

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2021



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JUNE 2021

The Club Pairs championship was held on the last weekend in May and congratulations go to the winners Pat Larsen and Bill Bishop, whose names will now join past winners on the honour board.

You will have noticed that eight regular sized tables have been reintroduced into the table mix, providing up to twenty four tables for playing sessions. This was done because of the pleasing response from our novice members to the Australia Wide Novice Pairs event on 31 May. Thanks to Sam and Charlie who did a fantastic job in promoting the event. We had eleven tables of novice players and twelve tables of other club players. This is a post covid record attendance. Well done to all. The committee has decided to progressively remove the larger table tops and revert to our smaller tables. The larger tops will be kept in storage pending future covid developments.

The club has conducted a survey among recent graduates of the teaching programme in relation to days and times that they would be available to play. We will soon be providing a regular session to allow them to transition to playing in the club.

Last month the club was contacted by the teacher from the Darwin Bridge Club who was impressed with our teaching programme. He and Charlie were able to exchange ideas that will benefit both clubs, particularly with online teaching tools.

Finally, congratulations to Lyn Richardson who was recently inducted into the ABF One Thousand Club.

Wilfred Tapiolas

Thank you



Hi all friends at the Bridge Club,

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely card you sent me for my 90th birthday! So very kind of you to remember me - it has been quite a while since I last played!

I have so many happy memories of great times spent with everyone! Was very sad to give it up. Wouldn't remember what to do now-a-days!

Good luck to everyone - all the best, Love, Louise Connell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

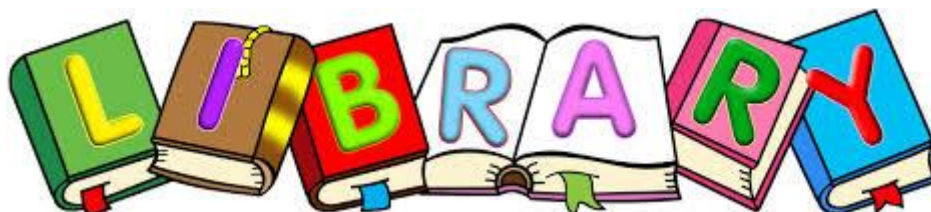
The ABF is introducing the new MyABF technology that in future will be used to display Club, State and National events and by next year players will need to be registered if they wish to enter many Congresses including Club, Gold Coast and Barrier Reef Congresses. All ABF Members are encouraged to register with MyABF now. The links below will provide more detailed information about these changes. [What Is MyABF?](#)

[More Information \(ABF Web Site\)](#)

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Would you like to improve your Bridge Game?

We have an extensive range of books in our library for members to borrow. We encourage members to make use of this valuable resource. Our books cater for all - basic, intermediate and advanced level.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2021

- 5th TBC Zonal *Pairs* (Red), Sessions start 9.30am & 1pm
- 6th TBC Zonal *Pairs* (Red), Session starts 9.30am
- 7th NWP (Green Pts in club, Red Pts online)
- 11th TBC Handicap *Pairs* (Green) (2 days)
- 12th TBC One-Day *Teams* (Red); 2X Sessions 9.30am & 1pm
- 19th Bridgемate Session for Novices (9.30 am) (2 days)
- 20th CBBC Graded Matchpoint *Pairs* (Red)
- 25th NWP (Green Pts in club, Red Pts online)

JULY 2021

- 2nd TBC Townsville Congress (Red)
(4 days)
- 8th NWP (Green Pts in club, Red
Pts online)
- 10th BOWEN *Pairs* Congress (Red)
(2 days)
- 12th TBC Monday *Pairs* (Red) (3
days)

CLUB PAIRS 2021 - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

A GRADE:

1st Place: BILL BISHOP and PAT LARSEN



2nd Place: LEIGH OWENS & JAN SMITH



B GRADE:

1st Place: PETER HOUSDEN and GLORIA MACDONALD



2nd Place:
CHARLIE
GEORGEES
and
GLADYS
TULLOCH

C GRADE



1st Place: DONNA FITCH and DI GARSIDE



2nd Place: ANDREE GALEANO and
MARGARET WILKINSON

BREAKING NEWS – AustraliaWide Novice Pairs:

Congratulations to our top 2 pairs - Colleen Evanson / Anne Murphy and Liz Johnson / Sharon Morley - with 92% of the national results counted, they are running a creditable 6th and 13th respectively of > 1000 pairs



A special thanks for all who donated to the Cancer Council through the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Our Club donated \$178.00.

