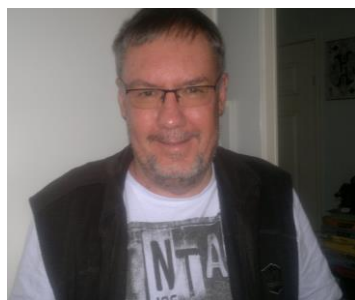


QCBC Newsletter



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From the President, Ray Ellaway

The AGM was held on Saturday 24th October and the five current board members standing for re-election plus **Michael Fernon** were elected to fill the six available vacancies. David O'Gorman who had originally nominated for a board position withdrew his nomination prior to the meeting on health grounds so no ballot was required. The club's financial position remains sound with an Operating Profit of \$19,985 last financial year and we intend to payout our loan with the ABF in the near future.

Board Members

Ray Ellaway
Julie Jeffries
Cheryl Stone
Barry Williams
Jan Peach
Richard Fox
Michael Fernon

I have previously mentioned that the club obtained a grant of \$35,000 to upgrade lighting and replace all interior ceiling tiles. Revised quotes for this work have now been obtained and we are hoping to have the work completed in December. Unfortunately the club will have to close for three days while the construction works take place but once finished the rooms will appear much brighter and appealing. Members will be advised as soon as the contractors have confirmed the construction dates

It was suggested at the AGM that the board review the club's existing committees to see if they remain relevant and to establish additional new committees if required. Once the review is completed I will be seeking volunteers for committee positions so if you believe you can assist the club in any way just let me know.

Wow! Have you noticed the spruced up bridgemates? Thank **Julie Jeffries** for the terrific cleaning and renumbering job.

Robin Steinhardt has volunteered to manage the recreational library.



Michael Fernon was elected to the Board

Coming Up

Nov 6 Pat Wilson Trophy - walk in red pt session - 10am start
Nov 7 Masterclass with Andy Hung
Nov 8 Interclub Teams
Nov 12 & 19 Presidents Cup - prior entry
Nov 22 QCBC Novice Teams
Nov 22 QCBC Club Championship
Nov 24 Qld Wide Pairs am/pm
Nov 27-30 GNOT Final (Tweed Heads)
Dec 7 Summer Swiss Pairs
Dec 11 Christmas Pairs
Dec 12 QCBC Christmas Party

Recent Congress Successes

Labour Day Pairs Oct 5

1. J. Peach, L. Kaszubski
2. C. Stone, R. Morawiecke
3. J. Malinas, C. Schoutrop

Noosa Spring Teams Sept 13

1. R. Green, P. Barnett, T. Ridley, D. Harris
2. R. Perry, R. Crowley, P&V Maddigan
3. L. Vachon, A. Mellings, C. Schoutrop, M. Hoenig

QBA Graded Pairs Sept 6

- A** 1 T. Hutton, T. Jackman
2 J. Mills, R. Parker
3 W. Zhou, C. Lu
B 1 C&J Taylor
2 D&L Rogers
C 3 S&D Berns

Clean Cruising Pairs Oct 11

- 1 P. Schoen, P, Hale
- 2 P. Rankin, P. Hooykaas
- 3 T. Hutton, M. Carter

Redland Graded Pairs Sept 27

- A** 1 T. Hutton, T. Jackman
2 S. O'Brien, I, Luck
3. M. Jakes, A. Dawson
B 2 C&J Taylor
C 2 D. Treloar, J. Finigan

Sanctuary Cove Pairs Sept 20

- B** 1 R. Webcke, J. Gardiner
2 L. Ranke, J. Rohde
C 2 A. Scott, N. McIver

Sunshine Coast Pairs Sept 20

- A** 1st M. Jakes,
A. Dawson
B 1st C&J Taylor

Gympie Swiss Teams Oct 11

- A** 2nd R. Perry, R. Crowley,
V&P Maddigan



T. Hutton & M. Carter
2nd QBA Open Pairs



Jim Evans presents the
QBA Ooen Pairs trophy
to Jim Wallis & Nathan
Van Jole



J. Rohde, L. Ranke
Plate 2nd



M. Goodman & T.
Jackman
Plate 1st



M. Stoneman
Consolation 1st

QBA Open Pairs Oct 17/18 Championship


1. J. Wallis, N. Van Jole
2. T. Hutton, M. Carter
3. N. Francis, M. Moren

Plate

1. T. Jackman,
M. Goodman
2. J. Rohde, L. Ranke

Consolation

1. M. Stoneman,
A. McGhee



A strong field
competed in the Clean
Cruising Pairs



CLEAN CRUISING
Find Your Dream Cruise Faster

Toowoomba Pairs Oct 3

- A 1. N. Francis, M. Perrin
- 2. E. Zeller, P. Larsen
- 3. L. Franke, J. Rohde

Toowoomba Teams Oct 4/5

- A 1. J&I, Luck,/ S. O'Brien, M. Millar, P. Collins
- 2. C. Critchley, L. Jenkins/ C. Lu/ W. Zhou
- 3. M. Radke, I. Halford/ S& R. Parker
- B 1. D&P. Nilsson/ M. Knox, C. Wikman



