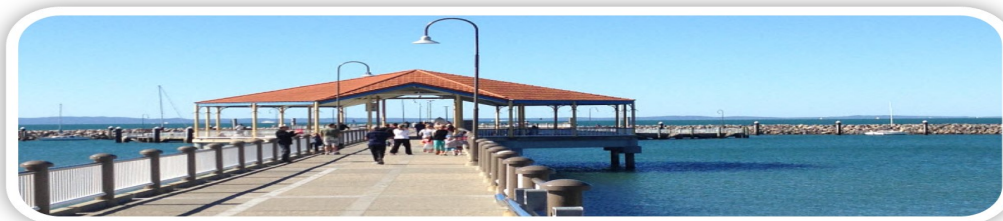


March, 2024



## BRIDGE BUZZ

### From the President—Susan Kennard

#### Special points of interest:

- \* No play days
- \* Donations for President's Day
- \* Annual General Meeting Date

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Hi there everyone!

It is still a fresh and great feeling to have our kitchen back again! I have never enjoyed washing up in our kitchen more than I am at present, having been denied that function for the past few months.

At the time of writing the GNOTS are underway with two of the three weeks having been played, so soon we will know who will be going forward to the Zone finals at QCBC later in the year.

We have twelve teams in the tournament this year and that is a very good turnout. It is great to see less experienced players having a go at this and I hope they are enjoying the experience.

Beginner classes have started and we have welcomed about twelve or

### President's Day

This year's recipients for President's Day is Give a Child a Chance (GACAC).

GACAC is an initiative of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, North Coast Region.

During May/June last year, GACAC contacted all the schools in the region, which extends from Redcliffe Peninsula, north to Bribie Island and west to Kilcoy, to

so brand new people embarking on learning our great game.

The competition season is also underway and many of our players are venturing forth to other clubs.

We wish them luck and hope they can keep the Redcliffe bridge club flag flying!

Preparations are underway for President's Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all the generous members who are making wonderful contributions to our raffle and it looks as if we have some great prizes to be won.

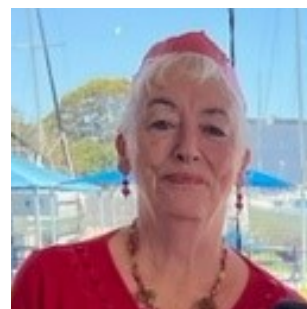
Also thanks to Maree Fillipini and Roxy Blaylock who will be sorting the donations into a presentation.

This year we are supporting "Give A Child A Chance"

determine how many students they thought were in need of assistance to continue their education effectively.

The numbers of students in need given to us by the Principals totalled 1955. Our aim is to raise funds to help educate these students, the future of our country.

To do this GACAC are having a series of fund-raising events



which is a voluntarily funded organization that strives to ensure that underprivileged children have an equal chance at education as their peers.

Following bridge play and raffle draw that day, we will be having pizzas and the bar will be open!

So don't prepare a big meal for yourself at home on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Keep smiling, keep playing.

Sue

including a Wacky Walk for Fun on Sunday, June 21.

GACAC would also like to promote sponsors to take on a student. If you are interested please email [ther.b@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ther.b@optusnet.com.au) or phone on 07 3883 1738.

Our donation will be included in this year's activity and will contribute to this worthy cause.

*One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.*

## 62nd International Gold Coast Bridge Congress

The 62nd International Gold Coast Congress was held on the 18th—24th February 2024 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre, Broadbeach.

The very first GCC was played in 1962, with sixty or so participants. Fast forward to now, and the GCC is renowned for being a World Class standard of how a Bridge Tournament should be run.

In 2022, the organisers and staff have been working around the clock throughout the year to provide us with a top quality congress, and it

will certainly be the first 'big' face-to-face tournament in Australia since the 2020 GCC.

The congress included Open competition in both the Pairs, Teams and the Swiss Pairs

Approximately 20 members played at the congress this year. Congratulations to them for their participation and representation for our club.

Date claimer: 63rd International Gold Coast Bridge Congress 1—8 February, 2025.



Robyn Church, Midge Spice, Melva Leal and Lynda Bennion.

### REMINDER:

No Play Days

29 March, 2024

Good Friday

AND

25 April

Anzac Day

## Vale Ilo Hellaby



Sadly, we have recently lost Ilo, a dear member and friend who has played at our club for the last few years.

It was perhaps difficult for us to understand what she was going through with her illness, as she was always strong and cheerful throughout this time.

Never was a complaint heard from her during all the treatments and side effects and discomfort that she must have been feeling; indeed, we would hardly have known from her demeanor that she was ill at all.

The week before she passed, I was privileged to take her to what would be her last game of bridge at Caboolture and she just loved to be playing again. She even made a date with me for the following week, but she was in palliative care by then.

Our kindest thoughts go to her family.



## Championship Swiss Team

Swiss Teams are played in several rounds, typically from five to ten.

Each round is played in a match typically between 5 and 8 boards against another pair or team.

