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From The President



New year, new committee. We welcome Simon Wood, Pam Horton and Anna Green to the 2022 committee. After

our first meeting I am very confident that, again, this committee has the spirit to work as a team towards the best possible outcome for the members of the club.

We went through new job descriptions (courtesy of Redcliffe Bridge Club). One that is new to our club will be the Club Recorder. The club recorder shall be the person to whom players have recourse on complaints or suspicions of improper, unethical or discourteous behaviour by others in general. **Pam Horton** is our Club Recorder in 2022. All positions on the Committee will be mentioned in the new booklet under handy contacts. Full job descriptions of all handy contacts will go on the notice board as soon as they are ready. Soon the COVID restrictions will ease and we will not have to wear a mask indoors. The Club will follow the changes as advised by QLD health and QBA.

TBIB will be our new sponsor. They have numerous insurance policies available, especially travel insurance.

After many years of service to our club as a director, as a trainer of new directors and assisting in many events by baking and organising, **Robyn Grills** has resigned from all

responsibilities. Robyn's health has finally demanded this decision.

We would like to thank Robyn (and Richard) for their contributions over many years. We all look forward to seeing them continue playing bridge at our club.

Our booklet is in the final stages and will get printed very soon.

In the last couple days we have seen more rain than we have experienced in a decade. Consequently, we had to close the club for two days as it was not safe on the roads. Our roof managed the onslaught with only a couple of leaks. Some roof tiles still need be replaced.

If emergencies arise in the future (weather, COVID, etc) please check the clubs' website for information about closures. Email will be send but website can be updated sooner.

Looking forward to happy 😊 bridging with and against everyone.

Robert van Beest
President



Our **AGM** was held on Tuesday 15th February commencing at 9.10am. There were 58 members present. One apology and 48 proxy votes were received.

President's Report:

The 2021 year was a difficult one, although we managed to play bridge throughout the year, observing the various COVID precautions.

During the year, the elected president and secretary resigned. Robert van Beest stepped into the role of President and Trish Lye the role of Secretary.

The Trumpit newsletter was revived, with Anna Green as editor.

Natalie Bloch initiated a partner search service, which has been very successful. Thanks to Natalie.

The EFTOS facility was moved from the Bank of Queensland to Square, which has resulted in appreciable savings in fees.

The Christmas party was a great success, thanks to all involved in its organisation.

The initiative to adopt a new constitution for the Club was unsuccessful, and it will now fall to the new committee to decide whether or not to pursue this matter.

In the coming year the committee will have to negotiate a new lease, and effect various repairs.

Finally, thanks to Owen Marks and Peter Rhind for their commitment to the Club.

Elections for the 2022 office bearers were held and following members were elected:

President Robert Van Beest

Vice President Bruce Hanson

Secretary Simon Wood

Treasurer Sue Norton

Committee Members Phil Chappel, Anna Green and Pam Horton,

Introducing Our New Secretary

I know from experience that clubs and the like find it difficult to get members to act in roles on the management committee.

It was pleasing to be asked to nominate for the role of secretary of the club, and I do thank members for placing your trust in me and electing me to that role.

I have been playing with the club for about a decade. I came to lessons at the club in 2012 at the urging of Ray Cowie, my neighbour. But I'm the first to admit that I'm an infrequent player, only playing on Monday nights, so I'm probably a bit of an unknown quantity to many. I have a degree in accounting, and a post graduate qualification in taxation. I spent most

of my working life with the Australian Taxation Office, first in Canberra and then Brisbane. I retired from the ATO about 15 years ago and subsequently had jobs in the disability employment industry and private accounting. But by 2011 retired life beckoned me and I gave up working – a decision I have never regretted.

After retiring I joined U3A Brisbane to learn Latin, and was asked to nominate as its Secretary. I acted in that role for 5 years, and I found it thoroughly rewarding.

My other interests revolve around gardening, volunteering with a couple of organisations, home life and travel. I was so lucky to have travelled to South America and the Antarctic in February/March 2020. We returned just a week before the COVID mayhem which ensued.

I am looking forward to getting to know all members of the Club in my time as Secretary.

Simon Wood

Welcome New Members

Patricia Pollock, Kay Lehmann and Barry Lehmann are our newest members. Welcome. We hope that you enjoy playing bridge at our Club for many years to come.

Masterpoint Movements

Congratulations to the following members on their recent promotions:

Club	Chrissie Carter
	Marcia Applegate
Local	Debra Green
	Leonie Nugent
Bronze Local	Jane Easton
	Owen Marks
Silver Local	Rosemary Roy
State	Jeff Borg
	Robert Matthew (MP Sec)



Partner Request

If you require a partner, Natalie Bloch is the Club Contact. Either 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".

Director's Corner

Overcalling in a suit

Bidding after an opponent opens shows a good five+ card suit. You don't need opening points, however (although you may have them).

Exercise: Which of these hands should bid 1♥ after right hand opponent opens 1♠?

Hand a)	Hand b)	Hand c)
♠ J3 ♥ AK97 ♦ Q732 ♣ QJ4	♠ 1092 ♥ KQJ98 ♦ 3 ♣ Q932	♠ J43 ♥ A6432 ♦ Q72 ♣ QJ

Answer: Only Hand (b) should bid 1♥, despite having fewer high card points than (a) or (c). Hand (a) should pass - because you should never bid a suit as an overcaller with fewer than five cards [and to bid 1NT as an overcall show a big hand - 15-19 points]. Hand (c) should pass - because the suit is not good enough.

Try to think in terms of the trick-taking potential of your hand. (Hand (b) makes three-four tricks facing absolutely nothing; Hand (c) just one trick those queens and jacks ("quacks") look pretty useless.

Dawn Benes

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Arana Congress

Arana Congress – 1 day Swiss Teams held on Sunday 13th February was a big success.



C Grade was won by team Van Beest – Robert Van Beest, Rhonda Wieckhorst, Trish Lye and Leonie Nugent

Trish and Rhonda came 8th in overall pair results. Well done.

Gold Coast Congress

Gold Coast Congress was conducted between 18th and 26th February 2022. It was the 60th Congress and the theme was "diamonds". Many of our members attended – some for the first time. According to reports, it was a fun social time as well as an opportunity to play bridge and (hopefully) earn points. Here are just a few of the photos:

Peter and Linda Neil, suitably dressed as King and Queen of Diamonds, won Rookie Pairs on Wednesday.





Jane, Jeanette, Leone and Merv enjoyed their first Congress.



Gay and John are veterans of many Congresses.



Carol, Carla, Olivia and Cynthia (Mel in the background) had a great time.



Jeff and Ian were part of a Novice team which came 4th overall.

Coming Events

Thursday 17th March – Intermediate Lessons with Jim Taylor. Lessons will run from 10.00am to 12.00 noon over 4 weeks

Friday 18th March – Friday 1st April GNOT

Saturday 23rd April – Beginner Lessons
Free lessons commence and will continue for 10 weeks. **Kit Clarke 3289 4708** will conduct these lessons.



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