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TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

July 2018

COMING EVENTS

Bowen Congress July 7- 8

Cairns Show Congress July 20-21

GNOT Qualifying Ingham July 28-29

Australian National Congress Hobart 28 July – 9 August

> Proserpine Teams 4-5 August

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

The next lessons begin on Tuesday 31 July (9.30 am) and Wednesday 1 August (7.00 pm)

Cost \$6 per lesson, introductory lesson free

Contact Clive 4773 1029 or 0439 895 533

Please bring this to the attention of potential new members

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Clive Bunnett

As you know, the new Beginners' Lessons commence on Tuesday 31 July (morning) and Wednesday 1 August (evening). The Committee is asking members to be involved in making the lessons known to as many people as possible.

You can do this through putting posters or flyers in as many locations as possible (e.g. Sporting Clubs, Bowls, Doctors' Surgeries, Retirement Villages, Post Offices, RSL, Libraries, etc). Some people might like to do a letter box drop in their area. We would like members to record where they have put notices and so we will provide an exercise book in the lobby where your name and various locations can be written. Of course word of mouth is often the most effective way. A key point to emphasise is that the INTRODUCTORY LESSON IS FREE. People are welcome to come to the first lesson to 'try it out'. Perhaps members could bring a friend to this lesson. The offer of a free cuppa and biscuits may provide a little incentive. Any member who introduces a new beginner who registers for lessons will receive a voucher entitling them to a free game at the Club.

Fay and Wilfred have worked hard to get posters and flyers ready. There is already a notice on our Club ⁴ House that people can see when driving past. The Banner will also be placed at Pimlico High School corner.

Jean will be placing notices in the various media as we get closer to the date.

Another idea is to have a group playing in various shopping centres, probably on a Tuesday or a Wednesday (dates to be negotiated), with our A-frame poster and flyers available, with someone to talk to interested people. If you would like to volunteer your services for such a venture please see Clive or Fay or Betty.

With your help we may be able to increase our membership allowing us to go ahead with the extension to our Clubhouse.

If you have any further ideas, please suggest them to Fay or Clive.

We look forward to your active participation in this venture. THANK YOU in anticipation.

Nothing photogenic seemed to happen in June so here are some more memories of the Congress.



The Committee has decided that on those days when the temperature is 25 degrees or less, the air conditioning will not be used. The session will use tables closer to the park end of the room and curtains and windows will be opened.

Obviously this saves the Club money but it also provides a healthier environment for players and is a small gesture to environmental protection.

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JUNE RANKING PROMOTION

Robyn Green - Local**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lynne Worley Adarina Bawden Sam Bishop Monica McLennan Peter Housden Jan Manders Mary Skau Joe Hobdell

Happy birthday too 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 jeandartnall@hotmail.com

Editor's Note: If you start to read to read the following article and it seems familiar, well done! It was published in the May newsletter but Ian has now added some examples of what he is saying and – just in case – you hadn't memorised the original article here is a refresher.

SIGNALS (CAN BE IGNORED)

I believe Signals are a critical part of the communication in Bridge WHEN DEFENDING a hand. When your partner leads a high honour from a sequence (e.g. K from KQJxx) they may need to know if they should continue playing the suit, or if they should find a switch to some other suit.

Whether you just play HIGH ENCOURAGING (low discouraging) or LOW ENCOURAGING (high discouraging) or whether you play ODDS & EVENS (Odds encouraging, Evens discouraging or vice versa) you can <u>suggest</u> to your partner that continuing the suit is a good or bad idea by carefully selecting the card you play.

e.g. Against a Suit Contract if you have a Doubleton and hope to get a Ruff you will ENCOURAGE your partner to continue the suit, but if you have 4 small and the Declarer may get a Ruff&Slough (Discard) you will DISCOURAGE if possible. (N.B. You'll have to decide and agree with your partner if High/Low shows a Doubleton or if confirms the Discouraging first card.) In contrast, against a No Trump Contract you may decide to Discourage with a Doubleton, and Encourage with 4 small.

BUT (and it's a big BUT) **the player on lead may have to make their decision based on other information** (intuition, or just feeling lucky?) and shouldn't be criticised for their choice. Sometimes a Ruff&Slough does no harm while a switch gives away a vital trick. In the next 2 Newsletters I will look at 2 examples from a December Club Session (names withheld to protect the innocent), 1 where dismissing the signal worked and the other where "obeying" the signal was wrong. What would you do in the following situations?

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1. DIr: S, Both VUL. The bidding:

W N E / 1NT / 3NT / / / Holding: S: KQJ5 H: K5 D: K6 C: Q8743, what do you lead? Dummy comes down: S: 7632 H: A97 D: AQ42 C: 102. On the K Spades lead, partner plays the 8S (discouraging) and Declarer ducks, how do you continue?

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2. DIr: S, Nil VUL. The bidding:

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Holding:S: 10762H: AQ4D: A3C: Q865, what do you lead?Dummy comes down:S: Q943H: 8D: Q96C: J9432.On the 5 Clubs lead, Declarerplays the J and partner plays the 10 (discouraging - switch to a Diamond).Declarer leads the Heartfrom the table to the 10 and your Q.How do you continue?

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE TABLE

HAND 1. I was on lead against 3NT holding: S: KQJ5 H: K5 D: K6 C: Q8743 (with 14 HCP and no suitable bid to show my hand, I knew my partner didn't have much - maybe 1 HCP?). From the bidding, (Declarer had opened 1NT, South had bid 2C to which North responded 2H and South then bid 3NT) I "knew" South probably had 4 Spades but I need to set up some Spade tricks so I shrugged and led the K Spades.

Dummy came down with 7632 of the suit, partner played the 8 (we play Odds/Evens - Odds Encouraging, Evens asking for a switch to the suit above or the suit below, depending on the size of the card). Declarer DUCKED (playing the 9!). Oddly enough, the 8 Spades suggests a switch to Clubs but since I held Q8743 I was dubious. The problem I faced was if I continue with the Q of Spades to force out the Ace, will I set up the 7 in Dummy as a trick in the suit (it beats my 5)? Looking at Dummy, with A97 of Hearts sitting over my K5 and AQ42 of Diamonds sitting over my K6, I thought a switch would NOT be a good idea. My only hope was that partner held the 10 Spades, so I rode my luck and continued with the 5 Spades. I lucked in, she held the 10 setting up the rest of the suit for me. Declarer misplayed the Hearts (leaving partner with the master heart (the 8) and I was able to get her in by playing the K Diamonds early, setting up her only entry with the J Diamonds. We eventually took 3 Spades, 1 Diamond and 1 Heart.

	SOME RECENT RESULTS
Zonal	Pairs
	1 st Clive Bunnett and Betty Hobdell
	2 nd Ian Patterson and John Johnson
	3 rd Christine Perkins and Gloria MacDonald
Mond	ay Open Pairs
	1 st Lesleigh Rooney and Phil Rains
	2 nd Ched Twyman and John Tredrea
	3 rd Geoff Allen and Robyn Nolan
Mond	ay Under National Pairs
	1 st Di Garside and Donna Finch
	2 nd Andree Galliano and Griffin Bancroft
	3 rd Kay Lehmann and Ched Twyman
Friday	/ Handicap Pairs
	1 st Betty Hobdell and Ken Manders
	2 nd Charlie Gorgees and Bill Bishop
	3 rd Bill Redhead and Gayleen Brown

Major Sponsor

EscapeTravel the holiday people

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.