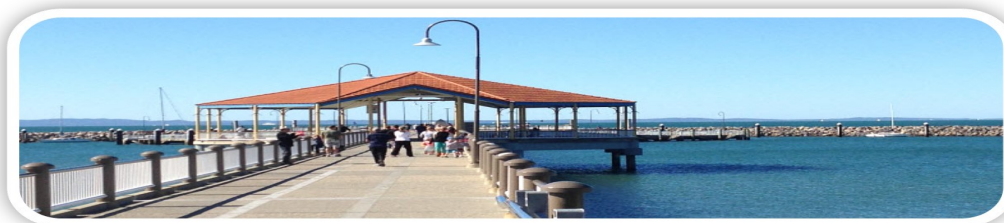


June 2024



BRIDGE BUZZ

From the President, Sue Kennard . . .

Special points of interest:

- * Annual General Meeting
- * Andy Hung Workshop
- * Australia-Wide Novice Pairs
- * President's Day
- * Joan Dark Individual Club Championship

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It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year already!

The AGM will soon be upon us and time to give a big vote of thanks to the volunteers who have kept the club running smoothly during the year.

We are planning to run another month of Supervised Play sessions in July after the success of these sessions in January earlier this year.

They will start at 10am each Friday morning before the afternoon session of bridge.

Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions and there will always be help with your bidding and play.

The current beginner's lessons has ended and there may be a few new faces about. We are confident that they will be treated with kindness and understanding, after all, we have all had the experience of

being new to bridge.

At the end of May we held the Australia-Wide Novice Pairs competition and it was very well attended. It is an interesting competition with specially made up hands which were played all over Australia.

A souvenir booklet with all the hands and information about how they should be played was made available to all players.

We have a number of members overseas at the moment and we hope that they are enjoying their travels.

On Friday the 17th of May, stalwart member Ted Morriss parted with his hair in aid of cancer research. A hairdresser performed this task at the club just before play. We hope that brave Ted has something to keep his head warm following this procedure!

Please be generous with donations!



Maria Setiyawan and her team came a creditable third place in a very tough ABF Barrier Reef Restricted Teams Congress in Mackay, congratulations on such a great effort Maria.

There are a number of Queenslanders playing internationally at the moment, flying the flag for Australia!

Keep smiling! Sue Kennard

Welcome to our latest new members . . .

David Bruce	Joanna Haloiris	Dean Wolfenden
Robyn Deane	Richard Cuerden	Janusz Jastrzebski
Vince Holland		



Australia-Wide Novice Pairs—Friday 31 May . . .



This competition was held for players with 100 Masterpoints or less on 31.03.2024.

Twenty pairs nominated for the event and the Club paid the entry fee for these players to compete in the competition.

All players who scored higher than 52% across-the-field nationally will receive red Masterpoints.

Last year in 2023, Chris and Mike Stewart finished 1st in our Club and were ranked 172 nationally.

It was expected that over

2800 novice players around Australia would compete in the event this year and now that the final results are in, we are able to congratulate . . . Karen Gosney and Brian Clark who finished 1st in our Club overall with a score of **68.0%** and **were ranked number 17 in Australia.**

Linda Almond and Claudia Gibson finished 2nd with a credible score of 61.3% and Peter and Debbie Gavin finished 3rd with a score of 59.6% across-the-field.

Other results:

Peter and Debbie Gavin were ranked 100 in Australia.

- ◆ In our Club across-the-field, Tom Murphy and Frank Dyer scored 57.2%, 279th overall.
- ◆ Di McColl and Quentin Crestanelli scored 56.5% and 345th overall.
- ◆ Tony Hill and Ken Waterfield scored 55.7% and 338th overall.
- ◆ Dawn Cook and Colin Morrison scored 55.2% and 206th overall

Need a Bridge Partner ?

Contact Peter Murray by phone on 3889 3099, alternatively you can look for a partner on Pianola.

Annual General Meeting—Monday 17 June at 10am . . .

The Club is gearing up for its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday, 17th of June.

The Club has a remarkable 57 year history of community service in Redcliffe, which is a testament to our enduring presence and impact.

Sue Kennard would like to thank the outgoing Committee for their contribution and support during the past year and she appreciates the many volunteers who have given their time and assistance to the Club.

Eight members have nominated for the Management Committee to serve the Club for the coming year which is a significant step ensuring that the Club's leadership remains strong and responsive to the community's needs.

Andy Hung—Bridge Workshop . . . Learning to Think

Whilst signals can be very useful, as a defender, we still need to try and think for ourselves what our defensive plan is, and what the most logical defence is.