Depending on the scores on the boards played the two teams share 20 victory points .

Ilo Hellaby was a very good bridge player, and was in the team that came first in our teams championship on the

29<sup>th</sup> January, along with Ross Shardlow, Peter Gruythesen and Don Scown.

Brave and strong to the end, her courage is an inspiration to us all.

## DEFENCE IN DETAIL 1

Back again in 2022, Defence in Detail looks at real-life hands from the last six months with a focus on practical plays, counting the hand and logical thinking. These deals are designed to be solvable, so put on your thinking hat and play along as we defend the hand together. Our first hand shows the importance of thinking about the whole hand rather than just the trick in front of you. Sitting West and playing match points, you pick up the following:

♠ K96532 ♥ 62 ♦ A83 ♣ J8

The opponents have the following auction: You see no reason not to lead your fourth highest spade, and the following dummy appears:

Dir: South ♠ J 10 8  
 Vul: Nil ♥ K Q 8 7  
 ♦ K 10 7 5 2  
 ♣ 7

**You (W)**  
 ♠ K 9 6 5 3 2  
 ♥ 6 2  
 ♦ A 8 3  
 ♣ J 8

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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT <sup>15-17</sup>
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

## Liam Milne

The first trick goes ♠ 5, J, Q, A. What are you thinking about at this point? You should be thinking about dummy's long suit, diamonds. Your major problem will be when to play the diamond ace, seeing as it is your main card outside spades and is in the suit that declarer is likely to play soon to establish some tricks. At trick two, declarer plays the ♥ 10 over to dummy's ♥ K in order to lead a low diamond to partner's ♦ 9 and their ♦ Q. Do you duck or do you win? What is declarer's likely diamond holding?

## Solution

In general, we like to play our aces on the opponents' kings or queens, but there might be more to think about here. Given how many spades we can see, if we take our ace and set up the spades, partner won't have any more to play to us later. It also looks like partner has the ♦ J – otherwise, why would declarer bother to cross to dummy in hearts when they could have led diamonds from their hand? The defence's best chance is surely to hope to establish the spades while we still have an entry. It's not clear what will happen

next, but you must duck your ♦ A smoothly and duck again if declarer plays another diamond. As long as partner gets in before you do and has a spade to play, the defence will be in good shape. The full deal: If you are able to duck smoothly twice, declarer is very likely to finesse the ♦ 10 on the second round, on the assumption that you might have taken the ace if you had it. In with the ♦ J, partner can return their spade and establish the suit while you still have the ♦ A.

If you take the ♦ A, that is the end of the defence no matter how declarer plays the diamond suit.

**Point to remember:** It is often easy to foresee the major decisions you will have early in the defence. Advance planning at trick one can help you make the best play without giving anything away.

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♠ Q 4  
 ♥ 9 5 4 3  
 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ A 10 6 5 4

♠ A 7  
 ♥ A J 10  
 ♦ Q 6 4  
 ♣ K Q 9 4 3



There is a request for gifts for the raffle on President's Day in April.  
 Alcohol is a great raffle prize.  
 Please put your donations on the table near the water fountain.  
 Profits to be donated to Give a Child a Chance which is an initiative of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



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

Recent Newsletter can be accessed on <https://www.abf.com.au/abf-newsletter-february-2024/>

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

1. The most recent QBA bulletin is available to download <https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/QBAJan24.pdf>

2. Brisbane Bridge Centre Inc Easter Congress Registration Form: [https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/bbc\\_2024\\_03-31.pdf](https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/bbc_2024_03-31.pdf)

## Masterpoint News . . .

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

Rank Promotions		
Grade	February	
	Name	Total MPs
Club	Judith Gilligan	5.24
Local	Alex Bencsevich	15.31
Silver Local	John Dunne	35.00
National	Rosemary Floquet	154.59
National	Midge Spice	171.06
National	John Henderson	258.35
Silver National	Jo Neary	302.10
Silver National	Ted Morriss	335.36
Bronze Life	Debbie Gibbards	409.77

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

## Dates to remember . . .

<b>21 March</b>	<b>29 March</b>	<b>13 April</b>
GNOT Club Heats	Cairns Easter Congress	Bridge Lesson—Competitive Bid
<b>23 March</b>	<b>30 March</b>	<b>13 April</b>
Surfers Paradise Pairs	BBC Graded Pairs and Teams	Mackay Pairs
<b>23 March</b>	<b>6 April</b>	<b>19 April</b>
Bridge Lesson—Opening INT	Bridge Lesson—Weak Opening Bid	President's Day
<b>23 March</b>	<b>6 April</b>	<b>20 April</b>
Qld Women's / Seniors Trials	Qld Women's / Seniors Trials	Bridge Lesson—Play Hands
<b>29 March</b>	<b>6 April</b>	<b>25 April</b>
Good Friday—No Play	Dalby Matchpoint Pairs and Teams	Anzac Day—No Play



## Annual General Meeting

**Monday**

**17 June, 2024**

**10 am**

**Club Room  
2A Irene St  
Redcliffe**