

Newsletter – Christmas Edition

December 2023



Thank you, Julie: At the recent AGM, Julie retired as Brisbane Zone Secretary. Julie has undertaken this role for the past eight years following the sad passing of Marion Cooke. They were big shoes to fill, and Julie certainly stepped up and managed the Brisbane Zone business with the professionalism we all associate with Julie. However, we will still see Julie directing and playing. On behalf of everyone in the Brisbane Zone, thank you for all your hard work ensuring the smooth running of the Brisbane Zone and we wish you all the best and much enjoyment with your newfound time.

Brisbane Zone has a New Look: You may have noticed the Brisbane Zone has a new logo. Julie originally had the vision of a logo incorporating the symbols of Brisbane. Brainstorming coupled with the creativity of Graphic Designer Lizzie Fatseas culminated in the new BZ logo. The symbolism incorporated in the design is outlined below:

- The BZ logo is in the Brisbane colours blue and gold with blue representing the sea and river and gold for the sunshine.
- The Brisbane faunal emblems include the graceful tree frog (alongside the iconic koala). In the BZ logo the tree frog is seen perched on the “B”.
- The native Brisbane Wattle was recently added to the Brisbane floral emblems which can be seen at the end of the words Brisbane Zone.

AGM: The Brisbane Zone AGM was held before the Interclub Teams event on the 12th November. The main news was the proposed changes for the 2024 GNOT National Online Qualifying Finals and the face-to-face National Finals and Provincial Final. The 2024 GNOT restructure is as follows;

- Stage 1: as for 2023
- Stage 2: 64 team **online** knockout 20-22 September. Details are yet to be finalized but include a requirement of at least 8 non-metropolitan teams into Stage 3.
- Stage 3: 12 teams playing face-to-face.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of club delegates to the Brisbane Zone are posted on the Brisbane Zone webpage.

InterClub Teams: The ICT was held on Sunday the 12th of November and was a wonderful success. Nine clubs participated with 25 teams entered and 3 house teams (thank you) i.e. 28 teams. Thank you to QCBC for hosting the event, Toni Bardon for her meticulous organization, the many volunteers that ensured a successful event and to Julie Jeffries for directing. The event ran like clockwork, the food and drink offering was delicious and generous, and players appeared to have an enjoyable time. The winners were:

QCBC were the overall winners and the Marion Cooke Memorial Trophy Winners

A Grade: QCBC: JANEEN SOLOMON - PATRICK BUGLER - RICHARD FOX - RAELENE CLARK

B Grade: Toowong: DAVID SYDES - ROBIN BISHOP - JENNIFER VICKERS - SANDRA MULCAHY

C Grade: QCBC: STEPHEN BENNETT - LOUISE BENNETT - DEBBIE CARROLL - JACINTA LEE

Full results can be found at <http://www.qcbc.org.au/resultslistbyheadevent.asp?umbid=766>

Nine clubs from BZ participated but not all clubs fielded teams in all categories. We kindly ask that Club Administrators please actively advertise the event and seek to place teams in all grades. Clubs have a choice of paying the entry fee for members representing the club or having willing players pay their own entry fee. A number of club members have expressed their disappointment at missing out in playing in the event where a club has not fielded a team. Please actively promote the ICT and provide your members with every opportunity to play in the event.

Next year the event will be hosted by **Redlands Bridge Club** on **Sunday 17th November** – thank you Redlands.

GNOTs:

Below are the dates for BZ Club's GNOT Qualifying heats in 2024:

January 01	QCBC	Wednesday pm	1 January & 7 February
March 01	TOOWONG	Friday am	1 & 8 March
March 07	REDCLIFFE	Thursday	7, 14 & 21 March
March 08	ARANA	Friday	8, 15, 22 March
March 09	NSBC	Weekend	9 & 10 March
April 28	QCBC	Sunday	28 April
May 04	KENMORE	Saturday	4 May
May 18	SUNNYBANK	Saturday	18 May
May 29	TOOWONG	Wednesday pm	29 May & 5 June
June 14	REDLANDS	Friday	14, 21 & 28 June
June 21	BBC	Friday	21 & 28 June
July 13	KENMORE	Saturday	13 July

August 24 & 25 GNOT Brisbane Zone Final - Hosted by QCBC



Congratulations to the following four BZ teams playing in the GNOT National finals.

Brisbane 1	Peter Evans, Tony Treloar, Michael Gearing, Ben Leung, Lauren Morgan, Sara Strickland
Brisbane 2	James Evans, Pamela Evans, Patrick Bugler, Tim Runting
Brisbane 3	Richard Ward, Therese Tully, Toni Bardon, Yolanda Floris
Brisbane 4	Ralph Parker, Jenny Hay, Terry O'Dempsey, Lech Kaszubski, Sheila Parker

Wishing all players in the Brisbane Zone and their friends and families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jacqui Dudurovic

Brisbane Zone Secretary





2023 Interclub Teams

Brisbane Zone

Sunday 13th November 2023



⇐ **Winners A Grade (Open) - QCBC**
Patrick Bugler - Janeen Solomon
Raelene Clark - Richard Fox



Winners B Grade (<400 MP) – Toowong ⇒
Robin Bishop – Sandra Mulcahy
Jennifer Vickers – David Sydes



*Congratulations to the
Winning Teams and the
Club winner of the Marion
Cooke Memorial Trophy*

⇐ **Winners C Grade (<100 MP) – QCBC**
Louise Bennett – Debbie Carroll
Jacinta Lee – Stephen Bennett

QCBC the winners of the 2023
Marion Cooke Memorial
Trophy ⇒



Thank you Julie

The Interclub Teams event saw Julie Jeffries undertake her last formal role as QBA Brisbane Zone Secretary.



Julie was thanked for filling in the substantial void left with the sad passing of Marion Cooke and her tireless efforts over the past seven years.

On behalf of the QBA and the many Brisbane Zone players Julie was presented with wine and flowers as a gesture of great appreciation felt by all.

Thank you Julie