

# CBC Newsletter April 2021 PDF

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## President's Update

*By Dave Bruce*

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their congratulations and support on being elected to the President's position. The year 2020 had its challenges and 2021 will be no different except they will be more pleasant ones.

As well as the full range of our club competitions, we are hoping to arrange a new interclub competition with Caloundra Bridge Club. The big event this year will be making the Stringfellow Teams Competition a congress event. Noreen and her team have already started preparations for this event. We expect the club will be at full capacity on the day. Kim Ellaway, the manager of Queensland Bridge Association, has already informed us that she intends to enter a team.

One of the main tasks to be undertaken this year will be a review of our Constitution and By - Laws. The Constitution has not changed since 2004 and requires considerable updating. Any changes to the Constitution have to be approved by the members at a special AGM, the Queensland Bridge Association and the Office of Fair Trading, as it is a legal document.

On Monday July 5th we plan to provide a catered lunch to our members prior to our red point, Christmas in July, session. Watch out for more information closer to the date. Hope to see you all there

Looking forward to a busy and successful year.

## Membership for 2021

Players who have renewed their memberships, effective April 1st, total 98. This includes both home club and non-home club (Alternate) members.



Hopefully by now, you have all received your club diaries. If not, please ask a committee member next time you are at the club.

## Meet Your Committee

### **President: Dave Bruce**

Dave was a member of our committee back in 2006. At that time he was still working so he was unable to participate as much as he would have liked. He came back on board in 2020 and has been instrumental in instituting our Covid-19 plan, ensuring we were able to come back to Face to Face play as soon as possible.

### **Vice President: Noreen Weyling**

Noreen has a wealth of committee experience, having been a past President of the Moreton Bribie Bridge Club. She is our Tournament Organiser and came on to the committee in 2020 after joining the club in 2016.

### **Immediate Past President: Peter Gruythuysen**

Peter has been our President from 2018 to 2020. He first came on to the committee in 2014 after joining the club in 2008, and having previously been President of Dysart Bridge Club. As well as his leadership responsibilities, Peter has been our regular garden maintenance person, housekeeping providore and general handyman. He was instrumental in coordinating our office upgrades for both storage and our computer system.

### **Secretary: Gary Gibbards**

Gary came on board in 2018, taking on the responsibilities of Secretary from the start. His previous experience in government roles has helped him navigate the sometimes tricky waters of Bridge Club

administration. He has developed strong contacts with Moreton Bay Regional Council and was the project organiser for the ladies bathroom renovation. Gary joined the club in 2014.

**Treasurer: Jenny Hays**

Jenny has been on the committee since 2005 after joining the club in 2004. She has held several positions, namely President, Secretary and now Treasurer. She is also one of the "Beginning Bridge" teachers and club director.

**Robyn Smith**

Robyn is also a long serving member of the committee, coming on board in 2006 during the Presidency of Colin Anderson. She has been our chief 'board dealer' for much of this time and turns her hand to any jobs that may need doing. Robyn also joined the club in 2004.

**Alison Bodman**

Alison joined the committee in 2018 after being a club member since 2014. She took on the job of Providore which she still continues to manage in a very able fashion. Alison has also completed the Covid-19 training in order to support Dave Bruce in this area.

**Deb Gibbards**

Deb took on committee responsibilities in 2018. She has been the contact person for playing registration during 2020, back-up Providore and enthusiastic supplier of props for special occasions. Deb has also been a member since 2014.

**Tony Davidson**

Tony joined the committee this year, but has worked behind the scenes with Noreen in organising tournaments. He is one of our only two accredited club directors. He has previous experience in club committees, having also been a member of the Moreton Bribie Bridge club committee for a number of years. He joined our club in 2016.

**John Newton**

John is also a new committee member this year. and he has been a club member since 2019. He brings ideas and experience from his role as President in his former bridge club at Goulburn in NSW. He welcomes our members at most sessions during their check in process and ensures they are directed to the correct table. He is a great 'caddy' for the directors.

**Masterpoint Secretary: Charlene Frederiksen**

Although no longer a committee member, Charlene continues to manage our Masterpoint files, ensuring we are all credited with any much deserved points. She has held this position since 2011, after joining the club in 2004 and serving on the committee for many years.

## Director's Corner

*by Robyn Grills*

## ALERTS

### BASIC ALERTING

This article provides some simple alerting situations for less experienced players

Alerts are compulsory. Players alert their partners' calls when required. These alerts need to occur immediately the call is made. The partner should say 'Alert' and circle the call.

Be precise in explaining the full meaning of the bid. Do not just say: "Michaels", or "Multi" or "Strong". The opponents are entitled to a full explanation

As well, Responder is responsible for announcing the minimum length of an opening 1C suit and the appropriate HC point range of a 1NT opening

**Self-alerting** calls should **not** be alerted. These include

- double
- redoubles
- cue bids of an opponent's suit
- calls at the 4-level or higher [but a conventional opening bid at the 4 level or higher is alertable]
- 2C response to a 1NT bid, in an uncontested auction

**Natural calls** are generally not alertable.

Natural suit bids shows 3+ cards in the denomination, and the player is **prepared to play** in that suit.

A natural No Trump bid shows a player is **prepared to play** in No trump

### Examples of some alerts during the uncontested auction

- Weak jump responses
- Forcing 1NT response
- Fourth suit forcing
- Transfer bids
- Strong openings 2C/ 2D
- 1C Pass 1D! denying a 4/5-card Major

### Examples of alerts In a competitive auction

- Overcalls showing 2 suits, one of which is named
- Unusual 2NT
- Natural NT overcall which **may not** have a stopper in the opposition's bid suit
- 1NT 2C 2D! showing no 4-card Major, or 1NT 2C 2D showing both Majors

## Stayman Responses

Simple transfer accepts are not alertable **unless** they are giving information of length or strength [super accepts].

