



April 2025

From The President



Some of the key activities of the Board recently are:

Grant application to improve the Wilton St carpark drainage and improve disability access

The maintenance committee has flown into action and developed a plan to address both the drainage and the disability access. It will cost approximately \$20,000. We have submitted 2 grant applications and will continue to apply for any appropriate grants that we can find. Unfortunately, we cannot commence the work until we win a grant. Meantime, I am pleased to advise that we have improved drainage in the carpark. It withstood the rigours of ex-cyclone Alfred very well.

Social activities for novice players

The membership and marketing committee is focusing initially on finding simple ways to enhance the QCBC experience for newer players. Many of our newer players are exploring options to find partners and to build friendships. We are trialling a social break in the Monday night session, including participants in beginners' classes and Help with Play. We are also holding welcome sessions for graduates of beginners' classes. We will run some initial activities and see how they go.

MyABF as a communication platform with members

The Board very recently decided to adopt MyABF as our primary communication platform, replacing

Pianola. This is early advice. You won't see any difference for a while because we must start by adding member information to the membership module. We believe that MyABF is an improved product because:

- We can collect some important information such as emergency contacts.
- We can add non-members – people doing beginners lessons and Help with Play.
- We can focus our energy on one system instead of maintaining a couple of systems.
- We are all paying for it anyway because it is funded through our ABF dues.

Look out for a request to update your personal information so we can be confident that the information we keep about you is accurate.

Just a note that we will still use Pianola for session results for the present.

Administration and Governance

There seems to be a never-ending supply of administration and governance projects. We welcome enquiries but I won't bore you with full details. A few headlines:

- Work is continuing to update the Memorandum and Articles (Constitution). We are navigating some challenges and have had to seek legal advice about the best path forwards. We will present the updated M&A to you as soon as possible.
- The new accounting system, Xero, is now fully operational and providing the Board with good financial reports.
- We've just completed the 2025 membership dues process. We now have over 500 members.

Changes to Board Membership

Joyanne Gissing has been a loyal member of the Board for nearly 6 years. She and her family are relocating to Dublin, thus her resignation as a Board member. Joyanne has contributed to the Club in a multitude of ways. One of her key achievements is the array of solar panels on our roof, resulting in significant electricity savings. We wish her every happiness.

Les Freedman joined the Board last October. He recently resigned for personal reasons. We thank him for his contributions.

As a result, we have 2 casual vacancies on the Board, I am pleased to advise that Kathleen Clifford has agreed to fill one of the vacancies. Kathleen has previous Board experience and was a legal practitioner so brings valuable skills to the Board.

Board Committees

The Board has established a committee structure to help us focus our work and ensure the Board meetings are productive. We are very fortunate to have skilled and committed members in all of them.

Committee	Members	Purpose
Finance and Risk	Charles Page, Rowan Ward, Toni Bardon, Sally Hall (bookkeeper)	To monitor and support financial management & accountability, and key risks e.g. insurance
Maintenance	Kathy Males, Ian Bannister, Jenny Williams, Warren Males, Graham Miller (maintenance service)	To manage maintenance of our key asset, the building and land
Members and Marketing	Helen Klieve, Maria Mills, Kellie Tesolin	To maintain awareness of our member's needs and attract new members. Includes website review.
Tournaments and Sessions	Kathy Males, Jan Peach, Tony Treloar, Toni Bardon	To monitor and support planning and delivery of club events, external and weekly sessions.
IT	Annette Hogan, Mike Le Voi, Lou Stanley	To maintain QCBC's IT systems.

We also have a well-established Teaching Committee chaired by Chris Newbery and a purpose-specific Constitution Review Committee chaired by Peter Lyons.



Volunteer's Needed!

1: CONGRESS CONVENORS and ASSISTANTS

2: HELP WITH BRIDGE SCORING on CompScore

3: KITCHEN HELPERS

Contact Kathy Males (Board member) or Annette Hogan (President) to discuss further

PLEASE HELP OUT and BE REWARDED!

