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BRIDGE BUZZ

Special points of interest:

- * Zephyr Education thank you
- * Membership fee reminder
- * GNOD News
- * Australian Day Award Winner

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From the President, Fay Jeppesen . . .

On behalf of the committee, we wish you all a very happy new year, one that is filled with good health and fun, especially playing bridge. We not only welcomed some new members in January, but also some returning members after a long absence, and hope you enjoy your bridge experience at our club. It was with much sadness to hear of the recent passing of a former club president, Del Turner. A minutes silence was held at the club and a card sent to her family. After 3 years of Covid interruptions to our life, we commence the new year with a full bridge timetable with a variety of events, with some new team events included in our

program. On Friday 13 January we held our first single session teams event, with 15 teams playing and this provided a great experience for our novice players, who in some instances played with more experienced players. This provided an introduction to teams, before our Club Championship Teams event on 30 January. The Gold Coast Congress in February and the Club GNODs in March and May.

A separate report has been prepared by our Masterpoint Secretary, Midge Spice on the success of our players in the State-wide and National McCutcheons rankings during 2022. Rankings are determined by what rank a player is on 1

January each year and listings are available for your perusal on <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au> On this website you can look up your own individual points or by looking at the left hand column select under Reporting either National, State or Club reports to see how you compare with players across these 3 categories. At the end of each month, the club masterpoint secretary uploads club results for the national database. I wish to especially congratulate the following players who achieved outstanding success in their respective National categories - Jan Kinross 2nd, Annette Hyland 3rd, Abby Wanigaratne 4th with Jan Kinross receiving the James O'Sullivan Award for being 1st on the State list for Local Master.

Members' Achievements . . .

Many of our members have achieved wonderful results in the Annual McCutcheon Awards for 2022.

These Awards cover the total masterpoints (Green, Red and Gold) awarded to individuals for Club, State and National events in 2022.

Congratulations go to Annette Hyland and Abby Wanigaratne who ranked in the Top 20 Queensland player list and to the 24 members of our club who made the Queensland list within their individual ranks namely:

Errol Miller, Annette Hyland, Bert Luchjenbroers, Abby Wanigaratne, Fay Jeppesen, Debbie and Gary

Gibbards, Melissa Weber, Noreen Weyling, Peter Gruythuysen, Ross Shardlow, Raelene Clark, Vesna and Voyko Markovic, Ilo Hellaby, Jane Doyle, Melva Leal, John Henderson, Magdeline Wong, Lynda Bennion, Jan Kinross, Brian Pridham, Debbie Pearce, Peter Hancock.

Congratulations also go to our members who made the **Queensland Top 50 Most Improved Players** for 2022 namely:

Jan Kinross, Melva Leal, Vesna and Voyko Markovic, John Henderson, Raelene Clark and Abby Wanigaratne.

In addition, 13 of our members made the National McCutcheon's ladder in their respective ranks - a wonderful achievement.

Annette Hyland, Bert Luchjenbroers, Abby Wanigaratne, Gary Gibbards, Peter Gruythuysen, Ross Shardlow, Raelene Clark, Vesna and Voyko Markovic, Melva Leal, Lynda Bennion, Jan Kinross, and Debbie Pearce.

Finally, congratulations to Jan Kinross, who made the National Top 50 Most Improved Players for 2022.

Well done to you all and here's to 2023.



"Of course we're not going to experiment on you - we just needed another hand for our bridge game!"



Winner of the Daphne Kerr Shield 2022 . . .

Daphne requested this be an encouragement award for improving players. To be eligible a member must start the year below the rank of Regional Master and win sufficient masterpoints over the nine months to become a Regional Master .
Congratulations to the 2022 winner , Jan Kinross

2023 Club Team Championships. . .

On 30 January, 14 teams competed in the true spirit of the game, with competitive and fair play, under the direction of Alan Gibson. Congratulations to the following teams:

1st John Henderson, Robert Barr, Fay Jeppesen and Peter Stride



2nd Errol Miller, Dorothy Gehrke, John Scrivens, Elizabeth Gibson



Education Report . . .

Sue Lind has contacted Andy Hung, a national and state team representative and champion, who conducts various workshops for players throughout Australia and at ABF Congresses. We have been fortunate the host sessions over the past 6 years conducted by Andy and they have been extremely well received. Andy will be in

On Sunday 5 February, the 3 way competition between Redcliffe-Caboolture-Moreton Bribie Clubs was hosted by Moreton Bribie Club, with each club nominating 10 pairs. This event was cancelled in recent years and it was wonderful to share the day with players from neighbouring clubs. Our thanks for the fine hospitality and organisation by Shirley Watson and the Moreton-Bribie club. Thank you to members who represented our club, and congratulations to the Caboolture Club. Best performing pair for Redcliffe was pair Errol Miller and John Scrivens who finished 4th overall. Well done to all who participated.

I would like to wish every success to all members who are playing in the 8-day Gold Coast congress and hope you bring home some gold and enjoy the experience.



Brisbane in April and negotiations are currently being undertaken for 2 workshops to be held at Redcliffe Club on Wednesday 12 April. Final details on date/time/subject/cost are being negotiated at this time and further details will be provided to members when available.

GNOT News

There will be 2 GNOT team sessions held this year, with the first during normal Thursday play sessions on March 2, 9, 16; and the second on normal Friday play sessions on 12 and 19 May.

Team nominations and conditions of entry information will be available on club website and noticeboard shortly. No separate side section will be held during these GNOT sessions. Please note you must nominate as either a Contending or Non Contending team. If a member cannot attend 1 session, a team may nominate more than 4 players in the team.

