

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

Greetings fellow Bridge Lovers.

Here we are well into 2022. This year's flood event had some effect on our Club, not with water inundation but with a large tree leaning on our incoming power line and bringing it down so low that Energex had to disconnect the line to make it safe. That presented us with the need to upgrade our connection to our post and the need to have our building checked for any electrical damage the disruption may have caused and the need for the tree to be trimmed away from the power lines before Energex would rerun the wire. We were out of action a little less than one week. A good outcome I thought.

I took the opportunity mid that week, since we had no bridge to play, to call an impromptu working bee with those able to help, and we were able to trim all the low and overhanging trees to open up our carpark and make our lovely garden more prominent. Many thanks to the workers who were available at short notice. You did a great job. Many loads of greenery were taken to the dump.

We had a great Kiss Trophy day with a good roll up, fun bridge and happy socialising and drinks afterwards. Thanks to the workers who assisted with the catering and Col and Sue for their cooking. Heather, your coleslaw was a hit. On a sad note, we heard of the passing of Barry's mum Gonnie Koster, our friend and life member just a few days before the event but, as usual, Barry was there to play and to be part of the day. Our condolences to Barry and his family and I would like to thank him for his continued support of the competition.

We had a successful GNOT heat not without a small hitch. One team member had to pull out at the last minute with ill health and another in the same team with a positive COVID result, so the convenors Jane and Robyn worked their usual magic and were able to find a replacement team at very short notice. Well done, girls.

The QBA Novice Pairs event is running as I pen this page. There is a strong role up with seventeen tables.

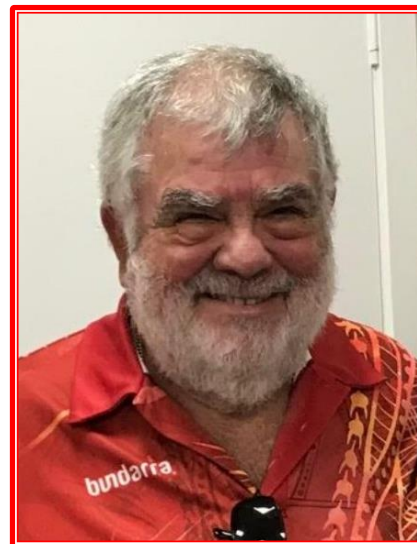
It is great to see our Bridge Club full of happy bridge players. The results are published later in this newsletter.

As some of you will have noticed there is some work going on around our footpath and driveway. I was hoping to have a start date and more firm information to impart but the works have jumped the gun.

Because of the bad mobile reception in our area, we were approached by Optus back in late January to see if we were able to assist. They asked us to allow them to put a temporary mobile phone tower in part of our carpark. The committee discussed this and decided that, as it would be a great service to our community and a good addition to our bank balance while it is there, we would love to help. As our Club is on land leased from the Brisbane City Council it has taken some time to start with their approval. Still all the I's are not dotted and the T's not crossed, but it looks most likely to go full steam ahead in the not too distant future. I will keep you posted as more information comes to hand.

Until next time, happy bridging one and all.

Doug Matthew (President)



Convenor's Report

KISS Trophy – Sunday 13 March 2022

This event was especially poignant this year, with the very recent passing of Gonnie Koster and our thoughts are with Barry and all his family at this time.

Despite this, the day was, as usual, a very well attended event and a special and enjoyable afternoon of bridge.

A majority of players stayed for the excellent sausage sizzle afterwards, which this year included apple crumble with custard and cream for dessert.

Winners Kiss Trophy: Narelle McIver/Bernadette O'Connell

2nd A section: Sherrell Cardinal/Peter Lang

3rd A section: Di Robinson/Janet Price

1st **B section**: Sam Ng/Con Fernandez

2nd B section: Kath Seefeld/Doug Matthew

3rd B section: Robyn Chippindall/Jane Whelan

1st **C section**: Eileen Cooke/Bernice Cooper

2nd C section: Lee Pitt/Bronwyn Taylor

3rd C section: Cheryl Martin/Judith Bramich

Most Improved Players: Noel Durnford/Barry Butterworth

Bravery Reward: Michele Little/Haijia Lee

We would like to send a huge thank you to the following –

- Barry Koster for his ongoing support and opening the event.
- Derek Morris for directing the day (ably assisted by Jane Whelan)
- Heather Llewellyn for her wonderful contribution of delicious coleslaw and apple crumble
- Col Seed and Sue Matthew (aka Mrs Prez) for their time and excellent BBQ cooking skills
- All the other members who contributed to the pre and post tasks and clean-up