Take a look at this example:

♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ Q 8 7 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ 7 6 5	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> ♠ J 5 3 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ K 10 7 2 ♣ A J 9		N		W		E		S	
	N									
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W	N	E	You
3♥	Pass	1♥	X
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass

Contract: 4♥ by East
Lead: ♦2

You lead the ♦2, dummy plays the ♦A, partner plays ♦3 (low encouraging). Declarer plays the ♥Q from dummy around to your ♥K.

What's your plan?

We can see three defensive tricks; one heart, one diamond, and one club. Ideally, we would like two club tricks, and we would also like partner to be the one to switch to a club.

Lots of players would mistakenly cash the ♦K and then think what to do. By that time, it is too late. Partner's ♦3 is encouraging, and this must mean that he holds the ♦Q (not the ♦K since we have that card!). Thus, we should switch to a low diamond and get partner to switch to a club for us!

The full deal (diagram on the right):

A low diamond will get partner in to switch to a club, giving the defence two club tricks. If South had mistakenly cashed the ♦K, then there would be no entry to get North in, and now declarer can play four rounds of spades (finessing South's ♠J due to the takeout double) and pitch a losing club.

E/All	♠ 7 6			
	♥ 6			
	♦ Q 9 5 4 3			
	♣ QT 8 3 2			
♠ AT 9 8		N		♠ KQ 4
♥ Q 8 7 2		W	E	♥ AJ T 9 5 4
♦ A 6				♦ J 8
♣ 7 6 5			S	♣ K 4
				♠ J 5 3 2
				♥ K 3
				♦ KT 7 2
				♣ AJ 9



Presidents Day Report . . .

And what a great day we had this year on the 19th April! The generosity of the members of this club as well as the club itself managed to raise \$6,000 for the 'Give A Child A Chance' program which identifies families in need by liaising with schools and the local Saint Vincent De Paul community support centres.

A special vote of thanks must go to Maree Filippini and her band of helpers who organised the raffle and sold the tickets.

A day like this takes about two months of planning, so a huge vote of thanks to all involved. It is so gratifying to know that a lot of school children will not be going short of their educational needs as a result of all your efforts.

The bridge competition for the day also went well with 96 players taking part in the event. There were two sections with a Novice under 50 Masterpoint section and an Open section.

The winners of the under 50mps were Dianne McColl and Quentin Crestanelli and the open winners were Gordon Gemmell and Paula Cassin.

Congratulations to these winners who will have their names engraved on the President's trophy.





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Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

The latest Newsletter can be accessed at:
<http://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/June2024/June2024.pdf>

Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) News . . .

The latest Newsletter can be accessed at:
<https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/QBAApril24.pdf>

Masterpoint News . . . Top 20 Most Improved Players for 2024

REDCLIFFE BRIDGE CLUB INC						
NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2024 MPs	2024 IMPROVEMENT
Kinross, Jan	1106090	4-515	Bronze State	141.19	23.59	978
Leal, Melva	1006282	4-560	Bronze National	279.97	36.54	962
Henderson, John	1081446	4-560	National	281.30	36.49	957
Gibbards, Debbie	942332	4-515	Bronze Life	440.73	47.98	887
Gosney, Karen	1068921	4-560	Regional	92.35	16.60	863
Gibbards, Gary	942324	4-515	Bronze Life	499.48	49.16	820
Spice, Midge	1018981	4-560	National	184.42	21.83	768
Shardlow, Ross	826898	4-560	Bronze Life	489.07	43.33	736
Reiter, John	757421	4-515	Bronze National	282.36	27.37	716
Clark, Brian	1148710	4-560	Local	24.00	8.47	683
Brownlow, Suzy	1090607	4-560	Silver Local	36.10	8.97	659
Wanigaratne, Abby	707937	4-560	Grand	1,096.45	78.10	653
Borg, Jeff	990051	4-503	Bronze State	185.20	18.49	648
Bennion, Lynda	920551	4-560	Bronze State	193.56	18.53	631
Gruythuisen, Peter	86436	4-515	Bronze Life	538.73	37.11	581
Wong, Magdeline	877549	4-560	Bronze National	260.93	19.51	541
Markovic, Vesna	1032453	4-560	Life	357.09	23.12	506
Newton, John	122548	4-515	Bronze National	285.29	19.43	504
Markovic, Voyko	1032445	4-560	Life	360.38	23.12	502
Jackson, Olivia	970816	4-503	Bronze State	151.77	12.45	494

Dates to Remember . . .

June	July	August
6. Joan Dark Individual Championship—R1	6. Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs—R1	11. Redcliffe Pairs Congress
13. Joan Dark Individual Championship—R2	7. Inter-Club at Caboolture BC	24. Brisbane Zone GNOD Finals
17. Annual General Meeting Start 10.00am	12. Single Session Teams	25. Brisbane Zone GNOD Finals
20. Joan Dark Individual Championship—R3	20. Ton Vankan Anniversary Pairs—R2	29. Australia Wide Open Pairs