Malcolm Carter
spoke for the
winning team


Surfers Paradis Graded Teams Oct 25

A Grade


- 1 M, Carter, T, Jackman, R, Clarke, T, Hutton
- 2 D&P. McLeish, A. Monks. F. Whitaker
- 3 C. Howard, K, Wood, B&A. Kempthorne

B Grade


- 1 J. Rohde, L. Ranke, M. Plunkett, G. Gosney
- 3 S. Gardner, P. Evans, T. Fletcher, N. Christie



Jack, Greg, Margaret
and Lex won B Grade



Kay, Veena,
Sharon and
Ashok



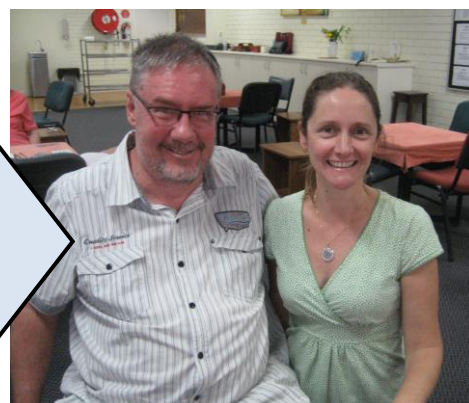
Tony, Del,
Judith and
Helen



Nicky Denholm and
Julie Jeffries

**The Mentor
Program is very
successful**

Ray Ellaway and
Rachel Langdon



**Just a sample
of the
partnerships**



Richard Fox
and Pam Lusk

Robin Steinhardt
and Judith Hefferan



Bradley Clarke
and David
O'Gorman



Masterpoint Promotions Sept

O'Gorman, David
Woollons, Andrew
Bennett, Judith
Sobey, Colleen
Duff, Albert
Harrison, Robyn
Sobey, Ian
Noble, John
Mokrzecki, Barbara



Barbara Mokrzecki, David
O'Gorman, Colleen Sobey,
Albert Duff and Judith Bennett



Robyn Harrison



Ian Sobey



John Noble

High-Value Discard - Richard Fox

I had a chance to make an unusual play at the Sunshine Coast Congress, which appears in puzzles but I can't remember it happening to me before at the table.

Having the North hand, I chose to open 2C, a touch light for my usual style but I was afraid it could go Pass-Pass-Pass and I'd miss a game. Partner, Robyn Clark, denied values of ace + king with her 2D reply, and I rebid 2H. Robyn now showed her suit



with a 3C bid, and I tried 3NT.

Dealer W All Vul	♠ Q 2 ♥ A K 10 6 5 3 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ A Q	
♠ K J 10 6 4 ♥ J 8 ♦ 9 8 6 5 ♣ 9 4		♠ 9 5 3 ♥ Q 9 7 2 ♦ K J 7 2 ♣ K 7
	♠ A 8 7 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 5 3 2	

East found the 5S lead, a sensible choice at matchpoint scoring, not leading from honours into the strong hand. I ducked in dummy and West won the king and continued with the jack. This was all very well, making my queen but access to dummy's pile of clubs was a distinct problem.

How to tackle the clubs? How about trying the queen first, hoping the holder of the king might duck it? Then I could play the ace and

try for a 3-3 heart break. Maybe someone would have to lead into my diamonds or play a black card and give me access to dummy.

I played the Q♣, and East gave it a suspicious look then won it and returned a spade to the ace. Possibly he placed his partner with the A♣ and for that reason attacked the entry.

Seemingly nice of him to let me into dummy, but the clubs were blocked. Fortunately I spotted the solution in time – flamboyantly throw the club ace on the spade ace, and the clubs roll in. I finished with 6 clubs, 2 spades, 2 hearts and the A♦ for a handy top score.

Double dummy, the defence is to return a club and force me to play hearts from hand.

The Rookie and Mentor Program (RAMP) is up and running.



Janet McKeough
is being mentored
by Margaret Millar

Over the next couple of months you will see our Rookies playing with their Mentors. Please welcome them to your table. Many thanks once again to all those who volunteered as Mentors. If you are interested in being involved in the program please contact the Co-ordinator Julie Jeffries email j.jeffries@bigpond.com

Hi members,
It is time to start updating all phone numbers for the 2016 program/diary. Please check the list of phone numbers, on the front table, and make sure yours is correct.
Thank you, Toni

Luciana Cedro wrote to her bridge friends before she passed away on October 16

Farewell to my bridge friends

23rd September, 2015

Dear Toni,

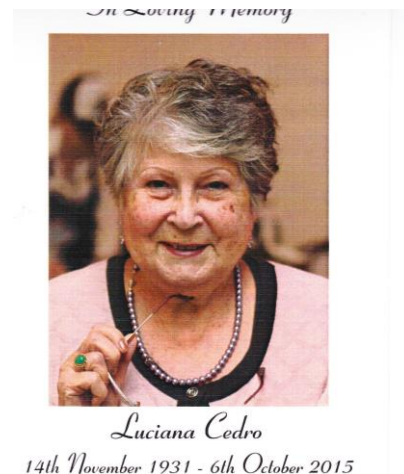
This is my daughter-in-law writing for me because my hands are trembling.

