



BRIDGE BUZZ

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From the President—Fay Jeppesen

It's been a busy time for our members, with many attending the Gold Coast Congress, continuation of our Beginner Lessons, and the committee planning for some future events. Included is a report on the Congress, and information for members regarding coming events, namely Planning for Your Future Session on Monday 27 March 11.15, President's Day on Monday 17 April and Professional Development

Sessions to be conducted by Andy Hung on Wednesday 12 April. Behind the scenes, Carol has been busy with additional cleaning of shelves and cupboards in the clubrooms and she found the missing table No. 2! She also took home and washed all of the table covers. Volunteers are always needed for this task, just ask. During the past 3 Thursdays, GNOD sessions have been held to identify

teams that will represent our club at the Regional finals in August. Congratulations to those teams. If you were unsuccessful the club will be holding further sessions on Friday 12/19 May during normal club sessions. These events provide club members with the opportunity to achieve some gold points. It is wonderful to see so many of our members now enjoying some special holidays that have been on hold for the past few years. Enjoy your travel and keep well.

President's Day—Monday 17 April

Play will be conducted at 12.30 pm during normal session times and will be conducted in two sections, namely Open and Novice. Nominations are not necessary. At the conclusion of play, multi draw raffles will occur with light refreshments provided. During the past 7 years we

have provided on average \$3,000 each for a young man in the special Olympics, Encircle, a domestic violence shelter, Peninsular Animal Aid, Pender Riding for Disabled, Rural Fire Brigade and Givit Flood Appeal. The charity that the club will support this year is Chameleon House, which operates on

Redcliffe Peninsula. They provide accommodation for young people 16-25 years, however they also support young people under 16 years to ensure their immediate welfare and safety. This charity provides an opportunity for people to take control of their lives in a supported system strength based environment, to begin the process for a better future.

Gold Coast Bridge Congress. . .

The World Bridge Federation President, Jan Kamras, flew to Australia to Open the GCC and discussed the World Bridge Tour, of which players from Argentina, Austria, Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Sweden, United Kingdom, Uruguay and USA were present with the many from all parts of Australia. The GCC was the first event to count towards the tour, similar to the World Golf Tour. Two USA

players, aged 19, won the Open pairs; while 3 NSW reps and 1 Qld rep won the Team event. As you can imagine the field of Open competition in both the Pairs (194 pairs), Teams (144 teams) and the Swiss Pairs (112 pairs) was of a very high and competitive standard, where 10 Redcliffe players (Errol, Greg, Margaret, Annette, Fay, Peter, John, Abby, Maree, Sandra) competed. Any wins across these

events were difficult to achieve. I know I was feeling a bit intimidated when looking up some of my opposition on the ABF Masterpoints and seeing that they have 9000 MPS, mostly gold and red, but decided to focus on the cards not the opposition. And yes....they do make mistakes but not often, however we all achieved a few nice wins and came away with some hard earned gold points.

Andy Hung Lessons

The club is fortunate to again engage Andy Hung to conduct lessons at our club. Andy is an Australian player and has extensive experience in play and has conducted many bridge teaching sessions throughout the country. Many thanks to Sue Lind for organising the following session to be held:

Wednesday 12 April
Session 1 10:30–12:30
Overcoming the fear of playing in No Trumps
Session 2 1:00–3:00
Signalling more accurately

Cost is \$10 per session for club members; \$25 for non club members. BYO lunch. Approval has been given by the committee for \$15/person subsidy per session.

Andy provides lesson, notes, and card play for each session.

As there is a minimum number of 20, on-line enrolment is required by going to the club website and book under the event.

Gold Coast Congress continued. . .

It was a pleasure to play against such experienced professional players. They displayed exemplary manners at the table, were very open in explaining what their bids meant and we gratefully accepted some advice from them. During the course of the 8 days, there were very few calls to the Director in this section, which were very courteously answered by Chief Director Dr Laurie Kelso and Qld Director, Jan Peach.



