



Message from the President

The AGM was well attended. Marion chaired the meeting with her normal grace and charm. The club is very grateful for her wonderful work in a difficult year. The Board has asked Marion to conclude ( if possible) several outstanding matters with the City Council.

Kate Donovan has joined the Board and will prove a valuable asset.

I was delighted to be elected President by your Board. As a Director since 1983 I knew I would get a start sooner or latter. There are exciting challenges ahead. The new air conditioner has been purchased, new table clothes and internal painting will happen. Ray Ellaway has done the work to recommend the club adopt " DSL Direct to improve our internet access" Tthis has been approved by the Board.

I need to thank all the members who assisted in the hosting of the Qld Graded Teams and the farewell to Reg Bush and Joan Mc Pheat as active Congress Directors. Reg and Joan have directed Congress events for QCBC for over 30 years. It was great to see our members play to support the event and thank Reg and Joan. Syd Solo donated the raffle prizes which raised \$200. Thanks Syd. The helpers in the kitchen with Rose were exhausted at the end of the day.

Claire Hyne is co-ordinating the Bring and Buy to start 20 November. This has traditionally been a big success. Please see what you may be able to give to help. If possible we would like to raise funds to purchase a new commercial dishwasher. Buying items is as important as supplying items!

The Board will apply for grants to assist and if any member can help by identifying sources for a Grant please let me know. There is a " suggestions" box at

the front door. We are also keen to rent the premises to increase rental income?

Work is being done to formulate Teaching and Marketing strategies.

Don't forget the Christmas Party, Saturday 16 December. I would hope to see you all at this festive occasion.

Keith.

(Our new President is Keith McDonald. For those who may not have had the opportunity to meet Keith some brief facts  
Member of QCBC since 1979. Director since 1983. QCBC Recorder for 20 years.  
Member of the Management Committee of the ABF since 1993. Treasurer 4 years and President of the ABF since 1998.  
Delegate to QBA 1983, President for 20 years.  
Captain of youth, women's, open and seniors teams at National Championships.  
Degrees in accounting and management. A Fellow of CPA Australia, associate of the Institute of Management, associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries, associate of the Institute of Corporate Managers.  
Keith is 55 and still works in Public practice.)



RED POINT SWISS PAIRS

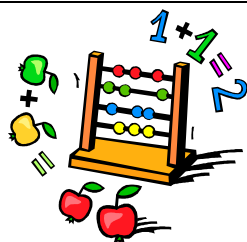
Wednesday 7.30pm 29 November  
Saturday 1pm 9 December  
Wednesday 10.30am 13 December  
Jan Peach & Geoff Slack Smith will be directing





# BRING & BUY STARTS

21 NOVEMBER  
Treasures wanted.



## QLD WIDE PAIRS

Tuesday 7.30pm - 21 Nov  
Wednesday 10.30am - 22 Nov  
\$8 members - table fees included  
red points and cash prizes



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 26 November



## NOVICE TEAMS

Sunday 26 November

What is on Tony Treloar's head??



QCBC

## NEW YEARS EVE TEAMS

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

Cash prizes - champagne supper



Graduate Master	Joe Abrahams Marilyn Burgess Richard Duczmal Ron Kuypers
Club Master	Barbara Fuller Alan Watson Jeanne Welch
Local Master	Chris Elmes Chellath Nithianandan Marie O'Brien Margaret Price
*Local Master	Mary McAdam Tony Treloar
**Local Master	Marcia Griffin Malcolm Moffatt Susan Paton Beverley Watson
*Regional Master	Gwenneth Jones
State Master	Karen Elmes Lex Ferguson Harry Gieson
Maureen Jones	Teresa Lehane Rod Shelbourn Robin Steinhardt
*State Master	Narelle Close Heather England Marion Gavan Judy Hildebrand George Macionis Patricia Thomson
**National Master	Roberta Tait
Grand Master	Jim Millar



QCBC welcomes new member Bo Bijker and  
welcomes back Peter Hancock and John Mills.



## **RESULTS:**

**PRESIDENTS CUP** M Cooke M Millar  
**MANNING TRAY** M Sullivan J Wardrop

## **GRADED TEAMS:**

**A** R Clayton A Smith  
K McDonald J Mills

**B = 1** G McCarthy B Carroll  
J Power A Smith  
**= 1** J & J Steele R Fraser  
D McAdam

**C** L Kwok A Chan  
L Crookall P Pratt

## **PAT WILSON TROPHY**

C de Jong P Bugler

## **Melbourne Cup Day**

C Stone T Treloar

## **STAMPS & COINS**

Do you have stamps and/or coins you wish to have valued or to dispose of, please contact:

DAVID - 0428 450616 or at QCBC

## **PROFILE OF A PLAYER**

Keith McDonald



Keith's love of card games began when he was about 10 years old. His mother was often quite sick and confined to bed. As she lay in a large double bed, his sisters and he would sneak into the room to play card games. Eventually fighting would begin and his father would arrive to throw them out of the room reminding them that they must not disturb mother! His Mum, though, was obviously bored and actively

encouraged them to appear with the deck of cards. He has four sisters and two brothers, all of whom have been very understanding in playing a secondary role to bridge.

