



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Wilfred Tapiolas

2022 was another successful year for our club with the holding of the Barrier Reef Congress in May being our premier event. Sadly 2022 also saw the passing of a number of the club's long time members, and our thoughts go out to their families at this time of the year.



Playing numbers showed a slight increase throughout the year with several sessions again requiring two sides. The GNOT final was held in Brisbane last month. The north Queensland zone was represented by Bill Bishop, Geoff Allen, Leigh Owens and Jan Smith who put up a creditable performance in a field of sixty teams.

It was good to see our club again supporting the Ingham Bridge Club Christmas Party with seven pairs competing, and the Airlie Beach Congress with five pairs attending.

At the September AGM a motion was passed to increase subscriptions from \$50 to \$60 from September 2023. The subscription includes ABF and QBA affiliation fees which increase by CPI each year. Our Treasurer Ken Davies has asked that club members be made aware that this year the affiliation fees paid to ABF and QBA amounted to \$32.20 and the club retained only \$17.80 towards operating costs. Ken has prepared a detailed report on membership fees for the Committee and a summary will be published in a future newsletter.

The 2023 Calendars are now available if you haven't already collected yours. Thanks to Devan, Carol and Charlie for arranging their printing and labelling.

This month the club held a number of well attended Christmas events, including the Festive Teams, the Restricted Conventions Group Party and the club's main Christmas party and presentation to the Women's Shelter on 19 December.

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.



RECENT PROMOTIONS

Anto Wilson

Bronze Local

Jan Nettle

Graduate



70 Percenters – last 6 months

Helen Lovegrove and Bill Redhead

Helen Lovegrove and Charlie Georgees

Ken Manders and Phil Rains



Courtesy Adrian Raeside



Christmas Quiz

What has been given to the people of Britain by the city of Oslo in Norway each year since 1947?

In which country do millions of people eat KFC for their main Christmas meal?

What was the first Christmas song broadcast from space?

If you went a-wassailing, what would you doing?

Which Christmas song contains the lyric “Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way”?

The famous song ‘White Christmas’ originally featured in which 1942 musical film starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astair and Virginia Dale?

In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?

Who wrote, “Christmas doesn’t come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?”

Which major company is credited with shaping the image of Santa Claus with its 1931 print ads?

Balsam, Douglas, Fraser and Noble are all types of what?

By what title was the song Jingle Bells originally released?

Which British monarch was the first to broadcast a Christmas message from the sovereign to the British Empire?

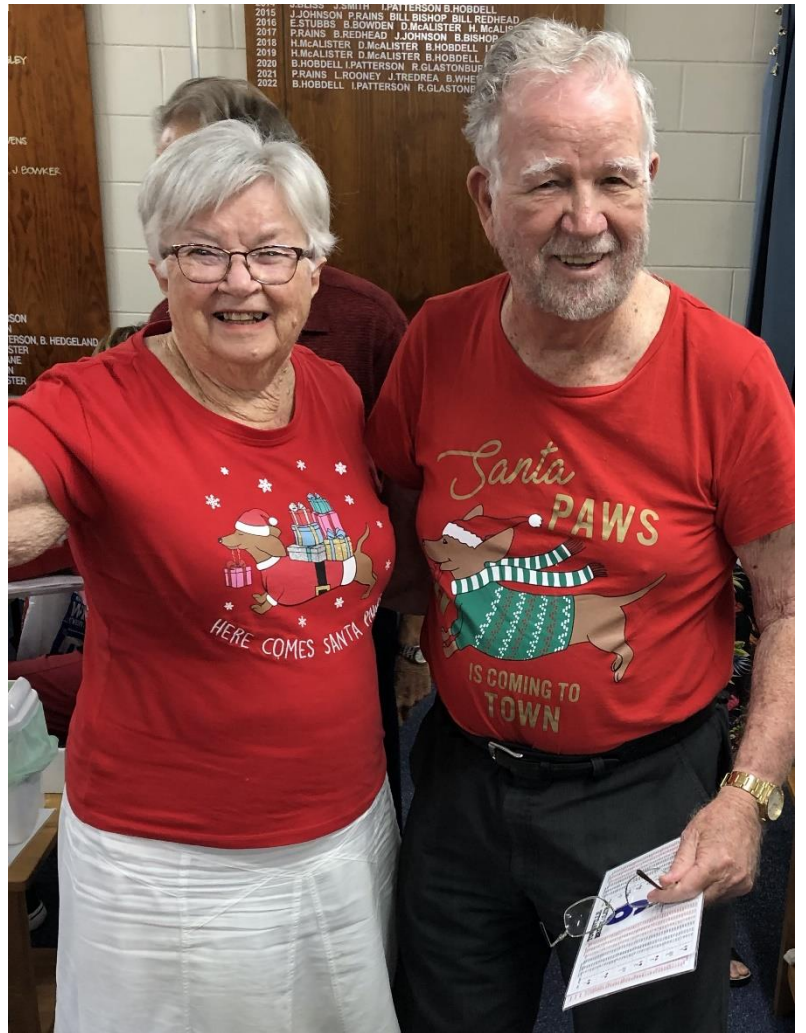
In which ocean is Christmas Island located?



