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November 2024 Newsletter

Presidents Report

Greetings All,

All good things come to an end.



So it is with your Club's Treasurer, Andrea Parkins. After 7 years in the position, Andrea announced that she would be retiring at the next AGM. The Club owes Andrea a huge thank you for a job very well done. With the introduction of MyABF, the monitoring and accounting for cash has been eliminated but the responsibility and accounting load has increased. With that in mind, Andra has suggested that the duties be split into four categories.

I am calling for Members with accounting experience, banking background or ownership of a business to come forward. We have 4 months to get organized. Andrea has added that she will be available to act as Mentor.

The Mentor Program has been a great success thanks to Greg Gosney. The program will go on a little longer due to numbers. We are looking for a for more Mentors, Don't be bashful. You are probably better than you think. Tom Dunsmuir's Help with Play in preparing Novices to enter the regular sessions is proving successful and we are looking for more Members to participate.

The Pat Clouston Christmas Teams tournament has proven to be very successful with the limit of 40 teams almost reached. There are several Teams still needing players so keep an eye on the Partnership section of the Club website if you still want to play. David Clouston has indicated that he will be present on the day. I look forward to seeing him again.

As I write this column, we have teams competing in the Interclub Competition at Redlands Bridge Club. I look forward to a report and pictures.

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran, President

A Reminder ~ Results from ALL Club sessions are available on NSBC Website

Our NSBC website address is: <https://northernsuburbs.bridgeaustralia.org/>

Click on the Results button

A list of sessions will be displayed (latest at the top)

Click on the session for those results

NSBC IMP PAIRS – 2 & 3 November

46 Pairs played in this years competition. Thanks to all the volunteers who make these events at our club the smooth success that they are. Full results are available on the QBA Results page.

A Grade

1st Nikolas Moore - Rachel Langdon

2nd Terry Strong - Jill Magee

3rd Jenny Hay - Ralph Parker

B Grade

1st Lech Kaszubski - Nadya Tuxworth

2nd Michelle Radke - Ian Halford

3rd Ewa Kowalczyk - Connie Schoutrop

C Grade

1st Peter Lyons - Warren Males

2nd Peter Robins - Valerie Robbins

3rd Vesna Markovic - Voyko Markovic



Bridge: The Ultimate Mind Puzzle that Trumps All Others

By Tracey Bauer



Think bridge is just your grandma's card game? Think again! Contract bridge is the ultimate mind puzzle—a mental gymnastics routine wrapped in strategy, teamwork, and endless possibilities. Imagine a Rubik's Cube marrying chess, with a side of logic and psychological warfare. That's bridge.

Unlike static puzzles like Sudoku or crosswords, bridge is dynamic. The puzzle pieces? Split between your partner and opponents. The challenge? Piecing it all together while deciphering the secret language of bidding—a mix of strategy, logic, and Jedi mind tricks.

Bridge leaves other mind games in the dust:
Chess? Too predictable. Bridge is 4D chess with hidden information.

Poker? Cute bluffing, but bridge ups the ante with logic puzzles built on the fly.

Sudoku? Yawn. Bridge brings you a partner, two rivals, and ever-changing puzzles.

Every hand is a new challenge, and no two games are ever the same. Bridge's dynamic nature keeps your brain sharp and your curiosity piqued. The thrill of cracking each puzzle? Pure magic. But bridge isn't just about strategy—it's about connection.

Unlike solo puzzles, bridge thrives on partnership and camaraderie. You and your partner must think, plan, and anticipate as one to outwit your opponents. That unspoken understanding during a perfect finesse? Absolute magic. And it's not just for seasoned players—rookies can dive in, learning and growing as they go.

Whether you're new or experienced, bridge evolves with you. It's a game of infinite possibilities, endless learning, and rewarding challenges that stand the test of time. From mastering complex strategies to sharing laughs at the table, bridge is as much about the journey as the victory.

Some quotes ...

1. Bridge as a mind game ...

"The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master contract player. A great player is one who can make the best of the worst contract."

Alan Sontag - Professional bridge player & author

"Bridge helps you think. It's a game you can play your entire life and keep getting better and better."

Bill Gates - Former CEO of Microsoft

2. A bit of bizarre...

Question to Peter Hollands

What bridge skill will save you from a zombie apocalypse?

Answer - thinking quickly!

Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams Event - Redlands

The Brisbane Zone ("BZ") Interclub Teams was hosted by Redland Bridge Club on Sunday 17th November.

Each BZ club is able to nominate 3 teams with one in each of the 3 grades being Novice, less than 400 MP and Open. While it is a serious competition, the event is essentially a fun day aimed largely at giving regular club members a low-key taste of the wider congress scene and the opportunity to meet members of other clubs in friendly competition. Most clubs nominate members who have volunteered services to the club over the year as a thank you for their contribution.

The NSBC Committee introduced guidelines to follow this year in the selection of teams. In keeping with the spirit of the competition the criteria is primarily based on the teams overall contribution to the club. This ensures an objective and transparent decision.