I want to thank you and let you know I appreciate everything you have done for me. I want you to know that I enjoyed every moment that I have been at the bridge club. It was one of the best experiences of my life, to learn and play bridge. I met so many nice people to whom I would like to say goodbye.

As you know, I won't be coming back to bridge.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Thank you, kind regards, Luciana XX00XX00



Vale Tom Landy

Tom Landy was an active and influential member of QCBC for many years. He passed away on July 26.

He is survived by his wife, Fay, who represented Australia four times. Tom and his partner won the Queensland Open Pairs in 1963 and 1964. They also won the pairs at the Gold Coast Congress, the only Queenslanders to do so until last year. He was a member of the Queensland Open Team for six years. In 1973, he won the Queensland Open Pairs. His cunning at the table earned him the nickname The Fox.

Members who knew him held him in the highest regard.

And yet another QCBC member, Pat Smith, has passed away.

Following a severe stroke almost ten weeks ago, after his first chemo treatment for bladder cancer, Pat passed away peacefully yesterday afternoon, 29th October, at the Prince Charles Palliative Care Unit, aged 68. Our son Paul, Pat's sister Helen and I were with him at the time. The family feels it was a blessing that he did not regain consciousness after the stroke, as his future prognosis would have been very bleak. We were delighted to have been able to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary the week before his stroke with our three children Anna, Paul and Laura, their respective spouses Pedram, Julia and Arend, and our three grandchildren Zoe, Alec and Ruby, as well as our extended family and some close friends. Paul and Julia's little daughter Alia Evelina was born on 16th September, just over three weeks after Pat's stroke.



We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, kind wishes and practical help during this difficult and sad time for us. Your support has been a wonderful gift which has given us so much comfort and strength, and will remain with us always.

Pat enjoyed playing bridge at QCBC and had a very high regard for Dawn Cullen (Pat's Tuesday night partner), both as a bridge player and as a person.
Jan Smith

'I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.' Bob Hope



Thanks to Lynne (who recently shared her birthday cake with us). Lynne is diligently looking for additional sponsors and would appreciate advice and feedback.

I'M GIVING UP BRIDGE By: anonymous

I'm giving up Bridge, tonight's my last night
It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles.
I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.
My cards are all rotten, and I have forgotten,
Who's played, and what's trumps, and what's gone on my right!
So for now it's all over, I'm off to the backwoods.
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood.
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain.
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
So I'm giving up Bridge, tonight's a bad night.
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.
And when s/he says "double," I know we're in trouble
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why
S/he kept right on bidding, clear up to the sky.
We're in seven spades, and all my hope fades,
When to my surprise, the high bidding pays!
We're winning all tricks; the defenders look sick,
And I have to admit, my partner's a brick.
But I'm giving up Bridge, tonight's my last night.
Farewell to conventions, I give up the fight!
So I leave with few words, but some that are true,
Bridge is a game - not for me, but for you.
So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek.
For it's only a game.
"Oh yes, I'll see you next week!"

The club has made some progress with sponsorship.

We have 3 new sponsors.

1. **The Village Coorparoo** - have agreed to Sponsor events over 3 years. The first event will be on the 22 of November, for the QCBC Club championship and the QCBC Novice Teams. Ric Cohen will present the prize money. The Village Coorparoo is also sponsoring our Christmas party on Saturday 12 December which will include lucky draws and prizes. The Village Coorparoo will also sponsor two other events next year. Thank-you, to Ric Cohen, Sales Manager and the Village Coorparoo.
2. **SP Financial Planners**, Newstead- Brisbane have agreed to sponsor two events this year. Thank you to Jonathon McCullough.
3. **TBIB** have agreed to sponsor one event this year. Thank-you to Steve Weil.
4. **Clean Cruising** has agreed to sponsor two events this year. Thank-you to Martine Hero for the Clean Cruising Pairs on October 11 and one to come next year. Clean Cruising has consistently supported our club for years, Martine you are a treasure!

The club is very grateful to all our sponsors. **I hope club members will support them!**

Thanks all. Lynne



QCBC CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 22 November 2015

ENTRY FEE:	\$30 per player
DIRECTOR:	Jan Peach
ENTRIES CLOSE:	Thursday 19 November
SYSTEMS:	Green, Blue, Red & Brown sticker conventions
START:	9.30AM

QCBC 2015

NOVICE SWISS TEAMS

For players with less than 100 masterpoints as at 30/09/15

Sunday, 22 November

\$120 per team

Blue & Green systems only