When he started work at the National Mutual Life (1968), his colleagues were delighted to find they had a five hundred player. In May 1974, when he started work at the University of Queensland, he again had a regular lunch time card school. Again five hundred was the game.

After Marianna De Jong commenced work in their Department in late 1974, she introduced them to bridge and a relatively new system called Precision, invented by C. C. Wei.

In 1976, the University was to play a match with the Queensland Bridge Association. The University was short a pair so Keith and his colleague, Don Walker, in ignorant bliss, agreed to help playing against the Women's Team. They won, but couldn't see why the Ladies seemed upset that they could not tell them exactly what they were bidding; and what were discarding methods pray-tell!

Marianna organised for Keith to play at a Dutch club where he met many interesting people including Marya Jones and Bill Verstegen. Marya and Keith then started playing at the Queensland Contract Bridge Club.

Driving in for the first time to QCBC, Keith reminded Marya that we were playing weak 2's. He opened 2 hearts and Marya responded with 7 hearts and Keith was very disappointed in the 10 point hand that descended to the table. Marya explained that he needed a little more for a strong 2 hearts. Keith explained they were playing weak 2's and she told him not to be silly, she only played strong 2.s. The next hand, Marya opened 2 hearts, so with his 14 count he bid 6 hearts (He was timid). She was most upset with him and told him he should never raise a weak 2 on such rubbish. He apologised. Their opponents were a mother and daughter, Marion and Kym Cooke.

In Keith's own words "I cannot describe the joy I found with this wonderful group at Manning Street. Dr Denis Priest, an academic from the University of Queensland, gave me considerable help with the game. He had won his first tournament event, a whist drive, at the age of five."

Every month, Keith would ask Fay Landy for his green master-point certificate. She would always smile, and hand him a certificate for 30/40 greenpoints. Tom Landy offered books and articles to read. There were many helpful people, whom he regards as close friends.

Keith admired the talented list of Chairmen of QCBC, including Mrs Evelyn Ahern, Mrs Elaine Poulsen, and Mrs Claire Hyne. In 1980, the President asked him if he would represent the club at Meetings of the Queensland Bridge Association. Hence began his long association with the organisation. He joined





the QCBC Board in 1983 and has been a Director since. He had the pleasure of opening the new premises, with Nelly Hatton and Josie Tully, in 1992, as President of the State organisation.

In the late 70's, he lectured at the Queensland University of Technology. In 1983, he was acting Head of the University of Queensland Press and during that time, the Press published 2 volumes on bridge by Dr Priest.

Keith has gone on to an untiring involvement in Bridge at all levels. (See previous note on Page 1).

He lists some highlights of his time as President of QBA as

- ◇ The commencement of a Scheme to fund Clubs in the purchase of capital items by way of loans.
- ◇ The growth of membership, principally because of the steady climate in administration.
- ◇ The 1988 Be-Centennial event held by the QBA.
- ◇ Opening new premises for a number of clubs, each now with a plaque.
- ◇ The success of the Gold Coast event.
- ◇ Launching the History of Australian Bridge by Cathy Chua at the the 1993 ANC.
- ◇ The expansion of the number of clubs acquiring premises.
- ◇ The excellent support from all levels of Government. The State Government has been a very major contributor to our success.

Finally, from an article in *"The Sunday Mail"* which featured Keith and was written by John Hay, Keith describes Bridge.

"It's the most democratic of pastimes, and cuts across social barriers like nobody's business.

Players turn up at bridge clubs in expensive Mercedes Benz and old jalopies. They come from all sections of society. Doctors, cab drivers, housewives, labourers, academics, journalists, lawyers, sandwich shop keepers."

If he had a second chance to start life again, he says he would want to include all facets of my bridge experience; that is not to say that there are not aspects that he would have preferred took a different route.

(These notes are based on an article in *"Mind Games A Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland"* Edited by Colin Masters and published by Queensland Bridge Association Inc in 1999.)



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Winners of A.section of Graded Teams  
 John Mills, K McDonald, R Clayton, A Smith



Farewell for Reg & Joan - (Graded Teams with 62 teams playing) was the last congress Reg & Joan directed for QCBC.



Patrick Bugler & Sameer Pandya – winners of Joan Gliddon Trophy 2006.

