

QCBC Newsletter



Congratulations to Ray. He is now in charge of the GNOT.

***Happy and healthy
2016 to all of our
members***

Kim's Communique

- Next Management Meeting – January 7th
- Please note that as from 2016, the Queens Birthday in June is no longer hence the Barrier Reef event will be conducted in May each year from 2016. 2016 host club is Mackay, 2017 host is Yeppoon. Mackay will be hosting Restricted and Open Pairs as well as Restricted and Open Teams.

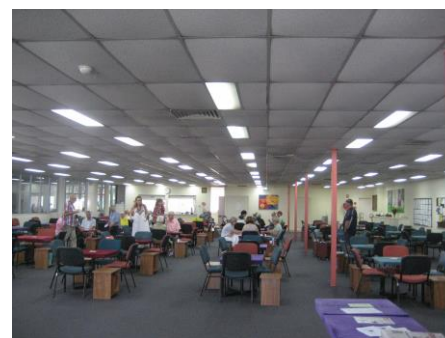
Entry form

http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/2016_brcForm.pdf

- Please note Gold Coast Congress in 2016 – Friday 19th (No Frills Walk In) to Saturday 27th February – other changes 0 – 50 Masterpoint 2 session on Wednesday. Intermediate Ivy Dahler Pairs being incorporated. Senior Pairs staying as is. Time change on Monday and Second Saturday. Number of Boards per match in Monday Butler changes with time change. Entry form

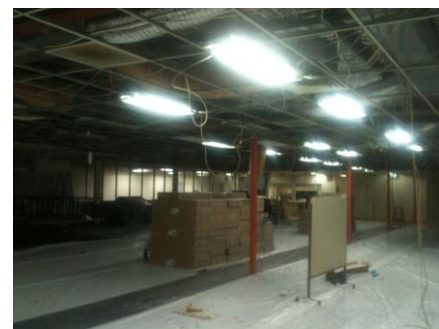
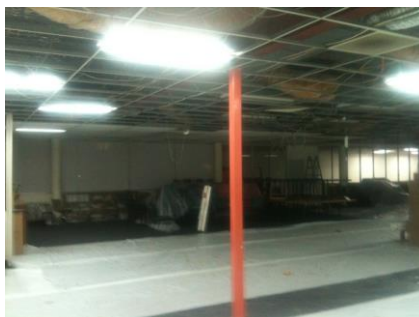
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QCBC has had its new ceiling and lights fitted.



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Congress Successes

Teams of Three Dec 13

A Grade

1 Dawn Cullen (C), Joan Jenkins, Linda Norman, Ross Murtagh

2 Abigail Wanigaratne, Jenny Hays, Nikolas Moore(C), Charlene Frederiksen

B Grade

1 Normand Maclaurin C, Janice Little, John Burt, Kaylene Lingard

2 Carmel Martin(C), Sue Noble, Judy Wallace, Barbara Murphy

C Grade

1 Ian Cameron, Helen Bougoure, Elizabeth Handley, Larry Moses(C)

2 Peter Visscher, Naomi Visscher, Ellen Visscher, Byron Longford(C)



A Grade
Winners

C Grade
Winners



B Grade
Winners



A Grade
Winners



B Grade
Winners

Redland Graded Teams Dec 6

A Grade

1 Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Sue O'Brien, Terence O'Dempsey

2 Patricia Larsen, Elizabeth Zeller, Yolanda Carter, Toni Bardon

3 Ralph Parker, John Mills, Peter Evans, Tony Treloar

B Grade

1 Gregory Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Jack Rohde, Lex Ranke

Toowoomba Swiss Pairs Nov 15

A Grade

1 Murray Perrin, Richard Fox, Robyn Clark, Jan Peach

2 Malcolm Carter, Neville Francis, Richard Wallis, Tony Hutton



A Grade
Winners:
Richard,
Robyn, Jan,
Murray

QBA Senior pairs Nov 15

Qld Seniors Pairs Champions 2015 are Cecily Critchley and Lynley Jenkins - on a countback from Maureen Jakes and Alison Dawson (after Therese Tully and Fred Whitaker were declared ineligible)



