

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



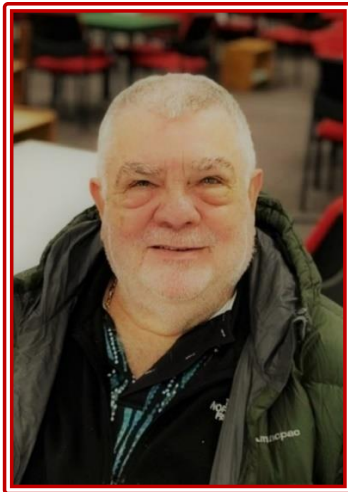
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President's Column



Greetings, fellow bridge lovers.

The wanderer has returned and may I take this chance to thank all the members of your committee and helpers for their continued great work while I was away.

Apart from all the usual sessions we have had three special events. The Winter Pairs in July – congratulations to

John Blyth and Sue Holburt for their win. The Teams Congress in August - congratulations to all who participated in that event. Championship Teams in October - congratulations to the Wood Team. I would like to add a special thank you to Robyn Chippindall for all her work and organisation involved in our special events.

We have had some tiny but hungry unwelcome visitors to the Club. We had a small (hopefully) infestation of termites. You will be pleased to know they have been treated and eradicated, only causing minor, superficial damage and nothing structural to our steel frame building. We are all perfectly safe and repairs will soon be undertaken to the office wall.

Our Optus phone tower does not appear to have inconvenienced us too much and has improved the Optus reception in and around our area and has boosted our funds.

The gardens around our Club are looking splendid (see Anne's pic at right, more on page 5). May I give a special thank you to our horticultural ladies. At Bernice's request, we have replaced the garden edging at the front of our building. I am sure you will agree it looks so much better.

The attendance at our general sessions seems to be growing now that COVID is becoming less of a factor in our lives. As a result some of our 'bring a plate' days have returned, now that the restrictions have been lifted and I am sure we are all enjoying that.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Xmas Lunch on Sunday 4th December at the Runcorn Tavern from 11am to 3pm. This year your Committee has chosen the buffet lunch. You will be treated to finger food on arrival and the buffet choices will be cold sliced ham off the bone, hot chicken or grilled barramundi accompanied by roast potatoes, roast pumpkin, steamed vegetables, garden salad, coleslaw, gravy and dinner rolls. As if that is not enough, to follow is your choice of four desserts or fruit followed by tea and coffee. Your cost for all of this will be \$30 each for you and your significant other, spouse or friend, after your Club's subsidy.

This is an opportunity for our significant others, spouse, partner or friend to meet our bridge mates (not the table-based scoring machines). Hoping to see many of you take up this opportunity for friendship.

Until next time, happy bridging.

Doug Matthew.
President.



Convenor's Report

Novice Pairs (<100 MPs at 31/7) – Thursday 8 & 15 September

1. Eileen Cooke – Bernice Cooper
2. Jenny Andrews – Betty Forsyth
3. John Atkin – Christine Atkin

Sunnybank Championship Teams – Saturday 15 October



1st Place – Ros Purchase, Doug Matthew, Pam Wood, Pam Pratt



2nd Place – Narelle McIver, Mick Fawcett, Janet Price, Richard Spelman



3rd Place – Richard Tarnawski, Cheryl Martin, Lynette Crookall, Carolyn Blyth

Another successful and enjoyable event for Sunnybank members. Our Director, the lovely Jo Neary, ensured that the day ran smoothly, despite a glitch with our Club's recalcitrant photocopier early in the day. Only positive comments about the day were received from players and, at the end of the day, Jo mentioned to me how much she enjoys directing at our Club!

The winning team, comprising Pam Wood, Pam Pratt, Ros Purchase and Doug Matthew, was a pleasing result, as all four members have contributed to the club in various ways over a number of years.

Many thanks to those members who provided snacks for everyone to enjoy during the breaks. It was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our new Sunnybank Teams Champions! Final results were -

- 1st Pam Wood, Pam Pratt, Ros Purchase and Doug Matthew
- 2nd Richard Spelman, Janet Price, Narelle McIver and Mick Fawcett
- 3rd Lyn Crookall, Carolyn Blyth, Cheryl Martin and Richard Tarnawski

Spring Pairs – Friday 21 October & 28 October

- 1st Peter Heard – Derek Morris
- 2nd Pam Wood – Pam Pratt
- 3rd Janet Price – Richard Spelman

Upcoming Events

- Moore Trophy Final – Friday 11 November (Week 10 of 10)
- Wednesday Pairs – 16 November

Cancelled Event

- Queensland Wide Pairs – was to be 19 to 26 November but the QBA website states that the event has been **cancelled**



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

Difficult Hand

Match 1 Board 5 from Teams Championship Saturday 15 October 2022

Four teams out of 12 found a 4H contract and one was in 5H. Two of those made 10 tricks. The other three only made 8 or 9 tricks. Eleven tricks can be made.

