



**President's Message**

Happy 2007 to all members. The new year teams was a great success thanks to Marion Cooke and all her helpers. Several members asked me about the allocation of additional Red Point sessions in late 2006. Maurie Cullen has provided a full report from the Tournament Committee (copy below). I hope you will agree that every effort was made to be as fair as possible.

I appreciate those players who discussed the issues with me and I would trust that any such matters will be raised so that complete answers can be given.

The Board has plans for a "Bring and Buy" specifically for food in May/June. We need to know that there will be players willing to supply items for sale. Would you please let Toni know if you are able to help. The funds raised will assist the club in plans to renovate and improve facilities.

Our main objective for 2007 should be to attract more potential players by introducing bridge via our lessons. If every member could encourage a relative or friend to enrol we would be on the way to success. We all love the game so why not share this with family and friends.

Keith McDonald



**Report from the Tournament Committee**

The QCBC Tournament Committee met on the 12th Oct.2006 to plan the calendar for 2007. It was then realised that the club still had an entitlement to 5 Red Point sessions in 2006. In planning when to schedule

those sessions it was carefully looked at the existing Red Point competitions already held for each of the 10 club sessions each week. The Tuesday and Friday sessions had been well served in 2006 with Red Point competitions (compared with other club sessions). The bonus 5 sessions were allocated to sessions in a balanced manner to try and give as fair a distribution as was possible. There were other factors also to be considered:

The session times needed to be suitable to Jan & Geoff to allow them to run them. Also the resources (sets of boards, scoring materials and time), would be doubled for a Swiss movement run on the larger daytime sessions when 30 or more tables would be involved. Also these sessions would need a caddy (none available). This all make Tuesday And Friday far less desirable as options for a ONE SESSION SWISS event. It was considered that the best use of these special Swiss events would be the sessions that normally attract fields in the region of 10-16 tables.

As it transpired the larger sessions were already well served by one and two day Red Point Competitions during the year so they did not actually need extra sessions to restore equity.

Hope this explains the thinking of the committee at the time and helps people understand the decisions that were made.



**HELP**

We need someone to help fit new speakers or can recommend someone.

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to David O'Gorman and his brother in law - they maintain the front of the building and did a wonderful job on cleaning out underneath the building and dumping it.



## RESULTS:

### CHRISTMAS PARTY – HIGHEST SCORE

VICKI FOOTS & YVONNE KILVERT - 67.96%

### NEW YEARS EVE TEAMS

Pip & Neville Francis      Claire Green Peter Hainsworth

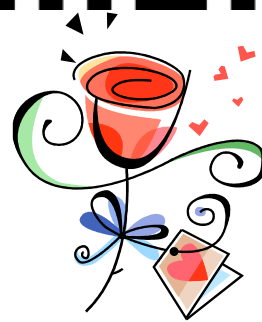


## COMING EVENTS



QCBC NOVICE PAIRS  
Sunday 11 February

Less than 100mp



PAM BROWN ROSEBOWL  
Tuesdays 7.30pm  
6 & 13 February



MANILA / MUSGRAVE CUPS  
Wednesdays 7 & 14 February  
Red masterpoints



MARGARET LEAHY TROPHY  
Started Monday PM 8 January  
13 week aggregate  
Your best nine scores are counted  
1<sup>st</sup> \$40



MINI BRIDGE  
FREE introduction to Bridge  
Fridays 10.30-12.30  
February 3 & 10



NEW YEAR TROPHY  
Saturday 20 January  
Red Masterpoints



BRIDGE LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS  
Mon 7.30pm - February 6  
Frd 10.30am - February 17





Graduate Master	Lana Meldon Glenys Pollock (Who???)
Local Master	Susan Leahy Allan Nicholas John Price
*Local Master	Margaret Falk
**Local Master	Patrick Bugler Alan Cohn David O’Gorman Sameer Pandya Tony Treloar
Regional Master	Anna Poplawski Thomas Tink
*Regional Master	Margaret Cooper
State Master	Lilian Noble
National Master	Jeanette Campbell



## Play In Your Own Time And Club TEAMS

Play in any participating QBA affiliated Club during Normal session times.  
 Play each match at a time suitable to your team and your opponents  
 30 board round robin matches – 64 board final  
 A new event conducted by the QBA  
 A special state event - red masterpoints at B4s level  
 Entry forms available soon  
 For further information contact:  
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Special thanks to our sponsors for their support in the coming year. You will find details about Franks Automotive, Goodyear Auto Service Woolloongabba, and Yellow Cabs who are our sponsors, in the 2007 Calendar/Diary. Don't forget to support these sponsors during the year.