Barry Koster, Bernadette O'Connell, Doug Matthew



Con Fernandez and Sam Ng



Barry Koster, Bernice Cooper, Doug Matthew



Barry Koster, Barry Butterworth, Noel Durnford



Haijia Lee, Barry Koster, Michele Little, Doug Matthew

GNOT Heat – Saturday 2 April 2022

A number of teams from Sunnybank Bridge Club compete in the GNOTs. As Doug mentioned in the President's column, the GNOT heat on 2 April proved a challenge for the Robyn and Jane as five players pulled out due to illness the day before the event, and another on the day.

All up, 10 teams competed in the heat. Of these, five teams were contending to play in the Zonal Finals to be held in August. Three teams qualified to compete in the finals, including:-

1. **Heard Team** - Peter Heard, Loretta Lovett, Sue Neaum, Pam Pratt
2. **McIver Team** - Narelle McIver, Bernadette O'Connell, Richard Spelman, Janet Price
3. **Young Team** - Daphne Young, Pat Bos, Tomasina De Luca, Lynette Crookall

Autumn Pairs – 12 and 19 April 2022

Congratulations, to:-

1. Alice Edwards & Bernice Cooper
2. Ishwar Mehta & Kevin Lethlean
3. Ken Clem & Stuart Bell

Novice Pairs Congress – 1 May 2022

On Sunday 1st May, Sunnybank Bridge Club again had the pleasure of hosting the QBA Novice Pairs Congress.

While numbers were down on previous years, we were pleased to greet 68 entrants from 10 clubs in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

Entrants were welcomed by our President, Doug Matthew, and the Congress was officially opened by Jim Evans, QBA Vice President.

It was a very pleasant and relaxed day and everyone had a most enjoyable time. The day ran very smoothly, thanks to our very efficient Director, Julie Jeffries, who ensured that the play stayed on time and that any calls of 'Director please' were dealt with promptly and efficiently.

Thanks to Julie and to Jim Evans, who stayed throughout the day, providing valuable assistance to Julie and awarding the trophy and prizes at the end of play. Also, many thanks to Jane Whelan, who worked hard all day to ensure everyone had a great supply of food and drinks throughout the event.

Congratulations to the overall winners and QBA Novice Champions, Martin Wu and Wendy Cuthbert. Well done to all the winners and all the Novices who participated! Special congratulations to our club member Camielle Moran, who won the Most Improved prize with her partner, Irene Komen.



Martin Wu, Wendy Cuthbert, Jim Evans and Doug Matthew



Jim Evans, Doug Matthew, Irene Komen, Camielle Moran



Jim Evans and Julie Jeffries

Flood Relief Appeal

The Club raised \$905.30 from the table fees on 10 April, plus donations. The Committee agreed that the Club would donate extra money to make the final amount \$1,000. Thanks, everyone, for your generous support for this Appeal.

Upcoming Events

Robinson Pairs

Sessions 1 & 2 - Wed 11 May & Wed 18 May 2022.
Be there 9:15am for a 9:30am start. BYO Lunch.

Entry is \$7.50 per person per week. Cash prizes!!
No prior entry required (just turn up).

Moore Trophy – Week 4 of 10

Friday 13 May 2022.

Sunnybank Bridge Club 41st Birthday

Sunday 15 May 2022 at 1pm.

Although not a red point event, the club is holding its 41st birthday celebrations on Sunday 15th May. There will be a cake to share and after the game there will be nibbles and drinks. The more the merrier!! That's people, not drinks!!

Nationwide Pairs

Thursday evening 5th May and Sunday 22nd May - an extra dollar table fee.

Australia-Wide Novice Pairs

Thursday 26 May 2022 (morning). Players with less than 100 Master Points as at 31 March 2022 are encouraged to enter. \$10 per person. There are prizes worth more than \$3000, and an instructive souvenir booklet of the hands is given to each player. Also, red points are available for the nation's top players.

Sunnybank Championship Pairs

An all-day event (2 sessions) being held on Saturday 28th May. Please arrive by 9am for a 9.30 start. Director: Jo Neary. Cost: \$7.50 per person. BYO Lunch. Winners' names are entered on the Honour Board. Players must register online or by emailing convenors.at.sbc@gmail.com by Tuesday 24th May 2022. An even number of pairs required and all entrants must have played at least six (6) Sunnybank Bridge Club green point sessions in the 12 months up to 31 March 2022.

