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Arana Bridge Club Newsletter

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From The President



Another year gone. 2022 has been less stressful as COVID restrictions have eased and we have returned to normal play.

In terms of improvements, we have replaced the bridgemates. We are still negotiating with the Council about the lease renewal. We have decided not to carry out the roof repairs until the lease is signed. We are working on the new Constitution which will be presented to the members for voting at a special AGM in February 2023.

Our Brisbane Zone Interclub teams event on November 20th was a huge success. The winners were QCBC.

Our Christmas party, held on Saturday 10th September, was a very enjoyable event. Many thanks to **Norma Hansen** for organising the lunch. Lots of people were involved in organisation of the party and their help is very much appreciated. The Samford Community Singers entertained us with carols, despite COVID severely depleting their ranks. As one of our members kindly wrote: it was a "fantastic Christmas Celebration".

Finally, I would like to thank all the members who supported the Club this year. Thank you for making it a happy and friendly place to enjoy bridge.

I wish all the members and their families a happy and healthy Christmas and a joyful 2023.

*Happy bridging
Robert Van Beest (President)*



From the Minutes

- **New Constitution**

The new Constitution will be voted on at a special meeting prior to the AGM in February 2023. An email has been sent to all members explaining the proposed changes. A letter has been posted to those without an email address.

- **ABF and QBA Increase in Affiliation Fees**

The ABF and QBA affiliation fees have increased to \$16.40 each. However, the Management Committee have decided not to pass on this increase to members in 2023.

- **2023 Calendar**

The 2023 Calendar has been compiled by Richard McLauchlan and is now on the website.

2023 Booklet will be printed in February 2023 after the AGM.

- **Thursday Session**

There has been a reduction in number of players since COVID. Different options for

promoting play and retaining the people who have completed the beginner lessons were discussed.

To accommodate those learners who are still working, we will present four bonus lessons on Saturday morning, followed by supervised play.

Thursday session will continue.

- **Masterpoints Coordinator**

Robert Matthews has resigned from this position. We would like to thank Robert for his work. **David Brown** and **John Murphy** have volunteered to take on this role.

- **Bridge Classes for Beginners**

When: On Saturdays commencing **Saturday 4th February 2023**

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Cost: Lessons are free, but purchase of the associated textbook (\$30) is strongly recommended

Classes run for 9 weeks and class numbers are limited. Entry is subject to any COVID-19 restrictions applying at the time.

For enrolment information, contact **Jim Taylor** on **3289 0033**.



Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

Graduate Jackie Southwood

Club Warren Applegate

Local Liz Bowman

Silver Local Jane Easton

David Brown (MP Sec)

New Members

Warm welcome is extended to our new members – **Jeanette Paterson, Byron Moss and Robert Pearce**. We hope that you enjoy playing bridge at our friendly Club.

Need a Bridge Partner?

Contact **Natalie Bloch** either by email aranabridgeclub.partnerrequest@gmail.com or ring or text Natalie on **0402 255 020**. Please **do not** leave a voice message. Natalie will then send an email to all the members whose email addresses are on our club's database. No names will be published, just information about points.

Please keep this partner request alive and working. We would really encourage players just out of lessons to initiate a partner request. A lot of experienced players will be happy to do some "coaching".

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Coming Events

- **Arana Congress – 1 Day Swiss Teams**

Sunday 12th February 2023. More details to follow on website

- **Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 14th February 2023

- **GNOT – 3 week event**
Friday 17th March 2023



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Results:

- **President's Pairs** were played in October. The winners were Richard McLauchlan and Lynley Mason. Cynthia Sharp and Yvonne Auer won on handicap.
- **Arana Australia Wide Restricted Pairs**
North-South Winners: Byron Moss and Gillie Kinsella. Runners up: Gwen Walker and Linda Douglas
East-West Winners: Peter Munro and Martin Wu. Runners up: Leonie Nugent and John Murphy.
- **Brisbane Interclub Teams 2022** were held at Arana on Sunday 20th November. **QCBC** were the overall winners. Arana teams held their own in B and C grade but unfortunately didn't do so well in A grade. Both B and C came 5th in their divisions.
- Congratulations to Olivia Jackson and Jeff Borg who came second in Jill Wilson Championship Pairs played at the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club on Saturday 26th November.



Christmas at Arana

Talented **Dot Allen** made this beautiful Nativity Scene.



This Photo by Unknown

At the Christmas Party

It was a wonderful afternoon with great food, carols, laughter and bridge.

Here are some of our members who really stood out in the crowd.



Charlie and his colourful waistcoat



Joyce



Merv



Andrew



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