



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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### Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate  
John Tredrea - Secretary

## December 2019 and January 2020

### COMING EVENTS

Airlie Beach Pairs Challenge Congress

20 November - 1 December

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Festive Teams

5, 12, 19 December

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Teams of 3

8 December

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Monday Xmas Party

16 December

(Remember donations to the Women's Shelter)

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Summer Festival of Bridge (Canberra)

8 - 9 January

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Australia Day congress

24 - 27 January

## MELBOURNE CUP CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating the spirit of the Cup! Champers, food and, company were fantastic.

We were joined by beginners Mary, Jo, Arthur and Maxine who were excited to participate but preferred to play their own set of boards. A good time was had by all.

The session was won by Hugh and Di McAlister (N/S) and Audrey Ledbroke and Simon Jones (E/W)



Winners of the Melbourne Cup Fashions

Lesleigh Rooney/Lyn Joye - Best Hat

Byron McKenzie-Ross - Best Dressed Male.

Marie Stabler - Best Dressed Female

Joyce Web - Best Dressed Overall.

## INTERESTING HAND

By Charlie Georgees

How often do we think back over the results from an interesting hand played during a session and wonder how most of us missed the obvious bid or play? Perhaps we can include one such hand in each month's Newsletter to stimulate discussion. Submissions to the Editor could be made by anybody for publication, and brief responses to or comments on a previously published hand could be made in the following month. Let's make this a bit of fun in our Newsletter.

Looking through some results from earlier this year, the following hand caught the eye. It was played at **TBC, SAT 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019**.

<b>BD: 10</b>	<b>♠72</b>	<b>Dir: E</b>	
	<b>♥954</b>	<b>Vul: Both</b>	
	<b>♦Q92</b>		
	<b>♣QJT53</b>		
<b>♠A</b>		<b>♠KQJ9643</b>	
<b>♥AKQJ32</b>		<b>♥T6</b>	
<b>♦853</b>		<b>♦A</b>	
<b>♣AK9</b>		<b>♣642</b>	
	<b>♠T85</b>		
	<b>♥87</b>		
	<b>♦KJT764</b>		
	<b>♣87</b>		

	♣	♦	♥	♠	N		
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N	-	-	-	-	-		5
S	-	-	-	-	-	21	10
E	4	1	7	7	7		4
W	4	1	7	7	7		

One imagines the bidding would have been something like this.

<b>E</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>N</b>
1S	pass	2H	pass
4S <sup>(1)</sup>	pass	4NT	pass
5S <sup>(2)</sup>	pass	7S	pass
pass	pass		

- (1) Showing a good long spade suit, 7+
- (2) Roman keycard in spades showing 2 keycards (AD, KS) + Queen of trumps

East is too strong to pre-empt and can open 1S on Rule of 20. After the jump to 4S, West has only 4 losers and with the good spade suit indicated by the Roman keycard ask, 7NT beckons although 7S is much safer. The Board was played 11 times and everyone played in either H or S. It was played 5 times in game, 5 times in small slam, and just once in grand slam. Intriguingly nobody found the 7NT which makes on any lead - somewhat luckily it must be said thanks to the second entry to dummy.

Charlie suggest that each issue of this newsletter could include an interesting hand. Anyone is welcome to submit one and Charlie says he is happy to help with the layout for publication.



## WINNERS OF THE NOVICE TEAMS



### 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

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### SOME RECENT RESULTS

#### Australia Wide Restricted Pairs

3<sup>RD</sup> Donna Fitch and Di Garside

4<sup>TH</sup> Kay Lehman and Chris Tweddell

#### Central Queensland Teams (Mackay)

John Tredrea and Ian Paterson were part of the winning team and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Walk in Pairs event

### BRIDGE CROSSWORD ANSWERS

#### CLUES ACROSS

1. A famous card game (6 letters)
3. Two US Presidents (6 letters)
6. What tea break brings (4 Letters)
7. Is this what you say to a 4 board sit out? (3 letters)
8. A red 5 across (5 letters)

#### CLUES DOWN

1. What we all want to get
2. Doesn't work for table fees
4. Club to Grand and in between
5. Smart outfits

B	R	I	D	G	E
E	////////	O	////////	////////	////////
T	R	U	M	P	S
T	////////	////////	A	////////	U
E	A	T	S	////////	I
R	////////	////////	T	U	T
////////	////////	////////	E	////////	S
H	E	A	R	T	////////

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### **RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2019**

Kelly Walker – Regional

Bev Neilson – Local \*\*

## **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

By Clive Bunnett

A meeting of teachers and others interested in player development was held on Monday 25 November to discuss the Player Development program for 2020.

Clive and Fay (with assistants) will continue with Beginners and Improvers Bridge classes to prepare students to play at Club level. Charlie Georgees has taken over the leadership of the Supervised Play classes on Tuesdays and is also preparing and delivering lessons at an Intermediate level for interested members. He also plans to incorporate lessons on Help With Play from time to time. We are inviting Joan Butts to present another Teacher Training session in the first part of the year. This is open to all members free of charge and teachers and prospective teachers from other clubs and regions will be invited. Teachers attending this session can work towards becoming an ABF accredited teacher. Joan's emphasis is on making learning to bid and play a positive experience and teaching accordingly. She will also run a second day on the topics of Competitive Play and Help With Play. All members are encouraged to participate and the sessions are once again being provided to members free of charge.

An area of concern in the Club has been the shortage of recent graduates from our program transitioning into regular play at Club level, despite efforts to encourage them to do so. This has been especially obvious in events such as Novice Pairs and Teams set up for such players. It is important for us as a Club to address this issue. Geoff Allen has suggested a special supervised play session to replace the current Saturday morning program in which those under 50 Masterpoints (including Beginners) will play a limited session of around 18 boards under modified play conditions to become familiar with Bridgmate, scoring, timing etc. in a supportive environment. It will commence on Saturday 7 December at 9.15 am. This has been received positively by our current learning group. Other members are welcome in this session as long as they partner a beginner. No Masterpoints will be allotted but a result sheet will be printed. It is important that we welcome these players into sessions and not try to 'teach' them at the table but encourage their participation.

A mentoring process is also being discussed. Any other ideas to support transitioning are more than welcome.

More advanced players have not been forgotten. Geoff, will continue to give his informative and well received lessons on various conventions incorporating the Law of Total Tricks at times to be announced. Other players with sufficient knowledge and skill are encouraged to contribute to this process especially on useful conventions. Di and Hugh will participate especially on topics of play and defence techniques.

Nathan Van Jole has agreed to mentor and play with players intending to travel and compete in congresses at an open level. He will also conduct lessons for this group when available in the new year. His special expertise will be most welcome.

Primarily it is the aim of the committee to recruit new players and maintain their interest in order to facilitate their transition into full participation in Club events at a level where they feel comfortable competing. It is also an aim to foster a process of continuous learning at all levels of competence. To ensure this it is hoped that Club will remain a supportive and encouraging environment for all players and learners.

Happy bridging everybody!