JUNE EVENTS – please see the [Club's website](#)

Gonnie Koster - a tribute

It was with sadness the membership of Sunnybank Bridge Club learned of the passing of our Life Member Gonnie Koster on 7 March 2002. Many members paid tribute to Gonnie at the celebration of her life on 17 March 2022. Gonnie, together with her husband Mike, were long time supporters of Sunnybank Bridge Club. When it came time to build our Clubhouse in 1999/2000 they were extremely generous with their financial support supplying all the steel roof girders, contributing towards the asphaltting of the car park, the purchase of blinds for the windows as well as many other items from time to time. Their generosity did not stop there. On more than one occasion when heavy items had to be transported or lifted, they supplied a company truck together with several able-bodied young men to help with the task to be done.

When we moved into our Clubhouse we needed to fund raise to provide members with the many items required to run a bridge club. To help raise funds a Bring and Buy table was set up. Gonnie was a constant and generous contributor to the Bring and Buy table. Her cakes were delicious, she was a skilled needle woman, but her knitting was outstanding. She particularly knitted Cinderella and Clown dolls and these were very sought after...you had to get in early if you wanted to purchase one of those.

Gonnie continued to enjoy her bridge well into her later years. When she became a little frail it was so good to see her son Barry bring her to the Club to have a game with her. So it is with thanks and sadness that we say Vale to our late Life Member, Gonnie Koster.



Challenging Hands

BOARD 26					
BD: 26	♠ K8642			Dir: E	
	♥ 9			Vul: ALL	
	♦ 97				
	♣ A7654				
♠ AQ75			♠ T3		
♥ QT6542			♥ AK83		
♦ J6			♦ Q84		
♣ 2			♣ KQ83		
	♠ J9				
	♥ J7				
	♦ AKT532				
	♣ JT9				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	1	1	-	1	-
S	1	1	-	1	-
E	-	-	3	-	2
W	-	-	3	-	2

bidding:-

East	South	West	North
1C	2D	2H	pass
4H			

Opening lead was the Ace clubs, then 9D to South's KD. AD was then led, followed by a 3rd diamond. Because of South's weak jump overcall, it was obvious that North was out of diamonds, so West trumped high with the 10H.

QH and KH cleared trumps then KC, QC from dummy's hand, tossing 2 spades from declarer's hand. West now has A,Q spades in their hand and lead is in dummy. However, West has paid attention to the Club suit and noted that South played the 9, 10 and J clubs. This makes dummy's 8C a winner, so rather than risk a 'losing' finesse West led the 8C, discarding their QS and making the contract. (Thanks, Richard Spleman).



Welcome New Members!

New members since our previous newsletter include:

- Lynda-Ann White
- Coleen Wells
- Carole Scott
- Jeanette Scott
- Anthea te Kloot
- Barbara Mackay
- Virginia Young
- Claire Neale
- Nerida Stark

Welcome back to returning members, including:

- Judy Stone
- Bernadette Dwyer
- Jeff Dittmann

Grand Slams – March/April

Congratulations to the Club members who made Grand Slam contracts in March and April, four of them on the same board on the same day!!! (Board 28, Moore Trophy Week 2 on 11 March).

EILEEN COOKE / BERNICE COOPER
ISMAIL MEMAN / LORETTA LOVETT
SUE HOLBURT / JOHN BLYTH
PAM WOOD / PAM PRATT
DOUG MATTHEW / ROSLYN PURCHASE
PETER HEARD / DEREK MORRIS
LEE PITT / BRONWYN TAYLOR

Promotions

Well done to the following members for their promotion during the Feb-Apr 2022 period:-

Name	New Rank
Stephanie Blair	Graduate
Alice Edwards	Silver Local
Bernice Cooper	Regional
Sheila Parsons	Bronze State
Jane Whelan	Bronze State
Bernadette O'Connell	Sliver Life

Need a partner?

Ask for Help

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).

