

Ipswich City Contract Bridge Club Newsletter - July 2022

We're into winter now and what better thing to do than spend an afternoon or evening playing bridge. We've had a number of people off with Covid and various illnesses, but the Monday and Thursday groups are still going strong. The Thursday group, being smaller, is really feeling the absences.

Here is a message from Garry Smith, President of the ICCBC:

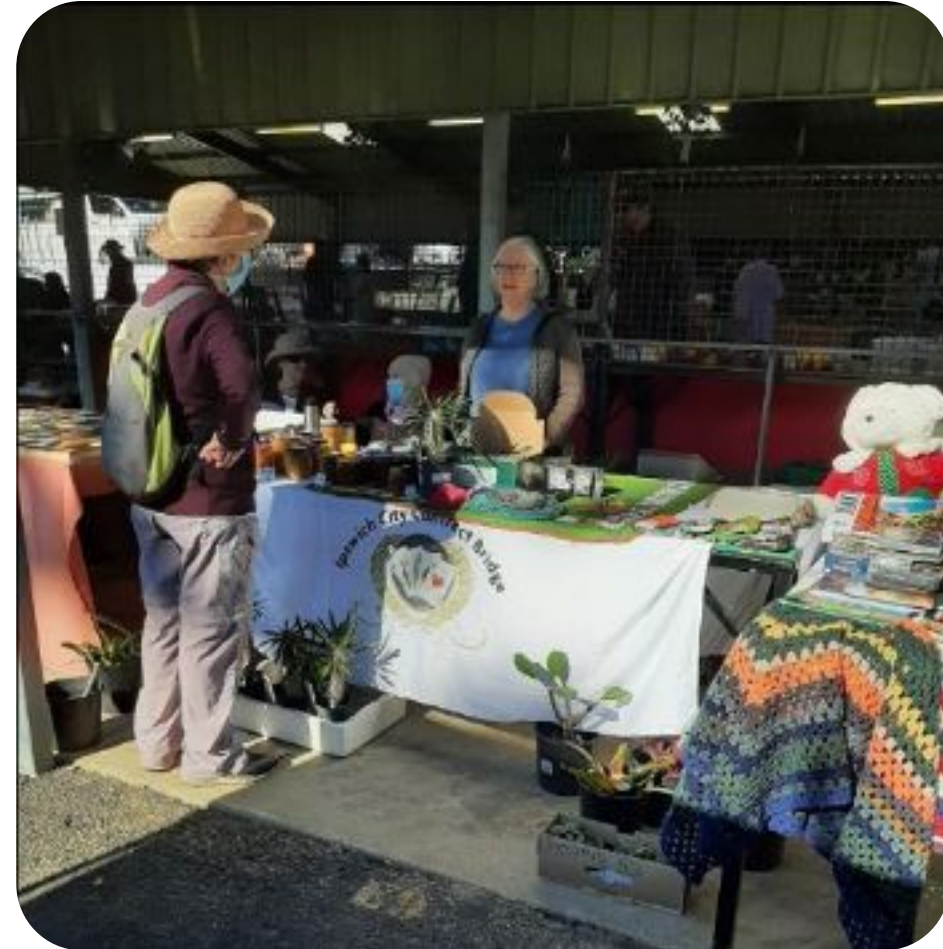
" I would encourage members to try and come of a Thursday if at all possible as we need 4 tables just to break even. We can run Thursdays for a short time at a loss and with the help of fund raising can extend the time. However if the numbers get below 3 tables we cannot continue and would have to cancel Thursday Bridge and revert to Monday nights only." Garry

Happy Bridging
Marlene Hawkins
Secretary & Newsletter Editor



Bridge Club at the Ipswich Showground Markets

The Bridge Club stall that we held at the Ipswich Showground Market was a success. We managed to raise a decent amount of money and we had a lesson on what sells best, so future ventures should be even more successful. A big thank-you to everyone who helped out, either at the stall on the day, by donating things to sell, or by contributing cash to the effort. It was great to see the positive spirit of the club in action. Pictured here are Marlene and Betty.