Extended Stayman responses which also show a point range are **alertable**.

### When to request additional information regarding the alert

When an opponent makes an alerted or self alerted call, an opposing player may ask about the Alert at his first opportunity to call

## Registering for Sessions

[Session Registration Form](#)

[Check Registration Here](#)

We continue to ask for your prior registration for upcoming sessions. Please use our online tool where possible. You can also check whether you already registered prior to submitting a new registration. This eliminates duplicated registrations.

## Upcoming Competitions.

*by Noreen Weyling*

You will all have received your lovely 2021 bright yellow diary which details all of the Club events that will surely challenge us for the next 12 months.

The year will be full of variety. Below are some noteworthy events coming up in April and May.

**April:** Our first competition for 2021 will be our *Novice Pairs* event held over two sessions: Tuesday 20th and 27th of April. If you have less than 100 MP please register to play in this event. We will run two sessions on these days to accommodate those players who are not eligible to participate in this competition.

An ANZAC Red point Club event will be played on Saturday 24th April.

**May:**

There is plenty to keep us on our toes in May.

*Bridge for Brains* Research will be played on Tuesday 4th May.

This event is a National fund raising event with Bridge players from all over Australia playing set boards. We can see how our Bridge stacks up when the National results are released!

The *Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)* events which will reward our successes with Gold MP's will be played in Caboolture on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May.

Please start organising your team for this significant event on the Bridge calendar of most Clubs. Steve Murray will direct the event.

This teams competition can also be played in Clubs in our Sunshine Coast Zone and our players are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to compete in the events at these other Clubs - to gain Bridge experience and improve confidence in unfamiliar Bridge environments.

The dates for GNOT events at Noosa, Sunshine Coast, Coolumb, Caloundra, and Moreton-Bribie Clubs are available on the QBA web-site.

An *Inter-Club teams event* with members of the Moreton-Bribie Bridge Club will be played on Sunday 23rd May. Our Club will host this event which Steve Murray will direct.

We look forward to a great response from Club members for this inter-club event. We would like to see our Club win the trophy! Get your teams organised early.

Members from our Club regularly compete in significant Bridge events in various parts of the Country. Gary & Deb Gibbards, Peter Gruythuysen and Margie Jennings will form a team to contest events at the Barrier Reef Congress to be held in Mackay from April 30th to May 3rd. Hugh Gehrman will also play in this Congress with Nigel Cleminson and two players from Redcliffe. They will carry our very best wishes with them.

I also hear on the grapevine that some of our more intrepid players are heading for the Red Centre to play in the Territory Gold Congress in September. We get around!

## A Player Profile - Derek Stringfellow

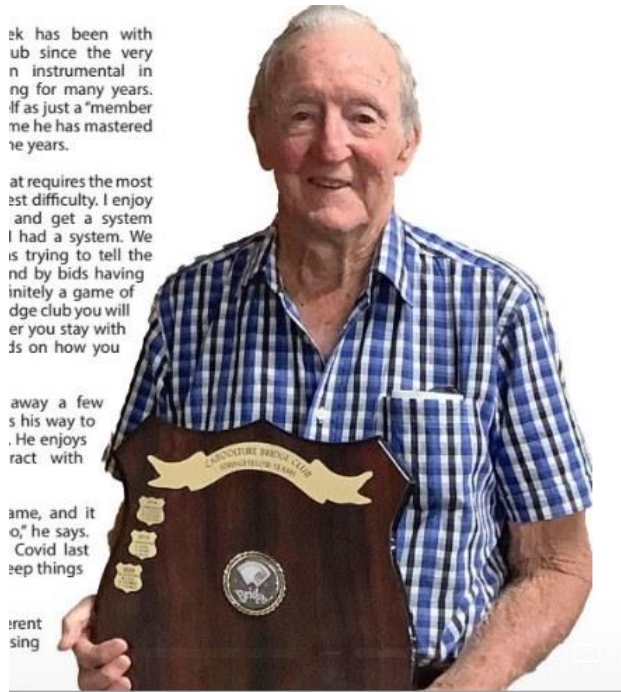
Derek has been with the club since the very beginning and is instrumental in the club's success for many years. He is not just a "member" but a "master" as he has mastered the game for 50 years.

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Derek's story can be found in the recent addition of the [Feature Magazine](#).

Click the link to find out how much Derek has contributed to the Caboolture that we know.

## Masterpoint Notes

by Charlene Frederiksen

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### Promotions

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Congratulations to the following players on their promotions in March.

- Tony Davidson - promoted to Silver Life Master
- Melva Leal - promoted to State Master
- Quentin Crestanelli - Graduate Master

Due to the recent COVID lockdown, some masterpoints earned during February and March have not been processed. These will be credited to you in April.

## Community Information



Check out other issues of [Feature Magazine](#) to see articles on bus and train station upgrades, resident stories, local sport, retirement living and more.



The Moreton Bay Regional Council offers many activities, both free and low cost, through their [Healthy and Active Program](#). Check out the link to find activities near you.

ABF Newsletter

[Click here for a .pdf version of the February 2021 ABF Newsletter](#)



Read about the online portal for ABF members (page 8) called My ABF. [Register](#) to update your profile and readily access ABF information.



1 - Sample page view from your MyABF portal.

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