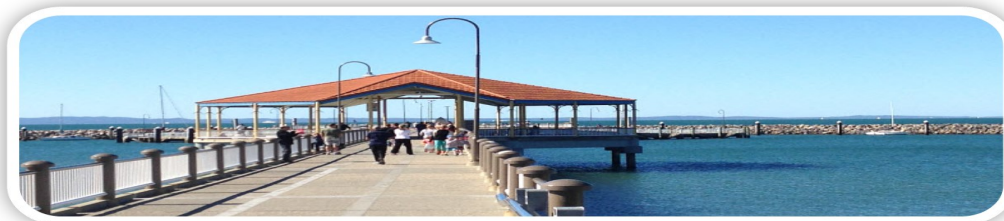


May, 2025



## BRIDGE BUZZ

### Special points of interest:

- AGM date
- Silver Grand Status
- Swiss Pairs Winners

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### From the President—Susan Kennard

Greetings everyone!

The year is zipping by so quickly that I am relieved the Christmas party is already booked!

It is great to see our members enjoying success at other clubs and in competitions. Their efforts are spreading a good competitive reputation for our club, so long may they continue!

Congratulations to all our winners.

A great milestone has been reached by another of our

### Gold Coast Congress

Gold Coast Congress 2026 A spectacular event with a glimmer of hope The 2026 Gold Coast Congress was a resounding success thanks to a team of amazing people led by Richard, Kim and Tim. They ensured that its legacy as one of the premier bridge events in Australia was maintained. While it was previously

club members, Errol Miller. Errol has now achieved Silver Grand status (2,500 mps) which has taken a lot of hard work and travel. This is a first for our club, so many congratulations go to Errol on this great achievement.



Our aged television has sadly resigned from displaying our results and other entertainments such as the Melbourne Cup and will shortly be replaced with a new one. At 10+ years old it has given us good service.

announced that this 63rd edition would be the last, there remains a glimmer of hope that the event could be resurrected. The ABF is committed to exploring every possible avenue to keep this iconic event alive. We will communicate any developments in this space as soon as possible.

ABF Newsletter, April



Ivy Dahler Butler  
Swiss Pairs  
Restricted winners:  
Magdeline Wong  
and Terry Davies.

“Old Bridge players never die; they just lose their finesse.” Oscar Wilde

## President's Day

The President's Day competition was held on the 16th of April.

The novice winners were Tom Murphy and Sue Woodrow.

In the open section Annette Hyland and Peter Stride were successful.

We had a very big raffle and managed to raise \$2,000 for the Salt Shop.

Many thanks are due to several people for this successful day:



Prizes being viewed by Lorraine Bechly

- Max Kershaw for directing the competition on the day;

- Roxy Blaylock, Jenny Reid and Maree Filippini for setting up the display;
- Maree Filippini and Fay Jeppesen for selling the raffle tickets;
- All the members who provided plates for morning tea.

And a HUGE THANK YOU to all our generous club members who donated and made this day such a success!

Redcliffe Bridge Club has a wonderful membership.



Joanne Sinclair, Karen Gosney  
Brooke Anderson and Ted Morriss



Sue Woodrow, Tom Murphy, Sue Kennard,  
Annette Hyland and Peter Stride

## Reminder

AGM  
is on  
Monday  
16 June  
2025  
starting  
at 10am.

## In Memory of Dorothy Gehrke

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of one of our long-standing and much-loved members, Dorothy Gehrke, on May 3rd.

Dorothy began playing bridge in Laidley around 1977 while working as a nurse at Gatton Hospital. In 1978, the hospital's medical superintendent was none other than Dr. Paul Hendry, a current member of our club—an early connection that would come full circle many years later.

In 2013, Dorothy joined our club from Hervey Bay, where she had already established herself as a champion bridge player, winning numerous championship events. She was reunited here with her long-time friend and bridge partner, Roy Davenport, rekindling a successful partnership that had begun years earlier.

Dorothy was a highly skilled and experienced player. She formed a strong and successful partnership with Errol Miller, achieving impressive results not only at Redcliffe but also at clubs in Arana Hills, Northern Suburbs, Caboolture, and beyond. She also enjoyed notable success in congress events alongside Errol, Elizabeth and Neil Gibson, and John Scrivens. Dorothy's outstanding accomplishments culminated in her earning the rank of Grand Master.

