



# CBC Newsletter April 2022

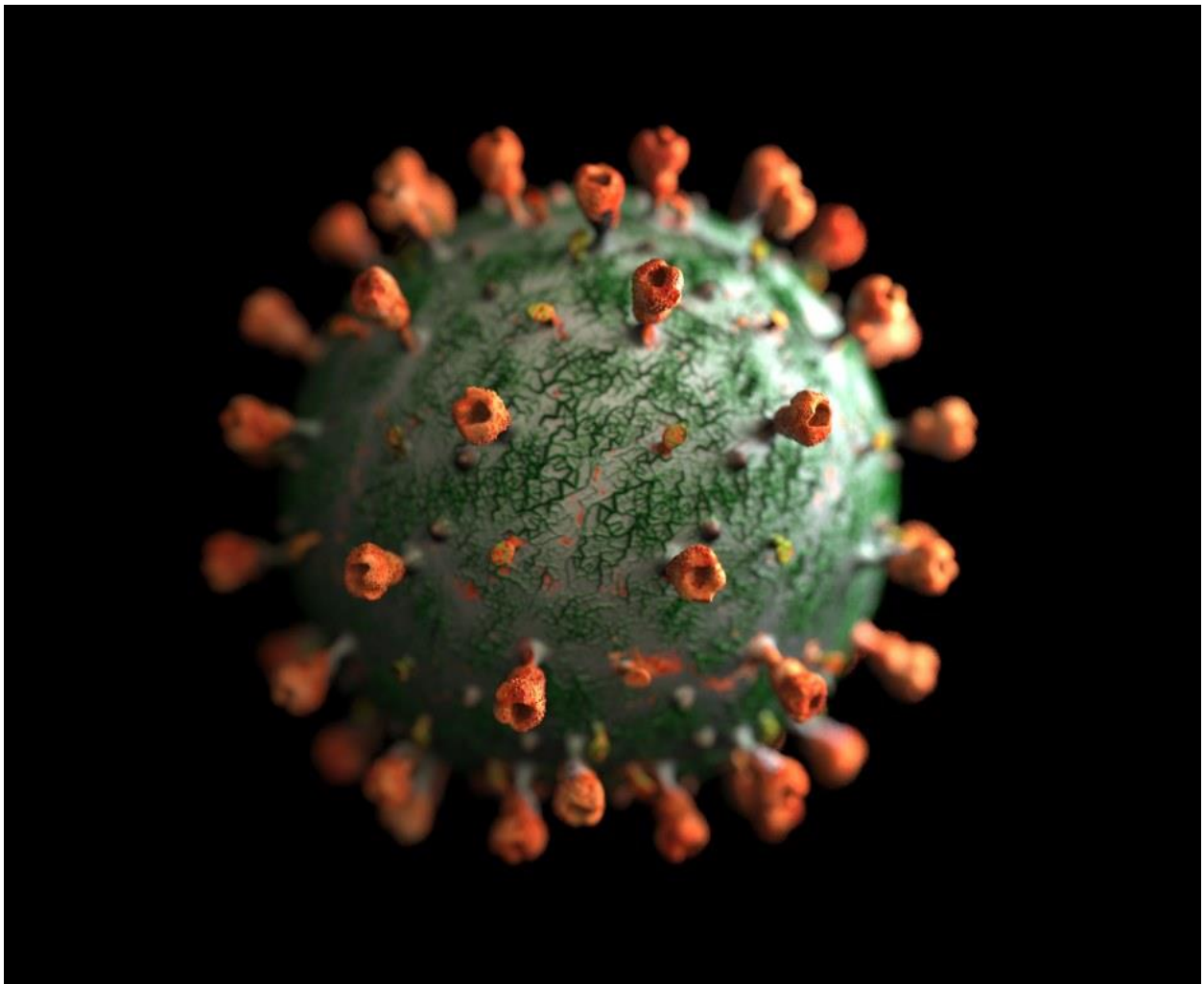
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## Covid Update



It has been tricky keeping up with the requirements for Bridge play during Covid - masks, no masks, vaccination, double vaccination, booster, sanitise, sanitise, sanitise etc.

Everyone has done a great job and we appreciate your co-operation during these changing times. Since returning to Face to Face play, there has been little impact on our sessions due to everyone's diligence - thank you.

## Lessons



**Bridge Lessons**

**Let your friends know they can learn all about this wonderful card game.**

Lessons begin at 9 AM on Monday May 2nd at the Caboolture Bridge Club  
10 Short Street Caboolture. 10 lessons, \$5 per lesson, plus \$10 for lesson book.  
Fee includes first year membership fees.