A Grade
Winners
Tony,
Therese,
Richard,
Malcolm

Toowong Graded Teams Nov 29

A Grade

1 Malcolm Carter, Therese Tully,
Richard Wallis, Tony Hutton
2 Ivy Luck, Gary Malinas, Louise
Collins, Terry Collins

B Grade

1 Alan Boyce, Joan Jenkins, Peter
Nilsson, Deborah Nilsson

D Grade

1 Janet Lowe, Annette Scott, Judy
Hefferan, Deanne Gaskill



D Grade
Winners:
Deanne,
Annette,
Janet, Judy

B Grade Winners:
Peter, Alan,
Deborah, Joan



Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs Nov 30/Dec1

A Grade

1 Malcolm Carter, Tony Hutton
2 Terry and Louise Collins
3 Ivy and John Luck

B Grade

Lex Ranke, Jack Rohde

QCBC Summer Swiss Pairs Dec 7

1 Selena Pearce, Val Matheson
2 Val Holbrook. Richard Fox

Queensland Wide Pairs 2015

3rd N/S DONNA KROSCH / EUNICE MCLEOD
2nd E/W KIKU MUKAI / RODNEY CURTIN

Cllub Pairs Championship Nov 22

1 Therese Tully, Pele Rankin
2 John Gough, Larry Moses
3 Baris Salt, Alex ImaSaih



Rachel Langdon



Jan Peach
has been a
mentor to
Lyn Bowler



Lynne Gray

Masterpoint Promotions Nov

Steele, John	Gold Life
Steele, Jocelyn	Gold Life
Hutson, Jill	Silver Life
Male, Kathryn	Life
Welland, Val	**National
Gray, Lynne	*State
Maddison, Margie	Regional
Kerswell, Greg	**Local
Parkins, Hazel	**Local
Yang, Ming Shu	*Local
Archibald, Reid	*Local
Langdon, Rachel	Club
Bolger, Christine	Graduate
Harris, Michelle	Graduate

INTERCLUB TEAMS – 8 NOVEMBER QCBC



It was a beautiful Spring day with the sun shining on what was to be a wonderful day of bridge and camaraderie.

The largest Interclub event to be held by the Brisbane Zone with 34 teams entered from nine of our fourteen Brisbane Clubs. The various organizers usually pick their teams, not necessarily based on their prowess as a player, but as a gift for those members who contribute so much throughout the year and who will represent them amongst their peers.

The Club looked great with four different colour coding for the various groupings and the hospitality was second to none with Toni and her team of Jenny, Cheryl and Rose of course, providing the players with excellent fare for the whole of the day, including a sumptuous smorgasbord lunch, organized by Jenny, with ice creams for desert and wine and punch to wash it all down.

Julie and David provided the expertise and everything was ready to go. It never fails to amaze me that all the results come up almost immediately we have finished. And I can assure you that this doesn't just happen. A great deal of preparation is required for everything to go so smoothly and I congratulate all directors and particularly Julie for helping to make this such an enjoyable day.

There were eight teams in the Open and under 400 masterpoints sections, ten (including a house team) in the under 100 mps and eight in the newest and under 10 masterpoint section. (This section successfully introduced for the first time this year). Beenleigh were able to field a team for the first time and were warmly welcomed.

Kenmore were the overall winner for the day with them also winning the A Grade. BBC came first in both the B and C grades and Arana won the D Grade.

Finally a huge thank you to Toni without whom none of this works. Who collects all the entries from each club. Who makes up our own four teams (plus a house team in this case). Who organizes the dealers and the hand records as well as personal scorers. Who moves all the tables around to suit the four movements and changes cloths and ensures stationery is available. Who does all the buying and organizes refreshments and luncheon. The success of such an event all hinges on our main "man".

With our thanks, Toni. Marion Cooke, Brisbane Zone Secretary



Christmas Celebration

The Village Coorparoo sponsorship contributed to a very enjoyable Christmas celebration.

Attendance was good and the food was yummy.

Tony Treloar did a great job as compere and awarded the numerous raffle prizes. Members who make significant voluntary contributions to the club were thanked with vouchers to club competitions.

Luck was against my partner and I during the **Summer Swiss Pairs** on December 7th when our Director, Julie Jeffries, persuaded David O'Gorman and Audrey Goss to complete a table. They promptly rained on our parade by being the only pair to bid and make 7D on the following hand.