Thanks to BCC for their donation towards the cost of the Christmas party which was a great success. This funding comes from the BCC Senior Citizens Funding Program.



The Christmas raffle raised \$398 net. Thank you to Harry Giesen for making and donating the beautiful Christmas cake for 1st prize.



The Bring and Buy raised approx \$3668 - thank you to all who donated and bought treasures



## Have you bought a copy of the QCBC Cook Book yet?

A big thank you to Carolyn Woolley who put this together. A lot of work went into it. The QCBC cook books are selling for \$12 and are full of great recipes.



## Profile of a Player

### George Macionis



George Macionis was introduced to the game of bridge at quite a young age by his "bridge fanatic" parents who played a lot of social rubber bridge with their friends and occasionally required a "built-in" sit-in for a fourth player!

His working years allowed for only occasional social games but on retirement George joined QCBC towards the latter part of 1999 and has since then enjoyed several games of bridge most weeks.

His Mum, Nina, who is in her "young nineties" and his Aunt, Helen, also joined QCBC a few years ago and continue to play some social rubber bridge on a regular basis.



Living at nearby Kangaroo Point, George, as all QCBC members, was delighted that the club was "saved" from having to relocate. He plans to continue to enjoy playing bridge at the club for quite a few years to come.!"

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**JOKE CORNER**

**Number One Desire**

A man is stranded on a deserted island for 10 years. One day he notices a speck on the horizon, and he watches intently as it draws near. "It can't be a boat," he thinks. "It can't be a fish." Suddenly, a beautiful woman emerges from the sea wearing scuba gear and a wet suit.

"Hi there!" she says.

The man is amazed. "But... but...how did you get here?"

"Never mind," says the woman as she unzips the left pocket of her wet suit and hands the man a cigarette.

"Wow, this is terrific! I haven't had a smoke in 10 years!"

"Enjoy!" says the woman as she unzips the right pocket of her wet suit and gives the man a flask of whiskey.

"I can't believe it! This tastes so good!"

Next the woman starts to unzip the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit. "Now I've got something you *really* want."

"What!" he says, "Don't tell me you've got a *deck of cards* in there too!"

(Apologies to the politically correct)

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**Crucial Decisions**

Imagine you are a spy; you have been parachuted behind enemy lines – your job is to transmit vital information back home. There's just one hitch: any message you send home is liable to be intercepted by the enemy. At every turn, you have a crucial decision to make: is the benefit of getting the information home outweighed by the risk of exposing the same information to the enemy?

Bridge players are often faced with the same sort of dilemma whilst bidding: every time you pass information to your partner, you pass the same information to your opponents. And sometimes it's best to stay mum. In the following deal, you are East. Let's say you are playing the Unusual No Trump, where a bid of 2NT shows the two lowest unbid suits. Do you keep quiet, or do you alert your partner to your 5-5 distribution in the hope of stealing the contract?

N/S Vulnerable

Dealer East

		♠K 10 8	
		♥K 4	
		♦A 8 5 4 2	
		♣J 6 2	
♠Q 6 5 3			♠7
♥10 3	N		♥J 9 8 7 2
♦J 10 6 3	W	E	♦K 9
♣A 10 3		S	♣Q 9 8 7 4
		♠A J 9 4 2	
		♥A Q 6 5	
		♦Q 7	
		♣K 5	

West	North	East	South
-	-	pass	1♠
pass	2♦	2NT	dbler
3♣	3♠	pass	4♠
pass	pass	pass	

The auction above is actually how it went. The event was the St John's Wood Auction Pairs and South was Nick Sandqvist who went on to win the event with Gunnar Hallberg.

West led the ♥10. Nick won with the ♥K and played a club to the ♣K (thinking East probably held the ♣A). West won and continued with the ♣10. East's ♣Q captured dummy's ♣J. The ♣9 was returned and Nick ruffed. He now played the ♠J – the bidding had marked West, not East, with trump length. West played low and Nick continued with a spade to dummy's ♠10, East discarding a club. When he cashed the ♠K, East threw a heart. He then played a heart to his ♥A and on the play of the ♠A, East was 'strip-squeezed': he had to throw his last club in order to keep ♦K9 and ♥J9. Nick now cashed the ♥Q and exited with a low heart to East's ♥J. East was end-played: he had to lead away from ♦K9.

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These photos of our grandchildren were taken on our Christmas holiday in Fiji. Charles is being nursed by a lovely Fijian lady and Hannah is dancing in her grass skirt. (Next month we want a photo of Toni's grandchildren)

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