The next lessons will commence on Monday May 2, so if you know anyone who may be interested please get them to give Charlene a call.

## Competitions.



### CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION



This teams event, held in November was won by Dorothy Gehrke, Errol Miller and Elizabeth & Neil Gibson. A great effort.



We finally held our Christmas luncheon, originally planned as a Christmas in July Event, but eventually held on December 8th.

During this celebration we hand out all the individual trophies to those players having had success at club events during the year for which accolades have been given in previous newsletters.

However, the one award that comes as a result of hard work throughout the year by newer players, is the Muriel Davis Trophy. For 2021 this was awarded to Jan Kinross and Rosie Floquet. Super effort ladies.



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And around the Clubs

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1 - Ross & Peter came second in B grade with team mates Barry and Neville Williams. at Brisbane Bridge Centre Easter Congress Great job chaps.

BIBC Easter Pairs - B Grade (April 2022)													
Results after 8 of 8 matches													
Place	Cat	Pair Names	Percentage per match (rounded)								Totals		
			M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Matchpoints	Percentage	Red pts
1	B	PETER BURKE / ROD WILSON (12)	70	59	54	47	46	62	60	70	777.2	57.8%	3.19
2	B	SARAH HUNTINGTON-WYNE / TIM SAYER (16)	49	49	31	50	79	74	55	64	758.4	56.4%	2.41
3	B	DAVID EARNSHAW / DANIEL CHUA (2)	62	60	45	68	53	53	67	30	734.5	54.7%	2.02
4	B	ANDREW SHARP / SUSAN SHARP (18)	60	36	43	58	48	51	85	52	728.9	54.2%	1.41
5	B	DEANNE GASKELL / GILL PHILLIPPO (18)	37	56	57	48	69	54	70	36	718.1	53.4%	1.26
6	B	KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN / MARY SIMON (6)	61	64	46	59	48	64	33	50	714.8	53.2%	1.17
7	B	VOJKO MARKOVIC / VESNA MARKOVIC (14)	42	57	69	57	52	59	40	48	710.6	52.9%	1.09
8	B	WENDY CUTHBERT / KATHLEEN CLIFFORD (20)	52	61	66	41	60	47	45	50	708.1	52.7%	0.90
9	B	DAVID SYDES / MARGE HENRY (21)	62	40	38	57	48	26	67	62	703.0	52.3%	1.06
10	B	TILLEY THILLAINATHAN / DEVI THILLAINATHAN (13)	38	67	80	53	47	36	30	64	696.4	51.8%	0.56
11	B	BARRY WILLIAMS / NEVILLE WILLIAMS (4)	61	57	55	43	52	38	38	50	694.5	51.7%	0.70
12	C	LINDA NEIL / SUE CALTHROP (26)	62	43	42	63	42	43	66	50	693.0	51.6%	0.49
13	B	KERRY POPE / NANETTE HINSCH (7)	48	60	43	57	57	46	49	46	684.0	50.9%	0.56

2 - Tim and Sarah scored second place in the B grade Pairs. Another great effort.



The 60th Gold Coast Bridge Congress was held from February 18th to 26th. We had quite a few players attending, with various levels of success. A number came away with cash in their pockets.



Jan and Rosie took out the Novice Title. Read the article below, from the Beachmere Sands publication.

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### Coming up trumps.

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THE RESIDENTS OF PALM LAKE RESORTS BEACHMERE SANDS AND BEACHMERE BAY LOVE A BIT OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION, BUT IT'S WHEN THEY TEAM UP THAT THE REAL MAGIC HAPPENS. JUST ASK NOVICE BRIDGE CHAMPIONS JAN KINROSS AND ROSEMARY (ROSIE) FLOQUET.

Jan and Rosie never expected to take out the title in the Novice Pairs Championship at their biggest bridge competition. But, at the Gold Coast Congress on February 18 to 26, that's exactly what they did.

A relative newbie to the game of bridge, Jan started in 2019 – but it was love at first game. A Palm Lake Resort Beachmere Sands resident herself, she quickly joined the inter-resort bridge club.

“Rosie lives at Beachmere Bay, so we met during one of those sessions and clicked immediately – we have very similar personalities,” says Jan. “Rosie had been playing for years but, like me, didn't have a permanent partner, so it was the perfect fit.”

The pair plays three times a week at the Caboolture Bridge Club and at the resort. They had also been playing at clubs and tournaments in the area, but it was their mentor, Noreen Weyling, who convinced them to enter their largest competition ever.