		North	Dealer S
		♠ A86	Vul: All
		♥	
		♦ AKQJ82	
		♣ AJT5	
West		East	
♠ 543		♠ JT972	
♥ 954		♥ QT862	
♦ 965		♦	
♣ Q982		♣ K43	
		South	
19		♠ KQ	
2	6	♥ AKJ73	
		♦ T743	
13		♣ 76	

Alan Boyce (not playing in the congress) wondered about how to bid the slam:

*Interesting how loser count gets you to the grand-slam.
Opening should be at worse 7 loser (could be 8 but I always assume 7)*

*Responder with 4 loser means 13 tricks should be there.
How to bid it?*

1H by south, 2D by North in our system; 3D by South, then 4C by North (should be read as a cuebid as diamonds are agreed. Better than minorwood as the void muddies the water)

4H by South, 4S by N, 5H by south.

And I think that 7D is a good bet knowing that hearts contain A&K and should setup for discard of clubs but turns out not needed.

David asked for Aces then went straight to 7D. Sigh! JoanJenkins

Larry Cohen, in light of the recent cheating scandals, has started a series of articles on ethical behaviour in his bridge newsletter. (Sign up at www.larryco.com). He has encouraged clubs to distribute these articles.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gwenda & John
Simmons
Paul & Pauline Ellem
Des Hitchman
Vivienne Van Rooyen
Ruth & John Roberts
Michael & Sherlie Giles
Warren Brooks
Anurag Gupta

Partner Makes a Slow Pass (Part 1 of 2)

The most frequent "ethical" problem is when a player takes advantage of his partner's slow pass. For example, with both sides vulnerable: W 3S N Pass* E Pass S ?

* Slow (45 seconds)

After North takes an exceedingly long time (45 seconds) to Pass, South has an ethical dilemma. He knows that his partner has some values. North didn't pass in tempo (normal would be 5-10 seconds). He thought 45 seconds and passed. Clearly, North was thinking of doubling or overcalling. Suppose South holds:

♠ A4 ♥ AQ9652 ♦ Q42 ♣ 32

Should South balance with 4♥? It is very dangerous, but not as much as when you are sure your partner has some values. Had North passed in tempo, he could easily have held an ugly 5-count. The slow pass makes it clear that North has close to opening bid values. Is South "allowed" to bid 4♥? Is he allowed to take advantage of his partner's tempo? In other words, is it "authorized information" to South that his partner has a decent hand?

This is an unfortunate part of the game. The speed/tempo of an action gives away information.

The proprieties state that information shouldn't be conveyed by anything other than the bid itself. The speed of the bid must be ignored by the partner of the bidder.

So, when North makes his slow pass, South must not draw any inferences. *In fact, he should ethically bend over backwards to NOT take advantage.* With the example hand above, he should not bid 4♥. To do so would be utilizing the information that his partner has some values. If South does bid 4♥, the opponents can (and should) call the director. The director call is not an "accusation of cheating." It is just proper procedure to draw attention to the fact that North slow-passed and South then bid. Is South *allowed* to bid? If his hand warrants it, of course he is allowed.

Suppose South held: ♠ A2 ♥ AKJ107652 ♦ 32 ♣ 2

Who would not bid 4♥? South has every right to bid what is in his hand. I've heard uniformed players erroneously state: "South was barred--his partner's slow pass *barred him from bidding*." Not so. It bars him only in marginal cases. If it is 100% action, he can still take it.

But, when it gets "marginal," the partner should not bid after obtaining "unauthorized information." He should take his medicine, be a good person, and make the ethical pass.

Halcyon Days at Hervey Bay



Bright. Eric and Robyn Harrison, Helen Brooksbank, Kathy Wooler, Jan Hickling and yours truly.

Lessons covered included

Delicate Entries

Opening Leads

Pre-Empts

Cue-Bid Raises

AND a Secret Selection of

There was a vast range of players to those with many

exception, everyone learned valuable techniques in both bidding and playing of hands...a credit to Andy's natural and exceptional teaching ability. I might mention that all QCBC members acquitted themselves well in the three competitions with most taking home prizes of German champagne.



hitherto unpublished tips.....

