

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS EDITION 2021



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Wilfred Tapiolas

2021 has been a successful year for the club as we have been able to play our full calendar of events and competitions without disruption. Like all clubs we have seen a decline in playing numbers since the onset of Covid, which has resulted in a fall of income. In the last newsletter, at the auditor's suggestion, the committee offered a number of options to improve the club's financial position and invited members to comment. Thank you to everyone who made a submission; your feedback was appreciated. The committee decided to leave fees and charges unchanged for the rest of the 2021-22 financial year. A new fee proposal will be taken to the next AGM for members to approve.

The club's cash reserves have been set aside for maintenance and capital replacement. While the club has been successful in obtaining grants in excess of \$55,000 in the past two years, which have allowed us improve our facilities, plant and equipment, grants may not always be available.

The club calendars are now available for collection at the club. Thanks to Di Garside and Carol Blackman for arranging printing and for labelling them.

This year we held a number of successful Christmas functions starting with the Wednesday night restricted conventions group on 15 December, followed by the Festive Teams Christmas lunch and concluding with the club's Christmas party and presentation to the Women's Shelter on 20 December. Thanks to everyone who contributed, from decorating the clubhouse, arranging the food and drinks, and collecting for the shelter. You have all helped the club to conclude the year on a high.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and safe travelling to those who are going away for the break. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Wilfred Tapiolas



1. How is the pandemic like my stomach after Christmas?



Courtesy Adrian Raeside

300 masterpoints or less? MARK IT IN YOUR CALANDAR

ZONAL RESTRICTED PAIRS

The Northern Zone has been given approval to conduct an additional Zonal event, **the Zonal Restricted Pairs** in 2022. This event has been added to the calendar especially for players with less than 300 masterpoints.

This event will be:

- A red point, two-session event.
- Held on Saturday, 5 February 2022.
- Conducted by the Townsville Bridge Club, and
- Limited to players with less than 300 masterpoints.

4 participating pairs, who meet the residential requirements of the Northern Zone, will be offered a subsidy to play in the Restricted Pairs at the 2022 Barrier Reef Congress. The subsidy will be offered to the:

- Two top placed pairs overall, and
- Two top placed pairs under 100 masterpoints

All members, **as at 31 December 2021**, with less than 300 masterpoints are encouraged to support this event.



2. *What do you call an elf who sings?*

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2021

21st TBC Teams of 3 - Session 2/2
(Green)

25th Xmas Day (CLOSED)

27th TBC Usual Session

28th TBC Supervised Play

29th TBC Usual Session (3 days)

RECENT RANKINGS

Charlie Georgees – **Life**

Anto Wilson – **Local**

Merle McGregor – **Graduate**

JANUARY 2022

23rd TBC (QBA) - Australia Day Congress -
Walk-in Pairs

24th TBC (QBA) Australia Day Congress -
Swiss Pairs

25th to 26th TBC (QBA) Australia Day
Congress - Swiss Teams

31st TBC Australia-wide Open Pairs (2021)



70% Last 6 months

BILL BISHOP and PAT LARSEN

BILL BISHOP and JOHN JOHNSON

REG BURTON and PETER ELLIOTT

JANA ZRNO and JOYCE MCARTHUR

BILL REDHEAD and PETER ELLIOTT

Recent Grand Slams

RUTH BRADSHAW / HEATHER COLBERT

PAT LEIGHTON / RAY MULD

VIVIENNE OTTO / FRANCES
SUMMERHAYES

KAY HEYBOER / RHIANNON HEYBOER

PETER HALL / GAY LOUGHNANE

CAROL BLACKMAN / DONNA FITCH

PATRICIA LARSEN / BILL BISHOP

DUSK CARE / FELICITY HORNE

PETER HOUSDEN / MARY OVERELL

JOYCE MCARTHUR / LYNNE WORLEY

SAM BISHOP / HEATHER COLBERT

Tell your friends!!!! -
LESSONS 2022

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE



2022 LESSONS COMMENCE:

- Tues 8th February 9:30am
- Wed 9th February 7:00pm

*** Introductory Lesson FREE ***

Subsequent Lessons \$6 - Refreshments Provided
Enquiries: Ring Di on 0439 598 019



3. Why are Santa's reindeer allowed to travel on Christmas Eve?

MEMBER PROFILE – ANN SMITH

When did you first play Bridge?

