

Hello to all of our 365 members

     What a mammoth task **Carol Smith and Ann Coppard** undertook to **source replacement chairs** for the Clubhouse and how fortunate are we as members, to be able to trial so many different styles and designs of chairs. Please ensure that you **trial as many of the chairs on offer as you can** and then submit your responses to bridgeclubchairs@gmail.com, letting Carol and Ann know your thoughts. Please ignore the fabric or colour ways that you trial, as these can all be altered very easily. Both positive and constructive criticism is welcomed by the ladies.

Megan Struik, decided to 'step down' from committee but will continue in her vital role of Wednesday partnership arranger. Megan has had this task for quite some time now and we are appreciative of her efforts. **Peter Hedison** has been welcomed aboard to MC - thanks Peter and we look forward to working with you.

Sadly, we were unsuccessful with our **solar panel grant application** but Rosie Charles, Neville Hazlett and Kathy Male all beaver away at many different applications throughout the year. The funding applications are hard to secure but we are out there trying our darnedest on your behalf in as many areas we can apply to.

Congratulations to our **four new Accredited Club Directors – Prue Adams, Rose Fletcher, Greg Murray and yours truly** – who have all successfully passed the final examination. This is a significant achievement and reflects the commitment, hard work and perseverance shown by everyone throughout the course. Having passed the examination, we now **enter the trainee phase**, where we will continue to develop the practical skills and confidence required to direct regular club bridge sessions under the guidance of our experienced Directors. A very special thank you goes to **Kathy Male**, who generously volunteered her time over four months to prepare and conduct weekly training sessions. Her dedication, encouragement and willingness to share her knowledge were instrumental in achieving our 100% pass rate.

MC have recently updated our **Code of Conduct and Complaint Management procedure**, both of which can be found in the Documents section of our website. We encourage all members to take a few minutes to read them. A big thank you to **Derek Nankivell** for the considerable work he has put into updating these important documents.

We have a new shield that will adorn our clubhouse walls coming shortly  **John Gill** would like to support a **perpetual trophy** that gets awarded annually for the winners of the **Pro Am** events, be they the pairs event or the teams event. The shield is on order and we are ever hopeful that we will have it for the teams of 3 and a Pro event which happens **on Monday 10 August**. Please sign up for the event on the noticeboard near the kitchen, stating your current Masterpoints as well. It will be a FUN filled event for sure and one that John would dearly loved to have played in.

A heartfelt thanks to **Robbie Date, Ann Coppard and Mark Miller** for most successfully steering our recent **Club Team Champs**. What a wonderful club atmosphere every participant experienced, all due to great planning behind the scenes. What a lovely touch of Robbie's to supply us all with pens, dedicated to the champs 👍 ... thanks for that. Our newly crowned **winning team** comprised **Tim Ridley, Phylly Barnett, Maureen Jakes and David Harris** with runners up **Eugene Mooney, Anna Irminger, Di Jones and Ali Walker**. Congrats to these members but also to the remaining 88 participants, a few of them experiencing their first ever champs ... thanks for entering the event everybody 😊

We recently asked our **2 most recent graduating classes** to complete a **questionnaire** at the end of their lessons, to try and assist us with our marketing strategy and assessing the various components of our classes. Our respondents were **very supportive** in their responses and are currently enjoying the regular Saturday supervised play at the Club. Let's hope that they all get as addicted to the game as we are 🎮.

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The **AC in the North** appears to be 'tripping' and **resetting to cool mode**, requiring a technician to fix the issue. Apologies if cooler air has been blowing in on you in the North lately but please 🙏 with us on this one.

The Leisure Centre, our neighbour next door, provides lovely coffee, muffins, quiches, sandwiches and more if you are ever seeking a bite to eat before or after a bridge session. They are most generous in allowing the club access to their rooms for off site meetings when requested, so to support their cafe would be much appreciated and gratifying for you 😊

Wendy Sherman is in a class of her own when it comes to **baking** 🌟 🌟 🌟 I swear that she wakes each day and dreams up yet another novel way to bake a new biscuit, slice or cake, ready for Garry to deliver to the club, where he uses his past surgical experience and cuts the cakes or slices into pieces, ready to feed the masses. Her baking has extended to supplying the supervised play sessions on Saturday mornings with scrumptious offerings ... what a treat and we are all most grateful for your time and generosity Wendy 🙏

Barbara Travis was recently at the Club speaking about "Counting the Cards" and she certainly made this difficult task sound so easy 🙄. Her accolades are amazing in the world of bridge, with her most recent success in the Asia Cup pairs champs in Goa, where she and her partner Lori Smith won gold medals, that Barbara sported on the day that she was in Noosa. She has left the club **2 x travelling sets of cards, with cheat sheets and all, that can be borrowed by any member at any time. There is a \$50 deposit required to use the set**

and you will receive \$40 back once they are returned to the club. An invaluable teaching tool for anyone keen to further their skill level. For those **members who ordered her books**, many of you have not yet paid. Please arrange payment as soon as possible so she can process the whole order for posting to NBC. 📦

Another lengthy newsletter again but feedback suggests that most members enjoy keeping abreast of club news. Thanks for taking the time to read it all,

Cheers Barb 🌸