Bridge levels from very new years of experience. Without



Apart from the inevitable new venue hiccups, eg slow dinner service, the schedule ran well with lessons/play/free time well spread at a leisurely pace. The optional Fraser Island excursion was apparently worth the long day entailed. A highlight here was the small plane flight - one of only two in the world that takes off and lands on the beach. Others in the group enjoyed the heated pools, the spa services or the shops. Quite a few Bridge devotees played on.

It seems as if the Hunter Valley holiday will be a regular on the calendar. For the more adventurous there is more than likely to be an International holiday in St Petersburg where Alex already has taken many European groups. This will possibly be in October.



Overall, the Hervey Bay holiday was a perfect short break that proved both relaxing and informative.

(Annette Scott)



Wendy Gibson and Linda Norman at Andy's QCBC Class

Pele Rankin, Jessica Brake and Eileen Li at Andy's QCBC Class



Social Session on Mondays 10am to 1pm

New Monday Social Session starts on the 11th January.

QCBC welcomes back the members from Denise Dodd's Seriously Social session and wish Denise a happy retirement.

THE NORMAL MONDAY SESSION STILL STARTS AT 10.30AM.

SP FINANCIAL sponsored the Tuesday Eclectic for December.

1st in the Open was Julie Jeffries

2nd David O'Gorman.

1st in the Restricted Don Worner

2nd Sandra Berns.

Congratulations to those players and thanks to SP Financial.

Julie won
the Open
Eclectic for
December



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Raffles

Lynne Gray organised the raffles for our last congress and also the Christmas party. These raffles raised almost \$1700. Lynne also organised the sponsor for our Christmas party. Thank you to The Village Coorparoo for helping to make it a great party.

Lynne has spent a lot of time and effort in successfully raising sponsorship for QCBC. She has also donated many of the prizes for the raffles. Thank you Lynne, you are amazing. And thank you for your generosity.



Melbourne Cup Sweep

John Price ran the Melbourne Cup raffle again this year. He increased the prizemoney and still made a profit of \$900+. John comes into the club almost every day, for 2 weeks to make sure that all the players get a chance to buy a ticket. Thank you, John. A thank you to all the members and players who bought a ticket.

New Books

\$1000 was donated from the estate of Peter Hainsworth. His friends thought new books for our library would be suitable in memory of Pete.

Paul Lavings donated 12 new books by Bird & Bourke to add to the library.

New Book Shelves

And to keep all our new books tidy, Robyn and Eric Harrison, donated the new shelves for the library. Thank you, Eric and Robyn. You have put a smile on Barbara Ryan's face.

Robyn
Harrison



Bring and Buy

Thank you to Jenny Williams who ran the Bring & Buy - final figures aren't in yet.

Thank you to those members who volunteer their time to help keep this wonderful club running. Some of our volunteers have been doing it for many years. If you have time, please ask if there is anything you can do for your club.

**Online
Opportunities**

I really look forward to Paul Marston's column in the Weekend Australian. He always has an interesting story and usually includes the analysis of two bridge hands. He alerted me to the fact that Bob Hamman 'one of the greatest bridge players of all time' is portrayed in the movie about Lance Armstrong, *The Program*, by Dustin Hoffman. Hamman's company, for seven years in a row, insured Lance Armstrong's cycling team against winning the tour de France. He recouped his investment following Armstrong's drug confession. Hamman is accredited with the saying, **'If you have a choice of reasonable bids and one of them is 3NT, then bid it'.**

Marston's next column noted that **Bridge Base Online** is the most popular bridge club in the world. More than 100,000 people log on every day and more than 1000 tables are in play 24 hours a day. You can log on to watch world class players in action. Bill Gates and Warren Buffet are regulars.

Toni received the following useful information about helpful bridge sites online;

To Queensland Contract Bridge Club officers,

Will you help me introduce my **free bridge column** to your club's members? Many bridge players enjoy my stories. I am certain you and your club's players will too.

In the *Rueful Rabbit* I tell stories about bridge hands. My star characters, Damsel In Distress and Knight In Shining Armor, are brought to life in such a way that any bridge player can understand their predicaments. My story telling style is similar to Victor Mollo's, if you remember him.

My stories are a lot more fun than regular bridge books and columns. Readers all say the *Rueful Rabbit* is educational, but they also say it is articulate, well written, professional, excellent, entertaining, humorous and a fun read. You will enjoy reading my stories regularly. And so will the members of your bridge club.

