

QCBC Newsletter



QCBC Clubhouse, 67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba, QLD 4012



A Happy New Year to all bridge players. The Christmas Party was very successful and a big thank you to Lynne Gray and her hardworking team. Cheryl Stone once again convened a very successful New Year's Eve Teams as well.

Those who attended the Christmas Party will know that the air conditioner broke down – this cost \$4,500 plus as it was a major break down.

Over the next two months, the Summer Festival Bridge Congress is held in January and the very popular Gold Coast Congress in February – please check opening times during the week of the Gold Coast as they are limited – good luck to all who participate in these two major events.

My granddaughter Zeraya spent Xmas with Kim and me which made it a very special one and for the 2020 Xmas Kim and I have decided to go to the UK and hopefully have a white Christmas. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist in any matter. Ray Ellaway



Coming Up

- Feb 18 QCBC \$50 Night
- Feb 21-29 QBA Gold Coast Congress
- March 11 & 18 GNOT - 10am
- March 17 St Pat's Day Red Pt - 10am
- April 25 ANZAC DAY TEAMS

Sadly I write to inform you that Mike Robson has passed away after a long illness. Mike represented Australia at the Far East Championships in 1973. Mike represented Queensland in the Open Field in 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2012. Mike represented Queensland in the Senior Field in 2007 and 2011. He has numerous state titles and Mike was a delegate to the QBA for many years.

There was a celebration of life for Mike on Friday, 31st January 2020 at Queensland Contract Bridge Club at 4.00 pm. Our thoughts are with his bridge and life partner Betty Lee and his family.



Some of our members are seriously allergic to perfume. Please look for a more understanding alternative.

Garlic also keeps vampires away. ☺



Neville Francis James Sullivan
Award Overall and Silver Grand

Andy Hung James
O'Sullivan Award Grand



Martin Qin James
O'Sullivan Award Life
Award

James O'Sullivan Winners

- Overall and Silver Grand – Neville Francis – QCBC
- Grand – Andy Hung – QCBC
- Gold Life – Terry Sheedy – Mackay
- Silver Life – Charlie Lu – Sunnybank
- Bronze Life – Margie Knox – Toowong
- Life – Martin Qin – QCBC
- **National – Janet Price – Sunnybank
- *National – Richard Spelman – Sunnybank
- National – Barry Koster - Sunnybank
- *State – Ched Twyman - Townsville
- State – Eugene Pereira – Northern
- Regional – Charlie Georgees – Townsville
- ** Local – Raelene Clark – Toowong
- *Local – to be advised
- Local – Pam Steele – Toowoomba
- Club – Dennis Lincoln – Toowoomba
- Graduate – James Taylor – Noosa
- Nil – Oliver McCarthy – ABF Youth

The James O'Sullivan Foundation was established in 1984 to commemorate the late President of the ABF, James de Courcy O'Sullivan who served in that office with great distinction from 1971 until his death in 1982.

The objectives of the Foundation are:

- Commemorate James O'Sullivan.
- Offer an opportunity to commemorate the names of people closely associated with bridge.
- To promote the intellectual sport of contract bridge and to assist bridge players and bridge organizations in bridge-related activities.

WANTED

- Staff for the Gold Coast Congress - many positions will be vacant in 2021 - please contact me if interested.
- Caddies for 2020 - any age however I need caddies for events not single days. I have two and three day events. Please contact me if interested - limited accommodation available.

Kim Ellaway
Manager
Queensland Bridge Association

Player Profile *Kim Ellaway*

Kim Cooke was first introduced to bridge by her mother in 1974 in Mount Isa. Her father would only allow her to play during the school holidays. In 1976 Kim played in her first congress in Townsville (June Queens Birthday) which is now the Barrier Reef Congress. It took the players from Mount Isa six hours by plane to get there (milk run) however only two hours to get home. She learnt bridge with Judy Zeller who is still playing bridge and is currently the Bundaberg Bridge Club's president. During her time in Mount Isa, Kim held the positions of masterpoint secretary, treasurer and secretary and was on the working committee for the first congress to be held in Mount Isa. She also, with her mother Marion Cooke, won the pairs event that year at the congress.



In 1981 she came to Brisbane and joined QCBC and Toowong. She joined the QBA Council in 1982 as Mount Isa's delegate and when the Mount Isa Bridge Club closed down, she became the delegate for the Noosa Bridge Club. She held the position of secretary of Toowong Bridge Club for several years.

Kim married Ray Ellaway in 1989 and was appointed Manager of the QBA in 1995, a position she has held now for 24 years.

