

BRIDGE BUZZ

Special points of interest:

- * Bridge lessons
- * Fees are due
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- * AGM notification

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From the President—Sue Kennard

HOORAY AND HALLELUJAH!

Following a serious termite infestation and several months without kitchen facilities and hot water, we finally have our clubroom restored back to normal.

This was celebrated at Friday afternoon bridge with cake to have with our long awaited hot drinks!

I would like to thank all members for the continued support and good spirits shown during this trying time.

Update

We wish to thank Diane McColl and Barbara Wales for their contribution to the management committee.

Barb was heavily involved in negotiations with the

The GNOTS (grand national open teams) are almost upon us and I encourage everyone to form a team and play at club level at least.

Teams are fun and provide good experience of a different way of scoring as you are just playing against one other team at a time, and not the whole room, as we do in a normal duplicate session.

Many of our members will be travelling to the Gold Coast Congress shortly and we wish

City Council regarding the termite infestation and other maintenance issues at the club house.

Di worked on the work place health and safety

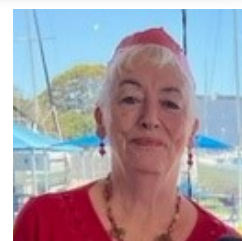
them the very best of luck.

The Gold Coast Congress is one of the biggest in the world and definitely worth experiencing.

Bridge players from as many as 22 countries around the world attend this congress and a great learning experience is to be had here.

issues and provided some valuable insights and advice on issues.

We welcome Fay Jeppesen and Ken Griggs and thank them for taking up these roles.



Bridge is one of the last games in which the

computer is not better. (Bill Gates)

Mentoring Program

Mentoring continues as mentors and mentees work through their agreed arrangements.

All oral feedback received at this stage has been positive.

It is the intention of the education officer to conduct a review in April on return to Redcliffe however if the committee could conduct a review prior to that time it would allow a quicker analysis and changes where necessary.

It's worth noting that players outside the mentoring system are now getting involved and offering their services to novice player.

Existing mentors also taking on further mentees.

Supervised Play

The supervised play sessions were conducted during January and grew from an initial group of 3 tables to 5 tables for the following 3 weeks.

All the oral feedback received during the course of the supervised play was very positive and it was requested that the players direct their written feedback to the club secretary who should be able

to collate and present it to the committee.

It is important to acknowledge and thank Wayne Parker whose help was invaluable in setting up, playing and coaching.

Additionally it is important to acknowledge Lynda Bennion who as well as mentoring a player also assisted in coaching players.

It was pleasing to see that mentors (e.g. Gordon Gemmell) were also taking advantage of supervised play to play with and mentor their mentees.

It is proposed to the committee that we promote and offer supervised play again in the future.

Bridge Lessons

Lessons start on

Saturday 2 March

at 9 am at

Redcliffe Bridge Club

2A Irene Street

Redcliffe

Teams of Three

The event was held in a afternoon session on Monday 15 January 2024 and was conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (2017) and the QBA Regulations.

Players nominated and team captains were appointed.

Team captains used the player's systems cards.

The Director was Steve Woodrow and Recorder, Sandra Routley.

Thank you to both of them for their expertise.

This was the first time this event has been held in our Club.

Immediate feedback received indicates that most people were happy with the format.



Three (3) Way Competition

Twelve plucky pairs of Redcliffe Bridge Club players set off recently to compete in what I fondly refer to as our Tri-Nations competition with Caboolture and Moreton-Bribie clubs. Caboolture won the shield this year (by a very narrow margin I might add!) so congratulations to them! We expressed our thanks to Caboolture for hosting the event this year. It was our turn to welcome the other two clubs but the lack of kitchen facilities put paid to that!



Jan Kinross
And
Rosie Floquet



The Three Presidents
Sue Kennard
(Redcliffe)
Noreen Weyling
(Caboolture)
Shirley Watson
(Moreton Bribie)



Sarah
Hunting-Wynne
and
Tim Sayer



**Membership
Fees are due**

By 29 February

**Please pay via
EFTPOS
when you pay table
fees.**

Quiz Question

You are defending a contract of 4♥ with no other suits bid during the auction.

What would the advantage be of leading a club rather than a diamond?

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ Q J 7 5
♦ 5
♣ Q J 10 9

- It's your strongest suit
- Leading the Q♣ will promote one or more club tricks for your side
- You want to gain control intrumps by forcing declarer to trump clubs

..... **The answer is on the back page.**





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Annual General Meeting

**Monday
17 June,
2024**

10 am

**Club Room
2A Irene St
Redcliffe**

Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) News . . .

Recent Newsletter can be accessed on <https://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/February2024/#p=1>

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. QBA Festival of Bridge - entries are open <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/334>.

Masterpoint News . . .

Congratulations to the following members on their promotion to the next level. For more information go to ABF Masterpoint Centre—www.abfmasterpoints.com.au

Rank Promotions		
January		
Grade	Name	Total MPs
Local	Rodney Bell	15.18
Club	Steve Wild	5.14
Graduate	Nola Zandegiacomo	2.13

Dates to remember . . .

2 March
QBA Mixed Teams (Noosa)

9 March
QLD Open Selection Trials

16 March
Bridge lesson (Revision & Play)

2 March
Bridge Lesson (Introduction)

9 March
Bridge lesson (Opening 1 of a suit)

17 March
Sunshine Coast Graded Teams

3 March
Toowong X-Imp Pairs

10 March
QBA March Pairs

21 March
GNOT Club Heats

7 March
GNOT Club Heats

14 March
GNOT Club Heats

23 March
Surfers Paradise Pairs

Answer

c. You want to gain control in trumps by forcing declarer to trump clubs