

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Wilfred Tapiolas

Well hasn't this year flown by! It's Christmas again! How did that happen? I guess the reason it seems to have snuck on us is that COVID has taken away so much of our playing time at the club.

It won't be long before the Australia Day Congress is here. Under the relaxed COVID rules, we can now accommodate more players. At our last Committee Meeting, it was decided to increase the number of tables available for play. By using some of our smaller tables, in addition to the 16 larger tables, we hope to accommodate a similar number of entries to those we had at our last congress.

This year we have seen a number of our members retire from active play. I know that they still take an interest in the club and their bridge friends, and still check up on us by looking at the results page on the website. I wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them at future club social events.

Given that we have had to compress our playing calendar and hold an increased number of competitions over the last few months, including the club championship teams and championship pairs events, I would like to thank everyone for their participation, including the directors and event organisers. They worked under a lot of pressure and put in a lot of time to make those events successful. It was pleasing to see Clive at some of the events.

I would like to thank Jan and Leigh for running our Friday sessions, you have eased the load on Geoff, Charlie and the other directors.

Thanks also to the members who have organised our Christmas Party and help decorate the Club House.

Finally I would like to wish you all, and your families, a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming New Year.

RANKING PROMOTIONS

Kelly Walker – State
Roslyn Sneddon – Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2020

21st Christmas Party
25th closed
26th usual session
28th usual session

January 2021

1st usual session
23rd Australia Day Congress and walk in pairs

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tony Byrne
Betty Hobdell
Trevor Hunt
Ian Leach
Iris Rutherford
Dusk Care
John Larkin
Pat Leighton
John Toogood
Lynn Richardson
Jean Dartnall
Lesleigh Rooney
Ian Patterson

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Bradshaw
Gayleen Brown
Myles Clarkson
Fred Cole
Devan Mitchell
John Johnson
Gloria MacDonald

Let your friends know - Lessons for Beginners to Bridge for 2021 will start on Tues Feb 2 at 9.30am and Wed Feb 3 at 7pm. For more information please contact Fay (0415643604) or Di (0439598019).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY 2020



**Adarina Bawden, Byron Mackenzie-Ross, Iris Rutherford and Anne Murphy
Wilfred Tapiolas, Helen Lovegrove, Helen Tapiolas, Donna Clarkson, Anne Smith**



Fred Cole Lily Morrish, Gayleen Brown, Trevor Hunt and Robert Mischlewski

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP by Ian Patterson



1st Place - Leigh Owens and Jan Smith



**2nd Place - Ian Patterson & Betty Hobdell,
Geoff Allen
Care**



**1st place (B Grade)
Felicity Horne & Dusk
and Geoff Allen**

Having been postponed from the original dates in May due to COVID, the Club Pairs was conducted on the weekend of the 5th and 6th of December. Just 10 tables (20 pairs) entered, a disappointing number in terms of participation but a convenient number for the Organiser (Geoff Allen). The movement was a Swiss in which each pair played 9 matches of 9 boards over the 3 sessions - a comfortable 27 boards a session. It meant the Dealers only had to deal 3 sets of boards for each session, not too difficult a task. It all ran smoothly, the only hiccup being we were unable to display the results of each round on the big screens (and the draw for the next round). Where was Bill Bishop when we needed him (I hope his "sore knee" gets better soon)?

And the results? After flirting with a visit to the top table, Dusk and Felicity won the B grade comfortably from Devan and Jackie. The A grade was a completely different story with the front runners (Betty and Ian) from session 1 coming back to the field over the next 2 sessions and falling in a hole in the last match. The final score was a tie with Leigh and Jan : 818.0 matchpoints and 56.1% each. The result was decided by the head-to-head match and which Jan and Leigh won with a slim margin.

Congratulations go to Jan and Leigh, and to Dusk and Felicity, for their respective wins on the weekend. Both pairs were deserving winners.

Congratulations!

Monday Pairs Under National



Wilfred and Helen Tapiolas - 1st Place

Monday Pairs Open



Bill Bishop and Pat Larsen – 1st place

FESTIVE TEAMS

Jennifer Mullen, John Johnson, Betty Hobdell, Rosemary Glastonbury - A Grade 1st Place



FESTIVE TEAMS

Ched Twyman, Audrey Lebrook, John Tredrea, Simon Jones - A Grade 2nd Place



A Grade - 3rd Place - Wilfred Tapiolas (President) Judy Hunt, Jan Manders and Geoff Allen (Director). Absent Pat Leighton, Barbara Hospers , Gladys Tulloch



B Grade 1st Place – Di Garside, Trudy Low, Clive Bunnett, Kelly Walker, Sam Bishop

FESTIVE TEAMS

This event was well attended and it was great to see some of our newer players participate in the competition. To finish the event we celebrated with a catered lunch. A big thanks to all the helpers for making this an enjoyable event.



Maxine Virgo, Betty Hobdell, Mary Overell, Arthur Johnson, and Rosemary Glastonbury



Annette Dalton Mary Overell, Jayne Dalton, and Toni Lanphier



Sharon Morley, Wendy Collard, Heather Colbert, Bev Middendorf



Kay Lehmann

HOCKEY AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME

Caps: 32

Debut: 1965 v New Zealand



CONGRATULATIONS KAYE!

Kay Lehmann has been inducted into the Hockey Australia Hall of Fame, Not only is Kaye good at playing bridge she is an outstanding hockey player! Below is an extract from Australian Hockey website.

A brilliant defender, Kay Lehmann had an indelible mark on the teams she played for, including when she represented her country.

Kay's career for the Hockeyroos comprised 32 caps, one goal and two IFWHA tournaments. She made her debut on 14 August 1965 against New Zealand, becoming the 228th female Australian player to be capped.

Kay was an outstanding defender who used her arsenal of skills to great advantage. Her decisive hitting was used to considerable effect in the short corner battery. Along with her precise passing, excellent trapping and quick reflexes, her ability to read the play made her a most valuable player for the teams in which she played.

Kay was born in Maryborough in Queensland and was first selected to play for her state at the age of 18. She was a member of the state team for nine years.

Kay went on to play for Australia for over eight years. She toured to Europe and South Africa in 1970, and to the IFWHA tournaments in Germany in 1967 and New Zealand in 1971. It was at the New Zealand tournament that she was named in a World XI.

In 2000 Kay was one of the 11 players named in the Queensland Women's Team of the Century and she was also an inaugural inductee into the Queensland Hockey Hall of Fame in 2002.

Kay's induction into the Hockey Australia Hall of Fame was ratified in 2019.

From those in the know...

"Who could forget Kay's outstanding match against England in front of 45,000 screaming school girls at White City in 1970. A match that finished 1-1 with her scoring from a short corner. A superb hockey career. Well done." Wendy Pritchard (Hockey Australia Hall of Fame Committee Member and Award of Merit recipient)

2020 FOND MEMORIES – REMEMBERING ELSIE STUBBS

While 2020 will be remembered as the year that Covid 19 changed our lives, it was also the year that the Club lost one of its favourite members who had a big impact and influence on our club. It seems fitting to end the year's newsletter with a tribute to Elsie Stubbs.

A Honorary Life Member, Elsie had an irrepressible presence and gave up a lot of her time to support the Club and its members. Elsie was a passionate player and committed to teaching new players how to play bridge and mentoring many of us. Many of us won't forget her sayings - 'do your detective work'; when bidding, don't forget where you are sitting at the table; and trust your partner!

A cause close to her heart at this time of year was to fundraise for the Women's Shelter. Elsie will be fondly remembered for a long time ahead.



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