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### *President's Report*

As the enthusiastic new President of our club let me introduce myself. I have been playing bridge for approximately six years and learned to play at the Gold Coast Bridge Club in Cecily's beginner's class. I wasn't terribly good with numbers (why are you playing bridge I hear you ask?) but I've improved, and, as no algebra is required, I actually enjoy the challenge. As my late Mother predicted I love Bridge. My husband believes I am addicted.

Our daughter and son-in-law live in Hobart with three teenage boys, and our son and daughter-in-law live in Brisbane with three small boys. Yes, I am Nana to six boys. This is not challenging as in my last job I was Head of Department Gifted Education in the Faculty of Exceptional Learners at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace in Brisbane - a single sex school of boys.

Your new Board will focus on three key areas:

- **Communication.**
- **Community.**
- **Kindness.**

The introduction of MyABF will certainly improve communication for members and eventually reduce admin hours for our volunteer staff. A more detailed explanation is provided below.

Our whole bridge community will benefit from attention to kindness at the Club.

Bridge Law 74 starts with two assertions:

- **A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.**
- A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

Kindness should be a daily part of our lives and especially so at bridge. We play a great game where we always have something to learn. In the world of AI, live experiences like playing bridge will keep us connected and remind us of what it is to be human. As members of the GCBC we need to communicate well with each other, be members of a caring community, and be kind to each other.

**Carolyn Waters**

### *What is MyABF*

Clubs are transitioning to a relatively new initiative, MyABF. This online tool gives you a personal ABF account login. Over time this will grow to be your main online interaction for all your bridge activities:

- Manage your personal details.
- View your masterpoints.
- View, enter, and pay for bridge events.
- See announcements from the ABF, your State and your Club.
- Participate in bridge discussion forums.
- Run a "Bridge Credits" account with the ABF which you can put money into to pay for your bridge entries.
- View your results.

Previously, we have obtained this information from various sources such as the club's website, the QBA or the ABF websites. Any money transactions have been done at the club using your credit card to buy table tickets or entry fees to events and congresses. At <https://myabf.com.au> you create an account, you purchase

credits which covers all your fees, you can view your results and you can check on those elusive Masterpoints.

This system has many advantages including making it easier for members to manage personal information and financial transactions. It also reduces the workload of the Treasurer and those assisting in the accounting area.

If needed, you can seek help to set up your MyABF account from Paul Brake or John Lemarchand.

### *World Bridge Federation (WBF)*

When you join a bridge club you may be forgiven for thinking that the club operates in isolation to provide a venue for card playing. As you learn the game you will quickly realise that the game is governed by many rules and eventually you will see references to the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA), the governing body of all affiliated clubs in Queensland. This in turn is overseen by the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF).

The ABF is the peak body for the administration of Bridge in Australia and is an affiliate of the WBF. It is a non-profit organisation, and its headquarters are located in Canberra. The ABF has a membership of approximately 33,000 and there are nearly 350 affiliated bridge clubs throughout Australia.

The WBF is the Federation of 120 National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) with around 1,000,000 affiliated members. It was formed in 1958 in Oslo and in 2002 moved its headquarters to Switzerland. Its purpose is to promote, promulgate and develop the sport of Bridge throughout the world; to be in the Olympic Movement, remaining affiliated with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as a recognized International Federation (IF) in conformity with the requirements of the IOC; to federate national bridge associations in all countries; to conduct competitions to award international or world championship titles; to establish standard laws for its contests adopting the International Code and supplementing it as may be required, but not inconsistent with it; to fight against doping in sport.

I'm guessing most of us didn't know that we play a sport recognised by the IOC. In fact, Jan Kamras, the President of the WBF, opened the Gold Coast Congress in Broadbeach last February, one of the bridge world's most prestigious tournaments.

The WBF official motto is "Bridge for Peace".

### *Melbourne Cup 2023*

Don't miss out on one of the club's main events of the year.

Join us for **Melbourne Cup Bridge Fun Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

Please arrive at 9am for bridge start at 9.30am.

- Cost \$30 per person (includes bridge game, all drinks, 2 course luncheon).
- Please book and pay at the club and mention any dietary requirements.
- The race will be shown live on the club's TV.
- Prizes for best dressed.
- Note: This year's Cup Sweeps will be organised in advance of the day. More information to follow.

### *Missing Pashminas*

The club happily provides pashminas to keep our members warm during the winter months. One by one the pashminas have gone missing in action. We appreciate that they have most likely been taken home either by mistake or to be laundered and returned to the club. Could you please do a check at home and return any wandering pashminas to their "home" in the filing cabinet near the office. This would be much appreciated.

