

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



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President's Column

Welcome to my fellow bridge lovers.

Well, here we are at the start of 2022 and the end of my first year at the helm, and what an eventful year it has been.

COVID has certainly made its presence felt with lock downs, club closures, reopening, masks on, masks off, masks on again, check in at the door, no check in at the door, hand sanitisers, wiping tables down, no tablecloths, and now with tablecloths. Thank you, Jane, for doing your best to keep us on the straight and narrow. At this stage some players are not able to play without being double vaccinated. Novak can attest to that. By the way, well done Ash, Nadal and the special K's.

We have managed many achievements at the Club this year. Firstly, getting rid of those plastic cards. Fixing the drainage by the BBQ area, repainting the outside of the club house, updating our outdated solar system to a much newer and way bigger size, employing new cleaners and I am sure the more astute of you will have noticed how much cleaner the club is. The fridge in the kitchen has been replaced and we now have a new timer on the two TVs, which is used by some directors.

As is often the case in a club of many more mature people, we experience the passing of some members most years. I won't mention all but I need to refer to three. Gwen Green, who I didn't personally know but I know of her as she was an integral part of the teaching group for many years. Ron Cross. Ron and June have been members for many years and he was a popular member of the club. I would also like to make special mention of Ken Robinson. Ken played a very important part in the early years at the current club house with working bees, planting trees and procuring plant and equipment at good prices or free. I am sure he was ably supported in these endeavours by his wife, Di. Ken was President the year I joined and had been in that

role for eight years. Ken was also Treasurer for two years prior to becoming President. Ken will be sorely missed as will all departed members. I am sure our thoughts are with Di and June and their families at this time.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the committee members who have supported me in my first year, and thank those who are continuing on for their ongoing work for the good of the club. I would also like to thank those who are retiring from the committee for their work in the past and I would like to wish them well in the future.

I should also take this opportunity to thank those people who are not on the committee, who continue to do many and varied things to support the club. There is always good work going on in the background. One of the vital roles in the club is the dealing, and Willi and Melly have retired this year after many years of devotion to this task, and for this I would like to say thank you from the Sunnybank Bridge Club. Speaking of retiring I would like to mention Jeanette Brine who is retiring from her role as almoner and thank her for her work.

This year again we had a very successful Xmas Party, and I am sure all who attended enjoyed the day and look forward to a similar function next year.

This year has had a few challenges and many successes. I can honestly say I have enjoyed most of them. As I end this year, I say thank you for trusting me in this important position and it appears that you will have to do so again for another year.

Doug Matthew.
President.

(President's Report 2021, from 2022 AGM)

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM was held on Saturday 12 February. Congratulations to those whose nominations for membership of the Club's Management Committee were accepted - all were elected unopposed. Members of the Club's Management Committee for the next 12 months are below. The Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, after the morning bridge session. Thank you to all Committee members for taking on these vital roles.

President	Doug Matthew
Vice President	Jane Whelan
Immediate Past President	Ken Clem
Treasurer	Jenny Andrews
Secretary	Alice Edwards
Committee Members	Robyn Chippindall Bernice Cooper Sue Holburt Lee Pitt Col Seed Michele Thorne

Upcoming Events

KISS Trophy – 1pm Sunday 13 March 2022 (Red Point Event)

Please enter online (see the Club's website for link on online entry). Entries close COB Wednesday 9th March. Cost \$6 per club member; \$8 per visitor. Cash Prizes (members only). Please stay for a sausage sizzle (the SS part of KISS) and drinks after play. \$5 per person. Please add your name to the list on the club noticeboard for catering purposes.

Nationwide Pairs – Sunday 20 March 2022

Nationwide Pairs PM – Thursday 31 March 2022

GNOT Heat – Sunday 2 April 2022

Moore Trophy (Week 3 of 10) – Tuesday 12 April 2022

Nationwide Pairs – Sunday 24 April 2022

For events from May 2022 onwards, please refer to the Club's website.

Promotions

Well done to the following members for their promotions in January 2022:-

Name	New Rank
Greg Holburt	Club
Watson Zhou	Silver Life
Charlie Lu	Gold Life

What are the ranks?

