

# CBC Newsletter August 2020 PDF

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## Face to Face Sessions

We held our first sessions, since March, in our club rooms on Saturday July 25th and Monday July 27th. Although initially intended as social sessions, they ran so smoothly that we were able to allocate green points. On Saturday we had 7 tables, playing 28 boards; on Monday we had 5 tables playing 30 boards. There was no charge for these sessions.

Naturally, there were a number of playing conditions that provided challenges to us all, however we were very pleased with our members' willingness to abide by the stringent requirements, modified table layout and adapted bidding system. Well done everyone.

Less boards were played than in usual sessions, but additional time was required at the end of each session for the committee to complete the sanitisation process, ready for our next session.

Future sessions will cost \$5, with correct money requested; however, for those unable to provide the correct money, change will be made in the form of vouchers for future sessions.

Many thanks to Dave Bruce, our Covid Officer, for completing the training course and putting into place the procedure required for us to return to face to face play.

We will continue with our Saturday and Monday sessions as demand requires, and Covid permits.

Remember, you must pre-register with Deb Gibbards to attend these sessions, as we are currently limited to 7 tables.

The [QBA](#) website has a number of relevant documents about [Bridge in the COVID era](#).

## Bridge Base Online

*By Noreen Weyling*

Cabbri has served us well over the past 4+ months. We have been able to recreate our Club atmosphere by playing bridge with people we know. However, they say that all good things come to an end. Maybe not!

Effective 1st August, the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) has decreed that all Australian BBO Club games must be masterpointed. This entails players paying a BBO fee. BBO has reduced the number of daily hosting rights previously available to our host—Charles Page ('Pelepele')—from five to two. This means that the Cabbri Tuesday and Friday time slots may not be guaranteed moving forward. Therefore, to ensure the continuity of our on-line Bridge games, the Caboolture Bridge Club has decided to apply to the ABF for a licence to host our own games under the ABF model. This licence has been provided. The ABF model requires the following:

- All BBO club sessions of 12 or more boards are to be masterpointed at the normal club green point session rate.
- Clubs can also request red point sessions.
- If players wish to be awarded masterpoints, then they are required to register their usernames with the ABF so that the ABF knows what player name and ABF number is attached to the relevant BBO username.
- A condition of the BBO agreement is that a charge must be paid by the player in 'BBO\$' (electronic currency paid directly to Bridge Base Online). A proportion of this charge will be returned to the Club.
- Players may purchase BBO\$ on the BBO website—using a credit card OR Paypal. The most efficient way to manage BBO\$ is to purchase a block—eg., 20AU\$. A yellow tab on the log on page shows your BBO\$ credits. When you play in a tournament the BBO fee is automatically deducted from your BBO\$ credit.
- The fee per tournament is 3 BBO\$ (5AU\$ at the present time. It can vary with the exchange rate.)

The ABF runs Australian Bridge and to do this it requires ABF members to support it financially, therefore to ask bridge players to pay for tournaments and receive masterpoints in return seems reasonable. I believe we need to recognize that we have been the beneficiaries of 4+ months of free on-line bridge. Had we been playing face to face bridge in the club environment, we would have had an understanding that it would cost \$5 per session. At the present time BBO is remitting 60-70% of the gross revenue back to the ABF, and the ABF is passing this on in full to the Clubs without taking a handling fee. The ABF will bill the clubs the usual masterpoint fee—about 25c per player.