“The Gold Coast Congress is typically an international event, but thanks to COVID, this year’s was a scaled-down version with primarily Australian players,” says Jan. “In previous years it would draw about 2700 players, but attendance was halved to 1300 players.”

Jan and Rosie spent a weekend at Surfers Paradise for the competition, playing a full day of qualifying games on Saturday February 19. They needed to make the top 14 to go through to the finals and place, and qualify they did. When the ladies went into the finals the following day, they were seventh - the middle of the field.

“It was quite exciting because the results are live – they have a monitor where you can keep track of the leader board,” says Jan. “Rosie didn’t want to know, but I did!”

Jan watched nervously as they teetered from eighth, to third, back to seventh and so on. By their last round, they were in first place - leading by two points!

“We knew what we needed to keep our margin, and in the end we came out a full 26 points ahead of the runners up,” says Jan. “We couldn’t believe it.”

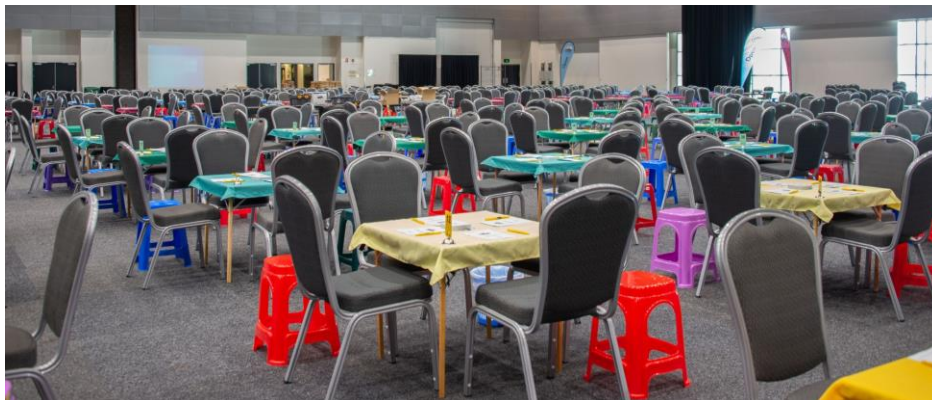
They won \$700 in prize money and a bottle of wine, and now have their names on the Novice Championship Shield. But their winnings were nothing compared to the pride they felt at scoring higher than far more experienced bridge players, even in higher grades.

“I had a look at the winners in each section, right up to Opens, and there were only four pairs who had higher points than we did,” says Jan. “There is a certain amount of luck to the game of bridge, but I am very proud that we played the cards to a level that was beyond our category.”

But bridge means more to Jan than accolades - it has been an outlet, a social activity, and a way for her to indulge her (self-confessed) competitive nature.

“I participate in many resort activities, but bridge now takes priority,” says Jan. “I am excited to see what Rosie and I do next.”

A few pictures from the Congress.









How's the weather at your place?



This was a common refrain during the deluge our area received last month.

As in 2011, the Club Rooms remained unscathed despite about a metre of rain falling over just a few days, however there were a few anxious moments.....







