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MEMORANDUM TO SECRETARIES – red indicates updated since last months memo or I am trying to reiterate important details

- Firstly Happy New Year – sorry but I have a lot to report
- QBA Web Page – if there is anything additional you think would be helpful to put on the QBA page particularly the secretaries page, please advise me and I will see what I can do.
- ABF New Masterpoint Site – Wow – what massive changes and all for the best. Peter Busch (a Queenslander) designed it and is maintaining it. A seminar for all masterpoint secretaries will be held at the Gold Coast Congress on Tuesday 28th February at 9.45 am if you are interested.
- Zonal Secretaries – please forward your dates for 2012
- Please don't forget to send me a courtesy copy of your membership booklet.
- Newspaper Articles – please send all bridge articles from your local paper.
- Youth – please advise if you have any players under the age of 30 playing at your club. Nathan Van Jole is the new Youth Co-ordinator.
- Please don't forget to write articles and send photos for our QBA Bulletin. I can only write the Clubs Information bit in the QBA Bulletin by clubs supplying me information so if you want Sponsors thanked in the bulletin or something special mentioned, send me the clubs newsletter or a special email stating what it is. Phil the Bulletin Editor appreciates all articles especially those reporting on a recent congress – don't forget to include a hand.
- Please do not contact the ABF direct without approval, please go via the correct channels which are via me. The ABF will not answer direct enquiries this also means GNP and GNOT enquiries.
- Entry forms for congresses and list of entries MUST appear on the website. All entry forms must be approved by the QBA Webmaster. Please ensure that list of entries also appear on the QBA website. Please also ensure that the director appointed for your congress puts results of your congress up on the QBA website in a timely manner. If your entry form is ready 6 months prior to the event, feel free to send it to the QBA Webmasters approval. I regularly check and advise clubs who are negligent with putting entry forms up or List of Entrants. A list of Entries on your clubs home page is not sufficient – **IT MUST BE ON THE QBA PAGE.**
- Funding Applications – if you are successful, please advise me and I will put a thank you in the QBA Bulletin because this is part of the marketing agreement when you receive the application. I need who gave the funding and how much and what for.
- QBA Events – please market these on behalf of the QBA – **Senior Teams and Selection Trials are the next two events.**
- If you write requesting stationery, labels or advice by email and I do not acknowledge your email, it will certainly mean that I did not receive the email as I acknowledge all emails.
- I am pleased to report that the 2012 QBA levies will remain at \$11.00 and ABF Levies will remain at \$12.00 for 2012 HOWEVER QBA Levies will certainly rise in 2013 and I have been advised of the following for the ABF Levies – ABF Capitation fees to increase to \$14.00 in 2013 and to \$15.00 in 2014.
- Obituaries – all clubs are welcome to use this page. If you believe a member's obituary should appear on our web page, please send it to me and I will organise its placement. We have criteria for members to appear on QBA profiles but clubs can request that a prominent member be placed on the Obituary page.
- As from today's date, it will be the responsibility of the clubs to ensure that the congress levy due to the QBA is paid. This responsibility has been taken off the director.
- Fines as per the ABF will be issued for late receipt of levies – regulation changes will be made to reflect this change.
- Lessons for 2012 can be put on the Teaching page on the QBA Web page so advise now when they are and I will put them up.
- Blanket Insurance Policies held for clubs are Public Liability and Directors Insurance.

- Council Meetings in 2012 will be on March 29 (AGM) , June 21, September 27, December 13 and subsequently there will be a reduction in bulletins but they will be bigger.
- Good Luck to our GNP Representatives in Canberra next week.
- Those clubs wanting more Gold Coast entry forms – please ask.
- Please note that even though the June Birthday weekend has disappeared in 2013, the Barrier Reef Congress in Mackay will still be held over that weekend as the decision to withdraw the public holiday was too late to find an alternative venue. From 2014, the Barrier Reef will be held over the May Day weekend hence congresses being held over this weekend now will have to move.
- Please bring the Travel Insurance information to the attention of your members.
- Congratulations to the Queensland Wide Pairs winners North South – Eva and Tony Berger from the Gold Coast Bridge Club and Alan and Carole Pickering from Kenmore Bridge Club – all cheques have been despatched.
- Teach the Teacher Seminar on February 11/12 – more details on website if you are a teacher or interested.
- Congratulations to the following James O’Sullivan Winners – certificates in mail today

Overall	Nathan Van Jole	QCBC
Gold and Silver Grand	Therese Tully	Kenmore
Grand	Pele Rankin	QCBC
Gold Life	Nathan Van Jole	QCBC
Silver Life	Error Miller	Redcliffe
Bronze Life	Annette Maluish	Surfers Paradise
Life	Patrick Bugler	QCBC
** National	Keith Ormerod	Redlands
*National	Andrew Wing Lun	Townsville
National	Alison Dawson	QCBC
*State	Marion Bucens	Sunshine Coast
State	Jillian Tuckey	Noosa
*Regional	Alan Jones	Gold Coast
Regional	Cherie Butler	Sunshine Coast
**Local	Denise Hartwig	Toowoomba
*Local	Margie Knox	Toowoong
Local	Neil Waters	Cairns
Club	Byron Longford	Toowoomba
Graduate	Ross Shardlow	Arana
Nil	Graeme Dalrymple	Toowoomba



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