

## **Novice News – May 2021 by Stephen Bennett**

There have been 4 Novice events in the month of May, so lots to get through.

**On the 6<sup>th</sup> May the Qld Novice Pairs Championships were held at Sunnybank Bridge Club.**

QCBC entered 10 pairs which was nearly 25% of the entries, well done.

Jennifer Finigan & Joyanne Gissing finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall and Jenny Thompson & Carol Findlay were 7<sup>th</sup>. Jenny & Carol also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B category as well. Fantastic results ladies.

There was a most improved category which was won by Graeme King & Chris Green who finished 15<sup>th</sup> after starting in 41<sup>st</sup> place, amazing effort.

A Bravery Award was handed out to John Harkin & Jane Bell for the pair with the fewest Master Points, congratulations.

The event ran very smoothly, with a wonderful lunch and some drinks and nibbles afterwards, everyone was well looked after.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> May we had the Toowong Novice Matchpoint Pairs.**

Carol Finlay & Jenny Thompson won the B category and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and Jacinta Lee & Debbie Carroll won the C category and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done ladies, you are both making a habit of winning.

**On the 21st May QCBC had an under 50 Master Points section that attracted 12 pairs.**

Martin Wu & Lilly Jia won the North / South section and Sue & Peter Green won the East / West section. It is wonderful that the club puts on sections like this, it is important to support these so the club sees there is a demand for this type of section.

**On the 25<sup>th</sup> May the Australia Wide Novice Pairs Competition was held with 12 pairs taking part in the QCBC event.**

This is a wonderful event run by Brad Coles, where Novices from around the country can compete at their home club and then all the results are collated together to see who the best Novice Pair in the country is!!!! The results are still coming in from around the country but the winners from the QCBC section were Mike Martin & Jamshid Vazirzadeh for East / West and Chris Green & Louise Purdie for North / South. Fingers crossed we get a winner.

There is a bit of a break now until the next batch of events. This will give you time to read **“Teach yourself Better Bridge” by David Bird**. It is a wonderful book with bite sized chapters on bidding more accurately, defensive techniques and how to improve your declarer play. Each chapter clearly explains the concept, has a points to remember summary and then some test examples. I found that a lot of the concepts were familiar to me, but after reading the chapter I had a much clearer understanding. Most Novices would get a great deal out of this book and once I return it, it will be available in the library!!!!

2 events to make sure you enter are the QCBC Novice Teams and the QBA < 50 Master Points Teams of 3. These are both excellent events that are lots of fun.

### **Upcoming events.**

27<sup>th</sup> June – Toowong < 150 Imp Pairs

4<sup>th</sup> July – QCBC Novice Teams

10<sup>th</sup> July – QBA < 50 Master Points Teams of 3

18<sup>th</sup> July – Redland Novice Pairs