## Coming Events

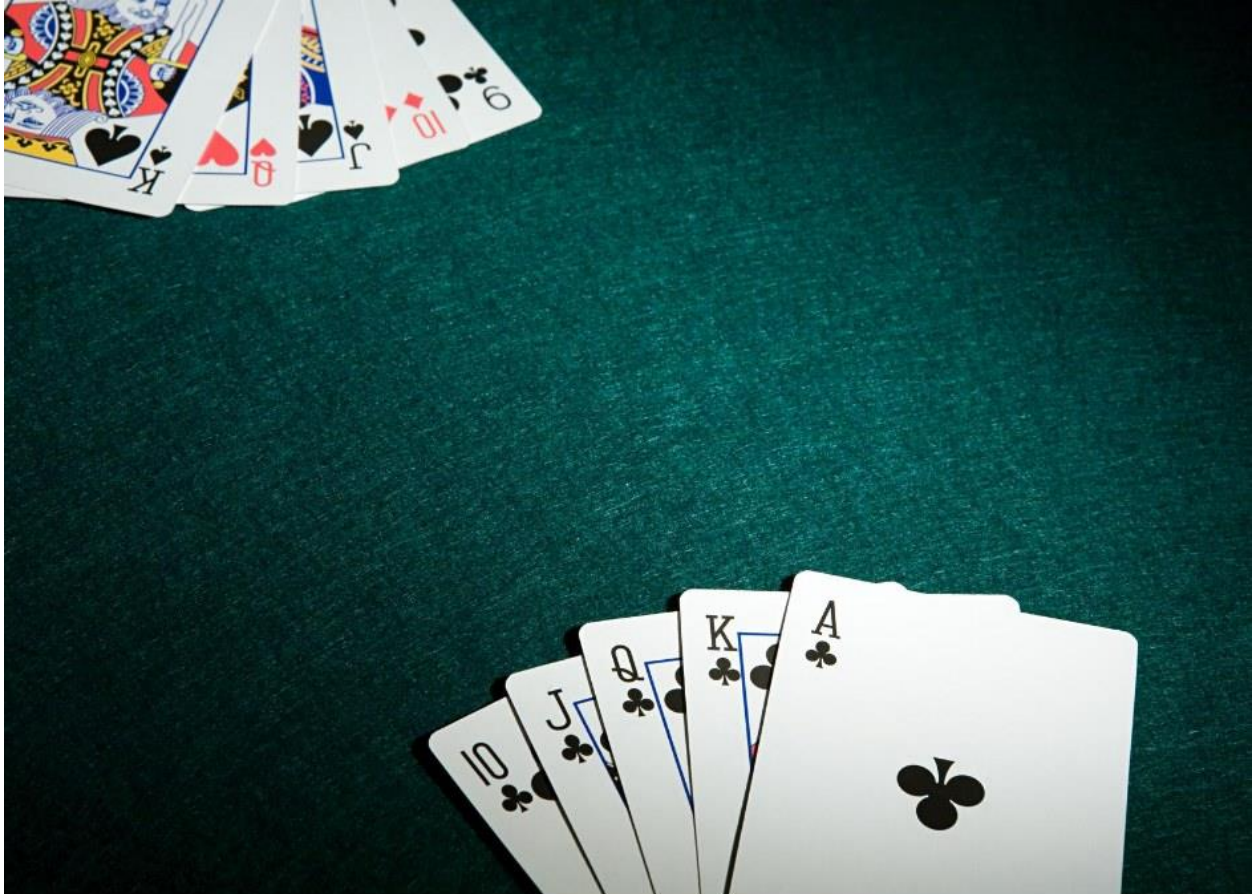
- **GNOT club heats are on April 30th and May 1st. Completing all 3 sessions over the one weekend has been a successful approach, virtually eliminating substitutes. We hope to continue with this scheduling.**
- **May 22nd will see Caboolture playing at Moreton Bribie for our annual teams competition. Register on the form at the club or the Special Event Registration<sup>1</sup> button on our club website.**
- **May 31st is the rescheduled date for the Australia Wide Novice Pairs Competition. As we were unable to hold our club Novice Pairs competition due to lack of entries, it is unlikely that**

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<sup>1</sup>[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkgMrNLVNHm1tQ9Az29g5yTT2pld2Jo8\\_Y-St8Qe2N\\_FM4w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdkgMrNLVNHm1tQ9Az29g5yTT2pld2Jo8_Y-St8Qe2N_FM4w/viewform)

this event will go ahead, however, interested players may be able to find another club holding this event between 25th & 31st May.

## Director's Corner



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### *UNAUTHORISED INFORMATION*

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Kim Ellaway, the Secretary of the QBA, will be distributing information on this topic shortly. We will forward it to all members.

**Law 16** in the "2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge" is very specific on the information a player can and **cannot** use during the auction and play.

I would recommend that all players access the following link from the QBA which provides "Tips for All on Law and Ethics".<sup>2</sup>

## Club Improvements

You will have noticed our built in cupboards at the back of the room, which have replaced the free standing cupboards previously scattered around the fringes. These have made a huge difference to the room. A big thanks must go to Peter G for coordinating this effort, with the team from Zente completing the build early this year.