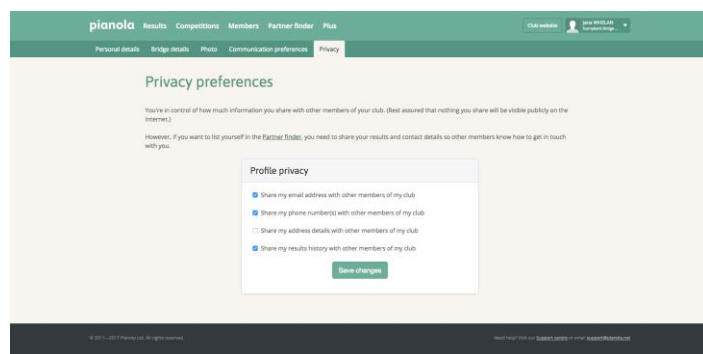
Find a Partner on Pianola

You may be familiar with Pianola if you get emails from the Club about your results. The Club subscribes to Pianola, an online bridge software application, that offers a range of features including **Partner Finder**.

Step 1 - Login in to [Pianola](#).

If you are logging in for the first time please send an email to either secretary.at.sbc@gmail.com or convenors.at.sbc@gmail.com. You will be sent an invitation to login. You will need to choose a user name and password.

Step 2 - Ensure your contact details are shared



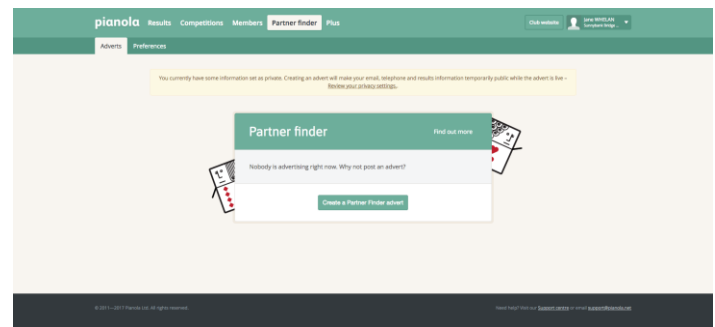
To find a partner, your phone number or email address (or both) must be shared. To check this click on your profile (top right-hand corner), then click on 'My Account', then click on 'Privacy'. Make sure that 'Share my email address' and 'Share my phone number(s)' are ticked. Click on 'Save changes'.

Step 3 - Set up your preferences

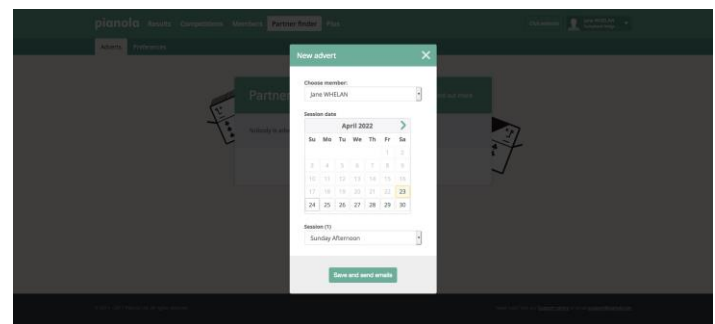
If you want to advertise for a Partner, first set up your preferences. Click on 'Preferences'. At first, your preferences will be set to 'Neutral'. You will need to change this to 'Notify'. You can do this for all members, or by individual members. You can also 'block' members who you'd prefer not to partner with. When you're finished setting up your preferences, click on 'Update preference'.

Step 4 - Find or advertise for a partner

Click on Partner Finder.



On this page you will also see who has posted an advert looking for a partner. If you would like to play with one of them, please contact them by email or phone.



To set up your own advert, click on 'Adverts', then click on 'Create a Partner Finder advert'. Use the calendar to select a date then click on 'Save and send emails'.

Step 5 - Cancel an Advert

If you find a partner or change your mind about playing, click on the red X in the top right-hand corner of your advert. Click on 'Found Partner' or 'Delete Advert' and an email will be sent to everyone who is subscribed to you to tell them you no longer need a partner for that game.

If you have any questions or require assistance please do not hesitate to ring Robyn (0414 702 705) or email convenors.at.sbc@gmail.com

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.

A Big Thank You to Michele

After a number of years volunteering her time to direct play on Monday and Thursday mornings (and in some emergency situations), Michele Thorne has resigned as a Director at the Club. From the Club's members, thank you Michele for your mighty efforts over those years. It must have been harder than a classroom full of primary school kids at times, but you had the skill and demeanour to manage every situation with amazing humour and acceptance. Your patient response to new players' cries for help on Mondays and decisive resolution of issues at the tables has been awesome. Thank you, Michele! Your contribution has been very much appreciated. See page 8 for Michele's Cryptic Crossword.