In 2018, she was crowned our Club Individual Champion, and in 2023, she and Errol won the Club Anniversary Pairs Championship—one of many highlights in her distinguished bridge career.

Dorothy's contributions extended far beyond her success at the table. In 2014, she generously ran beginner and advanced lessons for club members, helping players of



all levels to grow in skill and confidence. It was during this time that she once again crossed paths with Paul and Annette Hendry, continuing her lifelong connections through bridge.

She was a determined and formidable competitor—you always had to bring your A-game when sitting across from her. Her bidding and defense were sharp, strategic, and unrelenting. Yet she was equally known for her kindness and generosity. Dorothy was always willing to share her knowledge with others, offering thoughtful advice and guidance to less experienced players. Many members—myself included—benefited from her mentorship and support, both at the table and in her home, until her recent health issues intervened.

Dorothy's legacy of generosity, excellence, and friendship will live on. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. And perhaps, somewhere beyond, she's still giving a quiet nudge about which finesse to try or what suit to lead.

Fay Jeppesen

### Funeral Notice:

Members are warmly invited to attend Dorothy's funeral service, which will be held on **Friday, 16th May at 12 noon** at **Burpengary Traditional Funerals**, 636 Morayfield Road, Burpengary.




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**“Bridge is the most entertaining and intelligent card game the wit of man has so far devised.”**

Warren Buffett

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## Winners Qld Graded Teams Under 150 points



Karen Gosney, Brian Clark, Brooke Anderson and Suzy Brownlow

## Congratulations on 60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Errol and Lynne Miller who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

The tradition of celebrating anniversaries dates back to the Holy Roman Empire, where husbands crowned their wives with silver

wreaths on their 25th anniversary and gold wreaths on their 50th. The 60th anniversary, symbolized by the diamond, was later added to mark the incredible achievement of six decades of marriage.



## Development Award winner March and April

The winner each month is based on Player Performance Reports.

For the month of March the winner is Brian Clark and the winner.

Congratulations to Linda Almond, who is



our development award winner for April. Linda is presented with a \$50 Bridge shop voucher donated by a generous club sponsor.



## Supervised Play

Supported play begins this Saturday morning, 10 May, for three (3) weeks starting at 9am finishing at 11am.

Players can ask for assistance with bidding and leads while playing a game. The intention of these sessions is to introduce our latest beginners to a proper game.

These sessions are also open to existing Club

members, particularly newer players, who want to refresh their understanding of aspects of the game they didn't fully grasp when they attended the beginner lessons.

This is a great opportunity that does not come up that often.

Lynda Bennion

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**“The real test of a Bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once their in.”**

Alfred Sheinwold

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## Table Laws and Regulations

### Law 7 A

When a board is to be played, it is placed in the centre of the table where it shall remain, correctly oriented, until play is completed.

### QBA Regulations Section B Written Bidding

#### *Covering the bidding sheet*

The bidding sheet must remain in view until the third player (on declarer's right) has played to the first trick.

The bidding sheet is covered by the board which remains in the centre of the table as per Law 7A

### Law 8A 2

Unless the Director instructs otherwise, the North player at each table is responsible for moving the boards just completed at his/her table to the proper table for the following round.

Sandra Routley

## Pro Am Competition

The club held a Pro Am competition lately where players with over 100mps played with those of under 100mps.

It was a great day, and I have had many positive comments about it, along with requests for more of the same.

Our thanks go to Sandra and Wayne for organising this.

It was so popular that there were two sections. Judging by the number of positive

comments made after the event, it was a resounding success.

Many requests for more similar events were made and will be considered in the future.

First in the red section were Lynne Miller and Claudio Piovesan (N/S) and Gordon Gemmell and Peter Hancock (E/W).

In the blue section, Melissa Weber and Debbie Pearce (N/S) and Gary Gibbards and Brian Clark (E/W) were successful.

Sue Kennard

## Lead face down – and wait

Jan Peach

At the recent Gold Coast Congress, I lost count of the number of director calls for faced opening leads made by the wrong defender. These can be worth several tricks to declarer, perhaps even allowing an otherwise impossible contract to make. They also invoke several options which Law 10C1 requires the director to explain, so that presumed declarer may make an informed decision. That takes time.