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<sup>2</sup><https://qldbridge.com.au/bridge-etiquette>

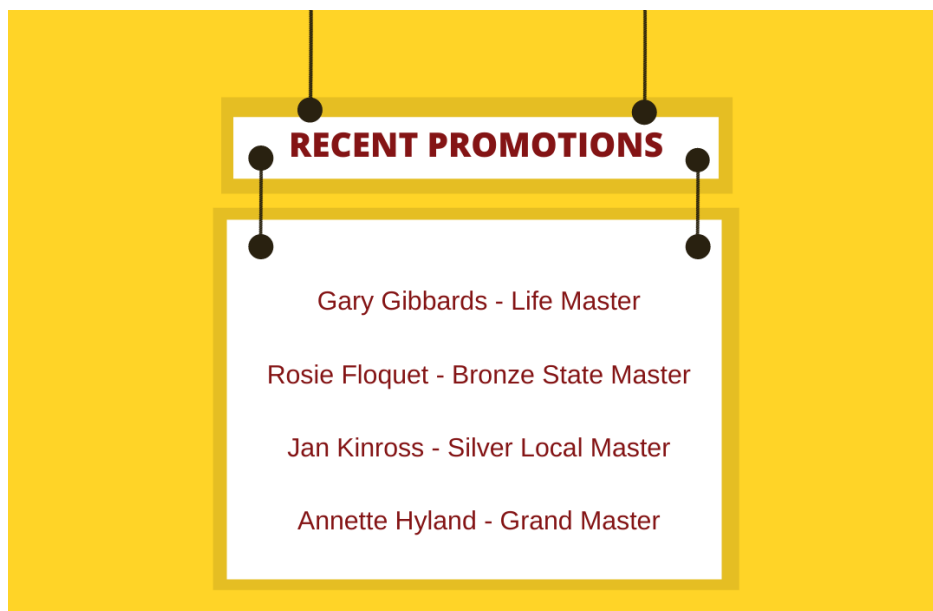






Masterpoint Notes





## ABF Newsletter

Click here for a .pdf version of the April ABF Newsletter<sup>3</sup>

Read about:

- the 60th Gold Coast Congress
- the updates to the MYABF portal (page 8) Register to update your profile and readily access ABF information.
- Bridge TV<sup>4</sup>
- and of course lots of bridge hands to challenge you..

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### *Excerpts from the 60th GOLD COAST CONGRESS ABF AND QBA REPORT - 2022*

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Tim Runting

Tournament Organiser

We were lucky to get through 2020 as COVID approached and unfortunately missing 2021 was a big blow. We had high hopes entering the last part of 2021 that our numbers whilst down, would sit somewhere around the 1800 players. Alas come Christmas and with it a new COVID variant in Omicron, this decimated our numbers back down to a final total of 1270.

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<sup>3</sup><http://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/April2022/April2022.pdf>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.bridgetv.com.au/>

But it is fair to say, that those 1270 players attended still had a wonderful time; it may have been called the “Masked Congress” by some, but incredibly because of the diligence of the Convention centre protocols and officials, there were no recorded cases of COVID amongst the players. Whilst we had a smaller version of our well known and respected Congress, it all still ran smoothly from my perspective.

As in previous years I fortunately was again very capably supported by my partner Sue Ziegenfuss throughout the year and in the lead up to the Gold Coast Congress. Sue’s brainchild “Memory Lane” a Collage of some 500 photos displayed in the main playing hall, (covering predominately the last 10 years to fill the gap from our 50th,) was very well appreciated from the feedback we received from the players.

The other “new” aspect this year was Margaret Mobbs, one of our Kenmore (KBC) players who is an amateur movie maker put together three excellent productions of the Gold Coast Congress, one which covered the differences between this year and last with the advent of COVID, another devoted to KBC players and finally a “Memory Lane” video, which is just being released, soon available at <https://qldbridge.com.au/gold-coast-congress>.<sup>5</sup>

Peter Cox head of ABF marketing also did interviews, which are available on the ABF Bridge TV site, <https://www.bridgetv.com.au/><sup>6</sup>

Once again Sue put together the Bridge widows and social calendar and was very well supported by Lana Politi throughout the entire event. We were very lucky with the weather, because just as we were finishing on the last day the floods were starting to inundate areas of Brisbane and was making its way down to the Gold Coast as players were departing.

So, just like 2020 when we just got through before COVID hit, we got through this event just before the Qld floods hit with a vengeance.

### **The Numbers Game:**

This is the area whereby I normally state our increase in numbers, but of course we all know that we were only about 48% of our normal numbers. So, little point in adding in much detail here, except for a few comments.

The fixed start at 10.00am throughout for the pairs and teams is clearly favoured now allowing for a longer lunch break and more time to get to restaurants for their discounts and/or shopping at The Oasis. This was the fourth year of no night play in the Bobby Richman which also helps reduce working hours for our staff.

We had 3993 session tables this year, down from 9007 in 2020 – a decrease of 55.7%. Our largest session was Wednesday Morning with 237 tables in play versus 536 in 2020 on the Tuesday afternoon.