An Extraordinary Hand

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to play a set of boards with Michael Courtney. Michael is one of the world's best Bridge players...it has been estimated he has played in excess of 500,000 hands...

Hand 500,001 was this, along with my commentary:

D 17		N Michael Courtney	W N E S
		♠ A73	1♦ 2♥ 2♠
		♥ J	4♥ 4♠ P 5♥
		♦ AK9652	6♣ 6♦ 6♥ 7♠
		♣ J104	P P P
W Peter Buchen#77		E giselle mundell#1	
♠ J		♠ 4	
♥ AK983		♥ Q1076542	
♦ 73		♦ 10	
♣ KQ872		♣ 9653	
	S charles page#58		
	♠ KQ1098652		
	♥ QJ84		
	♣ A		
		7♠ S	NS: 0 EW: 0

- He opens 1D...My hand looks even better already
- RHO bids 2H weak...I'll put the fuel injectors on
- I decide 2S...just rev the engine...turn it over

- Buchen lobs in 4H...what else...straight to 4th gear
- Michael parries with 4s...you hear the distant roar or power coming to get you
- Giselle passes
- I press the throttle with 5H...that roar is getting louder
- Buchen bids 6C...he is seeing tail-lights whizzing by
- Try 6D from Michael...his engine is at full throttle...
- Don't worry here is the turbo fuel-injected rock crusher...7S

Charles Page

Director's Corner



What to do About Revokes

We have all (for one reason or another) failed to follow suit when we could've and should've. In bridge this is called a "revoke". A revoke becomes established when the offending side plays to the trick after the revoke occurred. If the mistake is realised before this time, it is best to call the director to deal with the situation. If the mistake is by the defending side, there will be a major penalty card on the table and the director will inform the players as to how to proceed.

Sometimes it becomes apparent that someone has revoked later in the hand. If you have revoked, then you are under no obligation to draw attention to it (Law 9A5). If you realise that an opponent has revoked earlier in the hand, then you might draw attention to it straight away or wait until the end of the hand. The director cannot make any ruling until the end of the hand, so it is best to wait until the hand has been finished before calling him/her. Try to remember which trick the revoke occurred or at least the play on that trick. **It is important that all players keep their cards in**

order so that the play of the hand can be recreated if necessary.

Personally, I wait until the end of the hand to draw attention to a possible revoke. I find that the discussions surrounding whether the revoke has occurred to be an unwelcome and unnecessary distraction. If you do find yourself discussing a possible revoke in the middle of the hand, it is important to remember that you are not allowed to reveal any cards that have been quitted or get your opponent to reveal any quitted tricks. As always, it is forbidden to touch your opponent's cards. If there is dispute as to whether a revoke has occurred, then wait until the end of the hand and let the director sort it out.

Generally, there is a penalty of two tricks for winning the trick with the revoking card and then your side winning a subsequent trick, and a one trick penalty for not winning with the revoking card and then winning a subsequent trick. Note that often the trick adjustment only restores equity i.e. gives you the tricks you were going to win had the revoke not occurred. Non-offenders are often disappointed to find out that they aren't getting something extra because of the revoke. Sometimes these penalties are insufficient to restore equity, and the director needs to adjust further, e.g. in a no trump contract a player has revoked and thus prevented an opponent from running a suit. If you feel the revoke has caused this kind of damage, then explain to the director why a further adjustment is warranted. These situations can be quite complicated, and a playing director may want to reserve the ruling until the end of the session or at least until they have played their own hand.

One of the very few good things about playing online is that you can't revoke. As long as we are still playing bridge face to face, however, there will be revokes. So be careful you don't make too many and please be patient when an opponent makes one. Happy bridging.

