



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The club EFTPOS machine and tokens arrived last month and I am pleased to report that there has been a smooth transition to the use of tokens to pay table fees. As of 29 May, 635 tokens have been sold for a total of \$4445. Everyone I have spoken to likes the new system – no more hoarding of \$5 notes and \$2 coins.

The club Championship Pairs event, held on the last weekend in May, was won by Maria Chippendale and Bill Bishop whose names will appear on the honour board for the second year in a row. Congratulations to you both.

The Zonal Pairs event was hosted by our club on the following weekend and was won by Pat Larsen and Bill Redhead in a closely fought match. The Zonal Secretary John Tredrea praised the club and all participants for the friendly manner in which the event was conducted. Congratulations to the winners and to all involved.

The Townsville section of the annual Australia Wide Novice Pairs event sponsored by Australian Bridge Magazine and held at the end of May, was won by Reg Burton and Anto Wilson who finished in the top one hundred players Australia wide. Congratulations Reg and Anto.

The club has been advised by the QBA secretary that from 2024 the capitation fees paid by clubs will be increased to \$20 for each member for both QBA and ABF making a total of \$40. In recent years the ABF's policy has been to raise fees by CPI. This increase will amount to 21%, which is extraordinary. Our next membership renewal notice will be \$65, which includes \$25 club subscription as adopted at the last AGM, plus QBA and ABF capitation fees of \$20 each.

The committee believes the club would benefit if the various roles and responsibilities of running the club were more evenly distributed among all members. If you can help, please speak to a member of the committee.

Please be considerate of our directors when they trying to organise play and maintain silence when they are speaking. They have an important and sometimes difficult job to do and we should all cooperate to make things go smoothly.

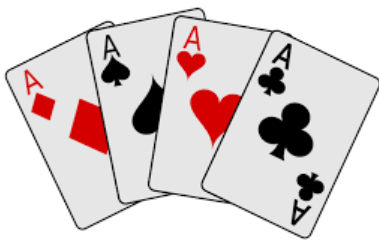
Wilfred Tapiolas

Recent Grand Slams

IAN LEACH / NINA DOYLE
BILL REDHEAD / PETER ELLIOTT
GLADYS TULLOCH / BARBARA HOSPERS
GEOFF ALLEN / Bill BISHOP
ALBERT BERIC / PHILIP ALLNUTT
JACKIE SEGANFREDDO / DUSK CARE
JAN MANDERS / BETTY HOBDSELL
CHRISTINE PERKINS / YVONNE HOUBOLT
JAN WOOLLETT / ANNE MURPHY

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Di Garside **LIFE**
Helen Tapiolas **STATE**
Philip Allnutt **BRONZE LOCAL**
Adarina Bawden **LOCAL**



Ann
Smith



A chilly day at the Club



Courtesy Adrian Raeside



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB GOES CASHLESS



Wilfred Tapiolas, President, buys the first tokens from Joan Elliott

CANCER MORNING TEA

*Thank you for your support,
we raised **\$665.95** for this
great cause!*



Courtesy of Artwork Audrey Q

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RECENT RESULTS

One-Day Teams (June 2023)

A CATEGORY

1st Kenn WINTER - David NORTH - Jayne DALTON - Jan SMITH

2nd Betty HOBDELL - Ian PATTERSON - Phil RAINS - Lesleigh ROONEY

3rd Pat LARSEN - Pat LEIGHTON - Gladys TULLOCH - Barbara HOSPERS

B CATEGORY

1st Sandra BUNNETT - Dusk CARE - Ann SMITH - Delma JOHNSON

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

1st MARIA CHIPPENDALE - BILL BISHOP

2nd IAN PATTERSON - BETTY HOBDELL

3rd LEIGH OWENS - JAN SMITH



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Some photos from recent events



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EVERYONE WELCOME -TUESDAY'S 1.00 PM

SOCIAL GAMES AND GREAT COMPANY

Tuesday Games: Open to members and friends and friends of friends

Where: Townsville Bridge Club, 126 Wellington Street, Aitkenvale

Co-ordinator: Joan Elliott

Phone: 0417 780 299

Time: 1 to 4pm

Cost: \$5.00

Come and join in an afternoon of social card and board games with laughter and afternoon tea of biscuits and cheese, and sometimes cake and chutney.

You may like to join in and play or learn how to play Mahjong, Canasta 5, Five Crowns, Hand and Foot or Sequence, or you may like to introduce and teach another game you like to play.



Tuesday's social – great way to meet new people

This afternoon session has become very popular with quite a few participants, since we commenced on February 14th.



**TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB (TBC) HISTORY 2,
A CLUBHOUSE IS BUILT 1971-1975**
(Continued from last month's newsletter)

1971

The Club's 4th birthday was celebrated Friday 16th April at the Hotel Allen. On 13th July, the AGM at the Synod Hall was attended by 34 members with 8 apologies. Membership 87.

President's Report – Tuesday nights averaged 7 tables, Friday nights 9.5 tables. Monday afternoon games were very popular and the need for premises bigger than the Synod Hall was increasingly evident. Some Monday games were moved to the Golf Club. There was some dissention with the 2 venues for Monday games, it was suggested the club look for bigger premises. Finances were \$2413. Annual subscription remained at \$5.

It was resolved to play team matches 1 night per month. An Annual Bridge Congress in the Festival was recommended.

1972

This was somewhat of a seminal year for TBC. The first Congress ("Pacific Congress") was held in June 1972. A fund-raising Committee (Mr K. Lafferty, Mrs P. Back, Mr F. Schulte) was established on 24th July to commence provision of new premises for the Club. The first meeting of the Finance Committee on 21st August resolved that

1. a first net prize of only \$0.70 be paid to both NS and EW
2. table fees be raised to \$1.00
3. the Auxiliary be asked for additional help to raise funds
4. three Real Estate Agents be asked to look for a suitable building site for the proposed clubhouse
5. the President address members to explain the necessity for increased fund raising for the club

Mr A. Jackman was appointed the Club's QBA delegate.

The 5th AGM was held on 1st August at the Synod Hall. Minutes unavailable. Mrs D. Kerr reported bad manners creeping into club play.

On 14th August, July rental of \$77.00 for Synod Hall was paid. Mr Schulte proposed to offer the Council of church \$55 monthly.

On 4th September, decisions were made for

- the 1st Club Teams Championship to be played 3rd and 10th November, but on 9th October, this was deferred to the following year
- Masterpoints to be introduced for Tuesday nights



- Mrs Margaret Ward and Mrs Ettie Fell to be asked to give bridge lessons to raise additional building funds
- Table fees on Tuesday and Friday nights to be increased from \$0.50 to \$1.00 from 15th September

On 29th September, a Special General Meeting at the Synod Hall was attended by 56 members. It was called to resolve a letter of dissent regarding increased table fees and the proposed building of the clubhouse. There was much discussion. Mrs D. Crimston requested consideration of reduced table fees for those hard pressed. On a show of hands and then a secret ballot, members wanted something done regarding building a clubhouse.

On 9th October, it was decided to hold a November spoon competition on Tuesday nights. And Mr Schulte produced a plan of the Wellington St area for lease off the Council.

The dissent over table fees continued to the extent that a breakaway group formed the Mundingburra Bridge Club (MBC) to play social bridge. A 7-table gathering played at 2 Sutter St, initially on Tuesday night 10th October. The following week on 17th October, a similar gathering played bridge, and 25 people signed a document stating they wished to start a social club to play on Tuesday nights. The following Tuesday 24th October, regular play on Tuesday nights moved to St Barnabas Hall for almost 4 months with increasing membership to an average of about 8-9 tables. Table fees were 40c, Membership fees \$1 per year. Separate document (in prep) for more details on the Mundingburra Bridge Club.

Meanwhile, back at TBC on 23rd November, a letter of offer from the Townsville City Council was tabled, advising of approval in principle to the application for allocation of a site in Council land off Wellington St. The club accepted the offer. It was noted that there was a drift of members away from Tuesday night club competitions to a competition elsewhere (MBC). The President said formation of a new bridge club was a good idea provided the times of play were different from Townsville Club. The President also moved (seconded Mr F. Schulte) that members with limited incomes be charged 60% of normal fees. Mrs D Stewart moved that prize money be set at 1st net \$0.70, 2nd \$0.40.

On 11th December, a letter from Mrs Margaret Ward advised of a summer school of bridge would commence in January 1973.

Source - compiled by Charlie Georgees. The above is an extract from TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB (TBC) HISTORY 2 – as published on our website



Bridge for Beginners



Declarer Play: The hold-up play BY Karen Walker

The **hold-up play** is a strategy that can prevent your opponents from cashing tricks in their long suit. It's usually used when declaring notrump, but can also be used when playing a suit contract.

The most common situation is when the opponents lead a suit where you have the ace but no other honors. If you will have to surrender the lead later (because you need to drive out a high card in another suit), you "hold up" (duck) the opponent's lead at least once and allow him to win the trick. The purpose is to try to void one opponent in this suit. Later, if that opponent gets the lead, he won't have any cards left in the suit to lead over to his partner's good tricks.

In the typical hold-up play, you **duck your ace twice**, then **win the third lead**. Here's an example.