### **Administration:**

Pele Rankin our Entries Co-Ordinator went above and beyond organising and helping players with their entries using the new myABF programme. Without Pele’s tireless work behind the scenes, it is fair to say this Congress would never have happened. I think with our full quota and lack of understanding by Bridge players on myABF, it would have been almost impossible to run under the myABF platform. As it

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<sup>5</sup><https://qldbridge.com.au/gold-coast-congress>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.bridgetv.com.au/>

was it was a massive learning curve for Pele. I believe ABF need to run tutorial sessions in clubs across Australia by a designated club "Superuser" who can teach everyone how to use the system properly. It is not good enough to have a PDF tutorial and expect players to follow that, when you're target audience is 70+ years of age, (we have appointed a QBA myABF officer and have asked clubs to do the same).

Toni Bardon our partnership organiser had her work cut out also. Toni checks what partners can match up with other partners. Again, myABF comes into play as a high degree of knowledge of the system is paramount. More than any other year the number of players withdrawing or requiring a partner escalated greatly with many players partners not being able to attend.

I too received a massive amount of phone calls and emails for players wanting to make changes, much, much more than ever before, which I had to direct to Pele or Toni, so clearly players do not understand the protocols of myABF and who to contact, as many times a simple answer was all that was required. So, a very special thank you to Toni Bardon for all her efforts arranging partners and substitutions, she again did a wonderful job under much more difficult circumstances.

Our GCC Photographer, Anne Russell as always performed in her usual professional style, this year Anne enlisted the help of Valmae Ypinazar, a Gold Coast photographer. Anne and Valmae collaborated throughout the week very seamlessly taking photos of players and then Anne edited in the evenings for the Website.

Of course, a big thanks as always to Kim Ellaway and her extraordinary organizational skills, made possible by the efforts of her team: Admin staff, Floor managers, Dealers, Caddies...Ray Ellaway working behind the scenes along with Scott Ellaway, Geoff Goulding, and his team for setting up and taking down all the equipment and many other things in between. Thanks also to Geoff for looking after the Coffee making for all the players.

The Oasis Shopping Centre love the fact that so many players come to Broadbeach as it is their best week of the year for business! Even with the much-reduced number of players, Retailers still slated record sales. The fashion parade was again held this year by "Change Alley" with a great turnout by Bridge and non-Bridge ladies alike. "In Her Shoes" also had a very successful Champagne Breakfast. The Trivia night was no longer held on the Monday evening. The Dress Up day "Diamonds" was won by Peter and Linda Neil of the Kenmore Bridge Club.

Our wonderful Celebrity Speakers, Peter Gill, Andy Hung, Liam Milne, Nick Jacob, and William Jenner-O'Shea whereby the entry fee provided support to the ABF Friends of Youth Bridge Fund, attended the 6 sessions. The additional session of Andy's was again implemented. Because of the numbers, most speakers only drew an audience of approx. 25-30 people, disappointing, but a sign of the times at the Congress.

This year Sue Smith did a great job looking after the players attending the sessions, taking over from Anne Russell. The following link <sup>7</sup><https://www.myabf.com.au/media/congress->

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<sup>7</sup>[https://www.myabf.com.au/media/congress-downloads/2022/02/14/Final-Celebrity\\_speakers\\_flyer\\_2022\\_v1.pdf](https://www.myabf.com.au/media/congress-downloads/2022/02/14/Final-Celebrity_speakers_flyer_2022_v1.pdf)

[downloads/2022/02/14/Final\\_Celebrity\\_speakers\\_flyer\\_2022\\_v1.pdf](#)<sup>8</sup> is the 2022 programme at the Coast.

**2023:**

The dates for next year are Friday to Saturday 17th-23rd February 2023 – Theme – “Mad Hatter”.

## QBA Bulletin

The QBA Bulletin vol. 48 for April 2022<sup>10</sup> can be found here.

## Community Information

Check out issues of Feature Magazine<sup>11</sup> to read articles covering the area from North Lakes to Caboolture.



<sup>8</sup>[https://www.myabf.com.au/media/congress-downloads/2022/02/14/Final-Celebrity\\_speakers\\_flyer\\_2022\\_v1.pdf](https://www.myabf.com.au/media/congress-downloads/2022/02/14/Final-Celebrity_speakers_flyer_2022_v1.pdf)

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<sup>10</sup><https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/QBAOct21.pdf>

<sup>11</sup>[https://issuu.com/ournarangba/docs/april\\_2022\\_edition\\_online](https://issuu.com/ournarangba/docs/april_2022_edition_online)