to set up an account and it is free – simply go online to www.myabf.com.au/accounts/register enter your ABF number, your name, your email address and password and that's it. You need to be registered to play in any congress around Australia.

While MyABF is already offering significant savings and benefits to clubs, there are still three core elements to be done in the future:

1. Complete the club membership module to enable clubs to retire existing systems
2. Integrate the Masterpoint Centre, and
3. Integrate a scoring program with MyABF to reduce errors and overheads.

If you have any further questions, visit the ABF website or talk to Wayne and he may be able to answer your questions. MyABF is the future of bridge in Australia, and it will catch up with us eventually. So far the ABF have invested \$900,000 into this project and members can expect the annual capitation fees (levies) and masterpoint costs (green, red and gold) to rise in the future.

Bridge Education ...

We have recently completed four Fridays of supervised play, which was greatly appreciated by those present. We anticipate running some intermediate lessons later in the year for the more advanced players and hope that these will be well attended.

Beginner's classes commence on Saturday September 7th and will be run by Sue Kennard and a trusty band of helpers between 9 and 11am. About 24 people have shown interest to date, so we hope they will enjoy their bridge journey with us.

Thank you to all the members who have delivered flyers into letterboxes, local business houses and residential apartments.



Recent Bridge Results ...

The Joan Dark Individual Championship was run over three sessions in June on a Thursday morning and congratulations go to Errol Miller who won the championship, he played with Greg Gosney, John Scrivens and Dorothy Gehrke. The runner-up for the individual championship was John Scrivens.

The Inter-club challenge with Caboolture BC was held at Caboolture Bridge Club.



The Redcliffe-Caboolture Challenge

was held on July 7th, 2024, hosted by the Caboolture Bridge Club. We had 14 pairs from each club competing to determine the winning club. A great effort by everyone, with Redcliffe retaking the shield. Well done to all the Redcliffe players for a strong showing.



The winning pair:
Elizabeth and John (with John once again managing to avoid the camera!)



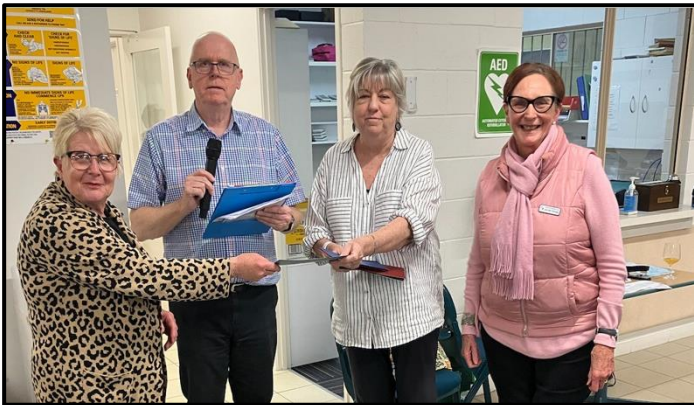
Redcliffe Vice-President, Melva, accepting the shield from Caboolture President, Noreen.

The second placed pair:
Eugene and Peter.



Redcliffe ended up winning the shield, congratulations to Elizabeth Gibson and John Scrivens who were the best performing pair overall on the day.

Several of our members competed in the Moreton Bribe Congress and congratulations go to Terry Davies and Meryl Perry who placed third in the B Grade Matchpoint Pairs and to Wayne Parker, Sue Kennard, Terry Davies and Meryl Perry who placed second in the B Grade Swiss Teams.



The Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs was held over two sessions on Saturday afternoon, for the first time ever, there was a tie, and congratulations go to Annette Hyland, Carolyn Adcock, Wayne Parker and Peter Murray.

It is good to see so many of our members doing well in the club.



Redcliffe Pairs Congress ...

We have just held our Annual Pairs Congress which was a great success. It was attended by forty-eight pairs who came from far and wide, which meant that the club was at capacity for the day. It was great to see so many of those pairs from our own club and all grades of players. A lot of hard work goes into running such an event and there are many people to be thanked for their hard work. Wayne Parker did a great job as convenor including coping with last minute illnesses and replacements and many other jobs that remain unseen by most of us. Our wonderful membership rallied with many plates of delectable food which was very much enjoyed by our impressed visitors throughout the day. A big thank you to all who worked in the kitchen and to Ken Griggs who made sure that the wine fridge was amply stocked for the conclusion of the event. Also, we extend our thanks to Jo Neary, who competently directed the play which flowed beautifully and in a timely manner. Winners:

A Grade

Ralph Parker / Jenny Hayes
Raelene Clark / Richard Fox
Tony Hutton / Richard Ward



B Grade

Ross Shardlow / Peter Gruythuysen
Joan Jenkins / Alan Boyce



C Grade

Karen Gosney / Jane Doyle
Peter Hancock / Dianne McColl



Directors Corner ... ALERTS

The purpose of an alert is to draw the opponents' attention to a call with special meaning or a meaning they may not expect.

Some bids are self-alerting. These include cue bids of the opposition suit, 2C Stayman and most bids at the 4 level or higher. Conventional opening bids at the 4 level are alertable.

- Alerts are made by circling a partner's bid and saying "Alert"
- Unless asked by an opponent, it is highly improper to voluntarily explain the meaning of the bid
- If asked to explain the meaning of a bid, it's also improper to say "I'm taking it to mean..." or "I'm treating it as....". This provides unauthorised information to partner.
- Alert a 1NT response after an intervening bid if it doesn't promise a stopper in the overcalled suit
- An opening bid of 1C or 1NT requires an announcement, not an alert.