

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



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The Sunnybank DECLARER



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President's Annual Report 2023 AGM

Well, 2022 has been and gone. COVID's influence has lessened and our sessions are continuing to grow in spite of a few people relocating, some passing away and a few aging and not returning to play.

May I take this opportunity to thank the many people who have worked tirelessly to help our club run so smoothly - directors, dealers and general workers. None of their work goes unnoticed; Carolyn Blyth for taking on the Provedore roll, Ros Purchase as Almoner and Tomasina De Luca as day time partner finder, even if she is retiring from that roll.

I need to especially thank all the members of the Committee this last year. They are all most important. I however need to single out a few. Alice Edwards and Jenny Andrews do great and very necessary jobs as Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Masterpoint Secretary.

Sue Holburt as our teacher as well as the many other tasks she turns her hand to is a most valuable asset. I would like to also congratulate her on becoming a qualified Club Director during the year.

Robyn Chippindall has done an outstanding job as a solo person in her role as convenor, calendar organiser and membership secretary. This is a very big job. Robyn and Sue also put a huge effort into the study and rewording of our Constitution to clarify and update a number of anomalies.

Our events this year were a great success and I congratulate all the winners of our red point events throughout the year. Thankfully, this year we had no COVID restrictions to force the cancellation or limitation of our Congresses and Championship events.

The QBA Novice Pairs Congress, which was held in May, was a great way to promote our club and support Queensland novice players. It was also a lovely, relaxed day for our club's novice members to experience a Congress event in familiar and comfortable surroundings.

Our Sunnybank Teams Congress in August was well attended. We had our full quota of 24 teams register and then had 3 more teams on the wait list. There were nine full Sunnybank teams and another seven teams including one or more Sunnybank members. This was a strong competition and our club members were well represented in the prize awards.

As usual, our Congresses ran beautifully with no complaints and lots of compliments for a pleasant day and wonderful catering.

I congratulate our Club Champions for this year – Sue Holburt and John Blyth (Pairs) and Pam Wood, Pam Pratt, Ros Purchase and yours truly in the teams.

Our local event the KISS Trophy was a great success. It was sad to note the passing of Gonnie Koster just prior to the day. I would like to thank Barry for his continued support.

In and around the grounds - early in the year we had a power outage for a few days which we were able to rectify quickly and get back up and running. During the down time we were able to organise an impromptu working bee and get a lot of low and overhanging branches trimmed around the carpark. This accentuated the great work done by our garden ladies, Bernice Cooper and Joan Campbell, and our carpark blower man Greg Holburt.

During the midyear the Optus phone tower was installed and commissioned. It now provides much better phone service in our area and a boost to our bank balance and doesn't cause us too much inconvenience.

We also had a visit from termites to our office wall but fortunately the damage was only to this area and repairs were able to be done quickly and with little disruption to bridge sessions. We missed Sunday and Monday as I recall.

New garden edging was installed around the front of the building to replace the aging timber ones. This improves the look of our club house.

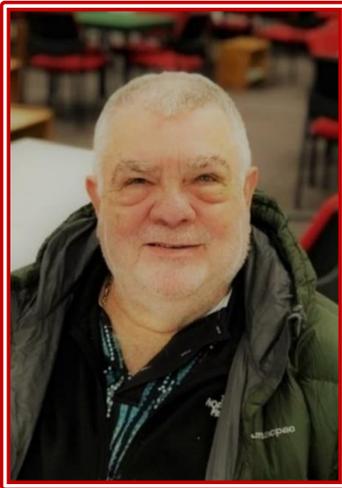
We held another great Xmas lunch at the Runcorn Tavern and by all reports everyone had an enjoyable time socializing and getting to know one another better. The room looked terrific and all the staff were very professional and friendly. There were a few minor glitches with the food, but I am sure this will be addressed for our next visit. Your Committee has decided to hold the 2023 Xmas lunch at the Runcorn Tavern on Saturday 9 December. This allows the best for all; a Xmas lunch one day and bridge to be held as a normal session on Sunday.

We have a new Editor for our newsletter and a new name "The Sunnybank Declarer." Thank you to Angela Smyth for the very clever new name, and

thank you Catherine Mahoney for your great work in putting together an excellent newsletter. I am sure we are all enjoying your work.

I have enjoyed working as a team with all the great people and for the good of the Club and it appears my enjoyment is set to continue for yet another year.

Doug Matthew.
President.



Sunnybank Bridge Club Committee for 2023

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| President | Doug Matthew |
| Vice President | Michele Thorne |
| Immediate Past President | Ken Clem |
| Treasurer | Jenny Andrews |
| Secretary | Alice Edwards |
| Convenor | Robyn Chippindall |
| Committee Member | Bernice Cooper |
| Committee Member | Sue Holburt |
| Committee Member | Chris Pohle |
| Committee Member | Col Seed |
| Committee Member | Richard Tarnawski |

Convenor's Report

KISS Trophy

SBC's KISS TROPHY held on March 12th was, as usual, a huge success.

