

Presidents' Report

The year started off well and ended on a not so good note with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee has been exceptionally brave with the hurdles that arose this year. But the resilience of all the bridge players joining together in their small groups at their homes was worth the isolation with all the fun and food that abounded. So, when we all gathered back together on that first Monday morning when restrictions were eased it was once again wild bidding, stories, and gossip which is a delight when an affectionate group such as ours reunite.

We all have to make our own judgement about the risk we take in engaging in normal activity after COVID-19, but the measures taken by the club is second to none which makes masks available and sanitizer on all tables.

Even with members not being able to play from mid-March until mid-July we have had another good year financially. We have ended the year with \$12,269.75 in the bank and prospects looking good for this year providing we don't have another outbreak of the COVID-19 in Queensland. Our membership has remained static with over 60 members and several inter-state visitors prior to lockdown.

During the year June Cannon, one of our longest serving members passed away. June was a member of the club since 1993. Bill Ruddick passed away after a long debilitating disease and Dennis Donovan died suddenly at home.

We again had the Bundaberg/Bargara Challenge in August 2019 and January 2020. We made a good showing but sadly we were not successful. The challenge has been cancelled for August 2020, but we look forward to resuming next year.

The annual Italian Pairs competition was played in November with the winners being presented their prizes at our annual Xmas Party function. At the end of the year we gave encouragement awards to the beginners who achieved the best results during the year.

Our Xmas party was given an extra boost last year with the addition of a band for the evening. Glen and Carol Scott and his band of merry makers provided some great music to sing and dance by all evening. A great time was had by all.

On behalf of the committee and the club members I would like to thank Susie for all the time and effort she puts in to keeping the directors up to date and the support lessons for all our members. This was regrettably cut short this year due to the lockdown. Hopefully, Susie will

be able to continue these in the new year. Thanks again Susie, you have been fantastic for our club.

Unfortunately, during the year Steve resigned his presidency. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Steve for all he has achieved with the club and the friendly and informal atmosphere he achieved amongst the members.

Ann Dillon also resigned from the committee. Ann was elected President in August 2015 and relinquished the position in 2018. During that time Ann installed a great many policies and procedures for the club. We thank you for your time and dedication to the bridge club.

I would like to thank Leone for all the work she puts into finding partners for everyone. She is one of a kind and hopefully will continue in the role as the contact for everyone who needs a partner.

Thanks to Rod our resident computer expert and web page co-ordinator. You do a great job of keeping everything working on the tech front.

Finally, I would like to thank Sheryl for all the work and dedication she has put into the position as club's treasurer. Sheryl is not seeking re-election as she feels the position should be circulated. She has certainly left some big boots to fill.

I would like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work during the year and for those not seeking re-election may I wish you all the best.

Babs Beh and Steve Taylor

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