



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Unfortunately, without a crystal ball (which I'd probably break) we have no idea when we will be able to resume normal? operations. At this stage, unless the government says otherwise, we will be closed until the second Monday in May when the committee will review the situation.

I would like to thank Audrey Ledbrook for creating the opportunity for us to play together online on the BridgeBase Online (BBO) website. I would like to encourage as many members as possible to register with BBO and create a username and forward it on to Audrey. There are detailed instructions available to do this. You will be walked through the process if you need assistance as well as advised about upcoming tournaments. Novice players will be specially catered for where possible by Charlie G. Thanks Charlie.

Hopefully work on our new toilet facility will be completed by our return. Thanks to Wilfred and helpers for supervising and organising the process. Thanks also to Gloria and Rosemary and Robert M for sorting and culling in the office so it can be reorganised.

Thanks as well to all those who keep working behind the scenes to continue to keep the club operational. If anyone needs assistance, please contact myself or a committee member and we will attempt to organise it for you (e.g. shopping, transport).

I don't need to add to the warnings around 'the thing' but please, stay safe during this difficult time.

Clive

EDITORIAL - YOUR NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends, If I do not fall into a gutter before then, the September 2020 issue of the TBC newsletter will be my 50th as Editor. It will also be my last.

If there is anyone – or any group of anyones – who would like to take over from October, I will do everything I can to make the transition easy. I am announcing my intentions so early to give people time to think about it. The newsletter does not have to stick to its present format, frequency, style or anything else if you have new ideas.

If there is nobody who wants to take it over – well – the Club got on quite well for a number of years without a newsletter and could no doubt do so again.

Jean

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WEAK 2 (OR NOT)

By Ian Patterson

During one of my stints living and playing in Brisbane, my partner and I travelled to Toowoomba to play in their Congress. One memory seared into my brain was of Ivy Dahler (who had played for the Queensland and Australian women's team on numerous occasions in the 70's) tearing into her partner (Enid Busch, who also subsequently played for Queensland if not Australia) because she'd opened a weak 2 of a Major with 3 cards in the other major. Ivy was upset because they didn't find their (other) Major fit. These days no one worries about such niceties. What rules do you apply to your Weak 2's? For instance: will you open a Weak 2 (or any pre-empt) with a void. Will it always be a six-card suit or may it have 7 cards? You really need partnership agreement on this. Here's an example from a hand I played in December.

As Dealer, West opened 2 Spades. East holding a void in Spades and 6 Clubs (KQJ875) hesitated for some time then reluctantly passed. We didn't rescue them from this awful contract so we ended up with 100% on the board. East/West are an established partnership, yet East couldn't trust that their partner would have 1 or more Clubs. Surely a 6-1 fit at the 3-level is better than a 6-0 fit at the 2 level? As it was 3C could have made 10 tricks.

As an aside, what would you open with: S: K 10 8 5 4 2 H: K 5 D: 7 C: A 10 6 3? (Yes, it's West's hand.)

Everybody seems to open light these days. The hand has 10 points and 10 cards in the 2 longer suits so it satisfies the "rule of 20" (or is that now 19?), **and** it has a safe minimum re-bid. I would open the hand 1S with the intention of bidding 2C over 1NT from partner, or 2S over a red suit at the 2 level. The bidding might go: 1S / 1NT / 2C / 2D / 2S, or perhaps: 1S / 2D / 2S / 2 or 3NT. I always show the 4-card suit before repeating the 6-card suit if points allow. I would NOT bid 3C over 2D as this would promise 15+ HCP. As the hands lay, the bidding would have gone: 1S / 2C / 3C / Pass. 2NT made 8 tricks, but 3C made 10 for a better Pairs Score.

BRIDGE RELATED STUFF FOR YOU TO DO

1. The QBA Director Proficiency Test – Front page QBA Site. Good for players so they know the rules etc
2. From Joan Butts School of Bridge - I would very much like you to send out to everyone that I have offered Gold membership of my Online School of Bridge for free for a month.

I made a video last week about this. <https://www.joanbuttsbridge.com/news/2020319/keep-playing-bridge-online>.

3. StepBridge is available as a way to keep your bridge addiction going and refer to the StepBridge website for further details if you are interested in playing.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday also to anyone with a birthday this month who has been missed, If you would like your birth month added to the list, please contact the editor jeandartnall@hotmail.com

Albert Beric
Jacquelyn Bliss
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MARCH RANKING PROMOTIONS

Bill Bishop – Gold Life
Shanaal de Zoya – National *
Lin Diqer - National

OPENING OF THE TBC EXTENSIONS 2002

News of work on our latest extensions to the building prompted me to pull some pictures out of the archives.



David Mather, Lindy Nelson-Carr, Mike Reynolds (Mayor), David Vance, Elsie Stubbs



Mike Reynolds, Dortehea Stewart



David Vance, Lindy Nelson-Carr

Reporting inappropriate behavior

A few bridge clubs in other states have experienced bullying and insulting behaviour which has even led to legal action. Because of this, the ABF and QBA have recommended that all clubs keep a record of any such behaviour.

If you feel you have received behaviour of this sort, please report it to Jean Dartnall who will maintain a record of each report. You can contact Jean in person, by phone (4729 0068), or by email (jeandartnall@hotmail.com).

The Committee of the Townsville Bridge Club hopes and expects that everyone playing in this club, resident or visitor, grand master or beginner, will experience a happy, comfortable time here.

(Although they can't do anything about the cards.)