I have always loved playing cards. I remember sitting around the dinner table with Dad for hours playing 500 when we were teenagers, but I didn't actually start learning bridge until about 6 years ago when I retired from full time nursing. Some of the things learnt back then....2nd player plays low.....never finesse your partner's lead etc have come in handy since stepping up to bridge. One of my biggest regrets is that Dad never found bridge. He would have loved it!



Who introduced you to bridge?

Heather Colbert



Who taught you to play bridge?

Elsie Stubbs on Wednesday nights with the help of Judy Hunt. After they kicked us out of the nest, Del Ward, Beth Whebell and Vivian Otto took over at supervised play on Tuesday mornings.

Tell us some of your family background.

Born and raised here in Townsville, as were both my parents. Dad was a carriage builder and Mum was a nurse. I am the eldest of three and grew up in Wulguru. I went to school at St Joseph's Mundingburra and St Margaret Mary's College. We never had a lot of money to spare but we never went without either. We did a lot of things as a family and were very involved in hockey for many years.

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

Not really any more. I did take up golf in my early 50s and was playing 3-4 times a week until my doctors suggested that I shouldn't be out in the sun for long periods of time. Luckily I had found bridge by then so swapped one obsession with another.

Did you have a nickname at school?

Not so much at school but friends and family called me Annie Bags.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

House work....with a passion.

If you could be an animal what would it be and why?

Probably a nice friendly, loyal dog.

What is your favourite song?

I love the version of Sound of Silence by Disturbed....I've heard that even Simon and Garfunkel think its better than theirs.



4. Who is Santa's favourite singer?

Do you have any “hidden talents” or achievements that might surprise us?

No, not really. Having left school before my 15th birthday, I worked in a number of jobs without finding anything I really wanted to do. The best decision I ever made was to follow in my mother’s footsteps and try nursing. Being hospital trained in the 70s, returning to university to get my degree, then specialising in Critical Care Nursing many years later was, for me, a big achievement. Here I am, still enjoying working a few hours a week after 45 years.

What type of jobs (employment) have you done?

My first job was as an office junior in an Accountants office in Denham Street. Following that I moved out to Human Resources at JCU, check out chick at the local corner store, receptionist at a vets surgery then onto the Stuart Hotel...taking orders in their bistro. You can see why my parents were getting frustrated.....hence the suggestion to try nursing.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Saying something without thinking of the consequences. My Dad used to tell me to “Make sure brain is engaged before putting mouth into gear”. Obviously a hard lesson for me to learn because I still struggle with it today.

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Dawn Fraser. When we were kids she used to have a race horse stabled next to our place in Wulguru and sometimes jumped the fence to use our phone.

What’s the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is?

See above answer to personality trait.

If you could invite three famous people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be?

Billy Connolly....very funny man

Slim Dusty.....love his music

Hugh Jackman.....lovely man

Best advice for your bridge partner

If you know it, go it.

Do you have a joke?

No. I’m hopeless at remembering jokes.



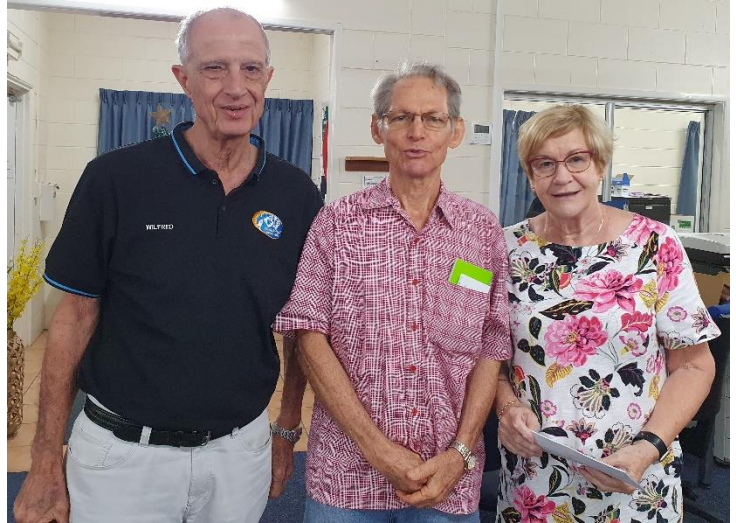
5. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Congratulations FESTIVE TEAMS 2021

Winners "A" (Robyn Nolan, Pat Leighton, John Tredrea, Charlie Georgees)



Winners "B" (Peter Hall, Joan Elliott), (not in photo John Larkin, Margaret Dousset, Bill Redhead)



Winners "C" (Helen and Wilfred Tapiolas, Reg Burton, (not in photo Peter Elliott)



KEEP IN MIND

1. VACCINATIONS

If you've had a booster shot recently, please advise a committee member to update our Vaccination Register.