Tony Treloar



You won't Trump this Special Offer
 For the month of April all QCBC members can have a full skin check for \$56.15 (Your out-of-pocket Expenses are only \$56.15. Initial outlay of \$99 less Medicare rebate of \$42.85)

Partnership Understandings

Opponents are entitled to know everything you know about your partnership understandings. Here are four extracts from the QBA/ABF Alerting Regulations:

- It is an essential principle of the game of bridge that players may not have secret agreements with their partners, either in bidding or in card play. All agreements must be fully available and fully disclosed to the opponents.
- The principle is to disclose, not as little as you must, but as much as you can, and as comprehensibly as you can. A careless failure to follow this policy may result in an adjusted score, and possibly procedural penalties, where opponents have been damaged. If a player makes a positive effort to meet their obligations under full disclosure, they will rarely if ever fall foul of these regulations.
- If an enquiry is made, a full explanation of the call must be given. This includes any conventional or partnership agreement, whether the agreement is explicit or based on partnership experience. Explanations may well include distributions and point ranges specifically excluded by a call, as well as those shown directly. When giving explanations, it is not necessary to repeat information given earlier in the hand, unless such information is requested. When explaining an alerted or self-alerting call, players should indicate if this same call might have a slightly different meaning (e.g. different point range) due to a variation of vulnerabilities and/or position around the table.
- If there is no partnership agreement as to the meaning of a call, the player must say so (by saying, “Undiscussed”, for example), and not attempt to offer a possible explanation. When, however, as a result of partnership experience and style, one is able to form a coherent view of the likely meaning of an undiscussed call, that information shall be given to the opponents. Where a call is undiscussed, the player should not offer statements such as “I take it to mean....” or “I’m treating it as....”. Such a response is improper as it provides unauthorised information to partner.

Perhaps your partner likes to *deliberately* describe a hand that has no resemblance to the one he holds. Funny the first time, unless doubled and down six. The sequence is recorded in the Psyche Register. I am not talking about accidental mis-bids,

forgetting the system or beginners making mistakes.

For example, suppose you think that your partner may be **seriously mis-describing** their hand. If it crosses your mind that partner is up to his old tricks again, then you have an awareness. So, unless divulged to the opponents, you have a secret partnership understanding and that is hot water you do not wish to be in.

Jan Peach

National Director Level 1

From the Membership Committee

One of the new Committees reporting to our Board is the Membership and Marketing Committee (see members below). We are a small Committee, and as a part of our direction in attracting and supporting our membership is a focus on our new members, including those coming through lessons, into being active club members.

We all know that those initial moves into “the big room” and playing formal games can be daunting. There are lots of support, strategies, like supervised play, and the new WhatsApp Partner Finder website Rowan Ward has established to help Rookies and Novices find someone to play with on different days.

One small initiative we thought might be useful is a “phone a friend” concept – an email help line. So, if there are any simple questions you would like to ask, just email us.

Kellie, who will often be the one to respond, is a new player and now a Monday night regular. She is familiar with the simple things that would be good just to ask – even things like:

- How do I borrow the library books for extra reading?
- Is there an easy summary of all the bridge bidding conventions?
(https://www.bridgebum.com/bridge_bidding_conventions.php is great by the way)
- Will Bridge be running on a public holiday?
- How do I sign up for the partner finder WhatsApp?

Membership Committee email:

qbcmembercom@gmail.com

Helen Klieve



Helen Klieve



Kellie Tesolin



Maria Mills



and Toni Bardon 😊

Being a Good Partner

- Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. "According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on Bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner." (Punch).
- Let your partner know that you like them.
- Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you.
- Remember - you and your partner are on the same side.
- Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.
- If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
- When there is time between hands, do not discuss Bridge.
- Never, ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.
- Bridge is for fun; it is not to show how smart you are or how dumb someone else is.
- Trust your partner; do not assume s/he has made a mistake.
- Although it may be unfashionable, it really is okay to be pleasant to a partner with whom you also happen to live.
- Think twice before verbally analysing a hand. Do not embarrass yourself with a hasty, inaccurate comment. Remember: "The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same." (Bridge columnist Frank Stewart).

- Never side with an opponent against your partner.
- If you think you are too good for a partner, and do not enjoy playing bridge with them, do everyone a favour and play with someone else. However, be careful before burning bridges - another player's grass may not be any greener.
- Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what s/he means from their perspective. Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that will make their life easiest.
- Sympathize with partner if they make a mistake.

