

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



THE DECLARER

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President's Column

Doug's presence has been missed around the club recently. He is away on a family holiday for about six weeks so unfortunately we don't have a column from our president.

Instead, it is a nice opportunity to write about all the work he does behind the scenes. Doug is constantly meeting up with various tradesmen and Brisbane City Council staff at the club outside of session times.

These include plumbers, painters, lots of electricians, builders, draftsmen, gardeners, locksmiths, window tinters, Runcorn Councillor, BCC auditors, BCC arborists and BCC hydrologists. Doug has spent many hours on the phone co-ordinating all of these meetings and also responds to numerous phone calls from members. He has also completed various odd jobs around the clubhouse as well as speaking with a number of itinerants wanting to call our carpark home.

Thank you Doug.

Grants

The club was successful in receiving a grant from the Lord Mayor's Community Fund (Runcorn Ward) in the amount of \$2552 for carpark lighting. This is in addition to an amount of \$10,000 received last year from Brisbane City Council to help with replacing our airconditioning plant. It is over 20 years old and unfortunately won't last forever.

The committee has also re-applied for a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to hopefully add to the \$10,000. The total cost for this project may exceed \$60,000.

Beginners' Lessons

The current set of lessons have reached the midway point and are going very well with seventeen people attending. About half of the attendees from the previous lessons have joined the club with most others either attending the Saturday supervised session or repeating the lessons. My thanks go to Michele, Loretta and Helen for assisting with the lessons.

Sue Holburt

Saturday Supervised Play

These sessions has been ongoing since the lessons finished in March as well as running for a number of weeks after all of the previous sets of lessons since 2021. Michele Thorne, Pam Pratt and Pam Wood run these sessions and they are fantastic for our newer bridge players before they venture into the regular sessions.

2024 Promotions

FEBRUARY	
Local	Bob Ren
Bronze Local	Haijai Li
Bronze Regional	Cheryl Martin
Bronze State	Jenny Andrews
National	Davis Zhang
Life	Lilly Jia
MARCH	
Graduate	Anthony Reed
Bronze Local	Greg Holburt
Bronze Regional	Margaret Low
State	Cheryl Martin
Life	Karin Olistsagers
MAY	
National	Peter Heard



Major Events at SBC January to June

QBA Novice Pairs Congress

This event was held on Sunday 28th April and was, as usual, a great day.

Director, Julie Jeffries, ensured the day was relaxed and enjoyable for the players and the food provided by club members was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Since Covid-19, the number of entrants has been declining - this year there were 30 entrants.

Many thanks to all the club members who contributed to the day by helping set up and tidy up the clubrooms and/or bringing a wonderful selection of food for the breaks in play.

Congratulations to the overall winners and this year's QBA Novice Champions, Suzy Brownlow (Redcliffe) and Karen Gosney (Northern Suburbs).

Well done to all the winners and all the novices who participated!!

Congratulations to our club members who won the following prizes –

- Michele Little & Di Tierney
Cat C – 1st Prize
- Lynda White & Stella Jenks
Encouragement Award

GNOT Club Qualifying Heat

The GNOT Heat was held on Saturday 18th May. Ten teams entered and nine of these were contending.

Three teams qualified to proceed to the Brisbane Zone GNOT Final, which will be held at QCBC on 24th & 25th August.

The winning teams were –

- Lilly Jia, John Morris, Ping Xie & Ying Liu
- Robyn Chippindall, Anne Lovett, Albina Smyth & Dennis Lee
- Kathleen Clifford, Charles Page, Peter Lang, Sherrell Cardinal & Davis Zhang

SBC Championship Pairs

Our Championship Pairs event is for club members only. There is no prize money, but the champions' names are recorded for posterity on the Championship Pairs honour board.

Twenty pairs competed in this year's event and the day ran very smoothly and pleasantly thanks to Director, Jo Neary. A big thank you to those who brought food to share and/or helped during the day.

Congratulations to our 2024 Champions – Richard Spelman & Lyn Tracey



Who Am I?

Unscramble the letters to reveal a member's name.

1. wise card deal
2. indoor bins
3. chlorine theme
4. tap tramp

Answers on page 3



Coming Events

QBA Teams of 3 – Saturday 27th July, 12:00pm to approx. 4:30pm

For members with less than 50 Masterpoints as at 30th April

This is an excellent opportunity for novices with less than 50MPs to experience a team environment and broaden their knowledge of bridge play. Three novice players join a team with an Expert Captain.

There will be 3 sessions of play during the afternoon and each of the 3 team members will play one session partnering with the Captain, who will mentor each novice in turn.

Cost is \$15 per player.

Enter as an individual, a pair or a team of 3.

Email entry to convenors.at.sbc@gmail.com

For more information, see club noticeboard or call

Robyn Chippindall 0414 702 705

Cheryl Martin 0408 422 249

**Sunnybank Teams Congress – Sunday 4th August
9am for 9.30am start**

Entries are now open for our major event of the year.

Cost \$140 per team

Enter and pay by Wednesday 31st July.

See club noticeboard or website for more information.

Robyn Chippindall – Convenor

Safety At Sunnybank

The club will be running at least three fire drills in July. Please follow all instructions given by the person in charge. The assembly area is in the lower carpark.

Leaving the bridge club – Please take care when exiting onto Nathan Road. There are frequent users on the footpath out the front.

The Opening lead

Why are we required to place the opening face down until partner asks for it to be faced?

The most common answer is to prevent the incorrect person from leading. This is a benefit but the answer can be found in the Law Book.

This is part of Law 41B. Review of Auction and Questions

Before the opening lead is faced, the leader's partner and the presumed declarer (but not the presumed dummy) each may require a review of the auction, or request explanation of an opponent's call.

Who Am I? – Answers

1. Alice Edwards
2. Di Robinson
3. Michele Thorne
4. Pam Pratt