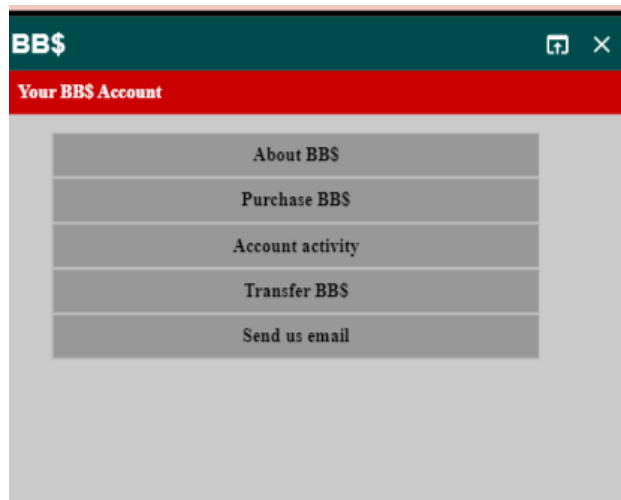
As we are in uncharted waters with regard to COVID-19, we are uncertain of the future of face to face bridge. It would therefore seem to be a backward step to discontinue some form of on-line bridge. I would therefore hope that our Cabbri players would now support the ABF model.

We will be playing the normal free Cabbri game on Tuesday 4th August but will switch to the paid and masterpointed ABF model on Friday 7th.

To register your BBO Username: Access the ABF Signup web page using the following link:

<http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/>

Fill in the required fields and click **SUBMIT**.



*1 - Purchasing BBO\$*

### **To Buy BBO\$:**

Go to the BBO website and click on the **BBO\$** icon on the top RHS, or login to BBO and click on the blue BBO\$ icon on the top RHS of the BBO lobby screen. You will then be taken to your BBO\$ Account screen where you can purchase BBO\$.

Should you experience difficulty registering your username or purchasing BBO\$'s please contact: Noreen or Jenny

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### *Helpful BBO Tips*

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### **FOR MASTERPOINTED SESSIONS**

To register for the masterpointed sessions, from Friday August 7th, you must log on to **COMPETITIVE - ALL TOURNAMENTS** (not Free Tournaments) and look for **CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB** (not Cabbri)

### **UNDOS**

These requests can cause disquiet between players. They are not allowed in many tournaments. It is a good idea for players to turn on the options to "Confirm Cards" and "Confirm Bids" —these are found in the Account settings on the RHS of the screen. This may help to minimize 'misclicks'.

### **PROFILE**

It is also a good idea for players to put their real names in their profile. It is nice for players to know who they are playing against if they don't recognize the BBO user name.

