

June 2023

BRIDGE BUZZ

From the President, Sue Kennard. . .

Hi everyone,
A big thank you to all the members who attended the recent Annual General Meeting for 2023.
I am honoured to be your new President and will do my best for our great club over the forthcoming year. You will also be served by a very fine committee and I am sure that the 2023-2024 year will be a productive one.
It was gratifying to see you all and hear your opinions about the issues that were raised, which will be addressed by the new committee in the future.
Certainly we will be striving to maintain the high standards set by Fay Jeppesen and the previous committee.
I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Wayne Parker who is extending his secretarial brief until September, when Elizabeth Gibson is able to commence these duties.
I also extend a very big thank you to all the volunteers in the club who have elected to remain in their positions and a big welcome to those who are taking on new tasks.
Our club congratulates our member Abby Wanigaratne who will be playing in the Australian championships soon, in Perth.
All the very best to you Abby, we are thinking of you and so proud that you are one of ours!



Special points of interest:

* Message from the new president
* Life Member
* Harriet's exhibition
* Master Points

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Management Committee 2023 . . .

Position	2023	Position	2023
President	Sue Kennard	Committee	Tracey Langton
Vice President	Maurice Sanders	Committee	Melva Leal
Treasurer	Linda Almond	Committee	Di McColl
Secretary	Elizabeth Gibson (as of Sept)	Committee	Ted Morriss
	Wayne Parker (until Sept)	Committee	Barbara Wales

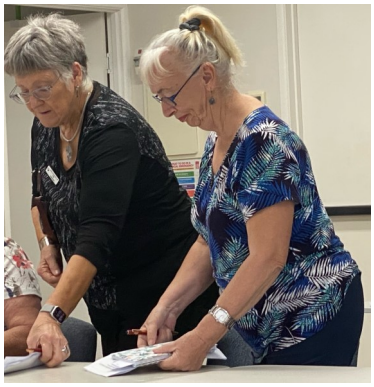
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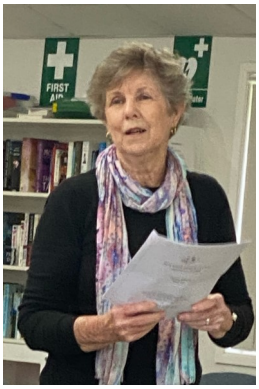
2022 Committee



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My ABF Update . . .

- We are commencing the very early stages of transferring the ABF masterpoint centre functions into My ABF. To do this, all clubs and all players will need to have a record in My ABF (whether they choose to actively use it is up to them).
- So we will soon be adding a record for each club not already in My ABF - based on the information that's already held for the club in the Masterpoint centre system. It will effectively replicate the list of clubs already in the Masterpoint Centre.
- It will sit dormant unless a club wishes to become active and use any My ABF features. The only thing visible will be a placeholder "profile" page for the club which contains just the information already in the ABF masterpoint centre.

There are now plenty of features a club might wish to use My ABF for - it's no longer purely just for congresses. It's much wider than that.

Julian Foster (My ABF Project Manager)



Queensland Women's Pairs . . .

Abby Wanigaratne, a Redcliffe club member, played in the Queensland Women's Pairs titles with her partner Carmel Martin, finishing in 1st place. Abby and Carmel will now represent Queensland at the Australian titles in May in Perth. We are very proud of Abby's achievements, being the first Redcliffe player to represent the state, and it gave us great pleasure to congratulate and provide support to support Abby on her achievements.

Team members include Carmel Martin, Abby Wanigaratne, Sue O'Brien, Margaret Millar, Maha Hoenig and Janeen Solomon.



Education . . .

Fifteen (15) beginners completed 3 months of lessons and 3 weeks of supervised play.

At the conclusion of our beginner lessons, we welcome new members Nola Zandegiacomo, Vicki Mitchell, Joan Chadwick, Christine Harper, Tony Hill, Peter Holland, Michelle Carvill, Greg Gledhill, John Banks and Liz Banks. A warm welcome is extended to Marlene Dwyer who is joining us from the Gold Coast and to Trish Robinson from South Africa.

Our total membership is currently 169 home members and 34 away members, giving us a total of 205 members.



Welfare . . .