The main lesson from this board is hand evaluation. South has only 10 points but is very powerful if a fit is found - equivalent to a normal 18-19 point hand.

Counting losers to evaluate the true strength of your hand

When I pick up my hand the 1st thing I do is to make sure I have 13 cards then count my losers. This gives a good indication of the strength of my hand if I find a fit with my partner.

With a normal opening hand of 12-14 points, you can expect 7 losers. A 1NT hand of 15-17 points usually has 6 losers. A hand with 18-19 points normally has 5 losers.

When opening, I normally require 12 points but will open with less if my hand satisfies the rule of 20.

In this hand the bidding is passed to South who only has 10 points but with a 6/5 shape satisfies that rule.

South's hand also has only 5 losers, so is very powerful - equivalent to 18-19 points if a fit is found.

Bidding

North	East	South	West
pass	pass	1S	2D
X*	D	3H	4D
X**	pass	4H	

* = negative double showing 4+ hearts
 ** = penalty double

Unfortunately, bidding did not go this way with us as my partner playing South passed and left the 4DX in for penalty.

The opposition made 8 tricks giving us 300.

However, with us vulnerable and the opposition not vulnerable, and having such a powerful hand with only 5 losers, it would have been better to play in 4H, which stood to give us a score of 620 if 10 tricks are made.

Also, at our table, West bid 2D whereas the Unusual 2NT would have found a better fit in clubs for E/W.

This is how our partners at the other table bid and found a good sacrifice in 5C.

Play

Lead is AD, followed by a 2nd diamond which is trumped. Spade finesse to the QS then AS gives 2 spade tricks. A diamond is then trumped followed by a club which is won by West with the JC. From there on it is a simple matter of trumping spades in North's hand and clubs and diamonds in South's hand.

You will make 2 off suit tricks with the spades and 9 heart tricks by cross trumping, which = 11 tricks for 650.

We did get 6 IMPs for this board for the 300 less our partners' -50 for going 1 down in 5C, however, if we'd played in 4H we would have received a net 620 and 12 IMPs.

Richard Spelman

BOARD 5					
BD: 5	♠ AQ			Dir: N	
	♥ JT98			Vul: NS	
	♦ QT75				
	♣ T54				
♠ K62			♠ T8		
♥			♥ 7643		
♦ AJ863			♦ K42		
♣ AJ986			♣ KQ72		
	♠ J97543				
	♥ AKQ52				
	♦ 9				
	♣ 3				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	5	2	-
S	-	-	5	3	-
E	4	3	-	-	-
W	4	3	-	-	-
					9
					13
					8
					10

Teacher's Corner

The beginners' lessons have just finished and my thanks go to the two Pams and Michele for continuing with running the Saturday 'help with play' sessions. This gives our brand new bridge players a chance to practise before joining the big league.

It is great to see lots of my past students playing on Monday mornings and on a lot of other days, too. The next lessons will start on January 28th, so please try to encourage your friends, neighbours, work colleagues and people from other clubs to have a go. We need new people to join our club every year to replace those who retire from bridge or move away and to help grow our membership.

Delayed Game Raise of Partner's 1H or 1S Opening bid

You have a fit and 13+TP. Force partner to bid again by bidding a new suit. This allows partner to define their strength with their rebid. If partner is minimum, you can then jump directly to game. If partner is maximum, slam is a possibility. There is a one disadvantage - it does give the opponents more chance to compete in the auction. There are two useful conventions you can then use.

- **Jacoby 2NT** – shows 4-card support and 13+TP
- **Splinter Bid** – a double jump in a new suit, showing a singleton or void in that suit. It indicates 4-card support and slam interest.

The **Weak Freak** – 5 or more card support for the major, no more than 7 HCP and a singleton or void. You should bid directly to game. Partner will now know which type of hand you hold.

Sue Holburt

Go, Sue!!

Club members will be delighted to hear that our wonderful director and bridge teacher, Sue Holburt, has aced it again. In addition to becoming an ABF Accredited Teacher, she is also approved as an Accredited Club Director. Sue's passion and the time she invests in the Club and its members is very much appreciated.