Introducing your new 2022/23 Management Committee

The Club's AGM was held on May 30 and there were some changes in the Management Committee. Again, we would like to express gratitude to the past office holders for all of the work they've done for so long.

The 2022/23 Committee is:

1. President: Garry SMITH
2. Vice-President: David LE GOOD
3. Treasurer: John O'NEILL
4. Secretary: Marlene HAWKINS
5. Masterpoint Secretary: Kim MENSFORTH
6. Cards Controller: Kath EADIE
7. Refreshment Coordinator: Marleen SMITH
8. Tables Coordinator: Dennis BOOTHBY

Team 3: Calling novice players with fewer than 50 masterpoints

Date: **Saturday 23 July 2022** - Start: 12 noon - finishing at about 4.30
Venue: 67 Ipswich Rd, Woollongabba
Entry fee: \$15 per player. Entries must be received by 2pm, Wednesday 20 July. Payment by Bank transfer - BSB: 124 011 A/c 10195696 or cash on the day.
Director: Chris Snook - Entries to: gbc1@optusnet.com.au
For more information, click > [Tournament Entries Management](#).

What is a Team of 3?

Teams of 3 aims to encourage your enjoyment in the game, broadening your experience with team events and providing opportunities to learn from and with others.

3 Novice players team up with an **expert as team captain**. The expert plays with each novice member of the team. QBA organises the team captains and matches an expert with your team but if preferred, team may arrange for their own expert captain.

Enter as an individual, a pair or a team of three but all entrants become members of a Team of 3. Teams may enter with or without an expert Captain.

The field will be divided into 3 grades on masterpoint rank (this will depend on the number of entries). Green masterpoints are awarded.

Sunnybank Teams Congress

Date	Sunday, August 7, 2022, starting 9:00am for 9:30am start
Location	Sunnybank Bridge Club, 69 Nathan Rd, Runcorn
Meals	BYO Lunch
Other information	Entry Fee \$120 per team (\$30 per player)
Details	Payment by EFT/Bank Transfer ONLY (BSB 484-799, Acct No 000860772), Include your SURNAME and CONGRESS in the reference BYO lunch. Tea/coffee and snacks available all day. Drinks at end of play <u>Entries close 3/8/22</u> . Payment must be received by 4/8/22 Maximum of 24 teams. Even number of teams only. ¶ Convenor at convenors_at_sbc@gmail.com . ¶ Click here for more information and registration form

Further news:

There is an open competition for pairs at the Laidley Sports Centre on 10th July for anyone interested in competing against other Clubs.

Also see Garry for System cards at 20 cents each.

QBA Covid-19 Policy for QBA events from 10 June 2022

Source: [QBA](#)
The QBA notes that all State and Territory governments no longer require proof of double vaccination and wearing of masks when entering venues and businesses, and that the ABF has decided that these will no longer be mandated for ABF Licensed events.

In keeping with this change in the ABF Policy, the QBA has decided that proof of double vaccination and wearing of masks will no longer be mandated for State championships, QBA events and congresses.

Tournament Organisers and Clubs are free to make their own decisions as to whether they will continue, relax or cancel their existing Covid-19 Vaccination Policy - and players are advised to check the website for each event prior to entry.

Players and officials are asked not to attend any event if they are not well, or if they are supposed to be isolating or quarantining.

If you come to play but are not well, you will be asked to leave the venue. If you start feeling unwell with Covid-19-like symptoms during any event, please ask the Director to find a substitute until you are feeling well and have undertaken a negative rapid antigen test.

Tournament Organisers' discretionary powers

Tournament Organisers reserve the right to make decisions as to the running and conduct of a QBA event and to vary these regulations if the health and welfare of any of the competitors and officials is likely to be compromised.

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