Maria Setiawan



Magdeline Wong
and Ilo Hellaby

Robyn C) achieved great results. Vesna and Voyko achieved the most gold points for our club members with 16.22 MPS. Congratulations to Vesna and Voyko for coming 5th overall in the A Final, closely followed by Maria coming 6th, and congratulations to Rosie and Jan K for finishing 2nd in the B Final of the Pairs Competition. There were 74 teams and 112 pairs in this competition. All were very excited with their hard work to win some gold points.



Ted Morriss and
Peter Gruythuysen

Robyn Church and
Melva Leal

Gold Coast Congress continued. . .

Some of us continued on in other events on Friday and Saturday in the Ivy Dahler pairs competition, but fatigue was kicking in for us all, though a few more gold points were squeezed out.

Well done to Geoff and Helen Shephard for competing in the

Rookies (10 pts) event and hope you enjoyed the experience.

I hope that more of our Rookie players attend next year's competition—it is a wonderful experience playing the convention centre with 1200 other players. During the week there were 6457 tables of bridge played (up from

3995 in 2022). Including the walk in pairs on the first night, Annette and I played 362 boards during the 8 days. That's a lot of boards that the dealers have to prepare! As always the event went very smoothly, which in no small part was due to the fantastic organisation by the convenor, Tim Runting and the QBA Manager, Kim Ellaway.

Gold Coast Congress . . . A break from competition



Ilo Hellaby, Robyn Church, Midge Spice, Lynda Bennion, Malva Leal and Magdeline Wong



Gary Gibbards, Ross Shardlow, Deb Gibbards and Peter Gruythuysen



Planning for your Future Life

The club is hosting a session on Monday 17 March 11.15 am at the clubrooms (prior to play). Please bring your lunch and enjoy while the following presentation occurs.

If is expected that the sessions will finish by 12 noon. All members and their partners are welcome to attend, but wish to play on this Monday, please wait in the foyer until the conclusion of the session.

Information Q/A Session on Enduring Power of Attorney and Wills.
Public Trustee Redcliffe Manager—Joanne

Advanced Care Planning, Annette McNee (our club member) Annette is an independent consumer advocate and accredited Aged Care Adviser

Gold Coast Congress . . . Out to dinner



With this years weather remaining mostly fine, many social occasions were enjoyed at the Broadbeach restaurants, providing opportunities to catch up

with each other and friends from other clubs.

it is a fun week of bridge and socialising - put Saturday 17 February to Saturday 24

February 2024 in your diary now and watch for the accommodation specials when they come up for Broadbeach apartments.

Gold Coast Congress . . . Mad Hatters

Every year the Congress has a theme and this year was "Hats". Congratulations to our Mad Hatters (Sue, Jo, Magdeline and Ilo) who came second. Ladies you looked fabulous as always, also coming second last year..... maybe next year!

Ilo Hellaby, Sue Kennard Magdeline Wong and Jo Neary.



You can't go anywhere to hide. . .



Deanna Cruickshank runs into Gary Wardrop on the ship Eclipse in Antarctica.





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PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday

17 April

We are seeking donations suitable for multi-draw raffles, e.g. alcohol, re-gifted items, groceries, toiletries, vouchers. If you are able to approach a business for a donation, please see Wayne for an introductory letter. Volunteers are also required to assist with the selling of raffle tickets prior to play. Tickets will be \$2 ea, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10.

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)

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

Masterpoint News . . .

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

Rank Promotions - 4-560		
Grade	February	
Club	Brett Barlow	5.63
	Lesley Brown	5.64
	Lisa Balfour	5.80
	Brian Clark	6.23
	Denise Holland	6.64
Local	Linda Almond	15.33
Bronze Regional	Vad Furminger	100.20
	Maurice Sanders	100.95
State	Robyn Church	104.50
Bronze State	John Henderson	196.74

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

Dates to remember . . .

12 May

GNOT Club Heat (second)

18 May

GNOT Club Heat (second)

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)

31 August

Australia Wide Open Pairs