Kim has attended every Gold Coast Congress since 1977 and was on the organising team when the event went to two hotels and then to the magnificent Gold Coast Convention Centre. Kim's most significant bridge administration achievement has been to be on the team of what she considers the best congress in the world. Kim has many, many bridge friends all over the world.

Kim has said that the most influential person in her life, bridge and otherwise, was her mum – Marion Cooke, friend and bridge partner. "She taught me to enjoy my bridge and to be polite to everyone regardless of the situation".

Other interests revolve around family especially the recent grandchild. Future plans and ambitions include purchasing a Mini Van and travelling all over Australia, playing in as many bridge clubs as she can. Then she would like to travel overseas and do the same.

State Representation

Australian National Championships – Queensland Women's Team 2006, 1994, 1992, 1990
Australian National Championships – Queensland Youth Team 1984, 1983

State Titles

2011 Queensland Graded Teams Championship [with Marion Cooke, Lindy Vincent, Richard Ward]
2007 Queensland Graded Teams Championship [with Marion Cooke, Lindy Vincent, Richard Ward]
1997 Queensland Graded Teams Championship [with Marion Cooke, Lindy Vincent, Richard Ward]
1988 Queensland Women's Pairs Championship [with Marion Cooke]

Masterpoint Promotions

October promotions

Martin Qin	Silver Life
Andrew Woollons	Bronze Life
Margaret Cooper	National
Sandra Aring	**Local
Carolyn North	**Local
Gary Andersson	*Local
Linda Rosengren	Club
Michael Rosengren	Club
Louise Purdie	Club
Fiona Balsillie	Graduate

November Promotions

Evelyne Mander	Gold Life
Margaret Price	*Regional

December Promotions

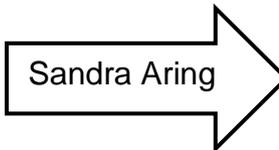
Ralph Parker	Gold Grand
Linda Norman	Bronze Life
Rachel Langdon	Life
Carol Findlay	*Local
Paddy Taylor	Local
Marjorie Heasman	Local



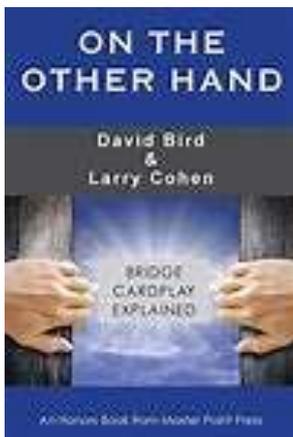
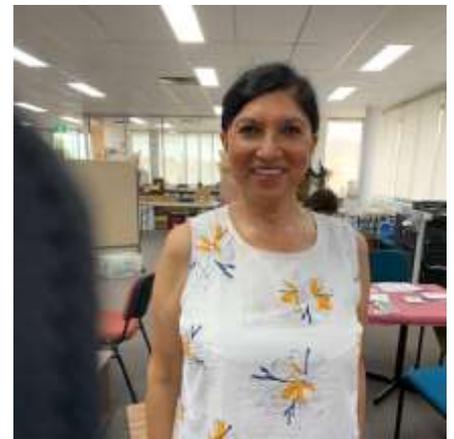
Evelyne Mander

Welcome to these new members

Peter Lang
Dorothy Hayes
Andrew & Susan Sharp
Louise Dartnell
Chris Stewart
Robyn Brazier
Margaret Dickerson
Anna De Borah
Sheila & Ron Cartner
Alan Corkhill
Ian Bell
Sherrell Cardinal



Sandra Aring



Book Review Stephen Bennett

On the Other Hand by David Bird & Larry Cohen.

Warning, this book may cause you to tear your hair out and curse uncontrollably.

The authors have amassed 100 pairs of hands that look very similar, but need to be played in completely different ways.

Each deal shows the bidding, goes through the card play and then there is a section about understanding why.

There are 11 chapters, each with a theme and a summary of points at the end.

If you have been playing for a few years and want to improve your card play, this could be the book for you.

I enjoyed the book and would highly recommend it. But don't forget the warning!

It's a Hard Life! Charles Page

Recently I had the opportunity to take up an invitation to play in Jason Hacketts invitational tournament in Madrid

It was badged under "A mutton tour" and all my research indicated fabulous food and fantastic wine and some enjoyable bridge.

So off I travelled to Madrid via London. Arriving in Madrid at the hotel close to the venue I found the club house and waited for the game to start.

