



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

February 2017

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting held on 21 January 2017 elected a new committee, details on the left of this column. The incoming president stressed the importance of the committee consulting members about issues and his wish to make the Club a friendly, comfortable place where members could spend a few hours away from the troubles of the world in a relaxed atmosphere.

The meeting was a short one so the committee got straight to work with their first meeting.



RANKING PROMOTIONS

December

Elinor Murray – Local **
Robyn Green – Club
Leonie Cunningham – Club
Donna Clarkson – Club

January

Daniel Myerson - Club

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Denise Bayliss
Elaine Brown
Kay Lehmann
Ken Manders
Bev J. Neilsen
Glad Short
Edna Davis
Nina Doyle
Joyce McArthur
Val Staneke
Elsie Stubbs
Wilfred Tapiolas
Di Garside
Rosemary Glastonberry
Gay Loughane
Raymond Stewart

AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS RESULTS

Walk in pairs, Section A

N/S Monica Darley, Del Ryan
Phil Rains, John Johnson
E/W Bill Bishop, Albert Beric
Betty Collins, Betty Bourke

Walk in Pairs Section B

N/S Geoffrey Patterson, Bruce Bowden
Bill Redhead, John Tredrea
E/W Max Holewa, Diane Holewa
Cara Bragg, Val Staneke

Australia Days Pairs A

Errol Miller, Terrance Sheedy
Ched Twyman, Helen Lovegrove

Australia Day Pairs B

Barry Brown, Nini Perkins
Janelle Conroy, Eric Liversley

Australia Day Pairs C

Margaret Dousett, Marie Stabler
Albert Beric, Bill Bishop

Australia Day Teams A

Betty Hobdell, Keith Ramsbotham, Robyn
Nolan, Ian Patterson
Phil Rains, John Johnson, Bill Bishop, Albert
Beric

Australia Day Teams B

May Holewa, Diane Holewa, Eric Leivesley,
Janelle Conroy
Gaylene Brown, Barbara Hospers, Di
Garside, Sam Bishop

Australia Day Teams C

Sue Reilly, Jo Gillis, John Toogood, Margie
Toogood
Ann Smith, Leone Cunningham, Helen
Tapiolis, Wilfred Tapiolis

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Liptrot
Jayne Dalton

COMING EVENTS

Thursday Different Partners
February 2, 9, 16

Gold Coast Congress
Broadbeach

February 18-25

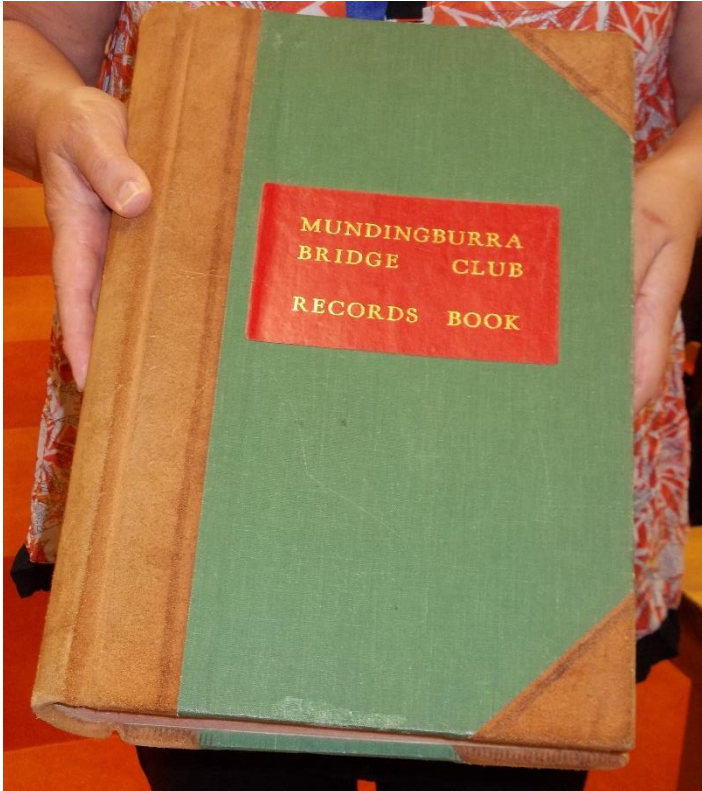
GNOT Qualifying
March 4-5

Sunday Pairs
March 11, 18, 25

Mundingburra Bridge Club

A side branch on the evolutionary tree of bridge in Townsville was the Mundingburra Social Bridge Club, founded in February 1973. It started with 60 members, an annual subscription of \$1 and 40 cents table fees. Shirley Strike was one of the foundation members and active on the committee over the following years. (Maybe there are other current TBC members on the MBC foundation membership list appearing under previous names?)

The club met on Wednesday evenings initially at St George's Hall, then at St Mark's Hall, Bundock St and later in St Peters Hall. It was a successful club, patronised by members and visitors. For example, the 1974 annual report tells us that the Christmas party for 1973 held at the Townsville Golf Club, 'attracted 108 players and numerous moths'.



The Club continued to meet for 25 years and for most of that time it had 60 to 70 members with an average of around 10 tables for evenings throughout the years. Shirley says that although most players were members of both this and the Townsville Bridge Club, the MBC did serve a real purpose and was often used by beginners looking for more practice.

Numbers declined during the 1990s and it finally wound up in February 1998. At that time, it had 37 members. A *Townsville Daily Bulletin* article claimed that the average age was over 80 although I am not sure the maths works. The break down was 4 nonagenarians, 12 octogenarians, 10 septuagenarians and 11 'also rans'. It was recognised that the smaller club was no longer viable.

The honour boards from the Mundingburra Club were given to our club and are still displayed on the wall in our clubhouse.

The archives of the Mundingburra Bridge Club are held by James Cook University Library Special Collections and are available for inspection there.

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

Major Sponsor



We have established a major partnership with **Escape Travel Townsville**, who is willing to offer sponsorship in the form of a “Kickback” to the club of travel rewards. This is available on bookings made and paid for by our members, their family, friends and associates from other clubs. This means that at the end of each quarter the Club will receive travel vouchers that can be raffled for prizes to assist with our fundraising efforts.

All you have to do is contact **Escape Travel Townsville** on **07 4722 5000** mention that you are a member of the Townsville Bridge Cub (or an associate of the Club) when making the booking, for the club to receive the “Kickback” rewards. This will apply to ALL bookings for club business and your leisure travel booked through **Escape Travel Townsville** even if you live in other parts of the country we can still receive the benefits if you just follow the steps above.