Many thanks to Robyn Chippindall for her tireless work as bridge convenor for making this day flow smoothly. Her attention to detail doesn't go unnoticed.

Special thanks to:

- Michele Thorne for stepping in as Director of the day
- Julie Jeffries for her invaluable assistance to our convenor and director
- Deb Hoogerdyk and Richard Tarnawski for arriving at the club at 10am and cooking the delicious snags and onions. Luckily, they did this early, as the heavens opened up later and we'd have probably ended up with stewed sausages and onion.
- Heather Llewellyn for the delicious coleslaw and yummy apple crumble. She never fails to get our taste buds tingling.
- All Club members not mentioned who stepped up and helped out behind the scenes.

And last, but definitely not least, hearty thanks to the Koster Family, especially Barry, for their (his) continuing support of the KISS Trophy and the wonderful prizes.

The day wound up with lots of cheer, wine, food, and chatter. No better way to end a great day.

Loretta Lovett

Overall Winners (pictured below with Barry Koster)

1st - Dennis Lee & Albina Smyth (Club President Doug Matthew on far left)



2nd - Richard Spelman & Loretta Lovett



3rd - Derek Morris & Doug Matthew



Plate Winners (pictured below with Barry Koster or Doug Matthew)

1st - Marianna de Jongh & David Crocker



2nd - Tomasina De Luca & Lynette Crookall



Consolation Prize Winners (pictured below with Barry Koster)

1st - Allie Hays (below) & Haijia Li



2nd - Debbie Hoogerdyk & Richard Tarnawski



Tireless Volunteers



Robyn Chippindall



Michele Thorne



Heather Llewellyn

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 22 March – Wednesday pairs
- Friday 21 and 28 March – Autumn Pairs
- Sunday 7 May – QBA Novice Pairs. Event now open. All our novice players are encouraged to enter. This is always a very pleasant, relaxed day and a great way for newer novices to experience a Congress event in familiar surroundings and without any pressure.

Difficult Hand

Board 8

♠ KQ962

Dealer W

♥ AK83

Vul None

♦ T6

♣ 97

♠ T4

♥ J965

♦ J4

♣ AQJ53



♠ A3

♥ QT

♦ AKQ95

♣ KT42

♠ J875

♥ 742

♦ 8732

♣ 86

Makeable contracts

12
9 18
1

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	1	-
S	-	-	-	1	-
E	5	5	2	-	5
W	5	5	2	-	5

Never Give Up!

Match 1 board 8 of the Gold Coast Teams event at the February 2023 Gold Coast Congress.

Playing West, I found myself in 4H with a 4/2 fit missing the Ace and King of trumps.

Bidding:

	Richard North	Janet	South
pass	1S	X*	3S
4H**	pass	pass	pass

X* was a power double intending to rebid diamonds to show 16+ HCP and 5+ diamonds

4H** with an 8-loser hand, 11 fit points and expecting partner to have hearts I naturally bid 4H.

When dummy goes down, I find I am missing the Ace and King of trumps and also have a certain spade loser.

Planning the play: I knew that if I did not lead out trumps the contract had no chance, as they would make additional tricks by trumping my off-suit winners. Lead was KS won by the AS in dummy, then QH to North's AH. North's QS then took a 2nd trick. Dummy is now out of spades and North did not want to lead his JS and have it ruffed so switched to the 9C.

I played low from dummy and won this with my AC hoping he would think his partner had the JC and QC. A heart was led towards dummy's 10H and North played his KH taking their 3rd trick. North then led his 10D hoping to put dummy on lead which would give him a certain ruff. I won with my JD then led the JH and 9H clearing trumps and claimed my 10 tricks.

Our opponents at the other table were also in 4H making 7 tricks giving our team 11 IMPS on this board.

When you find yourself in what seem a hopeless situation, look for a way out. Hope your opponents make a mistake and never give up.

Richard Spelman

Teacher's Corner

OPENER BIDS A NEW SUIT AT THE TWO LEVEL

Is this forcing? Answer: It depends!

Opener rebids: 1S then 2D. This one is easy. Shows 12-15 HCP. NOT FORCING. Responder may pass with a minimum hand.

1D followed by 2H is different as opener's second suit is higher ranked and at the 2-level. This is called a 'reverse' and shows 5/4 shape. Do not be tempted to reverse with 4/4 shape. After a reverse bid responder, with possibly only 6 pts, may be forced to preference the first suit at the 3-level and the contract may be too high. I believe this type of 'reverse' bidding is ALWAYS FORCING but should also promise 16+HCP. With less do something else. Perhaps bid 1NT to limit the hand or pass after interference and leave it up to partner. Now, when opener does reverse, it gives a clear picture of shape/strength and responder, now forced to bid, can do so with reasonable confidence.

Responder's first bid is at the 2-level (10+ HCP). A new suit by opener is now FORCING FOR ONE ROUND and responder should keep the bidding alive. There may be enough combined points for a game contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Only two bids are announced. OPENING 1C and 1NT. The latter does not need a statement about the possibility of a 5-card major. This should be show on the system card. All other bids such as 2C - strong, 2D - negative, 1D opening - 4+ diamonds, Bergen raises, etc. must not be described unless the opposition asks.