The three teams selected were;

C Team < 100MP: Tracey Armour, Denise Taylor
 Alexia Lennon & Janet Smith
 B Team < 400MP: Helen Baran, Rex Meadowcroft,
 Ann Sauer & Robyn Wells
 A Team Open: Peter Nilsson & Andy Slater
 Jacqui Dudurovic & Yolande Coroneo



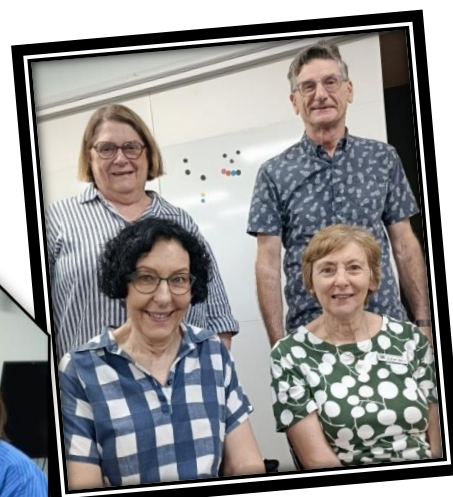
The teams were vying for the Marion Cooke Memorial Trophy. The club with the highest aggregate score wins the trophy which stays with the winning club for the year. While NSBC was not amongst the placegetters the teams did NSBC proud.

We would like to thank Redlands Bridge Club for hosting the event on behalf of the Brisbane Zone clubs. RBC outdid their longstanding reputation of fine hospitality and delicious plates of much needed sustenance. It was a really fun day with camaraderie in the air.

This coming year think about how you can contribute to the club, nominate a team and give it a go.

Jacqui Dudurovic

NSBC Vice President &
 Brisbane Zone Secretary



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World Bridge Games 2024

At the World Bridge Games November this year Australian player, Peter Gill opened 6S and his partner raised Peter to 7S. Question if you were west would you X?

Andrea Parkins - NSBC Treasurer

While Andrea lives in the western suburbs she became a member of NSBC after she completed the beginners course 13 years ago as beginners' lessons had just finished at Toowong when she enquired. Shortly after this, she met her regular partner, Catherine Flowers and has continued playing at NSBC ever since.



Andrea has taken to bridge like a duck to water. She won the Club's Leita Lieper award in 2020, in 2023 Andrea and Helen Baran won the Hoffmann Tray and this year came 3rd along with her team mates in the QBA Teams of 3.

After close to eight years in the role of Treasurer, Andrea will be signing off. One can only agree that she has done an exemplary job through uncharted waters over the past few years. Andrea has navigated through COVID, transitioned from cash to My ABF and changed the club's accounting software from MYOB to XERO. Each a considerable task in itself.

However, the increasing compliance and regulation around the role has taken its toll. The position of Treasurer is a large one, with many jobs falling under its ambit. As NSBC is the second largest club in QLD and ninth in Australia, the Management Committee has elected to split this important volunteer position into more manageable, smaller, tasks to be split between three – four people.

Accordingly the role will be divided into the following areas; Accounts Payable, Session reconciliations, Compliance (i.e. BAS, OFT, Tax), Subscriptions & Payroll. The Club's accounting software allows for much of the work to be done remotely. If you have any financial, accounting, bookkeeping experience we ask that you offer your services to the club. It is a rewarding experience helping NSBC to prosper.

Andrea will be stepping down at the end of this financial year (January 25) but has offered to continue as a support person in the background offering full training and mentoring to those kind people who step up.

Finally, and most importantly on behalf of NSBC members we would like to extend a Heartfelt thank you to Andrea for the many years of work she has volunteered to the Club.

Thank you Andrea.

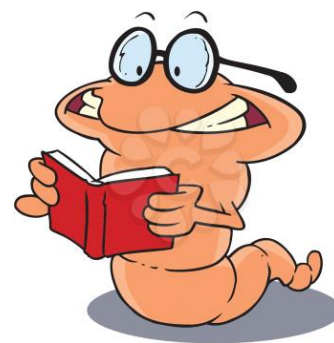
Jacqui Dudurovic
Vice President NSBC.



LIBRARY NEWS

We have two new books into the library – both kindly donated by members.

“Master of Bridge Psychology” by Jeppe Juhl looks inside the incredible mind of Swedish champion Peter Fredin, winner of multiple international events over many years. The book showcases Fredin’s audacious style from his beginnings as a talented teenager to his entry onto the world stage representing his country.



It is a fascinating and entertaining read and gives an insight into the intellectual level of the master bridge players of the world. The one thing that you will learn from this book is how little you know about the game, particularly declarer play!

The other donated book is by David Bird and Larry Cohen titled “Defense on The Other Hand” (apologies for the American spelling). Both are prolific authors of bridge books (Bird is an eight times winner of the American Bridge Teachers’ Book of The Year Award) and renowned players.

The reader is presented with 100 different defensive scenarios with one hand presented by David Bird and the other by Larry Cohen, and is given the challenge of choosing the correct line of defence. Each deal is then summarised under a heading of “understanding why”. Personally, I like this style of teaching as the reader is prompted to think rather than read, thereby giving a better chance of etching correct behaviours into the memory bank.

