



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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MOVING TOWARDS REOPENING

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Committee news

The committee is meeting to discuss reopening on July 7th.

They will probably go with small test groups to begin with.

See page 6 for Charlie Georgees' article on some of the background towards reopening.

NEW WEB SITE

Townsville Bridge Club now has a new web site. The address is <https://townsvillebridge.club/>. Rosemary has sent QBA and the results website Bridge Australia (results) our new address and they are already using it.

If you have the address of the web site recorded as a 'favourite' on your phone or PC, you will need to change the address to this new one. Andrew Hooper has placed a temporary automatic link from the old address to the new one, but this will not last for ever.

This is one more kind service from Andrew to add to the many hours of work over some years that he has done in creating and maintaining the Townsville Club web site for us and I am sure there are many club members who would like to give Andrew a virtual pat on the back and handshake as a gesture of thanks.

The club is fortunate to have Audrey Ledbrook as our new web master. Audrey summarised her background for this task in this way.



I worked in IT for 35 years but never on web design. I hacked a local bridge club's site and converted it for the use of Loddon Vale Bridge Club - that was my first foray into the world of web sites. The most impressive thing I did in IT was to design, develop and implement Woolworths first Electronic in-store Funds Transfer checkout capability dealing with Woolworths, the bank, and Ingenico the manufacturers of the handheld devices that are so familiar to us now. I enhanced the till software and the back office in order to handle the new way of paying for goods and even supported the store in North Ryde for the first week of going live - that was an expensive time, because there were a couple of nice shops in the Centre!

MORE ABOUT THE NEW WEB SITE

By Audrey Ledbrook

The new site is based on Wordpress. They claim that 30% of the World's web sites use this platform but it isn't the easiest way to build a web site and a bit of a learning curve for me. But having started, I will finish it. I'm expecting that there will be some people interested in learning enough to be able to help manage the site going forward.

For the future, I'm hoping I can pass on enough information so that the website can be a living beast changing as our needs change, reporting masterpoint promotions, 90th birthdays and all those other important events which make us a community.

I've introduced a news page and a partner page to which anyone can contribute after a moderation process which can be managed by more than one person. Ideas for further improvements, corrections and additions are welcome. I hope you will all make good use of the site and make it your own. Thank you all for your support and kind comments through the current crisis.

BRIDGE QUIZ 3

By Hugh McAlister

Answers on page 7 – 8 of this issue

HISTORY:

1. Which of the following Australian bridge identities did NOT learn their bridge in Townsville: (a) current world Chief Director; (b) recent past Australian Chief Director; (c) recently appointed President of QBA; (d) successful bridge professional and regular partner of Ron Klinger; or (e) none – they all come from Townsville.
2. The 4 biggest regular bridge championships in the world are held in the US. The 5th is held in: (a) London; (b) China; (c) Gold Coast; (d) Rome; or (e) varies annually for world Championships.

STATISTICS:

3. The chances of making all 4 tricks in a suit with Axx opposite KJxx are: (a) 48%; (b) 36%; (c) 24%; (d) 18%; or (e) 12%?
4. You have **10** trumps between you and dummy, but are missing the King. It is said that you should finesse (50% chance). What are the chances of dropping the singleton king: (a) 48%; (b) 40%; (c) 34%; (d) 26%; or (e) 18%?

SCORING:

5. Which is worth more – bidding and making 1NT OR bidding 1C and making 2C?
6. Which is worth more – bidding and making 4S OR bidding 3NT and making 4NT?

CONVENTIONS:

7. Four-suit transfers over 1NT- most play transfers in the majors, but transfers in all suits can be helpful in many ways. Over partner's opening 1NT, 2D shows hearts, 2H shows spades, 2S shows clubs, and 2NT shows diamonds. Which of the following are True or False?
 - i) Transfers to the majors show at least 5, but with minor suit transfers responder must have at least 6 of the minor...
 - ii) A direct 2NT response is no longer invitational to 3NT...
 - iii) To invite, say with 8-9 points, responder bids first 2C, then later 2NT...
 - iv) Opener cannot "superaccept" if they like the minor...
 - v) Responder shows a hand with 6 of a minor, and 4 of a major, plus points for game, by first transferring in the minor then bidding the major at the 3 level...
8. Bergen raises were introduced by Marty Bergen to recognise the huge increased value of a 9-card major fit, compared with standard 8-card fits. In response to a 1H or 1S opening bid (5-card major), 3C shows 6-9pts, 3D shows 10-12pts and 3 of the bid major shows 2-5pts, **ALL WITH 4 CARD SUPPORT**. Which of the following are True or False?
 - i) This system precludes the use of weak jump shift...
 - ii) If you bid 3C, opener's rebid of 3D is artificial and invitational to 4 of the major...
 - iii) The system works fine over intervention, including double...
 - iv) After partner opens 1S, my response of 2C (or 2D or 2H), followed later by a jump to 3S shows **3** spades and 10-12 pts...