♠ 87
♥ A43
♦
KQJ109
♣ 105

♠
KQJ102
♥ 765
♦ 6
♣ Q832

♠ 654
♥
10982
♦ A87
♣ K974

♠ A93
♥ KQJ
♦ 5432
♣ AJ6

As South, you're declaring 3NT and West leads the ♠K. Before you play, count your sure tricks, suit by suit:

- **Spades:** One sure trick — the ♠A.
- **Hearts:** Three sure tricks — the ♥AKQ.
- **Diamonds:** No sure tricks (yet) because you don't hold the ace.
- **Clubs:** One sure trick — the ♣A.

You have only five sure winners, but you need nine tricks. Diamonds is the only suit that can provide four extra tricks, so you need to drive out the ace.

How can you stop the opponents from running spades when they get the lead with their ♦A?

You have to hope that the player who wins the ♦A will have no more spades to lead. The only way to make that happen is to run one opponent out of spades.

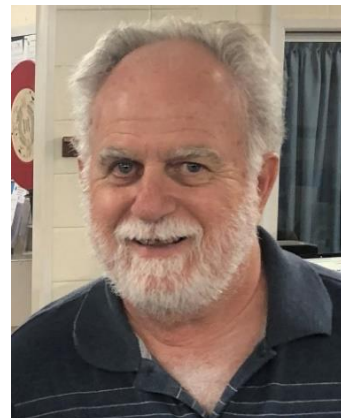
If you win the first or second spade lead, both opponents will still have spades when you lose to the ♦A. If you wait until the third lead to win your ♠A, then lead diamonds, you'll make your contract. East will win the ♦A, but will have no spades to lead to his partner.



TWO HANDS OF INTEREST – Ian Patterson

1. A loser-on-loser play. The first of these hands actually came up in last year's Cleveland Bay Anniversary Pairs (so I've been sitting on it for a while). Sitting E/W you have found your way to 3S by E after the following bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	2H	X	3H
3S	/	/	/



The E/W hands are:	W	E
	S: K83	S: A9742
	H: K93	H: 10
	D: A972	D: KJ5
	C: A76	C: J954

On the lead by South of the HQ, you appear to have 5 top tricks (6 if the AH is on your left) but maybe just 4 losers: 1 in each Major, no Diamonds (if the DQ is with North) and 2 in Clubs if they behave nicely. The question is: Can you play that Club holding for just 2 losers?

It occurred to me while watching the play that there is an alternative, if the opponents co-operate. It revolves around the 9H in dummy. After you cover the QH lead with the King, the Ace wins the trick and the 10 falls from your hand, there is only 1 card in play higher than the 9. If S holds the HJ, and N leads another H, then you have the opportunity to make 2 discards on the 9H. The first is a loser-on-loser play, the second occurs once the 9 becomes the master card. This would enable you to discard 2 Clubs (you need the D finesse anyway) and eliminates the problem of playing Clubs for just 2 losers. The loser count would then become: 1S, 2Hs, 0Ds and just 1 Club.

Of course, North may see the danger of a H return and switch to a low Club. In which case you must hope S did not start with something like KQ108 of Clubs.

2. To hell with signals. The second hand came up in the BRC Teams in Cairns. We played well enough to win 3 of the 1st 6 matches and then stumbled on the last morning, drawing a match we could have won and finally meeting the number 1 seeds in the last match. How badly had they been playing (that they were down to our level)? Anyway, if you wanted a Bridge lesson on how to make 3NT with 22/23 combined HCP, this was your chance. Take this hand played by Phil Gue. The bidding had been:

E	S	W	N
1D	2C? (or X)	P	2H
P	3C	P	3NT (all pass)

Partner (East) lead the 2S, I (sitting West) held: and dummy (South) came down with:

S: 85	S: KJ104
H: 10983	H: 7
D: Q76	D: J3
C: J652	C: A109843

So, this is what I was looking at.

Phil Gue won the S lead in his hand with the Q over my 8, played the K of Clubs from hand then, (instead of entering dummy with a S to play on Cs) played a small D to the J! At this point there should have been alarm bells ringing loudly in my head. What would you lead after winning the DQ? You appear to have 4 choices:

1. Lead the suit your partner bid.
2. Return the lead of the suit which your partner lead.
3. Lead one of dummy's Clubs (establishing a trick for the defence?)
4. Lead the suit you LH opponent bid.

Consider each choice logically, and you'll probably come up with the 1 choice I didn't consider.