This is a fine addition to the library and is recommended to players of all levels.

Members are reminded that the allowed borrowing time for a book from the reference library is **one month**. This leaves adequate time to read the borrowed item. The librarian should not have to contact borrowers for items that are sometimes weeks or even months past due.

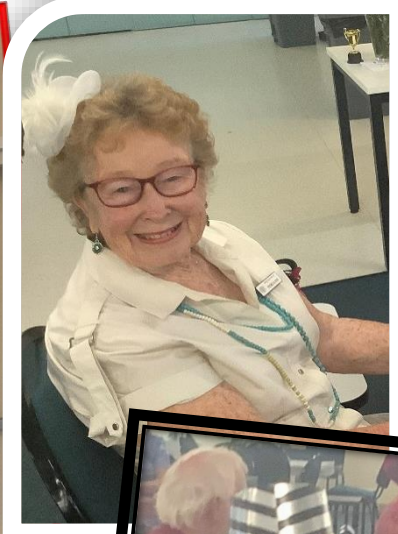
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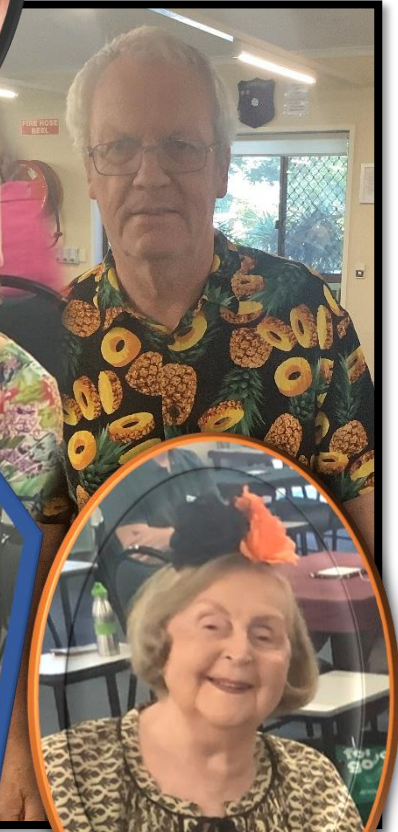
Masterpoints Promotions October 2024

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NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2024 MPs	2024 McCutcheon RANK
October 2024 PROMOTIONS				
Clark, Raelene	Bronze Life	407.54	76.07	409
Gaskill, Deanne	Bronze National	400.64	45.97	939
Robertson, Teresa	Silver Local	35.46	13.75	4,260
Kiernan, Shauna	Bronze Local	25.38	3.90	11,921
Taylor, Gary	Bronze Local	25.37	10.59	5,544
Tomkins, Shauna	Bronze Local	25.25	5.48	9,575
Perret, Margot	Bronze Local	25.10	3.90	11,930
Hall, Paula	Bronze Local	25.02	5.54	9,523
Duncan, Kit	Local	16.21	11.05	5,336
Keen, Tony	Local	15.25	6.35	8,632
Simmonds, Sheena	Local	15.07	1.40	18,337
Smith, Judy	Club	5.35	1.62	17,566
Ward, Rowan	Club	5.00	4.27	11,330

Melbourne Cup 2024

A fine field of bridge players attended our event this year – great food was enjoyed and the sweeps were gloriously organised thanks to Andrea Parkins careful eye to detail. Chrissie Carters Tea Loaf was delicious and she has shared it here for us all- last page of this Newsletter.





**BEST
DRESSED
WINNER**

Pat Clouston Christmas Teams

Sunday 8 December 2024. Arrive by 9am – 9.30 Start

Please bring a new Lunch Box or a Children's Activity Book to donate to Zephyr Education.

Don't wrap the donations please. Thank you for your generosity.



Looking to be a full house for this years Christmas party. BYO Lunch and a plate of nibbles to share.

Prizes for best Christmas hat and Best team outfit.

Sultana and Currant Tea Loaf

Ingredients:

175g sultanas and 175g currants

300ml hot Earl Grey Tea

275g self raising flour

225g light brown sugar

1 large egg lightly beaten

Butter for greasing tin

Use baking paper to line tin after greasing

Baking tin measurements are: 24x14x7cm loaf tin

Method

Put dried fruit into a bowl and pour over hot tea. Stir and cover and leave to soak overnight.

Grease and line with baking paper a 24x14x7cm loaf tin Preheat oven: All ovens are different so check your oven guide. I preset my oven at 170 C fan force. My oven is not a hot oven.

Add flour, sugar and egg to the bowl of soaked fruit and mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon.

Spoon into the prepared baking tin. Bake for about 1 hour and 30 minutes approximately or until the cake has risen and just firm to the touch. Check at 1 hour and 15 minutes and remove if done. Cool in the tin for about 10 minutes. Turn out cake and remove paper. Place on a wire rack to cool further.

To serve..... cut into thick slices and spread with butter.

Enjoy! CC



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