Marty Bergen

Submitted by Toni Bardon

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Source: <https://www.larryco.com/bridge-articles/21-rules-of-being-a-good-partner>

From The Club Manager



Member Matters

Firstly, please welcome our new members: Simon & Carolyn Carter; Paul van Lieshout; Anne Marie Ferencz; Bernadette Franklin; Gray Renwick; Julia Marler; Erika-jane Baigent; Mark Smith; Kathryn Kendall; Judy Grebert; Angela Bridges; Trevor Reid; Henrietta Ridgeon; David Sharman and The Mills Family - Stephen, Maria, Alexandra and Anthony.

We are sad to say goodbye to Colin Peardon who first joined in 1997 (i.e. 28 years a member). Colin will be greatly missed. For many years he was our main card dealer. Colin has been a consistently generous and thoughtful member. On behalf of QCBC Members & Board, we wish him all the best for his future in Toowoomba.

Thank you to the lovely Sue Green for volunteering to be our new Librarian. She has already put in much time and effort to update the library. There are a lot of our library books missing. Please return or replace if you were responsible for the book missing.

I am saddened to advise that a number of our members have passed away: Pauline Elphick; Heather England; Phil Hale; Des Hitchman; Barbara Ryan and Justine Wlodarczyk.

Reminder:

QCBC membership subscriptions and ABF and QBA levies were due in **January 2025**. Please pay if you haven't done so already.

Promotions

Please join me in congratulating the following members who have had ABF promotions in March 2025:

Maria Wright	Graduate Master
Leslie Wright	Club Master
Peter Ellerby	Bronze Local
Gemunu Nanayakkara	Bronze Local
Sandra Lawrence	Silver Local
Wendy Gibson	Gold Life
Evelyne Mander	Grand Master

Coming Events

- 1) Tuesday April 15 @ 7 pm Farewell Teams for Joyanne & Grace Gissing - enter via MYABF
- 2) Thursdays 10 & 17 April; Red Pt Pairs, Walk-in.
- 3) Club closed **Easter Monday** 21 April (open Good Friday 18 and Saturday 19)
- 4) Wednesday April 23 **Welcome Lunch** for all new graduates and rookies (see more details elsewhere in this newsletter).
- 5) Friday 25 April **ANZAC** Day teams - enter via MYABF

Australian National Bridge Championships Competition

The 2025 ANC Competition will be held in Brisbane from July 6-17.

Congratulations to the following ANC Teams who have qualified to compete in their respective divisions



Queensland Open Team

Larry Moses, Rachel Langdon, Kuldip Bedi, Paul Hooykaas, Pele Rankin, Kim Morrison

Queensland Women's Team

Julie Pigdon & Elizabeth Zeller
Toni Bardon & Greer Tucker
Annette Corkhill & Wendy Gibson

Queensland Seniors Team

Tony Hutton & David Smith
Therese Tully & Richard Ward
Ian Halford & Ralph Parker

**Toni Bardon
Club Manager**

2025 Junior Team

Stage 2B saw the emergence of the third and final pair to join the 2025 Australian Junior Team earlier today.

Massive congratulations to Zac Ross and Kate Macdonald for clinching the final spot in what has been a nail-biting and grueling week for both of them.



Georgie Colquhoun, Cheri Benson, Cathy Simpson, Gerry Burton



Brian Lucy, Alison Loney, Peter Kendall, Eiril McNamara

Welcome Lunch

To All New Graduates and Rookies:

Please join the President - Ms Annette Hogan - for a Welcome Lunch

Date: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Time: 1.15 pm - 3.00 pm

Venue: East's Leagues Club

Address: 40 Main Ave, Coorparoo, 4151

Menu: You can purchase your choice from the Café menu and join us at a group table. Ask for us at the main desk.

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Contributions should be by email (preferred)

New Beginners

Wish them well as they progress with classes!



Janice McDonald, Mary-Anne Rowe, Anne Fry, Marie-Louise Claessen