QBA Bulletin

The Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) publishes a great *Bulletin* every two months. For new players, the QBA is the peak body for bridge clubs in Queensland. The latest *Bulletin* includes an article 'Ehtical Dilemmas'. In the article (page 16), Matthew McManus clarifies the rules that apply when your partner explains your bid to the opposition in a way that doesn't reflect what's in your hand. Good to know what you're supposed to do when this happens. Click [here](#) to read the *Bulletin*.



Covid update

As per the advice sent to all members via email on 12 April, the Sunnybank Bridge Club Committee has decided to follow QBA and ABF Policy on continuing to allow only people who can show proof of their double COVID vaccination status into our Club. This is despite the Queensland Government easing of restrictions on non-vaccinated patrons of hotels restaurants and clubs.

Win 11 x Free Bridge Games!



Competition! Put your creative skills and pun power to work and dream up a new name for our Club's Newsletter. If the Committee approves an entry, the winner will score a book of vouchers (11 free games).

Other bridge clubs in Queensland have led the way with Trump*It, Bridge Buzz, Club Capers and The Grand Slam.

Email your entry to editor.at.sbc@gmail.com by COB Friday 10 June 2022. The winning entry will be revealed in the Club's July newsletter.

Improve Your No Trump Play



Sue Holburt will run an **Improve Your NT Play** lesson for improvers and rookies on Saturday 4 June from 10am to 12pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Sue will provide notes.

Attendees must register by emailing Sue at teacher.at.sbc@gmail.com or putting their names to the list on the notice board by Thursday 2nd June. Any enquiries please talk with Sue in person or ring her on 3802 0015.

Saturday Arvo with Pam & Pam

A big thank you to Pam Pratt and Pam Wood for running supervised play sessions on some Saturday afternoons in March, April and May, for graduates of Sue's most recent lessons.

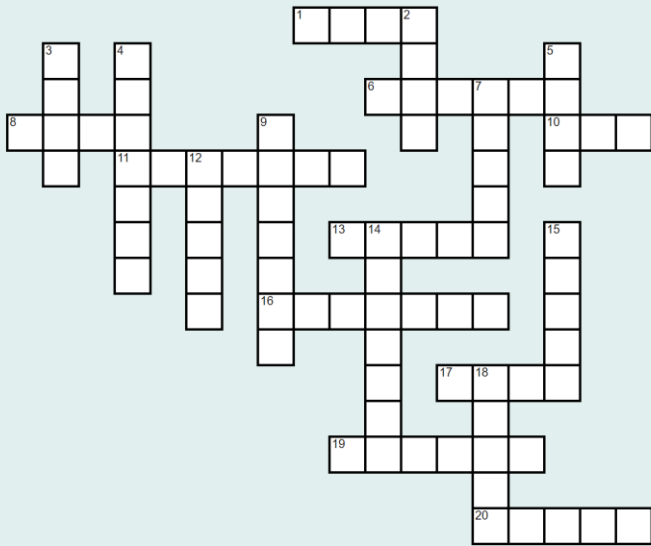
These sessions are the gateway to Monday morning play and a number of brave novices have made the leap and survived, with the support and encouragement of Monday morning players. Of course, 'The Pams' are supported by a team of helpers.

Thanks to everyone involved. Your experience and patient instruction make such a difference for new players.

A Bridge Too Far

Our very own Michele Thorne, a known puzzle whizz, has created the below cryptic crossword to help members stretch their grey matter and test their bridge knowledge. Print this page and complete by hand or complete online [here](#). Solution below. Thanks, Michele! We look forward to Puzzle #2.

A bridge too far



CLUES

Across

- 1 Look good on you
- 6 Span the distance
- 8 Twisted snakes
- 10 Have one up your sleeve
- 11 Take a shot from the corner
- 13 Not way out
- 16 Arrange to be careful
- 17 A bit of a joker
- 19 Use it on a bottle
- 20 Fool

Down

- 2 Rotate the smallest in the litter
- 3 Go for a big hi
- 4 Put back in a small lake
- 5 Could be heavy metal
- 7 Baby's favourite
- 9 Sick bird
- 12 By northwest
- 14 Hillary Clinton's election call
- 15 Sounds like no fun
- 18 Stay awake - be ...

Birthdays

Members helped Melli Lim celebrate her 80th birthday during the morning tea break on Thursday 7 April. The Club presented this lovely cake to help Melli celebrate this milestone occasion.



Cryptic Crossword Solution