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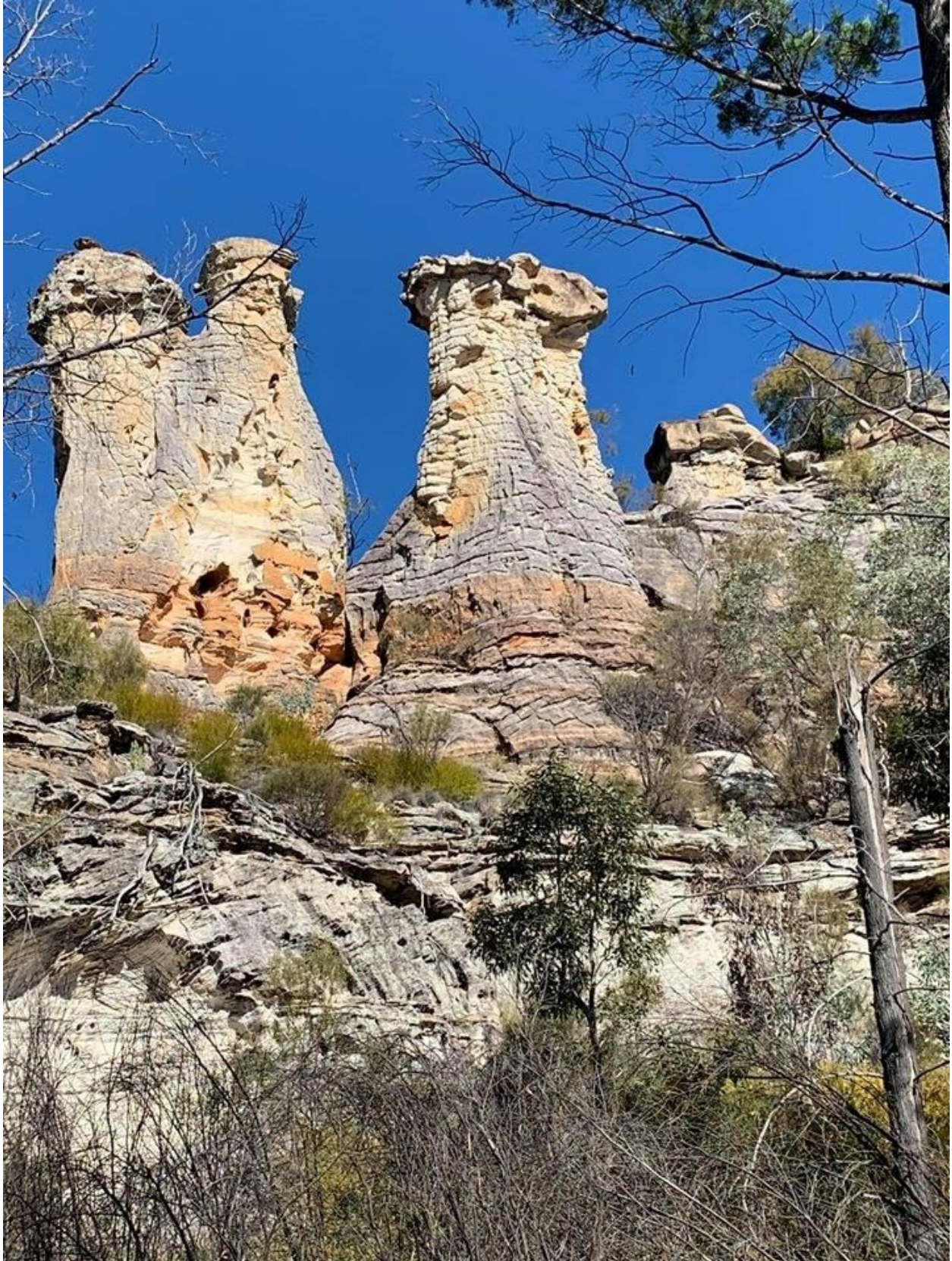
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*Maureen has been travelling in her van.*

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Click on the photos in the stack to see them all.



























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*Pete has been rejuvenating his garden*

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*Slide to see the transformation*









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*Jenny has been sewing*

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*Ron and Robyn have been moving house*

*Deb and Gary have been teaching the young'un to play bridge*

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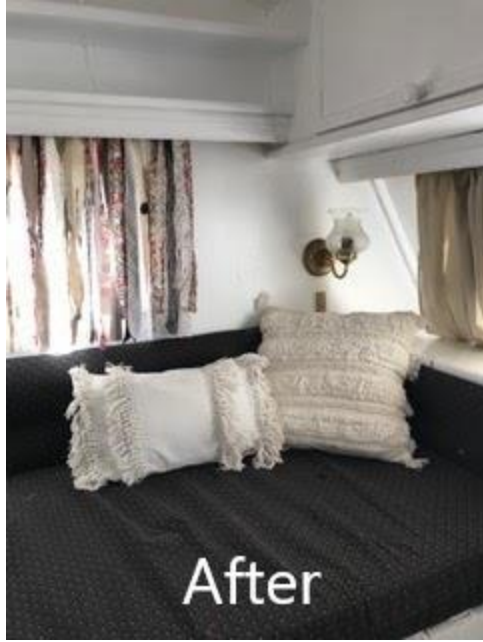
*Karen J. has been renovating a caravan—great job!*