These are the ranks bridge players can attain, as listed on the Australian Bridge Federation's website. If you'd like more information about how many points are needed for each rank follow [this link](#)

Nil	Bronze National
Graduate	Silver National
Club	Life
Local	Bronze Life
Bronze Local	Silver Life
Silver Local	Gold Life
Regional	Grand
Bronze Regional	Silver Grand
State	Gold Grand
Bronze State	Emerald Grand
National	Diamond Grand

Convenor's Report

Results of Recent Events

Summer Pairs – 1st and 8th of February 2022

Congratulations to the winners - Ken Clem and Stuart Bell.

February Grand Slams

Anne Lovett and Brian Fawcett made Grand Slam contracts two weeks in a row in February!! For one board, Anne would have been happy when Brian opened the bidding and she saw ♥AKQJT9 and 16 HCPs in her own hand.

Ahmed Latif and Ismail Meman also made a Grand Slam contract at a Thursday Night Pairs in February. Almost inevitable when you start with 32 points between you, plus a void! It still takes skills, though. Congratulations!

Gold Coast Congress

The Annual Gold Coast Congress is organised by the Queensland Bridge Association and was held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre from 18th to 26th February 2022. Players were pleased to see the Congress back after the 2021 event was cancelled due to COVID.

Although the numbers were well down from pre-COVID Congresses, the Congress managed to fire the enthusiasm of all participants. The Congress was well run and went without any major hiccoughs. Sunnybank Club was well represented in all grades except the Rookies (players with less than 10MPs). Members who participated for the first time reported they would be back next year. As well as the members in the photos (below and right), other Sunnybank Club members who participated include Loretta Lovett and Ismail Meman, Charlie Lu and Watson Zhou, Jenny Andrews and Alice Edwards, Barry Koster, Debbie Hoogerdyk, Donald Weerheim, Natasha Thomas, Jenny Thompson, Kerry Pope, Lyn Tracey and Mick Fawcett and Robyn Chippindall and Jane Whelan.



L-R Sheila Parsons, Andrea Pappas, Daphne Young, Speros Pappas



L-R Judith Bramich and Cheryl Martin



L-R Bernadette O'Connell and Narelle McIver



L-R David Crocker and Richard Tarnawski

Table Etiquette

Please Do ✓

- Greet your opponents at the beginning of each round
- Offer positive encouragement to all players
- Avoid any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to any other player
- Thank your partner when they put down the dummy hand
- Thank your opponents at the end of each round

Please Don't ✖

- Obviously count your tricks taken during play (do it in your head)
- Waste playing time – keep an eye on the clock and talk at the end of the round
- Argue with your partner about a board in the middle of a round
- Thank your opponents for giving you a trick you shouldn't have won

Dummy's Role

As much as we want to help our partner, Dummy needs to be aware of what their role is, but also what it isn't.

Dummy is allowed to try and prevent any irregularity but once it occurs can no longer comment. This includes when declarer has either incorrectly led a card from their hand or named a card for dummy to play. Dummy should not tell partner they have led from the wrong hand and this is now treated as a lead out of turn. From Law 42 A.3 The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 WBF

Passing in a Board – how does it affect percentages?

Why is it that, when your table passes in a board, the NS and EW pairs at that table can end up with different percentages for that board?

The Board on the right, from a recent Thursday morning session, is an example. Everyone had less than 12 HCPs. Out of the nine tables that played this board, eight tables reached a contract and one table passed the board in.

For the table that passed that board in, NS got 62% and EW got 38%. Why is it so? If the board was passed in, shouldn't the EW and NS pairs get the same percentage as each other? Not so, and here's why.

When a board is passed in, the NS and EW pairs at the table get zero points for the board. However, for the board below, eight other tables played the board. Some NS pairs got a positive score and some got a negative score. Likewise, some EW pairs got a positive score and some got a negative score. The zero scores awarded to the NS and EW pairs that passed the board in (Table 3) is relative to the positive and negative scores of the other NS and EW pairs.

As you can see from the table below, the NS pair that passed the board in came 4th (three NS pairs scored higher) and the EW pair that passed in the board came 6th (five EW pairs scored higher). Hence the NS pair got a better percentage than the EW pair for the board.