Welcome New Member!

- Richard Huysmans

Promotions – Aug/Sep/Oct 2022

Name	New Rank
Runo Simonsen	Club
Lynne Day	Local
Barry Watters	Bronze Local
Davis Zhang	Bronze Local
June McNamara	Regional
Judith Bramich	Regional
Alice Edwards	Regional
Sue Barnes	Bronze Regional
Carolyn Blyth	Bronze State
Speros Pappas	Bronze State
Peter Heard	National
Anthony Marsland	National
Ismail Meman	Bronze National
Pam Pratt	Bronze National
Judith Heck	Life
Barry Koster	Bronze Life
Zhuqiang Tian	Grand

Need a partner?

Here are some options

1. Invite someone you've met at sessions or lessons
2. Contact Tomasina DeLuca on Mob: 0450 644 749 (for a day partner) or Jan Parker on Mob: 0434 127 741 (for a night partner).
3. Use Pianola to publish a Partner Finder Advert (instructions in May newsletter)



September and October 2022

Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia
Clare Collins / John Collins
Ismail Meman / Loretta Lovett

Why are Bridge Players Romantic?

Because they're always holding hands. 😊



John and Clare Collins being part of the fun

Suggestions for Socialising



Put on your thinking caps, folks. The Club's social committee warmly invites your suggestions for social events for 2023. Please add your suggestions to the sheet on the notice board. No idea is too big or too small. 😊

Quiz Answers

1 - M	9 - E
2 - I	10 - B
3 - L	11 - H
4 - J	12 - C
5 - D	13 - G
6 - A	14 - F
7 - K	15 - N
8 - O	

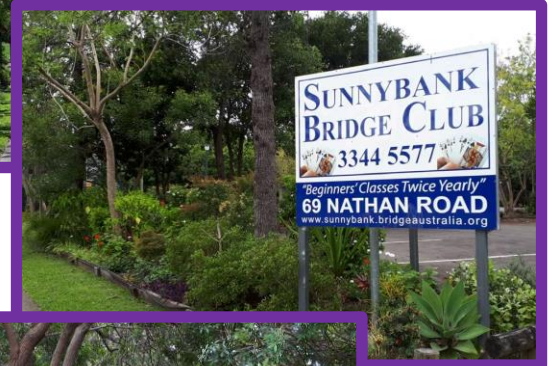
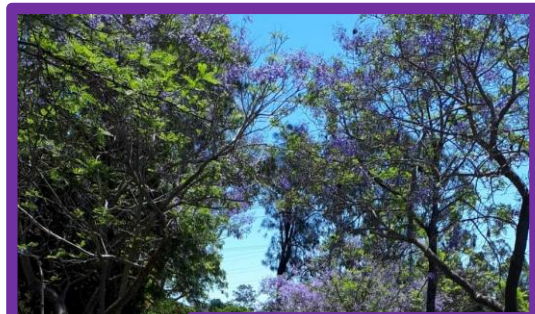
Jacaranda Time

It's Jacaranda time again and what a pleasure it is to turn into our Club drive under flowering Jacarandas, bordered with lovely gardens at the side of the drive.

The club gardens are looking a picture this year thanks to our gardening team of Bernice Cooper, Joan Campbell and Diane Tierney. Greg Holburt keeps our grounds clean and tidy with his blower by clearing away leaves and other debris.

We are lucky to have such a dedicated gardening team and we thank them for their work.

Anne Lovett



Almoner's Report

Members hope to see **Eileen Cooke** back at the table soon as she recovers from a broken arm.

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.

Vale Merle Lindfield

I have known Merle Lindfield over 25 years and played with her at Toowong on a Saturday afternoon for years and got to know the lady behind the cards. She could have written a book on her life and we would have found it very interesting - she has brought up two children Cheryl and Graham who have done well and supported Merle in her 'Senior Years'. Family was very important to Merle.

Now getting back to the cards - Merle loved her Bridge and had lots of card sense - played the hands with skill - her "Bidding System" was unique - and one had to really concentrate.

Merle loved Sunnybank Bridge Club so much that when she could no longer play she still wanted to be a member of Sunnybank so paid her membership fee just because the Club had given her so much joy over the years - she still wanted to be a member.

A couple of years ago Merle had a gathering at her home of friends she wanted to touch base with again. A great afternoon reminiscing about her time at the Club and friendship.

Merle was able to stay at her home with Graham been her carer until a decision had to be made for Merle to go into nursing care.