Just an update on our known who are unwell -
Peter is home from hospital- has influenza A and pneumonia, and is breathing ok. Will be slow recovery and will not be at bridge for a while. His wife is unwell too though daughter is helping.

I have spoken to Chris Payne - he thanked us for card - has further bowel surgery but sounded positive.
Elly update - She had fluid on the lungs and when it was drained it was found to have metastatic cells. She is currently under the care of an oncology team and has a raft of appointments.
John Moran - Cathy brought John home last Friday, slow progress with doctor's appointments etc ahead. She said he is going ok.
Jack Nyhouse wife is unwell and in hospital.
To all these members, we wish them healthy outcomes and kind wishes.

Welcome Life Member. . .

A big welcome to our Life Member, Ton Vankan who played at a recent session of bridge with his partner, Jan Dann. Ton is 98 years old and has assured us that he plays bridge on the computer every day and still enjoys the game. His wife, and a former club President, Estelle is well and they are both still living in the family home.



Volunteers' Morning Tea . . .



Sue Kennard at the Petrie electorate Volunteers Morning Tea.

President's Day Winners . . .

Annette Hyland and Gordon Gemmell



Barbara Wales and Peter Godfrey
Novice Winners



At play. . .



Multi-draw Raffle. . .

Prizes



Di McColl presenting Arana Jewellers Voucher





In the month leading up to President's Day players and the local community very generously donated items for inclusion in the multi-draw raffle to support our charity, in conjunction with the President's Day shield for our champion open and novice pairs. The day was very successful with 30 pairs in the Open section and 7 pairs in the Novice section competing for the shield. Congratulations to Annette Hyland and Gordon Gemmell (open) and Peter Godfrey and Barbara Wales (novice) for winning their respective sections, and to our playing director Helen Chapman for coordinating play.

I wish to acknowledge the donations from Arana Jewellers (Keperra), What's Your Team, Redcliffe RSL, Redcliffe Dolphins, Dan Murphy, Chemist Warehouse Redcliffe, Orange Sherbet, Karl Winchester, Yvette D'ath and Luke Howarth.

A special thanks to club member Carol in making and selling her fudge, which contributed $190 towards our donation. Also our thanks to our auctioneer Adam Ingram who added a bit of fun to our auction of the jewellery voucher and a very special Dolphin NRL shirt personally signed by Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (the Hammer)

It was very pleasing to have the Manager of Chameleon Youth Crisis Housing, Carmel Riethmuller and the Treasurer Peter Ward in attendance at the conclusion of play to receive our donation of $3000 towards this cause.

Our thanks for Maree, Sue K, Carol, Magdeline and Ken for their support in presentation of the prizes and arranging the post game refreshments. It was also nice to read of our charity efforts in the current QBA Newsletter, and a big thank you to all members who supported this day.

President's Report . . .

It was a very proud day as President to acknowledge the considerable contribution of club members in their support of our 2023 charity, Chameleon Youth Crisis Housing. It was a competitive day of bridge and concluded with the multi draw raffles and refreshments. Once again thank you for your contribution to the success of the day and congratulations to the winners.

May saw the conclusion of our Beginner Lessons, with 15 players completing the lessons after 3 months and 3 weeks of supervised play. I welcome you to our club and hope you continue to learn and enjoy this great game. Thank you to our bridge teacher, Wayne Parker, who along with helpers Sue K, Sue L, Gordon, Max, Fay, and Jill have supported this program. The next program will commence in September - if you know of any interested persons, please have them email the secretary.

On 12 April, we were fortunate to have Australian champion player and bridge teacher, Andy Hung come to our club to deliver 2 workshops for players, on Overcoming the Fear of playing in No Trumps, and Signalling more accurately. The lessons were well attended and thank you to Sue Lind for organising for Andy to attend. Each lesson was subsidised by $15 per member.

Two GNOT sessions have been held and congratulations to our teams that will represent Redcliffe in the Zone finals on 26/27 August. Fay, Annette, Ross and Peter travelled to Cairns for the Barrier Reef Congress, and it was also great to catch up with Melissa and Herold at the Congress.