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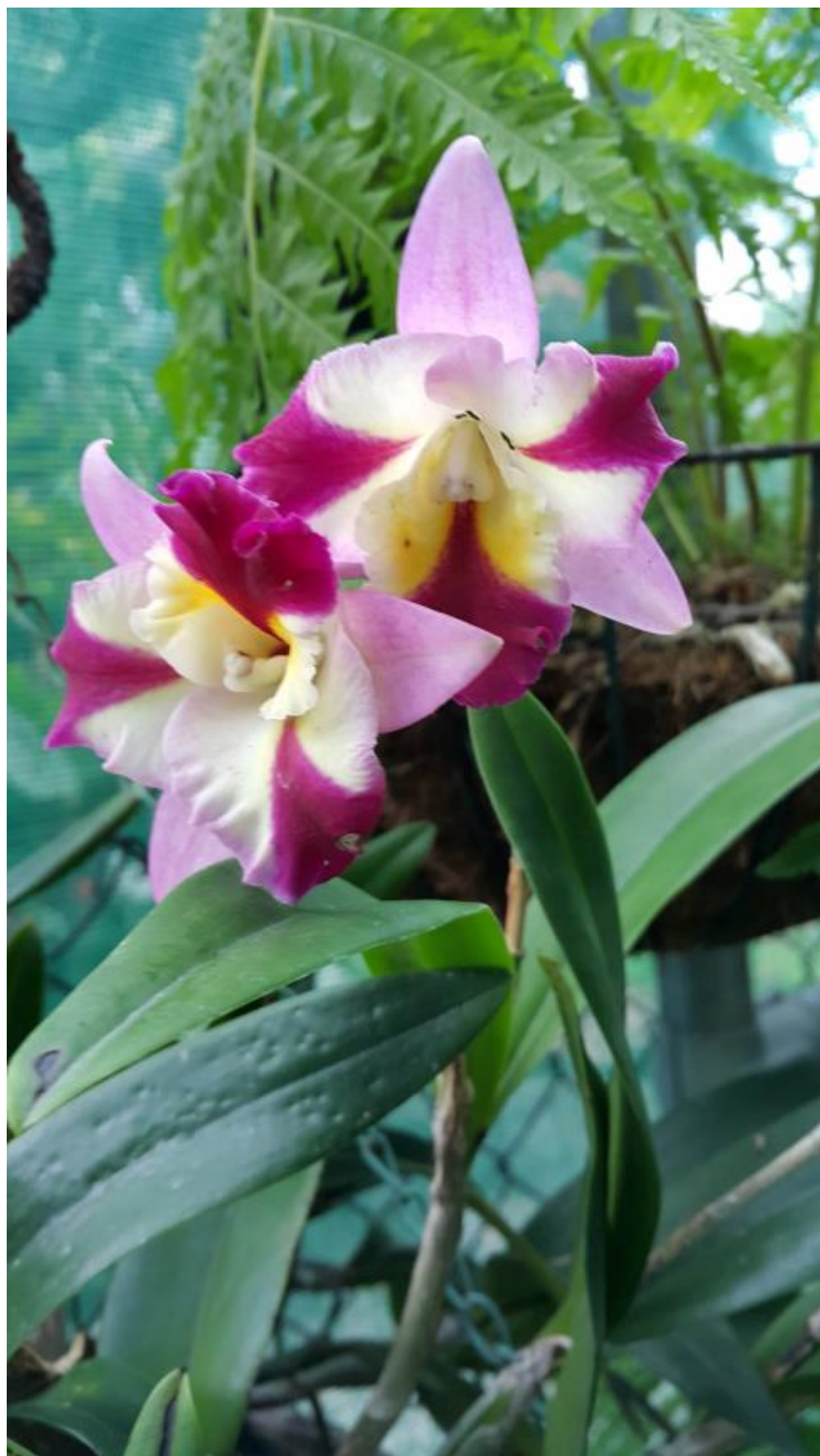
*Di has been tending her plants—with a little help from her friend.*

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## Masterpoint Notes

*by Charlene Frederiksen*

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### *Red Points*

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As we have several red points remaining in our allocation for 2020, we will be able to use these in upcoming face to face sessions and hopefully in future BBO sessions. Register with Deb G. for upcoming face to face sessions.

## ABF Newsletter

**Check out the latest ABF Newsletter.**

- Great info on technology being developed by the ABF
- Free lessons with Paul Marsten - tell a friend
- How are our ABF fees used?
- and believe it or not - **AN 8 YEAR OLD LIFE MASTER!**
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