



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### President:

Clive Bunnett - 4773 1029

### Vice President:

Gloria Macdonald - 0402 010 595

### Secretary:

Rosemary Glastonbury  
0422 222 191

### Treasurer:

Geoff Allen - 0407 154 716

### Committee Members

Peter Hall - 4779 5464

Lyn Joye - 0402 248 086

Robert Mischlewski - 4779 7637

John Johnson - 4778 2797

Fay Blower - 4403 9421

Devan Mitchell - 0407 691 563

### Congress Directors

Geoff Allen - 07 4721 0161

Diana McAlister - 0402 761 152

Bill Bishop - 0409 598 214

### Active Club Directors

Clive Bunnett - 07 4773 1029

Maria Chippendale - 0407 640 949

Betty Hobdell - 0457 965 454

Kay Lehmann - 07 4778 2914

Gloria MacDonald - 0402 010 595

Ian Patterson - 0474 706 214.

Phil Rains - 0417 160 059

Bill Redhead - 0427 753 167

Elsie Stubbs - 0451 013 753

### Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

Monday Pairs

(8,16,22 July)

Bowen Congress

(13 - 14 July)

Cairns Show Congress

(19-21 July)

GNOT Qualifying 3 (Ingham)

27 - 28 July

Australian National Congress (Victoria)

13 - 26 July

Proserpine Pairs

3 -4 August

**Special Issue of the newsletter on the  
Townsville Congress coming soon**

## LOOKING FOR BRIDGE PARTNERS?

Sam Bishop (0409 578 214) is now looking after this for Wednesday evening players.

Sandra Bunnett (0439 895 533) continues to do this task for other sessions.

Cara Bragg's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake (and Lyn Joye, who is cake organiser, among many other duties). Cara is a long-term bridge player having learnt to play for fun at home and been a member of the Innisfail Bridge Club before moving to Townsville.



### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

Clive Bunnett

At our Board Meeting at the beginning of June, two members of our current committee announced they would be standing down at the end of this term of office: Lyn Joye and Peter Hall. I would like to offer this as a minor tribute to their wonderful efforts on behalf of your club.

Lyn has worked tirelessly in many roles for many years: Providedore, caterer supreme, general supplies, liaison with our tea lady and cleaner. She also has ably assisted with collecting and collating the daily table fees; is the go-to person for contacts when any job must be done; and has her finger on the pulse of all aspects of the general running of the club. My job of President would have been vastly more difficult without her expertise. She has agreed to remain as Providedore but will be sorely missed in her other roles although I am sure she will be available to assist any future committee member with these tasks.

Peter has also contributed significantly to the club, particularly in his role as maintenance manager and has often gone above and beyond the call of duty. An example of recent experience is climbing on the roof to clear the gutters of leaves during the recent deluge, and cleaning up the mess left by leakage into the ceiling from the backed-up water. He has also taken on the job of Masterpoint manager and is currently our tournament supervisor. He has handed the baton of Maintenance to Wilfred Tapiolas who is well suited to the job. Elinor Murray is being educated in Masterpointing so that will be taken care of when Peter resigns.

Other members of the committee will continue to do the sterling jobs they have. We are indeed fortunate to have such willing and able workers.

I will also take this opportunity to announce that I will step down from the Presidency at the end of this term. It has been a privilege to work with this committee. I will remain to assist the new President where required. So please consider who you would like to represent you and have nominations ready for the AGM which will be held at the end of August or beginning of September.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

New groups in the beginners and 'improvers' classes.



## DIRECTORS' CORNER

By Di McAlister

### ALERTS

Alerting is to draw the opponents' attention to your side's unusual bidding.

The general principle is that, if a bid's meaning is not what it sounds like, then it should be alerted. Usually this involves bidding a suit that does not show length in that suit, or bidding no-trumps when it does not indicate a desire to play in no-trumps. It also includes bids that have an unexpected HCP range.

Examples of alertable bids:

- Transfer bids
- Unusual no-trump of Lebensohl
- Multi openings
- Pass or correct bids
- Weak jump responses
- Inverted minor raise
- Note: over 1NT and a transfer bid (alertable), you only need to alert the response if it is NOT an automatic response but has added meaning e.g. 1NT – 2D – 2H, only alert the 2H if you play super accepts and could have bid 3H or another bid other than 2H

Some bids are defined as self-alerting and do not require an alert as they are "obviously unusual"

Examples of self-alerting bids:

- Doubles and redoubles
- All bids above 3NT
- Cue bid of opponents' suit
- 2C response to 1NT opening bid

Asking about an alert:

- You can ask about an alertable bid only when it is your turn to bid or play
- Usually only ask during the auction if the answer may affect your upcoming bid
- Ask in general terms "what does that bid mean?" rather than "does that show clubs?"
- At the end of the auction you may ask "explain the auction please"
- If not on lead, wait until your partner has led face-down and then ask your question

Answering:

- Explain your partnership agreement, nothing more
- If not sure say "I don't know" or "I don't remember" or "it is undiscussed"
- Do NOT offer a possible explanation or how you are going to take the bid

Failure to alert:

- Before the opening lead, the declaring side should explain what went wrong
- After the end of play of the hand, the defending side should explain what went wrong

Pre-alerting

This is for any unusual convention that the opponents may need to discuss a defence against

e.g. Precision, weak NT, unusual 2 level openings

## **SOME RECENT RESULTS**

### Handicap Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Leigh Owens and Jan Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pat Allen and Geoff Allen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Maria Chippendale and Clive Bunnett

### One Day Teams

#### A section

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Redhead, Gayleen Brown, John Tredrea, Ched Twyman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Patterson, Phil Rains, John Johnson, Bill bishop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Delma Johnson, Jan Manders, Lesleigh Rooney, Judy Hunt

#### B section

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Georgees, Vivienne Otto, Helen Lovegrove, Sandra Bunnett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Seganfreddo, Angela Hall, Pat Allen, Kim Holl
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Di Garside, Sam Bishop, Gabrielle Loughnan, Donna Fitch

#### C Section

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Coe, Sharon Morley, Alan Giles, Ken Muhling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mervyn Smith, Ruth Bradshaw, Wilfred Tapiolis, Helen Tapiolis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elinor Murray, Ann Smith, Heather Colbert, Bev Neilsen

### Zonal Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kenn Winter and Janelle Kipping
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty Hobdell and Rosemary Glastonbury
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Johnson and Ian Patterson

## **RANKING PROMOTIONS JUNE 2019**

Margaret Dousset – National\*

Ched Twyman – National

Lynne Worley – Regional

Reg Burton - club

'Would you care for a friendly game of cards?'  
'No, let's play bridge.'

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Definition of a bridge expert : a player who is so knowledgeable about bridge that he can criticise his partner's game without exposing his own vast ignorance.

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South, writing in the score : '5 Diamonds doubled — by East — down four vulnerable — minus 1100.'

North, to East : 'You got yourselves in a knot there.'

East : We certainly did. Our path was paved with nothing but good conventions.'

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<http://www.ronklingerbridge.com/blog/2436/funny-bridge-game-stories>

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to all these and to anyone else with t July birthday. If you want your name added to the database, send an email to [jeandartnall@hotmail.com](mailto:jeandartnall@hotmail.com)

Adarina Bawden  
Sam Bishop  
Peter Housden  
Jan Manders  
Mary Skau  
Joe Hobdell