It was an individual event with 84 players so there was a captains meeting with 84 captains while we discussed the pre-ordained system card. Not overly complicated but given due respect as there was a prize of 3000 euros for first place.

I took up the offer of liquid refreshments during the captains meeting - a pleasant red in a glass that was really two drinks- and looked round the room at 83 other captains.

There were, I think, four world champions, a member of the Lavazza team, a couple of Now for some hands:

Dlr S	♠A8543	
Vul: Nil	♥Q	
	♦Q76	
	♣7643	
♠K6		♠QJ1097
♥K98532		♥A764
♦9432		♦J
♣8		♣Q92
	♠2	
	♥J10	
	♦AK1085	
	♣AKJ105	

classy Americans and a who is who of English bridge and another Australian - well she was from Perth - Viv Wood.



The club room was small but fitted 21 tables with not much fuss but we were all close together. No written bidding - hurrah hurrah! At the start the director announced a few rules about bridge as well as pointing out where the bar was and we could help ourselves to the freshly made tapas whenever. Off to work with some chilled fizzy water.

We played 15 two rounds over three sessions with live scoring on bridge mates hand by hand with NO PROBLEMS or wrong seats. They did that very well.

I sat South and played 6 clubs with Diego Brenner who plays on the Lavazza Team.

The auction ID from me 2H from opponents, pass from partner 2S from opponents, 5C from me – get the full value out, 6C from partner.

As soon as dummy drops down you know the contract hinges on a club guess assuming a normal 2/2 or 3/1 split.

And so it turned out to be a club guess. I played for 2/2 and I was wrong. Off to the bar for a calming Gin and Tonic – pro bono as well.

Three of the 21 pairs got to 6C and all went one off.

All those in 5C got the guess correct for 12 tricks.

No justice but a good Gin and Tonic.

Bid this to grand slam?

Sitting East I opened 1S, 2H from partner, 3D from me and partner jumped to 6NT.

Off to the bar for a vodka to chew the fat about how to arrive in the grand. 3S instead of 3D was the view of some but 3D also got some ticks. After that all bids were possible to either the slam or the grand. I tucked into another tapas and a beer and pondered.

After the music stopped I was lower mid field. The winner was English champion Alex Hydes.

Then it was dinner after play each night. Bring on delicious Spanish food at beautiful restaurants chosen by the host.

I got what I expected: beautiful food, lovely wine, excellent company and the most enjoyable bridge.

When not playing bridge enjoy Madrid's rich culture and the best oyster bars at the San Miguel Market, another tip from the host on where to go.

Would I go again? In every way possible. Should you go? Do not miss out on the opportunity.
Charles Page

Dir E	♠7		
Vul: All	♥975		
	♦J10752		
	♣10952		
♠54		♠AKQJ108	
♥AKQ104		♥J3	
♦AK		♦Q983	
♣AJ83		♣6	
	♠9632		
	♥862		
	♦64		
	♣KQ74		

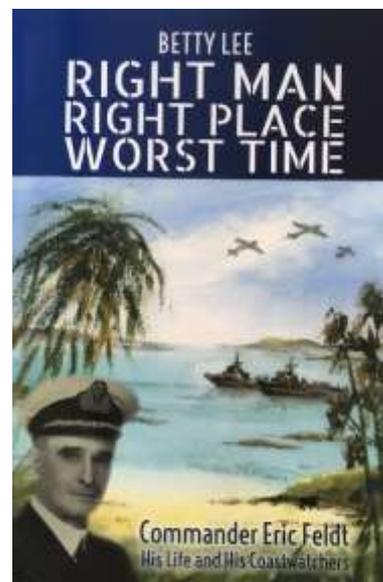
New Book Release from one of our talented members, Betty Lee

Right Man, Right Place, Worst Time - Commander Eric Feldt: His Life and His Coastwatchers, (Boolarong Press, 2019)

In May 1939, Australia's Naval Intelligence had the foresight to set up a network of men located on various islands north of Australia to report on suspicious shipping movements near their coast. Only one man was considered ideal for commanding this top secret mission – Eric Feldt. Feldt was given the title Staff Officer Intelligence in Port Moresby. His task - recruit the civilian volunteers to be Coastwatchers.

When war came to the Pacific these men were critical to the security of Australia and the US South Pacific Fleet. US Fleet Admiral Halsey told a gathering of the Australian-American Association, 'I could get down on my knees every night and thank God for Commander Eric Feldt.'

This is the story of Eric Feldt and his Coastwatchers.