Two wives were discussing whose husband plays worse. Wife #1 says it isn't even close, hers does. Wife #2 doesn't agree and says listen to what my husband did last night playing 7NT. He had 11 tricks outside of spades and the dummy had the AQ of spades and the spade finesse was onside and he had plenty of entries to his hand to take the finesse, but instead of taking the spade finesse he went to dummy and led the SQ from the dummy! "What's so bad about that"? wife #1 says, "Against my husband that play works."

(Courtesy Eddie Kantar)



RECENT GRAND SLAMS

KELLY WALKER / JO-ANNE GILLIS

REG BURTON / VIVIENNE OTTO

ANTHONY WILSON / ANN SMITH

ROBERT MISCHLEWSKI / LILY MORRISH

CLIVE BUNNETT / BETH WHEBELL

PATRICIA LARSEN / BILL BISHOP

VIVIENNE OTTO / HELEN LOVEGROVE



MARRIAGE IS LIKE A GAME OF CARDS. TO BEGIN WITH YOU NEED 2 HEARTS AND A DIAMOND. IN THE END YOU WISH YOU HAD A CLUB AND A SPADE

FORCING BIDS

by Ian Patterson

WHEN IS A BID FORCING? I guess any bid is forcing when either (a) the suit is unspecified or (b) the High Card Point **range** of the bid is undisclosed. Classic examples of (a) would be: 2C showing a "Strong Hand" or "Game Force"; 2D showing "Game Force" or "a multi" (e.g. a "Weak 2" in either Major); and the Precision 1C opening. While (a) has a number of specific examples, (b) can only be loosely described as "any Opening suit bid at the 1 level" (and even these bids may be passed by a partner with fewer the 5HCP) OR any 1 level response to partner's opening bid (with the exception of 1Nt) OR any 2 over 1 response to the opening bid (that is a change of suit at the 2-level in a suit below the level of the opening bid) which should never be passed.

So **1 level Opening bids** are at worst "semi-forcing". For this reason, the opener "promises" to bid TWICE. The **rebid** is the bid that defines the hand, describing shape and point range. After Opener's rebid, the Partner can take control of the auction, ultimately deciding the level and strain of the Contract. In my view, it is the **second** bid by Opener that is absolutely **forcing**. By which I mean, Responder "must" bid again, showing at least agreement with the new suit (by raising) or giving "False preference" by returning to Opener's first bid suit.

e.g. The bidding goes: 1H / 1Nt / 2D / ? Responder has already limited their hand with the 1Nt response, but Opener has changed suit so Responder **must** bid again.

With: S: Q106 H: Q5 D: J92 C: K1083 Responder should show False preference by bidding 2H. (Opener may yet bid again.)

With: S: Q106 H: Q5 D: J982 C: K103 Responder should raise Diamonds.

Only with a holding such as: S: 1062 H: 5 D: J9 C: KQJ9852 should Responder consider bidding their own suit.

Why should responder bid again? The answer is qualified by another question. How strong does partner have to be to make a jump-shift? If (like me) your partner only jump-shifts with 18+ HCP, then they would re-bid 2D in the above sequence with 17HCP. So if you pass the 2D re-bid with your paltry 8 HCP, you could be missing out on Game.