Table	NS Score	EW Score
1	-140	140
2	100	-100
3	0 (62%)	0 (38%)
4	-110	110
5	90	-90
6	-50	50
7	-50	50
8	-120	120
9	Sit out	Sit out
10	300	-300

BOARD 25					
BD: 25	♠ A			Dir: N	
	♥ J642			Vul: EW	
	♦ J7532				
	♣ K63				
♠ KJ943				♠ Q72	
♥ 953				♥ AKQT	
♦ KT84				♦ 6	
♣ Q				♣ 98742	
	♠ T865				
	♥ 87				
	♦ AQ9				
	♣ AJT5				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	2	-	-	-
S	1	2	-	-	-
E	-	-	1	3	-
W	-	-	1	3	-

Ken Robinson – a tribute

On New Year's Eve, Ken finally lost his brave fight.

He and his wife, Di, played a huge part in getting our club built and running smoothly. The early days of fundraising were arduous and then came the actual build and landscaping with quite a few problems to overcome. Finally, Ken took on the role of president for many years, his motto being "Change what you can change, accept what you can't and have the wisdom to know the difference." Many harmonious years were spent under his stewardship.

Ken and Di married in 1964 and two children arrived, an enormous joy to them both. Ken saw himself as a handyman and an accomplished fisherman. He loved Swains Reef and for 40 years nothing would stop him joining his mates - until his heart played up at the end and he wasn't allowed to go.

When he retired, Ken took up bridge under Di's tutelage. His highlights included winning a plate in the State Bridge Championship and then representing the state.

Di decided the time was right to step down after over 20 years as a committee member. She forged her own role while constantly supporting Ken. She ran the bring and buy stall in the early days and the Kesters generously matched the money raised dollar for dollar. BBQs, Melbourne Cup, Xmas, club birthday celebrations - Di was always there. She looked after our masterpoints for years and club memberships. Thank you, Di, from all of us

Ken will always be remembered as a good, kind man who was easy going, calm and well loved. He had a huge contingent from our club at his funeral to show their respect. Ken and Di were awarded Honorary Life Memberships of our club. The club is a wonderful legacy from both of them.

Welcome New Members!

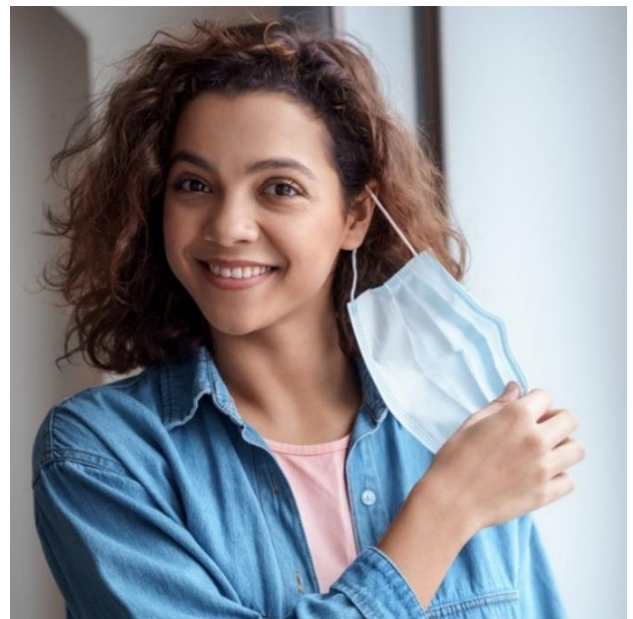
New members who have joined the Club so far in 2022 include:

- Lynne Day
- Angela Smyth
- Kelly Hill
- Osman Khan
- Anthony Marsland
- Sherrell Cardinal
- Peter Lang

Thanks to all members for their support and encouragement of new players. Participating in first session can be nerve-wracking but a hurdle that, once jumped and out of the way, leads to increased confidence.

COVID update

Members do not need to wear masks at the Club after Friday 4 March at 6pm, unless otherwise advised. Of course, some members may feel safer or more comfortable continuing to wear a mask. Members who are unwell should avoid attending the Club. Thank you to Jane Whelan for her continuing role as the Club's COVID Coordinator.



Birthday Wishes to Marilyn

Many happy returns to Marilyn Bowen who celebrated her 80th birthday in February. Members helped Marilyn enjoy the occasion with a cake and morning tea during the Thursday morning session on 17th February. Here's Marilyn with Club President, Doug Matthew.



