



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

Annual Subscriptions Due in August
\$50

COMING EVENTS

Thursday Pairs
3, 10, 17 August

Proserpine Teams
5, 6 August

Tully Pairs
11 – 13 August

Magnetic Island social visit
8 August

QBA Open Teams, Toowong
26, 27 August

Cleveland Bay Teams
27 August

Mackay Barometer Pairs
9, 10 September

Monday teams
4, 11, 18 September

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 9 September 2017
10.00 am

Nominations are invited for all executive and committee positions, signed by proposer and seconder and accepted by the nominee and lodged with the Secretary by August 26th. Nominations will be accepted from the floor if there are not sufficient nominations.

Notices of motion are invited and must be lodged with the Secretary by August 26th.

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Bowen Congress

Pairs 1st Category A Geoff Allen, Terrance Sheedy
1ST Category C Joan Elliott, Margaret Dousset

Teams

2nd Geoff Allen, John Johnson, Terrance Sheedy,
Enroll Miller
3rd Hugh McAllister, Di McAllister, Betty Hobdell,
Rosemary Glastonbury

Bundaberg Congress

Pairs

1st - Robyn Nolan and Di Jones

Australian National Congress, Canberra

Betty Hobdell and Rosemary Glastonbury were part of the Ladies State team which came second.

Wednesday Night Restricted Convention

Russell Wooley, Bill Bishop
Carol Hadley, Mervyn Smith
Monica Quilty, Janina Mazierska

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Carol Blackman
Yvonne Houbolt
Hugh McAlister
Christine Perkins
Helen Tapiolas
Robyn Green
Del Ward
Lesley Boulger

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR JULY

Rosemary Glastonbury –
Gold Life
Robert Mischlewski – Local*
Beverly Neilsen – Local
Christine Tweddell -
Graduate

POINTS OR TRICKS

John Johnson contributed this true story. Perhaps intended to unsettle any of us who thought we knew how to bid?

Terrance Reece, the famous bridge player, said 'I want my partner to have tricks not points'. In our Club many pairs bid on points only. Take this hand as an example.

S A 10 9 8 7 6

H -----

D 9 8 7 6 5 4 2

C -----

S K

H A K Q 10 9 8

D A K Q

C A K Q

S Q

H J 7 6 5 4 3 2

D J 10 3

C J 2

S J 5 4 3 2

H -----

D -----

C 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3

This hand was played in Cincinnati, USA about 45 years ago, N/S made 7S xx.

I'm sure John would like to discuss the hand with anyone interested.

50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

There are lots of photographs from this event on our web site at townsville.fnqbridge.com/albums/anniv50/
Here are just a few more.



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50TH YEAR

WHAT WAS BRIDGE LIKE 50 YEARS AGO?

At the 50th Anniversary Dinner Geoff Allen spoke about the technology changes which have occurred in the playing of bridge, of interest to newer members and bringing back memories for older members. This is an account of his speech.

A bridge session 50 years ago was very different to a session today. Having arrived and been allocated a table the director distributed a set of boards to each table. One card of each board was normally faced up indicating the board had been played and needed to be re dealt. After dealing the set of boards a traveller was attached to the back of each board with the date, board number and vulnerability noted. After the board was played North recorded on the traveller the contract, tricks made and the score for North/South or East/West. This was initialled as correct by East or West. The cards for each player were also then entered onto the traveller after the first round.

Unlike today, results for the session were not immediately available after all boards were played. Each traveller needed to be match pointed and the three or four travellers in each set accumulated. The total match points for each set were then manually summarised onto a spread sheet which hopefully totalled to the total number of match points for the session. Only then were the results for each pair available. This process took some time during which, after an evening session, players socialised with a drink or two.

The other labour intensive job after a session was the master pointing. The master point secretary manually allocated master points to the top half of each field. At the end of the month the master pointing for all the sessions played was then summarised and green or red slips written for each member who earned a master point.

The first major technological change was the introduction of a scoring program which was a Dos based program written by Reg. Bush. Unfortunately it was only capable of being used by the computer literate of which there were not many. A Mackay member Robyn Palmer wrote a window based program called Rapscore which became popular with Queensland clubs as it was user friendly. It was not long after that Peter Bush produced CompScore which is now used by most Queensland clubs. Session results and master point now takes minutes instead of hours and can be carried out by most members.



The next big change was computer generated hands and the introduction of dealing machines. Prior to dealing machines pre dealt hands for a congress had to be prepared manually well in advance of the event. Cards were firstly sorted into suits and then a group of four would manually allocate their allocated suit into wallets which were mainly used at that time. Again what used to take hours and was subject to error now takes minutes.

The first dealing machines used bar coded cards which were more expensive for clubs to purchase. When the QBA introduced a regulation that operators of the dealing machine not partake in the event in which

the boards would be used, Margaret Wilkinson became the dealer for many years. The first dealing machines had a foot pedal to start and stop the dealing. The latest machines do not need bar coded cards and are significantly faster.

The greatest change however is the use of Bridgemates and the internet. At the end of a session results are available and displayed within minutes. For members with internet access full details of all boards are available at home for review at their leisure.

It is hard to see what changes if any will occur over the next fifty years.

Editor's Note: I plan to have something about the Club's history in each issue of this year's newsletter. If you would like to submit an article or offer material or suggest a topic, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Jean

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