



Surfers Paradise BRIDGE CLUB AT BENOWA

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Note from the President

We commence another Bridge year with many restrictions still in place – who knows what will happen this year !

It is important that we all continue to observe the protocols in place – whether we agree or not.

Last week we have trialled a different table size – with many favourable reports. A question for the committee is how much further we can change. The Club owes those members who very kindly lent their card tables for the past 6/ 7 months a massive thanks. Without those card tables – we would have had only 16 tables & being very limited in our recovery.

The committee endeavours to please the majority of members – sometimes that may not be your view – but we do our best. Elections happen each year !

KITCHEN : The committee has decided that the kitchen will close on 28th March 2021.

Tea and coffee, with biscuits will continue.

This is a sad event – both Jenny and Helen have been with the Club for many years.

We thank them both for their years of service.

It would be appreciated to reduce workload on volunteers that members should bring their own cups.

SATURDAY'S : Each Saturday morning our club conducts both supervised play and lessons.

The club doors have remained open from approximately 8.30am – which has allowed any member to enter the Clubrooms. Lately, it has become evident that this has disturbed both those playing and

those teaching / supervising.
Quite frankly these disturbances border on disrespect.
Those playing have paid their fees and are entitled to play undisturbed.

From this Saturday 30th January 2021 – after opening at 8.30am – and when play / lessons have commenced the Doors will be locked until 11.15am.

The only exceptions to enter are : Saturday's Director – Kitchen staff – working Committee members.

It is irrelevant whether you have a key or not – the players and volunteers are entitled to their time.

Volunteers : with numbers increasing in Lessons / Supervised play – helpers are required.
This is a great way to help, but also to increase your own learning !
Please see one

From 1st January 2021 the following changes were made to Restricted Section limits:

GREEN Point events – up to 75 MPTS

RED Point events – up to 50 MPTS

From FRIDAY 19th February : we will commence an under 10mpts section – this will be supervised by Frank Hymus – we thank you Frank for supporting our newer players.

ALL DAY / GNOT events: with the restriction in Table numbers we are unable to have a walk – in sessions whilst these events are happening.

Further, we are short of Director's – if all are playing in an event (which they are entitled to) there is little we can do. Remember, all members are able to enter any event they so wish !

I have sought a reciprocal arrangement with Gold Coast Bridge Club for GNOT days – but have been offered an arrangement that should you not be an associate member – each session would cost \$7 the correct change is required.

DIRECTOR'S: with no spare Directors at present, we are arranging a Course for Club Directors – several members have indicated their willingness to attend such a course – but, it would be greatly appreciated if we could have 5 / 6 members attend.

Please think what would happen if 1, 2 or 3 plus of our current Directors were unable to direct – NO BRIDGE!

I have requested that our Head of Director's add a relevant ruling for each newsletter – which all members should familiarise themselves with – These are important - as follows :

Directors

INSPECTION OF TRICKS

Law 66 in part reads:

A. So long as his side has not led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until they have turned their own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played to the trick be faced.

B. Until their side has led or played to the next trick, either defender or declarer may inspect, but not expose their own last card played.

Thus do not turn your card over until you are completely happy that you are aware of all four cards played to the trick.

SYSTEM CARDS

Each partnership must have on the table a System Card which gives a true reflection of their partnership agreement. The card must be on the table, not in handbags, wallets, or on the side tables.

Promotions

Graduate Master : Lynda Delany, Gordon Stone **Club Master :** Philip Kerr

Local Master : 15 pts : Kristine Rossiter, John Rolls

Bronze Local Master : 25 pts : Patty Parkin, Helen Jones, Mardi Sloan, Faye Carter, Brenda Hall, Wendy Walburn

Regional Master : 50 pts : Kevin Ridgway, Lois Rolls, Gail Panton

State Master : Frances Cox, Lynette Jelercic, Kay Burchill

Bronze State Master : Florence Alderten

National Master : Felicity Wilkes, Graham Ardern

Bronze Natuional Master : Allison Williams

Life Master : Brian Borrell

Silver Life Master : John Cox

One Thousand Club : Beverley Welch, Janet Johnson, Joan Dawson, Catherine McPaul

GRAND MASTER : Krystna Homik

New Members

We welcome: Bernard Nathan, Robin Nathan and John Rivers.

Education Report

Beginners Lessons commence Saturday 30th January (Jan Ralph) and on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 (Dimity Burke).

Improvers Course also commences on Saturday 30th January and runs for 12 weeks – they will be very ably conducted by John Wilson.

Upcoming Events

Friday 29 th January	G N O T Heat 1	(There are no Walk – Ins on this day)
5 th February	G N O T Heat 1	(There are no Walk – Ins on this day)
12 th February	G N O T Heat 1	(There are no Walk – Ins on this day)

Saturday 30th January & 6th February Red Point Eclectic
(At present we have 31 tables – so that is the daily limit – Doors open at 11.15am on Saturdays)

Wednesday 17th February Newsletter Butler Pairs - ALL DAY - (There are no Walk – Ins on this day)

Monday 8th March Zeppelin Teams - ALL DAY - (There are no Walk – Ins on this day)

Friday 12th & 19th March Red Point Eclectic

Saturday 27th March Novice & Restricted Pairs Congress (all day) This event is sponsored by Vision Optometrists.

Open to all players from 0 mpts to 300 mpts.

We encourage all eligible players to play.

NB : Whether this event takes place will be determined shortly.

Partnership Arrangers

- Local and Below Ange Kerr Telephone : 0411 098601
- All other Ranks Joan Phillips Telephone : 0408 452 347

NB: whilst you may only have the points of Local and below – that does not prevent you from seeking an open partner – Joan is more than willing to assist any player - we in fact, encourage you to play in the open sections.

You can also use your pianola account if you are looking for a partner and also see who is also searching for a partner online

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PLAYING CARDS :

There is a deeper Philosophy than just merely Playing Cards.



The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000.

Some interesting facts and observations about "Playing Cards"

Did you know that the Traditional Deck of the Playing Cards are a strikingly coherent form of a Calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 Playing Cards in a Deck.

There are 13 weeks in each Season and there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 Seasons in a Year and 4 Suits in the Deck.

There are 12 Months in a Year so there are 12 Court Cards (Those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit)

The Red Cards represent Day, while Black Cards represent the Night.

If you let Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and the Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of 1 + 2 + 3 +... to 13 = 91. Multiply this by 4, for the 4 Suits, therefore 91 x 4 = 364, Add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365 being the Days in a Year.

Is that a mere coincidence or a greater intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in all the names of the cards, e.g., add up the letters in

"one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King" = 52!

The Spades indicate ploughing or working.

The Hearts indicates Love thy crops.

The Clubs indicates flourishing and growth.

The Diamonds indicate reaping the wealth.

Also, in some card games 2 Jokers are used; Indicating the Leap year.

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The Mathematical perfection is stunning...