The Queensland Pairs Championships were held in April, and for the first time ever for Redcliffe Club, a member has been selected in the Queensland Women's Team. Congratulations to Abby Wanigaratne in not only winning the pairs championship with her partner Carmel Martin, but also in her selection. The Australian Championships will be held in Perth in July and we wish Abby and Carmel every success in the competition.

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Our treasurer, Linda has been extremely busy finalising books and accounts for annual audit and our secretary Wayne has been undertaking preparations for the AGM.

I have attended the QBA AGM and Committee meeting, with no change to the committee. The President Richard Ward made specific mention of the outstanding work undertaken by Club Masterpoint Secretary's and his thanks was passed onto Midge. I attended the MBRC Disaster Management Workshop and have had subsequent meetings with the MBRC Sport and Recreation Liaison Officer, regarding car parking and lighting in the western carpark. The club has no lease on car parking spaces, and as Friday members know it is extremely difficult to get a park. Each time a car/trailer has parked horizontal across a number of carpark spaces, I have photographed this and sent to the MBRC local laws officer. I have been informed that they will take no action in this regard, and suggested the QPS be contacted!

I wish to acknowledge the significant role of volunteers in our club. At our Christmas party we provide an acknowledgement, but every week many contribute in small, but important ways to ensure the smooth running of the club for your playing enjoyment. Thank you to all our volunteers. I am pleased to advise that Sue Kennard represented our club at the Volunteers Morning Tea held by Luke Howarth during Volunteers Week in May.

The AGM was held on Monday 5 June, nominations for positions have been received and closed on 20 May.

I did not seeking re-election at the AGM to be held on Monday 5 June. I have served as Providore for 2 years, Secretary for 2 years, committee for 1 year and President for the past 3 years and now will be travelling the high seas.

I sincerely thank the members of the 3 committees that have supported me in my role as President - your commitment to the club is commendable and appreciated. I wish the incoming committee best wishes and am sure you will support them in their leadership of this great club

Fay Jeppsen





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Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

Recent Newsletter can be accessed on https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/April2023/#p=1

Already in 2019 the WBF took the decision to launch a yearly "World Bridge Tour", consisting of existing face-to-face international events, culminating in a Tour Final among the top ranked partnerships. As face-to-face events are getting back, we have now finally launched the Tour, starting with a "dry- run" in the 2023 season, to fine-tune the ranking methods and classification of events. It will then go "live" as of the 2024 season.

Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) News. . .

The most recent QBA bulletin is available to download https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/QBAApr23-1.pdf
QBA have advised that the ANC 2025 will be held at the Brisbane Technology Conference Centre at Eight Mile Plains. They still are to secure a venue for the 2025 Gold Coast Congress after unsuitable offers from GCCEC.

Masterpoint News . . .

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

Rank Promotions

	MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
Grade	**Name**	**Total MPs**	**Name**	**Total MPs**	**Name**	**Total MPs**
Bronze Life			Helen Chapman	526.61	Peter Gruythuysen	472.76
			Gary Gibbards	403.14		
Bronze National					John Newton	245.85
					Sarah Huntington-Wynne	205.08
					Tim Sayer	200.63
National	Melva Leal	194.37	Magdeline Wong	209.15		
Bronze State	Maria Setiyawan	126.67	Lynda Bennion	150.49		
			Jeff Borg	142.38		
			Midge Spice	135.81		
Silver Local	Deanna Cruickshank	35.28	Brian Pridham	35.74	Barbara Wales	35.21
					Sue Woodrow	35.06
Bronze Local			Maya Widomski	25.27		
Local			Peter Hancock	16.08	Harriet Jakins	16.08
					Leonie Watkins	15.40
Club			Brooke Anderson	5.37	Ross Mangano	5.06
			Prue Borrows	5.21	Garry Ohlson	5.43
Graduate			Gary Pearce	2.24	Claudio Piovesan	2.27
			Debbie Dwyer	2.02		

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

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REDCLIFFE AUGUST PAIRS CONGRESS
13 AUGUST
REDCLIFFE BRIDGE CLUB
IRENE STREET
REDCLIFFE

Dates to remember . . .

13 August

Redcliffe August Pairs Congress

26-27 August

Brisbane Zone GNOT Finals

31 August

Australia Wide Open Pairs

22 September

Single sessions teams—Open and Novice (<100 MPS)