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GETTING INTO THE XMAS SPIRIT







FESTIVE TEAMS RESULTS

1st GLORIA MACDONALD - LESLEIGH ROONEY - PHIL RAINS -
MARY OVERELL – GRAHAM SANDERSON – BERNICE
MORTON

2nd REG BURTON - CHED TWYMAN - PAT LARSEN - CHARLIE
GEORGEES

3rd ANN SMITH - PETER ELLIOTT - COLEEN EVANSON - JOHN TREDREA - BILL
BISHOP





Member Profile:

Andree Galeano

When and where did you first play Bridge?

25 years ago, in Hamilton Brisbane

Who introduced you to bridge?

Mum



Who taught you to play bridge?

Joan Butts and my Dad

Tell us some of your family background, for example where did you grow up, what is your favourite childhood memory?

I grew up in Windsor and Aspley. My father was financial executive for Myers. I have 2 sisters and a brother. I enjoyed going to the gold coast for holiday.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Housework

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

Travelling overseas and around Australia

What type of Jobs (employment) have you done? What was your first job? Did you have a favourite job?

I worked for Colonial mutual insurance coy for 5 years, Medibank for 5 years Australian valuations for 3 years and finally Australian taxation office Brisbane and Townsville 28 years

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

A bear so I can hibernate

What is your favourite song?

Bohemian rhapsody and most songs of Queen

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

Organise functions at tax office

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Being talkative

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Bob Hawke

What the best advice given to you or your Motto is?

Enjoy life and don't look back

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

George Clooney, Katherine Hepburn and Elton John

Best advice for your bridge partner

Enjoy your bridge it is only a game



ANSWERS – CHRISTMAS QUIZ

What has been given to the people of Britain by the city of Oslo in Norway each year since 1947?

Christmas Tree (displayed in Trafalgar Square)

In which country do millions of people eat KFC for their main Christmas meal?

Japan

What was the first Christmas song broadcast from space?

Jingle Bells

If you went a-wassailing, you would be doing?

Carol Singing

Which Christmas song contains the lyric “Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way”?

Rocking Around The Christmas Tree

The famous song ‘White Christmas’ originally featured in which 1942 musical film starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astair and Virginia Dale?

Holiday Inn

In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?

Turkey

Who wrote, “Christmas doesn’t come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?”

Dr. Seuss – from ‘The Grinch Who Stole Christmas’.

Which major company is credited with shaping the image of Santa Claus with its 1931 print ads?

Coca-Cola

Balsam, Douglas, Fraser and Noble are all types of what?

Christmas trees / Fir trees

Which British monarch was the first to broadcast a Christmas message from the sovereign to the British Empire?

King George V

By what title was the song Jingle Bells originally released?

The One Horse Open Sleigh.