Players should understand why the opening lead is made face down. Law 41A says so, and the ABF as Regulating Authority for national events has not regulated otherwise. Partner and the presumed declarer may review the auction and/or ask questions as per Law 41B at this time. Law 20 has more to say on reviewing the auction and the timing of questions.

Law 20C1 says, "After the final pass either defender has the right to ask if it is his opening lead (see Laws 47E and 41)." Confirmation in no way negates the requirement to place the opening lead face down.

There is no point to placing the card face down, momentarily, before turning it over. The opening leader does best to sit and wait for partner to confirm he has no questions before facing the card. Partner might say, "No questions," or "Thanks partner," or anything that indicates that he is happy for the lead to be faced. Some opening leaders ask whether there are

any questions, thereby catering for both partner and the presumed declarer, and being more in tune with Law 41B. Some assume, at some small risk, that the presumed declarer has had enough time to speak up when partner has confirmed he is happy for the lead to be faced.

Suppose misinformation comes to light, perhaps through a failure to alert. Providing an opening lead has not been faced, Law 21B1(a) may be applied in limited circumstances to re-open an auction.

It is important to call the director before correcting explanations or making late alerts. Even if the problem occurred too far back to be fixed, the director has the opportunity to talk with one or more players away from the table to find out what they would have done had such-and-such happened. Thinking at this time is not influenced by the result or by knowing the position of important cards.

One bonus from following the correct procedure of placing the opening lead face down, is that the three other people at the table have a chance to say, "It's not your lead."

A bad habit is for leader's partner to say, "Make the lead face down. I have a question." Rather than opening that can of UI worms, far better to train partner to sit and wait.

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Markovic, Vesna	Bronze Life	Mar-25	409.95	29.11
Miller, Lynne	Life	Mar-25	423.87	8.79
Connell, Bev	Silver National	Mar-25	328.25	20.72
Reid, Jenny	Bronze National	Mar-25	318.77	6.89
Kinross, Jan	Bronze National	Mar-25	211.2	37.61
Floquet, Rosemary	Bronze National	Apr-25	201.91	28.56
Clark, Brian	State	Mar-25	65.56	19.59
Brownlow, Suzy	Regional	Feb-25	61.5	15.87
Almond, Linda	Silver Local	Feb-25	40.77	11.38
Hancock, Peter	Silver Local	Jan-25	40.27	5.93
Anderson, Brooke	Silver Local	Apr-25	39.73	12.71
Moritz, Peter	Silver Local	Feb-25	38.14	3.76
McColl, Dianne	Silver Local	Feb-25	37.54	4.82
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Wolfenden, Dean	Graduate	Mar-25	4.03	3.26
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## Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

Recent Newsletter can be accessed on

<https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/April2025/April2025.pdf>

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

The most recent QBA bulletin is available to download

<https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/QBAApr25.pdf>

## Player Registration Cards and Rank Promotion Certificates

In a move towards reducing unnecessary waste, the ABF will discontinue the printing of Player Registration Cards and Rank Promotion Certificates.

This option is currently under development, so please continue to retain your 2024 card for the moment.

Players who still wish to have printed cards will be able to utilise a self-service printing option.

Midge Spice,  
Masterpoint Secretary



## Dates to Remember

### 24-25 May 2025

River City Mixed Pairs  
Brisbane  
Toowong Bridge Club  
[tbccompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:tbccompetitions@gmail.com)

Australian National Championships  
Brisbane  
Brisbane Technology Park  
Conference and Exhibition Centre

### 25-31 May

Australia Wide Novice Pairs

### 7-11 July

ANC Interstate Teams  
BTP Conference and Exhibition  
Centre

### 4-9 June

Victorian Festival of Bridge  
Amora Hotel  
Richmond (Melbourne)

### 12-17 August

Coffs Coast Gold Congress  
Coffs Harbour Bridge Club  
[chbsccpres@gmail.com](mailto:chbsccpres@gmail.com)

### 6-17th July 2025

“It’s a game of a million inferences. There are a lot of things to draw inferences from — cards played and not played. These inferences tell you something about the probabilities. It’s got to be the best intellectual exercise out there. You’re seeing through new situations every ten minutes. Bridge is about weighing gain/loss ratios. You’re doing calculations all the time.”

Warren Buffett