2. **Re Zonal Restricted Pairs**, please include the advice "Entries are now open at the clubhouse"

3. **Re Australia Day Congress**, please include the advice "Entries are now open at the clubhouse"

4. **BRC22 – Barrier Reef Congress 2022 (9-13 May)**, please include the advice "Entries are now open via the "MyABF\Congresses" facility

6. *What kind of photos do elves take?*

REGIONAL EVENTS: Airlie Pairs Challenge 2021



Winners "B" Grade, Charlie Georges / Reg Burton (R)

Left - Winners "A" Grade, Janet Hansen / Di Morgan



Left - Winners "C" Grade, Wendy Coe / Sharon Morley



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Roaring 20's Theme, Townsville/Cleveland Bay Bridge Clubs



7. What do you call a blind reindeer?

Xmas 2021 Wednesday night - Dinner, Drinks, and Bridge



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8. *What would you call an elf who just has won the lottery?*



LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, jokes, birthday wishes or ideas for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric on 0403 153 211 or email me - aberic@tpg.com.au



9. Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

HOW WOULD YOU PLAY?

♠ 3
 ♥ Q 10 7 6 2
 ♦ A Q 10 9 2
 ♣ 7 3

♠ 8 7 6 4
 ♥ A K J 9 5
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A J 2

East-West Vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	2 ♥
Double	4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	5 ♦ (1)	Pass	5 ♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠J, overtaken by East with the Queen. East returned a club, declarer tried the Jack, West winning the King, and continuing with the ♦7. Plan your play before reading on?

Taking the diamond finesse is simply too risky. Count your winners – you have the ♣A and ♦A, so you need nine more tricks. With so many high trumps, you should plan to cross-ruff the hand – taking nine tricks in trumps.

If you lead two rounds of trumps, you have only eight trump tricks, so you will be reliant on the diamond suit breaking 4-3 (providing a long suit trick).

Win the ♦A and trump a diamond with the ♥5. Cash the ♣A and then trump a club. Now you trump diamonds in your hand (your trumps are impregnable) and trump spades in dummy (knowing East has long spades, so you can trump low or over-trump West). You now have the remaining tricks.

Here's the full hand:

♠ 3	♠ A K Q 10 9 4
♥ Q 10 7 6 2	♥ 4
♦ A Q 10 9 2	♦ 6 4
♣ 7 3	♣ Q 10 8 4
♠ J 5	♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ 8 3	♥ A K J 9 5
♦ K J 8 7 5	♦ 3
♣ K 9 6 5	♣ A J 2



Those who drew two rounds of trumps and relied on diamonds breaking 4-3 failed in a 5♥ contract which should be made.

Courtesy - Barbara Travis (SABF News)

10. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?

FROM THE VAULT

Mid-1970s - Brian Blyth, Pat Back, John Gray, Daphne Crimston and Peter Rainey



Louise Connell, Gwyn Davies, John Laws and Jim Foley

11. *Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?*

Bruce Chalker



Pam Andrews



Lesleigh Rooney Diane Jones





1 How is the pandemic like my stomach after Christmas?

It'll take ages to flatten the curve

2. What do you call an elf who sings?

A wrapper

3. Why are Santa's reindeer allowed to travel on Christmas Eve?

They have herd immunity

4. Who is Santa's favourite singer?

Elf-is Presley!

5. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsilitis

6. What kind of photos do elves take?

Elfies!

7. What do you call a blind reindeer?

No-eye deer

8. What would you call an elf who just has won the lottery?

Welfy!

9. Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

Because it 'soots' him!

10. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?

Rude-olph!

11. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

They're always dropping their needles

12. What does Santa do when his elves misbehave?

He gives them the sack