Table Vouchers

Buying a book of table vouchers is a great way to save money (you get 11 games for the price of 10) and avoid the risk of being caught short of cash before a game. A book of vouchers is \$50. Members can pay cash at the club or pay online. The Club's bank account details are: **BSB 484-799 Account No. 000860772**. If you pay online, please include your name and the word "voucher" as a transaction reference.

Need a partner?

Members who would like assistance finding a partner can contact Tomasina DeLuca on Mob: 0450 644 749 (for a day partner) or Jan Parker on Mob: 0434 127 741 (for a night partner).

Help Boost Club Membership

Do you know anyone who you think might benefit from playing bridge? Maybe an existing member who you haven't seen for a while, a relative, a recent retiree, a student who needs some social contact in the evenings, a recent widow or widower, a new neighbour, a work colleague. Why not talk with them about coming back to the Club, or learning or playing bridge?

Benefits of Playing Bridge

- Making new friends and growing social networks
- Exercising the 'grey matter' (memory, visualisation, sequencing)
- Developing social and communication skills
- Great value for money (how many other ways can you be entertained @<\$2/hour?)
- Distraction from stresses in life
- Increased well-being
- A good reason to get dressed up and get out of the house!
- Bridge conversations!

Information about the Club's lessons and how to join the Club are on the Club's website.

Almoner's Report

Bevan and Val Parkes – Bevan was admitted to Greenslopes Hospital mid-February for treatment. Val is staying with her brother at Wynnum until Bevan is discharged. We wish them well.

Ken Robinson – please see special tribute in this Newsletter

Any member with news about the health or wellbeing of current or past members can contact Ros Purchase, the Club's Almoner, on 0411 546 921.



Thank you to everyone who contributed content for this newsletter. A great team effort.

Beginners' Lessons Update

Teacher's Corner – from Sue Holburt

The Club is abuzz on Saturday afternoons. Twenty-six people currently attend the Club's beginner lessons, with five returning to consolidate their knowledge. It is lovely to see them all so engaged and mixing so well with each other. My thanks again go to the seven members rostered to help at the lessons. They fill any incomplete tables and it makes my job a lot easier with seven tables of beginners asking questions.

Michele Thorne has recently offered to help with the teaching and I look forward to working with Michele for the next set of lessons, which start in July or August 2022.

In the past, John Moore presented Mini Lessons (20-30 mins) on a wide range of topics and I am keen to gauge the interest in this type of lessons. Please contact me or a committee member if you are interested.



Post-Lessons Supervised Play

Supervised Play sessions, which run for approximately 6-8 weeks, follow on from the Beginner Lessons. These sessions allow players to practise their bidding and develop their card play. A short time is spent at the beginning of each session reinforcing features from the lesson or providing extra tips such as leads, finessing, etc. The sessions, which include members from past lessons, also allows players to gain confidence, find compatible partners, socialise and develop friendships within the club. Supervised play will be from 1:30pm to 4:00pm after the lessons finish and cost \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

Lessons the Gateway to Monday Play

Naturally, the Beginner Lessons and Supervised Play are the perfect gateway to play, especially the Club's Monday sessions, where assistance with play is available and a partner is guaranteed. One beginner, who has started playing on Mondays, shared, "The lessons are great. I can follow Sue in class, but application at the table is the challenge! Every time you feel that you've got a handle on it, the next level of complexity gets introduced and you're back at the beginning again. But, once you've got the basics, it's practice and that means learning from your mistakes."

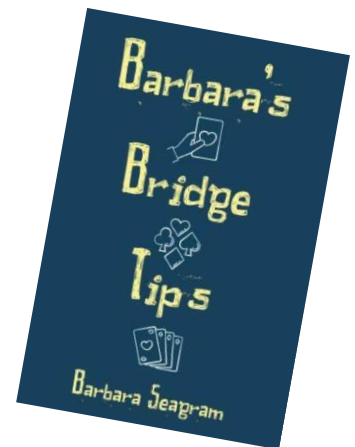
Club Library

Barbara's Bridge Tips by Barbara Seagram is the newest addition to the Club's library.