Consider the following holdings:

Hand A: West: S: 983 H: A4 D: J43 C: AQ842 East: S: A2 H: Q105 D: K865 K1095

With North the dealer, the Bidding has gone:

N	E	S	W
1D	P	1H	2C
P	P!	(Passed out)	

2C made just 9 tricks, but 2Nt would also have made by E or W. (2HS would have been just 1 off!) Surely with 12 HCP, East should have bid something? (2H asking for a H stopper, or just 2Nt?). After all, West's hand is unlimited and so 2C could be considered as forcing (N/S have shown a combined minimum of 16 HCP).

Hand B: West: S: J87 H: Q7 D: 1087 C: AJ854 East: S: A3 H: K10632 D: A9 C: KQ103

With East the dealer, the Bidding has gone:

N	E	S	W
	1H	X	1Nt
P	2C	P	P?

In this case 2C made 11 tricks. All West had to do with their 5 Clubs and 8HCP is raise the 2C bid, and the making 3Nt can be bid. The X by S should not put you off - it tells declarer where the majority of outstanding HCP are. Once again, the new suit rebid by Opener should be absolutely forcing.

Reverting to the original example where Responder bid 1Nt after their Partner's 1 Suit opening, here's an interesting example of what not to do. West: S: A109432 H: 97 D: A1084 C: K East: S:K H: Q108542 D: Q7 C: 9632

With West the dealer, the bidding at the table was:

N	E	S	W
			1S
P	2H!	P	2S
P	P!	(All pass)	

East has made a **forcing** 2H bid and passed their Partner's response, putting down a Dummy with just 7 HCP. Amazingly, 2S could have been made, while the better fit 2H contract cannot. East's hand is better shown by the following sequence: 1S / P / 1Nt / P / 2D / P / 2H!

By this bidding East shows a hand limited to < 10 HCP with a 6-card Heart suit **and not 2 Spades or 4 Diamonds**. Over the **forcing** 2D rebid they have described their hand accurately. West is now in the driving seat.



BARRIER REEF CONGRESS (MACKAY), 2021



After cancellation last year due to Covid, this year's event proved very popular with players from far and wide. We would like to congratulate and thank this year's hosts, the Mackay Bridge Club, for their hospitality, professionalism, and efficiency in staging such a gala event.

The Congress was held at the Mackay Showground. It opened on Friday afternoon 30th April with the usual Walk-In Pairs (WIP) Event. Townsville was represented by 7 pairs in a field of 48. Pat Larsen / Bill Bishop did Townsville proud by winning the EW direction with an exceptional 64.65%. Other creditable performances included Cathy Crawford / Gladys Tulloch who came 4th sitting NS with 55.06%, and Pat Leighton / Barbara Hospers who came 5th sitting NS with 54.80%.

Open and Restricted Swiss Pairs Events commenced on Friday night and continued till lunchtime on Saturday. Open and Restricted Team Events then commenced on Saturday afternoon and were completed by Sunday lunchtime. A Congress lunch was served while results were compiled and presented.

In the Open Swiss Pairs, 8 pairs from Townsville participated in a field of 86. Our best performers were Pat Leighton / Barbara Hospers who came 16th with a 5-0-3 (win-draw-loss) score card for the 8 matches.

In the Restricted Swiss Pairs, Townsville was represented by just 2 pairs who both performed creditably in a field of 34. Russell Woolley / Charlie Georgees came in 4th with a 6-1-1 score card, while Di Garside / Donna Fitch came in 9th with a 4-0-4 score.

In the Open Swiss Teams, we were represented by 4 teams in a field of 44. Our highest ranked result was the John Tredrea / Helen Lovegrove / Russell Woolley / Charlie Georgees team who came in 22nd with a 2-2-4 score card.

In the Restricted Swiss Teams, Townsville was represented by just 1 team, Peter Housden / Robert Mischlewski / Di Garside / Donna Fitch, who came in a creditable 11th of 16 teams with a 4-1-3 score.

MEMBER PROFILE – Fred Cole

When did you first play Bridge?