Read two stories for yourself:

<https://ruefulrabbit.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/rr-31-20151005-2.pdf>

<https://ruefulrabbit.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/rr-35-20151105-2.pdf>

I ask that you please:

(1) forward this email to your members so they might consider individually subscribing to *The Rueful Rabbit*, AND/OR

(2) sign your club up for a free subscription then as issues come, you can forward each issue out to your membership,

(3) please print out either issue and put it on your club's bulletin board, and

(4) don't forget to sign up for yourself.

You, and anyone else, may sign up for a **free** personal subscription to *The Rueful Rabbit* by sending your name, country&state/area, and email to wdavidalbrecht@gmail.com.

Sign your club up the same way. There are three or four issues each month.

The Rueful Rabbit is distributed only by email. Except for the sample issues, it is not available on any web site.

David Albrecht, Ph.D.

Author, blogger, bridge player, professor

Don't forget the ABF website – a useful resource and here is another website Toni has identified:

Our company has specialised in the game of bridge for more than 15 years. Our bridge application Funbridge is met with great success all over the world. We now have a community of more than 250,000 players from over 170 countries and our game is available in 11 languages (i.e. English, French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, German, Polish, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and simplified Chinese).

Our website offers a webpage with helpful bridge links (<http://www.funbridge.com/en/links>) and we think that a link exchange might be of interest to you.

Communication Manager for GOTO Games

January 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 New Year's Day Pairs	2 TBIB Eclectic Best 3/5	3 Gold Coast Graded Teams
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 QCBC Pairs Open & Novice
11	12	13	14	15	17	17 NSBC Teams
18	19 \$50 Night	20	21	22	23 Kenmore Open & Novice Pairs	24 Kenmore Open & Novice Teams
25	26 Australia Day Pairs	27	28	29 GNOT - Night 1/2	30	31 Toowong Pairs Toowoomba Novice Pairs ABF Summer Festival (Canberra) 12-24

February 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Clean Cruising Eclectic Best 3/5	2	3	4	5 GNOT - Night 2/2	6 QBA Senior Teams (Suncoast)	7 QBA Senior Teams (Sunshine Coast) Warwick Pairs
8	9	10 Wed AM GNOT 1/2	11	12	13	14 Arana Teams
15	16 \$50 night	17 Wed AM GNOT 2/2	18	19	20	21
22 Night Session Closed	23 Night Session Closed	24 Night Session Closed	25	26	27	28 QBA Gold Coast Congress Feb 19-27
29						ABF Open Play Offs 6-11

Spread the Word

FREE BEGINNERS LESSONS

MONDAY 7.30PM - 1ST FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 10.30AM - 2ND FEBRUARY

8 week course

Chris Woolley and Tony Treloar have both been teaching for years now and do it for free. The students are important to the future of a club. Thank you for the time and effort, Chris and Tony.

Masterpoint Promotions October

Lex Ranke	Silver Life
Vivienne Maddigan	Silver Life
Margaret Watson	State
Patricia Thurlow	*Regional

Masterpoint Promotions December

Donna Krosch	Silver Life
Chris Larter	National
Terry Clarke	Regional

QCBC 2016 BRISBANE ZONE GNOT TEAMS

SESSIONS: **Fridays 29/1 & 5/2**
7pm start

ENTRY FEE: \$120 per team

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 27 January

SYSTEMS: Red, Blue, Green &
Brown sticker conventions & treatments

NB: The number of sessions and cost may change according to entries. At least 4 teams are needed to run this event.

A team may comprise 4 to 6 players.

Continuation from club elimination rounds to area finals is not compulsory, but teams must nominate either as a contending or non-contending team at the commencement of their club qualifying event.

A player may play in more than one area and/or in more than one team within an area even if they overlap so long as they are not playing or substituting in two teams that are both contending for a place in the area finals.

Substituting regulations are available on the QBA website.

Club qualifiers receive free entry to the zone finals on Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 October at Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

The top 4 teams from the zone final play in the national finals in Tweed Heads, November 25 to 28.

QCBC 2016 BRISBANE ZONE GNOT TEAMS

SESSIONS: **Wednesdays 10 & 17**
February **10 am start**

ENTRY FEE: \$120 per team

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 8 February

SYSTEMS: Red, Blue, Green &
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