ALERTING

Circle the bid and say alert. Please do both. This should be done before the next person calls.

When your partner forgets to alert, unfortunately, you must keep quiet. It is not acceptable to remind partner as this is unauthorised information. Failure to alert is misinformation and the director should be called. For the declaring side, call at the end of the auction (occasionally the auction may continue) but if the defenders are at fault, call the director after the hand has been played.

BRIDGE LESSONS

The lessons finish on Saturday March 25 and will be followed with supervised play/help with play sessions on Saturdays at 2pm. Cost \$5 All are welcome to attend.

Sue Holburt – Teacher



Lesson #2 SBC Saturday 4 Feb 2023

Welcome New Members!

- Michael Berger (renewed member)
- Karen Collier (new member)

Promotions – Jan/Feb 2023

New Rank	Name
Graduate	Catherine Mahoney
Club	Haijai Li
	James Clarke
Local	David Kent
	Yunus Solwa
Silver Local	Indu Mehta
Regional	Richard Tarnawski
	John Bowen



THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Daytime Partner Coordinator – someone willing to help Club member find a day time partner

Newsletter Editor – someone willing to compile the Club's bi-monthly newsletter

Australia Day 2023 at SBC



On Thursday 26th January members arrived at the Club to see the front decked out with Australian flags.

Inside the clubrooms the décor was of balloons, napkins and paper plates all decorated with the Australian flag. Small Australian flags were also standing on the tables. A great way to start the day - thank you Bernice and Joan.

Various nationalities were represented, among them American, Australian, Chinese, English, German and Scots.

To start the day off with a bit of fun our American Director Michele Thorne, set a 20 question Australiana quiz.



The winner of the quiz was a Scot, May Moffat (at left) with the incredible score of 18/20 correct answers.

This may be an opportune time to tell you a little about May. She is 92 years of age, a long-standing member of SBC, and plays a fierce game of bridge.

She still drives her own car and can be seen zipping into a car park in reverse.

She came to Australia on 3 October 1952 with her husband, Bill, and her three children. Bill, who has now passed away, was also a member of SBC. They became Naturalised Australians in 1969.

May said it was scorching hot when she and her family arrived in Australia. They had very little money, no fans or air conditioning, no insect screens and found the weather hard to contend with.

May now lives in a retirement village with all the mod cons and is only sorry that she can't share it all with Bill.

Getting back to Australia Day - attached are some of the pictures taken at the club. It was a very happy day and our thanks go to Michele (above right with Donna L'Estrange) for making it a relaxed, fun day.

Anne Lovett



Quiz

Identify these song titles, which include the word club, diamond, heart or spade. (Solution P7).

AOS - Motorhead
CATEOTS - Elton John
DAAGBF - Marilyn Monroe
DAF - Shirley Bassey
DGBMH - Elton John & Kiki Dee
DOTSOHS - Paul Simon
HH - Bruce Springsteen
HOG - Blondie
HOG - Neil Young
LITSWD - The Beatles
QOS - Styx
SOYCD - Pink Floyd
SPLHCB - The Beatles
TEOTH - Bonnie Tyler
TH - Phil Collins

Social Committee Update

Sunday lunch update

Members are welcome to arrive at the Club House at 11:45am on the **first Sunday of each month** to share lunch with fellow members before afternoon bridge, which starts at 1pm. Bring a plate to share or bring something for afternoon tea.

Volunteers Needed

Our bridge club needs a bank of volunteers to help out at events like the GNOTs and other competitions the club hosts. Volunteers may be called upon to arrange furniture, cook and serve food if necessary, tidy up, etc. If a bank of volunteers can be formed, competition organisers will know who to approach for help for specific events and not have to call upon the same people all the time.

A sheet has been placed on the notice board where members can list their names if they are willing to assist at these events. Please support your club to make every event a terrific one for all members and visitors.

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.

Almoner's Report

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.

Birthdays

Members took the opportunity, on the day of the KISS Trophy (12 March), to help Jan Frewin celebrate her 90th birthday and share a yummy cake.



Happy Birthday, Jan.

In February, Brenda Wilson celebrated a special birthday at the Club - her 80th!!

Club members helped Brenda to celebrate her birthday by singing a spirited 'Happy Birthday' and sharing a delicious birthday cake.



Happy birthday, Brenda.

Quiz Answers

Ace of Spades
Club at the End of the Street
Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend
Diamonds are Forever
Don't Go Breaking My Heart
Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes
Hungry Heart
Heart of Glass
Heart of Gold
Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
Queen of Spades
Shine On You Crazy Diamond
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
Total Eclipse of the Heart
Two Hearts

2023 Gold Coast Congress

Quite a few SBC members participated in various events during the week of the Gold Coast Congress at Broadbeach in February. Not all those who attended were captured in a picture but here are some happy, familiar faces and bright outfits! 😊

