

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



NEWSLETTER

November 2020



President's Column

The last newsletter you received was some considerable time ago. As you would have known, John Moore was the editor and has produced this wonderful magazine for many years. Covid-19 has threatened all aspects of our lives, the newsletter was also affected and John ceased its production earlier this year. Recently, I received an email from Rita and John saying that they were resigning from our club due to some health issues. We wish both all the best for the future.

Since closing the club last March, we have reopened with six sessions per week available for members to enjoy. Slowly members are returning to the bridge table. Currently, Thursday mornings are the most frequented sessions and we have seen up to 11 tables on occasions. Recently we have opened Tuesday morning and Thursday evening sessions; both have been well attended. Only two sessions remain to be opened, Monday evening and Wednesday.

We are extremely conscious of the need to protect our members and we have gone beyond the Health Department's recommendations to ensure that our members are playing in a safe environment. Slowly conditions are improving; the water cooler is now operational, and members may utilise this facility.

Covid-19 looked like cancelling our Christmas party too. This year will be unique. The first year it has not been held at the clubhouse and the first year that guests of members are welcome and will not be sitting idle while members compete at the table. That's right, no bridge. This year our Christmas party is to be held at the Runcorn Tavern. For catering purposes, members need to book. Please refer to our website for more details

I look forward to seeing more of you at the bridge table in the near future. In the meantime, take care. And since you are reading this, welcome to our new magazine.

Kenneth Clem
President SBC

Changing Covid19 Safety Plan

The committee is endeavouring to keep abreast of the everchanging updates to the Covid-19 restrictions. When there is a change to the club's plan it will be posted in breaking news on the club website. The new plan will be displayed on the large whiteboard in the club house and documents will be updated on our website.

Unfortunately, we are still not allowed to have buffet style consumption of food and this includes drinks too (email advice was received 18/11/2020).

Beginners Lessons

Our next set of lessons for new players will commence on Saturday January 30th next year. They will be presented by Sue Holburt and run for 8 weeks. A flyer will be available in December.

Sad News

Sadly, two of our members have passed away in recent times. Igor Borovski and Rod Curtin. Our thoughts go to their families and friends.

Using Pianola

The club is now using Pianola as a tool for communicating with members. All members were sent invites to set up login details. However, if yours has lapsed and you would like to use pianola please let us know so that we can send you a new invitation.

THE BENEFITS OF PIANOLA

- Bulk emails from the club are now much easier.
- Members can use the partnership service. Preferences can be made about who sees your invite.
- Members can see information about their play with different partners and also as declarer, defender on lead etc.
- Each time a member plays a results summary is emailed out. Members can choose to opt out from these but still receive communication emails only from the club.
- Members can update their own contact details.
- Yearly renewals will be issued using Pianola.

Promotions

Well done to the following members for their recent promotion.

August 2020

Graduate -John Atkin

***National** - Marie Elkington

October 2020

Graduate - Lilly Jia, Phaik Webcke

Local - Debbie Hoogerdyk

State - Jenny Andrews, Robyn Chippindall,

Regional Bronze - Di Robinson

Club Championships

Congratulations go to the following members.

Watson Zhou, Charlie Lu - Championship Pairs 2020

Watson Zhou, Martin Qin, Charlie Lu, Philip Chang – Championship Teams 2020

Membership Renewals

Renewals will soon be sent out to all members either by email or post. The membership fee for ordinary home members is \$48 including all levies. Please notify the club ASAP if any of your contact details have changed.

Toilets Upgrade

Some members will already have noticed the new toilet suites. All have been replaced as well as 3 new higher toilets- two for ladies and one for the mens. The committee is also investigating improved handrails for these toilets. The “disabled toilet” has also been replaced along with alterations to the wall behind and rails to improve wheelchair access around the toilet. It is a requirement of Brisbane City Council that our facility and fixtures are maintained in good order. The Council conducts yearly inspections.

Online Bridge

Some of our members are still hesitant to return to face-to face bridge. The QBA is still hosting regular online sessions and Val Roland has created a new online club. Casual Bridge Club is affiliated with the Queensland Bridge Association. It is a private, not-for-profit club and is the first online-only club in Queensland. If you are interested, Val Roland can be contacted at president@casualbridgeclub.com.au. Val helped members immensely at the beginning of our club's BBO sessions.

Volunteers needed

We are looking for a member to fill the role of “Providor” – Responsibilities include monitoring of and purchasing club consumables.

If you are interested, please contact Alice Edwards - Club Secretary

DIRECTORS – If you aspire to become a director please let us know. The club can never have too many directors.