If selected, contending teams are to be available to play at the Brisbane Zone finals on Saturday 26 (all day) and Sunday 27 August (all day) at QCBC. Start getting your teams together now for this experience. This is the only opportunity during club play, for you to earn some Gold points.

New Members . . .

Welcome to new members to the club Ashley Fitzgibbon, Cathy Moran, John Moran, Karen Gosney and Leonie Watkins. Di McColl has now transferred in as a Home member. We hope you enjoy the social aspect of the club

as well as the card playing.

Check out information about the club on our website or approach one of our committee members.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our club.



Australian Day Awards . . .

Congratulations to Susan Woodrow who was awarded the Volunteer Award in this year's Australian Day Awards. Susan works quietly in the background, makes an enormous difference to the lives of those in need.

Bridge lessons . . .

On 4 February, Wayne Parker commenced the first round of bridge lessons for 2023.

Many thanks to members for widely advertising these lessons. It was wonderful to see 18 new learners attend their first lesson. I

hope they enjoy their learning experience. Also printed in the club program book are lessons that are being held – if you need a refresher please come along. Thank you to the volunteer members who assist with these lessons.



Laws of Bridge . . .

In this newsletter I have included an article written by National and State Director, and QBA Masterpoint Secretary, Peter Busch for his Sunshine Coast club newsletter, which I find is really relevant on Laws of Bridge that all should note.

I've had a grumpy old man whinge in an earlier column (and subsequently found that many others shared my feelings), but this time I have a few specific gripes about some matters of the Laws of Bridge that are flouted in our club sessions.

Telling opponents the meaning of partner's bid without being asked. Regulations require "announcing" like this in only two cases, and are very specific about what is to be said. After partner opens a natural INT, you simply state the range, e.g. "15 to 17". And after partner opens 1G you either state the minimum number of clubs if it's natural (e.g. "2 plus" for short club, "3 plus" for better minor, "4 plus" for Acol), or if you're playing a system like Precision, you state "strong, 1G plus". Do not add any embellishment to these announcements unless the opponents ask. All other bids by your partner should be alerted if necessary, but you must say nothing unless the opponents ask you about it. By explaining the meaning without being asked, you are telling partner how you interpret their bid, and this sort of communication between partners is clearly not allowed in bridge.

Removing cards from the board before either opponent has arrived. Wait until at least one opponent has arrived at the table before you remove your cards from the board. It's a matter of courtesy, but is also a requirement under the laws.

Rotating the board or covering the vulnerability information.

The laws require that the board remain on the table, in the right compass direction, and be visible at all times. This is because any player is entitled to check the vulnerability at any time through the play. (This is in contrast to the bidding slip which can and should be covered after the 3rd player has played to the first trick. This is because no one is entitled to a review of the auction after this point.) Rotating the board is also a sure way of the cards being replaced in the wrong pockets at the end of the hand, leading to board-fouling and headaches all round.

Discussion about the hands that can be overheard.

If a player overhears a comment about a board they are yet to play, their chances of getting a valid result are significantly reduced. This spoils the game for those players and is unfair on the rest of the field. If you need to discuss something about the hands, do it in a way that can't be overheard.

Turning a played card over before everyone has played to the trick.

Apart from being contrary to the laws, this is confusing to other players and can lead to cards not being played to tricks or too many cards being played to a trick. A similar issue is when a player wants to see the cards just played to the trick after they have been turned over. The laws allow a player to ask others to re-face the card played to the last trick until such time as they have turned their own card.

Peter Busch



Letter of Thanks

The club received a letter of thanks from the Zephyr Education Inc for our generous donation of \$2000 which helped children in domestic violence shelters get back to school with uniforms, shoes, stationery and school items, bags, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. Zephyr Education is run entirely by volunteers with no remuneration or expenses for work .



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Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

Recent Newsletter can be accessed on <https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/February2023/February2023.pdf>

Please be aware that the ABF and QBA fees for 2023 will increase to \$16.40 each.

Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) News. . .

1. The most recent QBA bulletin is available to download <https://qldbridge.com.au/news/qba-bulletin>
2. QBA Festival of Bridge - entries are open <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/334>.
You also need to be registered with MyABF
3. For information on congresses held in 2023 <https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/>

Masterpoint News . . .

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

Rank Promotions		
Grade	December	
Club	Christine Broughton	5.26
	Alex Bencsevich	4.98

For more information go to ABF Masterpoint Centre www.abfmasterpoints.com.au

Membership Fees . . .

All members recently received a renewal notice for 2023 membership. Fees are payable by direct debit or by paying on the square machine, and are payable by 28 February. It is important to not only pay your membership but please check to ensure that your address, emergency contact and vax status are correct. If you have any changes, please advise the secretary, Wayne Parker on secretary@redcliffebridge.com.au



Dates to remember . . .

17–25 February

Gold Coast Congress

2 March

GNOT Club Heat (Round 1)

9 March

GNOT Club Heat (Round 2)

16 March

GNOT Club Heat (Round 3)

23–26 March

Tasmanian Festive of Bridge

17 April

President's Day

28 April–1 May

Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns)

4–8 May

Autumn Nationals (Adelaide)

12 May

GNOT Club Heat (Round 1)

18 May

GNOT Club Heat (Round 2)

26 May

Australia Wide Novice Pairs

27–28 May

River City Gold Mixed Pairs (Brisbane)

25–31 May

Australia Wide Novice Pairs

5 June

Annual General Meeting (10 am)

26-27 August

Brisbane Zone GNOT Finals (QCBC)