Commander Eric Feldt was not talked about a lot by my family when I was growing up. Certainly, they were proud that he had been the Head of the Coastwatchers in World War 2, but that was it. Sadly, I never met the man who was my Great Uncle.

As my interest in family history grew in recent years, it became apparent that Eric Feldt was by far the most remarkable member of my family tree.

This book is both a biography of Eric Feldt and the stories of the Coastwatchers during his time in charge. More than that, it is my humble tribute to him and his team of heroes.

Betty Lee



Melbourne Cup Fashions

ZEPHYR EDUCATION INC UPDATE

I'm writing this letter to give you an update on what Zephyr Education Inc is doing almost 7 years after it began life as Zephyr Foundation. (The change came with incorporation so we could be given tax deductible status.)



QCBC my home club's management and members were right there beside me from the very beginning. The wider bridge community continues to support Zephyr with club charity days and individual donations. The QBA has Zephyr as its charity again next year at the Gold Coast Congress. The value of this exposure is incalculable, as it is our hope that someone will want to replicate our model in the remaining 5 States and territories. Our appreciation for your huge support is humbling, overwhelming and gratefully received.

Most of you are familiar with what Zephyr Education is about. Just for the few who are unaware of Zephyr's work - we provide children in Domestic Violence shelters, Family Service organisations and outreach services with some or all of their full school needs. This is, as and when required – on approval only, which approval is frugally and carefully assessed. We don't pay into any private accounts and often pay directly to the school.

The range of what Zephyr pays for includes:

The full book list specific to the child's year and school;

Full uniform including shoes, socks, hats;

Swimwear;

Lunchbox and water bottle;

Resource fees;

And as our funding has become more reliable, we are providing iPads and laptops -an expensive, yet indispensable learning tool in this day and age.

We respond to requests immediately and we generally provide what's required within 24 to 48 hours.

Our aim is solely to have that child, the saddest and most vulnerable victims of domestic violence, look like every other school child, so they do not feel out of place, nor less valuable than others, nor attract the eye of a potential bully and so they can hopefully resume their education **successfully**.

We currently support 87 shelters in Queensland, all 7 in Tasmania and 8 in WA. That is a total of 102 organisations under Zephyr's umbrella.

In the last 12 months to July 2019 Zephyr

- Supported 2800 children, and
- Volunteers packed and distributed over \$230,000 worth of cost price stock out of the \$344,590 paid out for uniforms, stock and fees.

Below is a snapshot of how certain moneys were spent –the cost items were:

- \$5391 - school stationery packs (for 80 children)
- \$4603 - school uniforms (for 31 children)
- \$3849 - school bags (for 154 children)
- \$3403 - school shoes (for 81 children)

- \$ 388 - resource levies (for 4 children).

Since Zephyr Education was established in 2013, requests for our support and our capacity to respond have increased each year. Shelter co-ordinators frequently tell us about the impact our support is having. One manager sent us the following email:

Thank you so much for your continual support. You have honestly lifted a weight from the shoulders of our mums and given the kids the comfortable transition they need to succeed both academically and socially in their new schools!

Another sent this email:

Refuge can be a lonely and challenging time for families living in crisis accommodation. Your support assists us to alleviate some of the financial pressures that arise for families at this time. With your continual support we are helping families to get through times of desperate need that seemed hopeless by giving them the support and encouragement, they need.

More important is the impact your support has on the children accessing our service. Your support enables children to transition to a new school with the appropriate resources they need that allows them to keep their dignity, self-worth and minimises the risk of "standing out in the crowd". On behalf of the children who have benefited from your program I say thank you.

Our focus is, and always has been, on the children and their education. We assist the carers of all children who fall within our scope, including Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, foster carers and guardians. I took a call in January from a father who was at his wit's end trying to get his 13-year-old daughter back to school, whilst trying to care for a 9-year-old and 4-year-old as well. By that very afternoon, his children's school requirements were on the road to him.

Zephyr continues to be supported by a growing number of talented and dedicated volunteers. None of our members or other volunteers receives any remuneration or allowances for their work, whether their work involves making up school packs, delivering school items to shelters or attending functions to speak on our behalf.

Their commitment highlights that Zephyr Education is a real team effort with dedicated people who truly believe that what we provide for these children is not only much needed but life changing.

In past years at the GCC, we have run raffles and had specific collection days with volunteers at the doors as you're trying to find your seat to start play. Zephyr is massively appreciative of your support but is also mindful not to interfere too much with your enjoyment of this wonderful congress. To that end, **in 2020 there will be donation slips and collection boxes available at various fixed locations.**

All donations are tax deductible and for those of you who may wish to donate –

Zephyr's bank account details are: BSB: 084 004 ACC: 15 629 0526

Please Reference Your Name and send an email to admin@zephyreducation.com.au so we can forward your receipt.