I started playing about 6 or 7 years ago and was taught by Elsie Stubbs and her band of helpers. I think I was the dumbest one in the group but she persisted and I am sure I will be a good bridge player on day.

Who introduced you to bridge?

Richard Harmon was my Beginner's teacher.

Where did you grow up?

Well, I have been told I have never grown up and some people believe that.

Did you have a nickname at school?

No but I did have a teacher who had trouble remembering my name, the stupid jerk kept calling me Percy which annoyed me. Worst still some of the kids started calling me Percy as well as they knew I disliked it. But no problem I just ignored them as I did the stupid teacher.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Well, that's easy. Ironing fits the bill. I hate that iron; I know hate is a strong word, but it best describes how I feel. It spits and hisses at me every time I use it which is not very often. I did drop it once which only made it worse. But in a few weeks, I have to get it out again, I have to prepare for it in advance. I do need help, any volunteers?

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

I think I would like to be a fly on the wall. That should be interesting as long as no one swats me.

What is your favourite song?

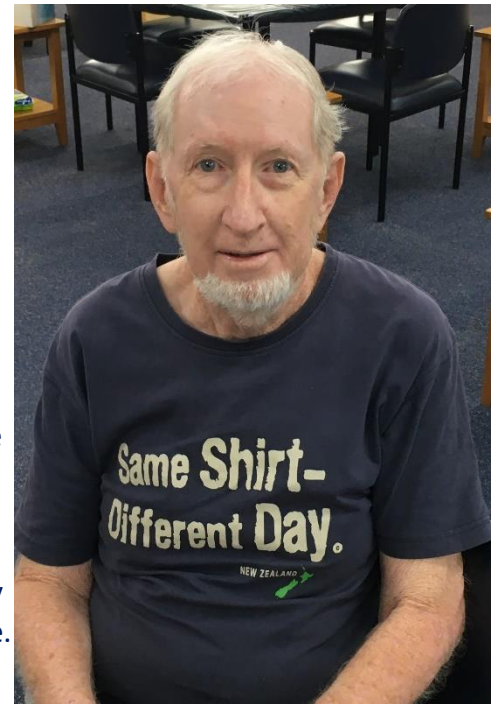
I don't have a favourite song but I do have singers I prefer. My favourite female is the New Zealand singer and songwriter Haley Westenra. Male singer is Tom Jones as well as Placido Domingo and Willie Nelson is not too bad either.

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

Well, no but I did have a nasty experience in South Africa. I was chased by a giraffe as I tried to take a photo of its baby. It came after me with great strides about 4 metres long and I ran from my life and escaped in the bushes so it could not follow me. This may not have been a great achievement, but it stays in my memory.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

I always seem to getting into trouble for some reason or another. But I think my warped sense of humour has got me into more trouble that I care to think about.



Who is the most famous person you have met? I did win a competition to have dinner with Jonathan Thurston, but he was only a footballer. Almost met God once but He was too busy to see me, so He sent a message to come back later. I'm not in a hurry to do this but you see I do have a plan to live forever and so far the plan is working.

What is the best advice you have been given or your Motto is? My mantra for a happy life is simple. Look out for number one and don't step in number two.

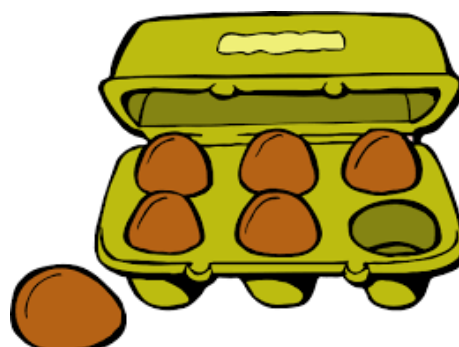
If you could invite three famous people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be? Well it goes without saying I wouldn't invite a dead person. Mark Taylor was a good cricketer, captain and commentator with a good sense of humour. Paul Keating (even though I never voted for him) he was a smart politician and continues to express his thoughts. Dick Smith was a great adventurer and entrepreneur. I think his conversation would be lively. But 3 from NSW could be fun.