In which ocean is Christmas Island located? Indian Ocean

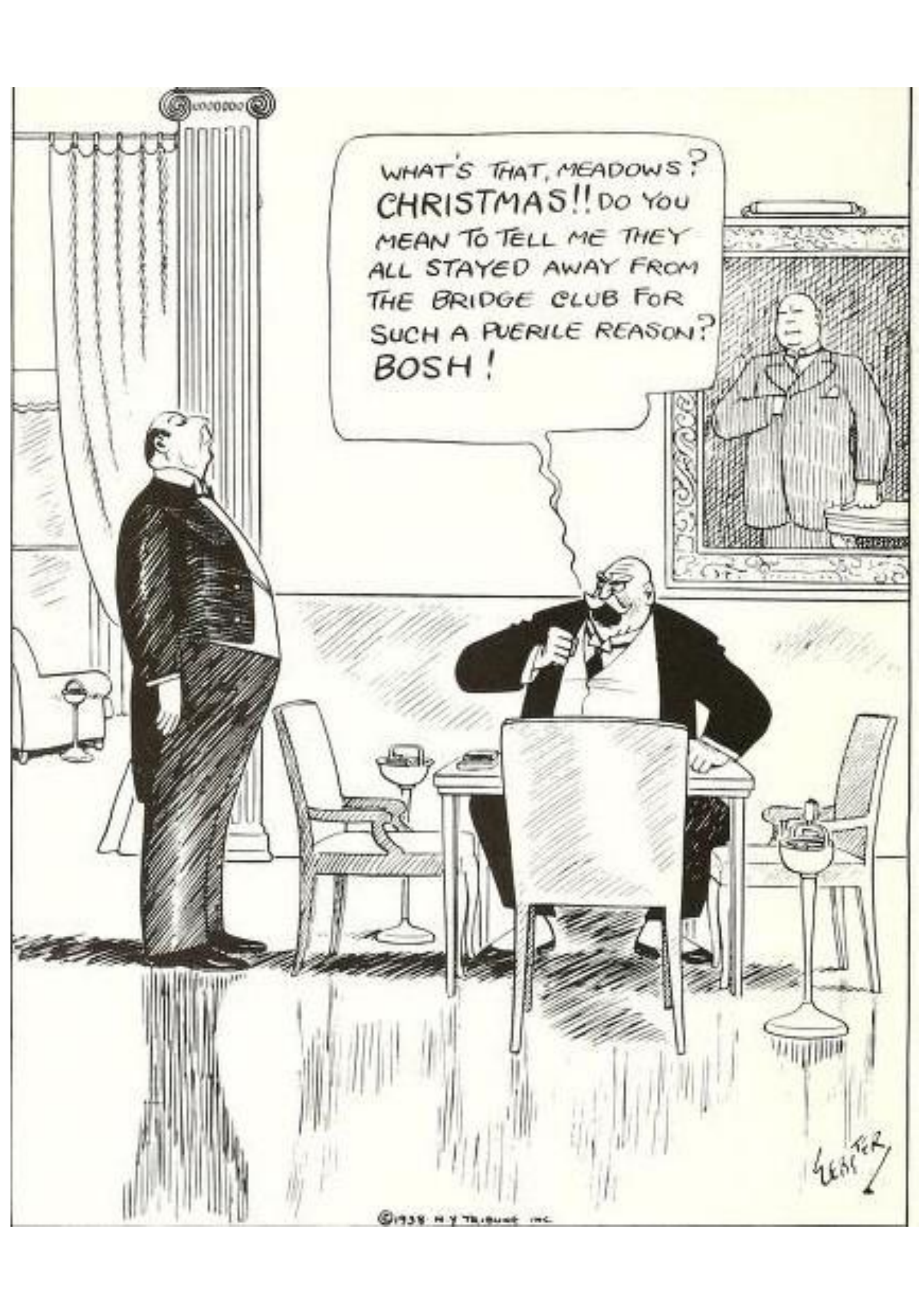


Memories.....









WHAT'S THAT, MEADOWS?
CHRISTMAS!! DO YOU
MEAN TO TELL ME THEY
ALL STAYED AWAY FROM
THE BRIDGE CLUB FOR
SUCH A PUERILE REASON?
BOSH!