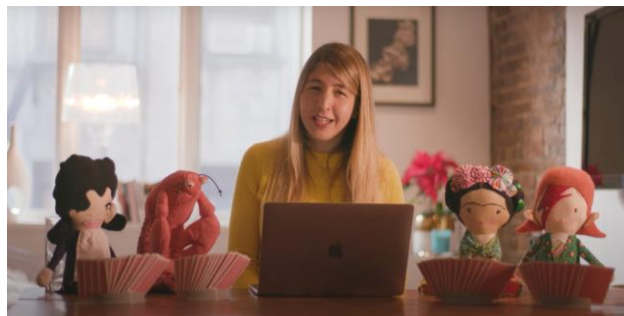
In the preface, Barbara outlines six common errors to avoid in play – playing too fast, cashing tricks too early, drawing trumps too soon or too late, bidding errors, telling the same story twice, silly errors like not paying attention.

Barbara's writing style is conversational and she advises "As soon as a deal is over, you must erase it from your memory, especially if you did make a mistake. It is impossible to change the result, so get over it." Sometimes, easier said than done!

Not every book suits every person, so the library offers members the chance to have a browse and pick a book with a format that suits them. To borrow a book, fill out the card in front of the book and place the card in the 'Out' Box (in the library bookcase). When returning a book, retrieve the card from the 'Out' Box, add the return date and put the card back in the book. There is no cost to borrow the books. Donations of books are welcome, providing the books are contemporary. Thanks to Michele Thorne for managing the Club's library.



One day Prince, David Bowie, Freda Kahlo and a lobster sat down to learn bridge.....



Bridge is being presented in interesting ways in modern media. A set of Bridge Friends Forever (BFF) videos, targeting younger people, was launched on YouTube in 2019. Presented by Dr Elena Grewal, a data scientist from Connecticut, USA (that's her in the pic above), the videos are a fun, easy-to-follow introduction to bridge for beginners. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, follow [this link](#).

A Big Thank You!!

Thanks again to those members who form the Club's Management Committee for the coming year. The roles they perform are vital to the Club's functioning and day to day operation.

Supporting the Committee is a team of volunteers who carry out other roles, without whom we couldn't play bridge and enjoy the club's amenities. These volunteers make sure that you have a pencil, cards are dealt, bridge mates are set up, board records are printed, results are uploaded to the computer, tea/coffee/milk/sugar are available, the dishwasher is turned on, the toilet roll holder is fixed, the clubhouse is clean, the car park is tidy, the garden is flourishing, there are new books in the library, the bins are put out and brought in..... and so, so, so much more.

In a recent massive effort, a small group of members organised and helped with lopping and pruning some trees in the Club's car park

and surrounds so that power could be restored to the clubhouse after recent weather events took out a power line. In particular, a huge thanks must go to Doug Matthew for his efforts. Power was restored within three days.

The Club's directors get a special mention. They voluntarily give their time to direct sessions, often watching and not playing. They do a fabulous job which must be stressful at times but they play a special role in cultivating the Club's culture by helping with play (on Mondays), fostering positive behaviour and modelling acceptance and tolerance with great humour.

Here's how you can help.....

More Directors Needed

Brian Fawcett has recently retired as one of our directors and we wish him well. Brian has been directing at Sunnybank on Tuesdays for many years now. This is despite having to travel up from the Gold Coast since his move there many years ago. Despite retiring as a director, Brian and his wife, Janice still intend to play at Sunnybank occasionally. We may be able to entice Brian to direct on some of those visits.

Currently, the Club has sufficient directors to cover all of the sessions conducted at Sunnybank but we have no reserves. We are reliant on these few and hope that they can all continue directing.

If there are members who would like to become directors, please see any of the existing directors, a member of the Committee or Ken Clem, the Directors Coordinator. Ken assures that you will be given guidance and assistance as an introduction and induction into the role of director.

Even if directing is not for you, is there someone else you could encourage?

The current Directors are Derek Morris (Sundays), Michele Thorne (Monday and Thursday mornings), Pat Boss (Monday evenings), Jane Whelan (Tuesday and Friday mornings), John Blyth (Wednesday mornings), Sue Holburt (Thursday evenings), Ken Clem (fills in when required).