- v) Over a Bergen raise, a bid in a new suit (except 3D over 3C) is a cue bid...

PLAY:

9.

S J5
H A62
D AK104
C 7532

S AK43
H KQ4
D QJ3
C AKJ

You open the hand above 2C, partner responds 2D (waiting, or negative), you respond 2NT (23,24 flat) and partner raises to 6NT. West leads JH. Plan the play...

10.

S A832
H 875
D 97
C AKJ10

S KQJ10765
H A109
D A10
C 3

After partner opens 1C, and supports spades, you confidently jump to 6S. Dummy is "disappointing". West leads KH, you cover with dummy's ace, and East plays 2H. Plan the play...

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Happy birthday also to anyone with a birthday this month who has been missed.

Adarina Bawden
Sam Bishop
Peter Housden
Jan Manders
Mary Skau
Joe Hobdell

PHYL JOHNSON 100TH BIRTHDAY



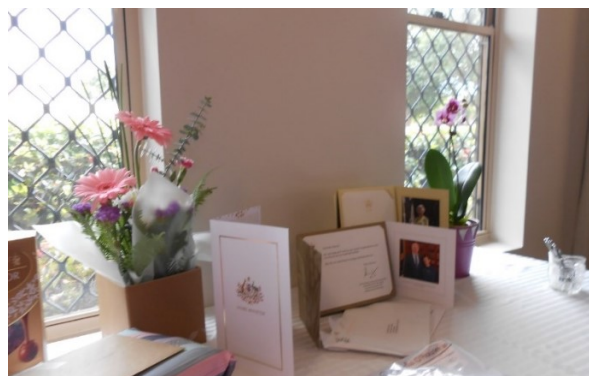
About Phyl

By Margaret Wilkinson

Phyl. Johnson turned 100 years old on 30th May.2020. She has had a very colourful career living in England, several countries in Europe, South Africa and eventually settling in Australia. She was a member of Townsville Bridge Club. for 22 years until her health required her to move to OzCare Nursing Home.

The home arranged a lovely birthday which included greetings from the Queen, the Prime Minister and the Governor. There were many lovely flowers, cards, gifts and best wishes. The day was slightly marred by the absence of her daughter, Val, who could not travel to Townsville because of COVID 19 restrictions. However, Phyl received a Facetime phone call from Val, which was a new experience for her.

Although Phyl is now failing in sight, hearing and mental alertness, she still asks about several members and wishes to pass on her regards to all. She wishes to convey her sincere thanks to the Club for the lovely arrangement of flowers and card.



REOPENING THE CLUB FOR GENERAL PLAY

By Charlie Georgees

The subject of re-opening the club for general play and club fixtures will be extensively discussed and weighed up at the meeting of your committee scheduled for 7th July. Several clubs around the country have already re-opened, and many others are planning to in July. In opening, clubs are required by law – even if current restrictions are eased by then - to adopt a Covid19-Safe Plan. The essential elements of such a Plan are:

1. Meticulous hand hygiene, the single most important factor.
2. Physical distancing of 1.5m at each table, and 1.5m between the backs of chairs to the next table. Although the Rule of 4m² per person for the total play area equates to a total of 70 people maximum, see items ii and iii below.
3. Cough, sneeze and respiratory hygiene.
4. Routine environmental mechanical (wipes) cleaning of frequently touched surfaces e.g. light switches, tabletops, taps, door knobs etc.
5. Maintaining a register of attendees at each session for contact tracing purposes (to be kept for 56 days).

The committee has been working hard to prepare the club play area for compliance and prompt resumption should the outcome at our meeting be in the affirmative.

- i. On entering the club, there will be Hand Sanitiser to use, a Contact Tracing Register to be signed, a once-only Health Declaration Form to fill out, and a Covid19-Safe Plan to read. Bring your own pen.
- ii. We have designed and installed 1.2m X 1.2m tabletops fixed to the existing 0.8m X 0.8m tables so that social distancing can be honoured at each table. Tables will be covered by either white paper or black plastic table covers (as available, pictured below). Table covers should be wiped down at the end of the session (and at the end of each round?).
- iii. The spacing between tables is much wider now in line with recommendations and as a result, we can comfortably host up to 14 tables per session (pictured below).
- iv. Alcohol-based hand rub, wipes, tissues, and an enclosed bin will be provided at each table for hand and cough/sneeze/respiratory hygiene.
- v. Signage will be posted at various sites (entrance, noticeboards, handwash stations in toilets and kitchen, tables).