The great Irish poet Yeats said 'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire'. Please help us continue lighting that fire!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Carmel Martin Treasurer



2009 Michael Tostevin, Val Ferguson, June hay, Dorrie Maddigan, Desleigh Worner, Mollie Muller

Sadly report the deaths of past members
Maureen Dean
Michael Tostevin

We miss your jokes,
Michael

Michael Tostevin was a member of QCBC for over 20 years. Michael stopped playing several years ago when he felt he should give up driving. He always had a smile and a joke (some good, some bad). Sadly, Michael passed away 18 November 2019.

Years ago, Michael complimented me on my new haircut. I said thank you and asked if it made me look younger and thinner. Michael answered that it was a haircut - not a miracle. I love telling that story.
Toni



Fun-loving
Improvers
celebrate
Christmas



GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2020 – JANUARY UPDATE

A short update as we only have a little over one month to go until our 2020 Gold Coast Congress!

PAIRS & TEAMS

Don't forget to get your entries in as soon as possible to the **Bobby Richman Pairs Championship & Teams** Events (and check your entries if you have already entered!) – All levels are catered for, so everybody has a chance of doing well, starting time is Saturday 10.30am. An alternative is to play in the **Weekend Swiss Pairs** commencing at 3.00pm on Saturday and finishing on Sunday afternoon - another fine event which is always well supported; this can then lead onto the **Monday Butler Swiss Pairs** as an additional event to play in, the options are flexible it just depends on you and your partner! The early bird discounts require payment before 10/2/20. Pele Rankin is our entry co-ordinator and if you have any trouble entering please contact her on qccentries@qldbridge.com.au 0439949060

PRIZE MONEY:

As was the case in 2019, we will be doing mostly direct deposits for prize money. When players come to the admin desk we will request the Bank Details for a direct deposit. The Bank of Qld has closed in Broadbeach so we cannot use this as an alternative. If direct deposit is not suitable, we have other alternatives.

CELEBRITY SPEAKERS:

The Celebrity Speakers flyer will shortly be up on the Website, please look out for it, help support a great cause by attending the sessions, all fees going towards supporting Youth Bridge.

PARTNERS: Toni Bardon is our partnership coordinator and wonderful at matching people up so please drop her a line if you need help. tbardon@hotmail.com 0401082054

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Under the Info tab, <http://www.qldbridge.com.au/gcc/info.php> on our website is the following:

- Frequently Asked Questions 2020
- 0-50, Rookie and Novice Events 2020
- Walk-In Events Schedule
- Prizes 2020
- Bridge Social Calendar for the Non Bridge Players
 - Also:
 - Bring a wrap as it gets cold in some areas
 - Car Parking is \$60 for a weekly pass and they will be available after 4.00 pm on the Friday at the earliest
 - Bulletin will be available one week prior to the event.

Kim manager@qldbridge.com.au

Tim gccconvenor@qldbridge.com.au

Take Note

During the Gold Coast Congress QCBC sessions will be altered as many of our Movers and Shakers will be on the job at the Gold Coast

QCBC sessions during Gold Coast Congress

All night sessions and Wednesday Day (26th) are cancelled

All other sessions will be on at usual times.



Beginners Lessons

Start: Saturday February 29

10 am to 12 noon

Cost \$40 for 8 weeks

Enquiries to Robyn Clark 0414 540 776



[QCBC Bridge Books](#)

Spare a thought for Barbara Ryan, QCBC volunteer librarian and fellow members. Barbara puts a lot of time and effort into ensuring that our members have access to bridge books that meet their needs.

There are over 50 books missing from the library. If you have one, please return it ASAP!

Maybe you could check for any books that you may have forgotten.

We hope to buy new library books but it is most disheartening when so many aren't returned.

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Club Championship



=2nd Club Pairs Championship 2019
Brian Patterson - Patrick Bugler
Wendy Gibson - Linda Norman



Richard Ward & Ralph Parker
2019 Club Pairs Champions



Heather Kruse & Viv Solo
2019 Club Cship
Best Restricted Pair

Ralph is now a Gold Grand Master and Linda is a Bronze Life Master. WOW!



Tom Larsen and Aijun Yang. Ajun was headed for Bridge aristocracy but fate intervened. Missed, mourned, remembered by her bridge mates.



Ros Hero Feb 12 2020,
fashionable
nonagenarian.