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December Newsletter

Presidents Report



Greetings All

As Christmas nears in my first term as President, I pause to reflect.

The position does not come with a Systems Card.

Fortunately, I am ably supported by an experienced and enthusiastic Management Committee.

Kate O Donnell, your Secretary, has been invaluable with her advice and insights from many years of experience. Andrea Parkins, your Treasurer, has been a stalwart in a demanding position.

A pleasant find is our newsletter Editor, Tracey Amour, who has stepped up to a difficult position with gusto.

Thanks to them all.

After the sudden resignation of Jacqui Dudurovic, Denise Taylor has stepped in and kept the wheels of industry turning.

The numbers at the tables are gradually improving after the ravages of Covid together with a steady stream of new Members gives me much heart for the coming year.

With the good news comes the sad. We have lost Six lovely Members. Some of whom I partnered. They will be sorely missed.

With the yearly fee notices release, we have had a few resignations as members end their playing time. We wish them all well in the future.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and fulfilling Christmas.

Come back safe and I will see you all in the New Year

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran

President, Northern Suburbs Bridge Club



NOTICE BOARD



Car Park Safety

Please proceed with caution when exiting our car parks onto Gerler Rd. Sometimes there are pedestrians, with ear phones, and they don't hear a car coming. Also scooters and bikes whizz along the footpath. We are having the trees cut back to help with better visibility. But please take care & do your bit by **exiting slowly**.

Also concerning the car park. It is important that when parking you don't nudge another car. We have unfortunately had incidents recently of cars scraping together. Distressing all around. If this happens, please leave a note on the car and/or come in and advise the club.

Subscriptions

Our subs are now out using our new financial system. It needs a little bit of fine tuning so... When you pay your subs please remember to add your Name and ABF number. It makes it a lot easier for our hardworking Treasurer.

At this point in time, we can't pay our subs using our Bridge Credits. That will come with time.

Our preferred method is by paying into our bank account, which is on the invoice.

To take advantage of the \$10 discount you need to pay by 31st January, 2024.

Trip Hazards

Some handbags, with long straps, have become trip hazards. Please make sure that your bag is securely tucked away. We've had a couple of incidents where people have tripped over them. We want everyone to stay safe.

Leisure Survey

NSBC has been asked by the ABF & QBA to forward out a survey to all our members. With the results they are hoping to be able to encourage more people to play that wonderful game that we all love, called bridge.

The survey will be sent out in the next week and is absolutely optional. Please delete if you are not interested.

Melbourne Cup Apology

Due to circumstances beyond our control we weren't able to finalize our sweep winners. Next year it will all be sorted.

REMINDER'S

- Current Systems cards for each player must be with you at the table so that the opposition can see them if necessary.
- Please could members bring their own water bottles – rather than use the white cups. We often run short of cups and using them for water provides extra work washing them and removing lipstick.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLUB CLOSURES

No Play on Christmas Day & Boxing Day

NSBC Members – Recent Congress Successes

Queensland Senior Pairs - Sun 12 Nov

2nd – Division B

Ross Shardlow & Peter Gruythuysen

Gold Coast Teams Sunday 19 November

2nd – Division A

Abby Wanigaratne, Carmel Martin and team mates

1st - Division B

Vesna & Voyko Markovic, Eugene Pereira & John Rivers

Toowong Graded Pairs Sunday 26 November

3rd – B Grade

Andy Slater & Jacqui Dudurovic

Redland Open Teams Sunday 3 December

2nd Division B

Eugene Pereira, John Rivers & team mates



Welcome to our new sponsor – The Clayfield retirement community, by Aveo.

The Clayfield is located on the previous site of St Columba's college. With over 250 residents residing in the beautiful apartments and enjoying the landscaped gardens, restored heritage buildings such as Highlands House and community spaces, it truly is a beautiful community.

The beautiful gardens and buildings are maintained by the team onsite. No need to worry about maintenance of a lawn, house or garden, let the onsite team do the work! This means that you will have more time to do the things you love to do – like bridge!

The Clayfield also has an exceptional restaurant with a qualified and experienced chef offering a delectable à la carte menu.

To support your health and wellbeing, residents have easy access to health services and there are a variety of activities to do including swimming, billiards, Tai Chi and more. You will also have peace of mind knowing that care & support is available 24/7.



The Clayfield Lawn & Highlands House.



Aveo - The Clayfield Retirement Village

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www.theclayfield.com.au



With much sadness, we send condolences to Gary & family with the passing of Gail Taylor. Gail passed away peacefully on Friday 1 December after a short battle with illness.

Gail was farewelled at Albany Creek Park Crematorium Friday 15 December.

Gail & Gary were great partners at the club & in life.

RIP friend.

CHRISTMAS TEAMS BRIDGE – Sunday 10 December



**Winner Best Xmas Dresser
Graham Killoran**

A wonderful day of Bridge was enjoyed by 34 teams on Sunday 10 December at the club. Thanks to Max Latimer & Sheena de Jager Miles for organising the day and the kitchen. Also thanks to all the volunteers on the day & everyone who brought the delicious foods. Superb work. Thanks also members for the wonderful donations to Zephyr Education. Fantastic!



**A Grade Team 2nd Place
Dorothy Gehrke, Errol Miller,
Elizabeth Gibson, John Scrivens.**



**A Grade Team Winners
Richard McLaughlan, Jacqui Dudurovic,
Natalie Bloch, Andrew Slater.**



C Grade Team Winners
Lynne Nunan, Barbara Jeffery,
Allan Welsh, Chrissie Carter.



C Grade Team 2nd Place
Anne Johnson, Beverley Fawcett-
Smith, Neil Benson, Denise Taylor.



Winners Best dressed Team
Meyers Team.