She passed away in August 2022 - her struggle is over.

Di Robinson

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.

We Will Remember Them

The Ode

They shall not grow old as we
that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and
in the morning,
We will remember them.



Australian soldiers playing bridge in a second line trench during World War I. Queensland Pictorial, 15 March 1919, p22.

Free BBQ

The Club is giving away a second-hand BBQ, a four-burner with a hood. Needs some TLC. First in first served. Delivery **NOT** included. If you want the BBQ please contact Doug on 0417 117 863.





New tricks? When COVID forces a bridge club online, what becomes of their community?

Australian National University’s (ANU) College of Health and Medicine had been conducting research on ‘third places’ with a focus on a suburban bridge club in Australia with mainly older adult members, both pre- and post-COVID. ‘First Place’ is your home, ‘Second Place’ is your work and ‘Third Place’ is where the heart of communities is found, for example, bridge clubs.

[This article](#) is a fascinating and thought-provoking read about the benefits of playing bridge and how a bridge community embraced the online environment to stay connected with each other and their beloved game, and how the benefits have been embedded and outlasted COVID restrictions.

Youth Bridge

Do you have youngsters in your life (kids, grandkids, neighbours, students) who you think might benefit from learning to play bridge? Please let them know about the Queensland Bridge Association’s Summer Bridge Lessons for ages 10-25.

Who’s That?

Ever looked across the room at bridge and spotted someone you don’t know and asked yourself, “Who’s that?”

They might be standing awkwardly by the door, sitting in the waiting area looking ever so hopeful, or already sitting NW at YOUR TABLE!! The cheek!

They could be a curious visitor, a nervous new member graduating from Sue’s lessons, or an experienced player visiting from another club who’s considering SBC membership.

Do we want them to come back? Yes, we do!!

All of us benefit from growing club membership so please consider what you can do to play a role. From the simplest gesture – say, a smile or a friendly nod; to active engagement – introduce yourself or invite them to join you at the tea break.

What do we want them to think and say about SBC when they leave the Club House? What do we want them to do? Come back with all their friends!!

QBA

Summer Bridge Lessons

If you like brainy challenges and games, you'll love bridge!
Come and learn the basics of the world's best mind sport.

Free lessons for ages 10-25

Monday 12 - Thursday 15 December
9:30am - 11:45am each day

Queensland Contract Bridge Club
67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba

Register your interest with Michael Gearing
m: 0419 733 930 e: michael.l.gearing@gmail.com

Quiz

How well do you know your fellow club members? Match the member's name (orange column) with a set of information they shared (blue columns). For example (with reference to blue Row D), which member was a greeting card rep, was born in Bowen and plays golf? Solution on page 5.

SBC Member	Main career/occupation	Place of birth	Main hobby/passion/pastime outside bridge
1. Alice Edwards	A. Building control systems	Melbourne, Victoria	Restoring cars
2. Andrea Pappas	B. Centrelink	Rockhampton, Queensland	Politics and International Affairs
3. Catherine Mahoney	C. Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst	Brisbane, Queensland	TV/Golf/Walking
4. Cheryl Martin	D. Greeting card rep; cut flower farmer	Bowen, Queensland	Shooting, golf
5. Doug Matthew	E. Hair dresser (salon owner)	Morrinsville, New Zealand	Horse riding, snow skiing, water skiing (now - grandchildren, long walks, garden, living life to the fullest)
6. Greg Holburt	F. Industrial Relations	Greta, NSW	Politics and real football
7. Lee Pitt	G. IT	Brisbane, Queensland	Sport, travel, family
8. Lesley Focks	H. Kindergarten teacher	Leeton, NSW	Quilting
9. Loretta Lovett	I. Primary School Teacher	Brisbane, Queensland	Reading, dancing, bushwalking, adventuring
10. Meg Simonsen	J. Primary school teacher	Southport, Queensland	Grandkids and making birthday and Christmas cards
11. Pam Wood	K. Property manager	Christchurch, NZ	Reading, playing piano, picnicking
12. Paul Griffin	L. Public Servant	Brisbane, Queensland	Fitness (walking, cycling, gym)
13. Ray Dowling	M. Systems Analyst / Computer Programmer	Atherton, Queensland	Learning French
14. Richard Tarnawski	N. Train Driver	Williamstown, Victoria	Coaching my children with different sports and watching them play
15. Tere Wotherspoon	O. Trained caregiver	Victoria, Australia	Reading, gardening, craft - spending time with others and enjoyed their opinions

Quiz Answers on page 5