Best advice for your bridge partner? Remember they are just 52 bits of cardboard with numbers and pretty faces. Don't take it too seriously as it could "do your head in"



Well, I was not asked for a joke but why not have one, we all need a laugh even if it is to laugh at yourself.

I live on my own and it irks me when I go to the supermarket and find they never have eggs in cartons of six, just in cartons of 12. Then one day when I was shopping I was surprised to find eggs in carton of six. I was so excited that I bought two!



FROM THE VAULT



1990 Townsville Congress at Senior Citizens, Belgian Gardens - Pat Back, Vilma Laws, Pat Crowd, Doris Mann and Del Ward



Gloria MacDonald, Carol Blackman, Sylvia, Yvonne Houbolt and Teena Weigel

Opening of the Aitkenvale Bridge Club House March 2002 - Trudy Low, Iris Ariotti, Elaine Brown, and Monica McClelland



Daphne Breadsil, Iouna Bowden, Iris Arriotti and Michael Suthers

THE NOVICE by Marg Foster

We have just competed in our 21st Congress,
Behind lies the frustration, the anxiety and stress,
At some cost we have proven that we've got what it takes.

We've thinly veiled our ire,
When our scores should have been higher,
Thwarted each one feels by the partner's mistakes.

Now I don't need to confess,
This is my very first Congress,
I played because I opened my big mouth,
Friday I prayed – "Lord do your best,
To let our pair play East/West –
And please let all the big guns sit North/South.

As might have been expected,
Our best play went undetected,
At the top we didn't even rate a mention.

My apologies to Lee,
'Cos my bridge strategy –
Needs more even than Divine intervention.

In command sat Moya Gabbert,
Smell a slam and see her grab it,
To help she's introduced me to Precision.

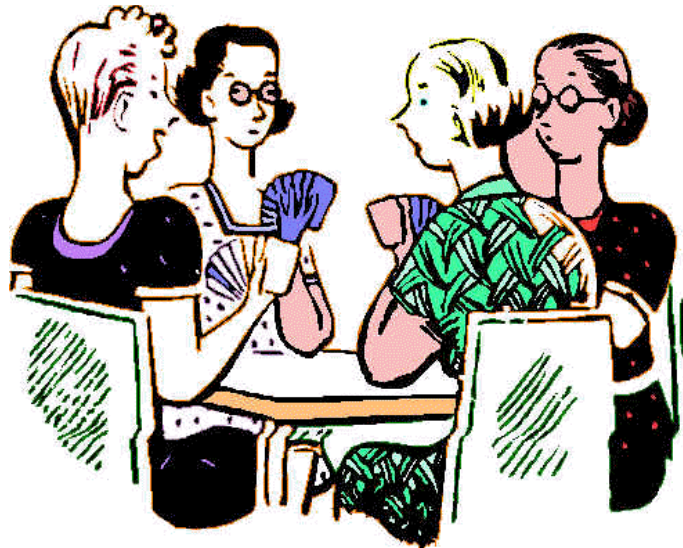
Moya you're a Pal,
But I think I'd do as well
Exploring the techniques of creating nuclear fission.

Then came Jean and Stanley Bowker,
They play wee – I'm mediocre,
Badly bruised we had no urge to tarry,
The next table – Oh! My Gawd,
Sitting there was Margaret Ward,
And a table also N/S sat Barry.

It was a long Congress.

My concentration's battered,
And my confidence is shattered.
But we've all been bittern by that infectious midge,
We've contracted an addiction,
And I'm making a prediction,
That we'll all give up on breathing before we give up bridge.

To the Victors congratulations –
The Vanquished commiserations,
Though win or lose I know you will agree –
With the battle now behind us,
June next year will surely find us –
Lining up o play the Congress of 1993.



LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, jokes, ideas or feedback for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric (aberic@tpg.com.au)