Other protocols are discussed in our Covid19-Safe Plan to be circulated soon. All members are encouraged to read and digest it carefully. In the meantime, happy bridging online.



Bridge Quiz 3 – answers

HISTORY:

1. (e) is correct! Townsville Bridge Club boasts many high achievers amongst its alumni. Laurie Kelso is currently Chief Director at the World Bridge Association. Until ill health a few years ago, Sean Mullamphy was Chief Director in Australia. Both Laurie and Sean have directed the Barrier Reef Congress when held in Townsville. Recently Richard Ward was appointed President of the QBA. For many years Matt Mullamphy, brother of Sean, has partnered Ron Klinger at the Gold Coast tournament and many others. Each of these high fliers can be seen on our Club honour board.
2. (c) is correct! Yes, the Gold Coast is a major, international, regular tournament. Go and enjoy...

STATISTICS:

3. (d) is correct. To make all 4 tricks, the suit must first break 3-3 (a 36% chance), and then the Q must be on side (1/2 of 36% = 18%).
4. Again (d) is correct. With only 3 trumps out the chance of a singleton K is not tiny, but nowhere near the chance of a finesse (all things being equal – sometimes the bidding might change those chances).

SCORING:

5. Neither – both are worth 90 points. Both get the part score of 50. The first NT score is 40, subsequent are 30 (1NT is 50+40, 2NT is 50+70, etc.). Minor tricks made are worth 20 each, so making 2C is worth 50+ (20x2) = 90.
6. Bidding and making 4S gets 420 (620 if vulnerable). Bidding 3NT and making 4NT gets 430 (630 if vulnerable). This is why some players will sometimes be in 3NT even with a 5-3 major fit.

CONVENTIONS:

7. Four-suit transfers over 1NT:-
 - i) True – as minor transfers are played at the 3 level, at least a 6-card minor is recommended,
 - ii) True – a direct bid of 2NT is a transfer to diamonds.
 - iii) True – because of the above, inviting to 3NT requires a preliminary bid of 2C, then after the response (whatever it is) 2NT is invitational (at this point 2NT should be alerted to indicate responder may not necessarily have a 4 card major). In one instance (1NT-2C-2H...2S shows 4 spades and is invitational to 3NT, or 4S if partner also has 4 spades).
 - iv) False...opener **can super-accept**. With at least 3 cards in the designated minor, plus at least 1 of top 3 honours, opener bids the intervening option (e.g. 1NT-2S-2NT shows club support, and 1NT-2NT-3C shows diamond support)... responder with modest values may then try a cheeky 3NT on appropriate hands.
 - v) True. Stayman first then bidding the minor if not successful shows the same distribution but weaker. There are a number of variations, so partners must agree theirs.
8. Bergen raises:-
 - i) True...in part. Whereas 1C-2S is generally played as weak, playing Bergen raises means 1S-3C is not a weak jump shift.
 - ii) True...your 3C suggests you have 6-9pts. After 3D, bid 3 of the major with 6-7, and 4 with 8-9.
 - iii) True...BUT...some play Bergen over double but not over a suit. Some don't play it over any intervention. Some (like us) play it when we can. Again, agree with your partner.
 - iv) True...precise bidding.
 - v) True...you have agreed the trump suit and responder's point range, so a cue bid now shows game is on plus interest in slam.

PLAY:

9. First, count your certain tricks...11, with the possibility of another in either spades or clubs. There are 2 options for play:
- i) Enter dummy, take the club finesse, and if it loses hope clubs are 3-3. The chances are 68% (50% for finesse plus half of 36% chance of 3-3).
 - ii) There are 2 finesses, each with a 50% chance, so the chance of one making is 75%. Lead a low spade to the Jack...if the Q is on the left, you have 12 tricks. If not reenter dummy and take the club finesse....the better play option.
10. DO NOT TAKE THE CLUB FINESSE... it's only a 50% chance...Take the AH, draw trumps with the K and QS, then lead 3C to AC and KC, throwing a heart from hand. Then lead JC...if it is covered with the QC, trump and return to dummy to play 10C throwing last H. If it is not covered, throw your last H (a version of "loser-on-loser" play). West can win with QC, their only trick, but now you have another dummy entry to play the 10C and throw your D loser. This line of play is 100% - **much** better than a finesse!