### *Vale Royola Rooney*

A former member, Royola, passed away in September. Royola was a schoolteacher and taught at the same school as Ross Steinwedel back in the 1980s. She joined GCBC in July 2002 and last played at the club in August 2020. She stopped playing due to ill health and passed away from a heart attack. May she rest in peace.

## September Events Winners – Congratulations

Zeppelin Travel under 50mps. 1<sup>st</sup> - Louise Hartnell and Peter Hartnell.



Just Jewellery Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> - Louise Garnett and Lol Garnett

Joan Leckie Memorial 1<sup>st</sup> - Eduardo Besprosvan and Bob Hunt

## October Events

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Anniversary All Day Red Point Teams.

Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> October, Masters Pairs, Open.

Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> October, Masters Pairs, under 50 mps.

Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> October, Masters Pairs, under 500 mps.

Thursdays 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> October, Platypus Pairs, under 50mps. **Sponsored by a club member.**

## Promotions

Silver National - Lauren Somers

Bronze National - Lesley Sutherland

Bronze State - Carolyn Waters

Regional - Di Brown

Silver Local - Liz Linderman, Frances Taylor

Bronze Local - Fiona Evans, John Henderson, Louise Hartnell, Peter Hartnell

Local - Shane Whiting, Wayne Mitchell, Jane McIntyre

Club - Suzanne Davis, Andrea Sage

## New Members – Welcome

Marilyn Mandie, Philip Mandie, Jen Adlington, Terry Bernstone, Margaret Blackford, Colleen Dixon, Pam Dowse, Ming Gao, Rosalie Hofman, Gaylene Kennedy, Ronnie Kennedy, Liz McMillan, Andy Tonkin, Michelle Zukerman, Lynda Hall, Jill Wilke, Grace Xue, Grenville Duce.

## October Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> - Jan Jennings; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rose Hillier; 4<sup>th</sup> - Elaine Crommelin, Suinee Wong; 6<sup>th</sup> - Janelle Burton, Carol Vogel;  
7<sup>th</sup> - Campbell Johnson; 10<sup>th</sup> - David Browne, Wendy Christie, Russell Parry, Sue Small;  
11<sup>th</sup> - Darren Brake; 12<sup>th</sup> - John Hiscocks; 14<sup>th</sup> - Ken Swansborough; 15<sup>th</sup> - William Dyson;  
16<sup>th</sup> Colleen Dixon, Brett Hughes, Shirley Wanz; 17<sup>th</sup> - Lisa Basile, Bernadette Fulton, Frank Hymus,  
Sandra Middleton, Marie Orme; 18<sup>th</sup> - Mary Jojkity; 19<sup>th</sup> - John Henderson, George Powis, Shane Whiting;  
20<sup>th</sup> - Kadie Cheney; 24<sup>th</sup> - Murray Simpson; 25<sup>th</sup> - Birgitt Bingham, Jenny Simmons;  
26<sup>th</sup> - Jill Dowling, Michael Hogan; 27<sup>th</sup> - Tom Lyons; 28<sup>th</sup> - Ethne Huddleston; 30<sup>th</sup> - Odette Hall;  
31<sup>st</sup> - Julie Hill.

## Some bridge humour

- "Sorry partner, I had to bid 5H, I had nothing to lead against 4S."
- Partner, with card face down, prior to lead: "Any questions?"  
Me: Yes, I have one. What am I doing here?
- As declarer in a precarious doubled contract--"Lead 'em and reap."
- "Would you care for a friendly game of cards?" "No, let's play bridge."

- If you have the slightest touch of masochism, you'll love this game.
- The difference between genius and stupidity at the bridge table is that genius has its limits.
- A lady is playing in her first duplicate, hears an opponent say: "Alert". The lady says: "I am alert".
- Know the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner? Answer: You can reason with the serial killer.
- A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws".
- This elderly gentleman goes to the Dr. for his annual checkup. The Dr. is impressed that this man is in even better health than he was the year before. Curious, he asks him what he does for mental stimulation. The man answers that he plays duplicate bridge. The doctor, a bridge player, tells him that's great. "And what do you do for physical stimulation?" "I sit East-West" is the reply.
- The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

**Happy Bridging**  
**Julie Wicks**

**Need a Partner:** Use your Pianola account to request or find a partner or contact:  
**Mon - Sat** Jim & Shelley Moodie...5591 2135 or 0402 634 013  
**Thursday Night.** Tom Strong.....0421 106 986

**Welfare Officer:** Cheryl Millar ..... 0409 879 081

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