1. Declarer doesn't seem to be concerned about the D suit (he lead it after all) so he must have at least 2 tricks there.
2. Dummy's holding in Ss suggests there is no value in playing another Spade.
3. Despite dummy's entries in the Spade suit, declarer is not trying to set up Clubs. A Club return would probably set them up for him.
4. So, that just leaves leading Declarer's suit. If he hadn't bid the suit, you would have no problem finding the switch to the 10 of Hs, so do so now. If declarer has AKQx of Hs, then nothing is lost. If declarer has AQxxx, then it is imperative that he can't endplay partner, making him lead the Hs into his Ten-ace.

Guess what I lead? If looks could kill??? I don't know who was more disgusted by that defence, him or me! A H switch has the possibility of taking 3Nt 2 off. Declarer can play for 1 off by playing on Cs as the QC falls doubleton under the Ace.



Member Profile: **SANDRA BUNNETT**

When and where did you first play Bridge?

I learnt to play Bridge in 2008 after I had retired.

Who taught you to play bridge?

Betty Hobdell taught the first eight lessons while Keith Ramsbotham did the next six. I was lucky to have such a good grounding. Betty gave me some good advice - don't play any conventions for at least 18 months and to concentrate on bidding and card play.



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

I'm a Burdekin girl born and bred and lived there all my life until I went to Teacher's College in Brisbane. When I was growing up it was a different world. We went all over on our bikes or spent the day at the swimming pool. Playing rounders or tennis on the road was common.

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

Ever since I started school I wanted to be a teacher. I was lucky enough to achieve this aim by winning a teacher's scholarship after Junior.

Teaching saw me transferred to Palm Island in 1967. I thought that the end of the world had come. Conditions were quite primitive. But everything turned out well as I met Clive when he was transferred there in May. By April the next year we were married and had 53 years together.

What is your favourite song?

Elvis Presley has to be my favourite singer. I remember exactly where I was when I heard the news of his death. I'm also a bit partial to Rod Stewart and Meatloaf. My favourite song has to be Bohemian Rhapsody.

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What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

My personality trait that has gotten me into the most trouble is my straightforwardness. This came about when I read something that caused me to stop and thinkYou deserve what you accept. This is my motto.

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

If I could invite any three people to dinner they wouldn't be anyone famous but are precious to me. They would be my Nana, Clive and our daughter Ainslie. We would have a wonderful catch up.

Do you have a joke?

My favourite joke is too risqué for this newsletter so here is another.

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and.....poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you one wish." The duffer unfolds a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding. I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "Ok then, make me a winning bridge player."

"Hmm...." The genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."



" NOT what I meant when I said 'Signal your attitude to partner's lead', Mr. Collins! "



DID YOU KNOW?

The Bermuda Incident

The annual Bermuda Bowl world championship saw Italy and the United States playing in the 1975 final. There, American reporter Bruce Keidan would uncover one of the most infamous bridge cheating scandals ever.

While watching one of the Italian pairs, Gianfranco Facchini and Sergio Zucchelli, Keidan noticed unusual foot actions between the two. The reporter found the players tapping each other's feet under the table in an apparent attempt to relay information about their hands.

Cheating is, of course, grounds for expulsion from any bridge organization. Keidan's discovery, which was confirmed by several witnesses, was eventually presented to the presiding authorities of the event, who "severely reprimanded" Facchini and Zucchelli for their activity but allowed the players to continue competing in the event. Ironically, although the Italians were allowed to stay, the Bermuda Bowl authorities placed blocks underneath the tables to prevent any further foot contact.

American captain Alfred Sheinwold was angered by the Solomonic decision and stated that his team would resign from the bridge match. Only by threats made to Sheinwold by the United States' governing body, the American Contract Bridge League, was his team coerced into finishing the event. (The ACBL did not want a huge public embarrassment that refusing to play would cause.) Italy won the event, 215 - 189 (International Match Points). By all accounts, Facchini and Zucchelli quickly faded from the international bridge circuit thereafter.

Source – kind permission of Jeff Tang (Bridgebum.com.)



Bridge Topic of the Week

PSYCHE BIDS

- A psyche bid is "a deliberate and gross misstatement of honour strength and/or of suit length".
- Psyche bids should be reported to the Director by the psycher or their partner, and if the Director agrees that it is a psyche, it will be recorded in the Club's Psyche Register.
- Partnerships that have a track record of psyches may need to modify their system card accordingly.

The late Del Ward shared with me some articles, anecdotes, etc for the newsletter.

I hope you have enjoyed them!

prime
time

Contract bridge not so tricky

TUESDAY 27-10-09

By GEOFFREY SAUNDERS

CONTRACT bridge is one of the world's most popular partnership card games dating back to the invention of trick-taking games in the early 16th Century such as whist.

The word bridge is the English pronunciation of the game called biritch or Russian whist.

Townsville Bridge Club president Geoff Allen said most people who played 500 or euchre would not have any trouble understanding bridge.

Mr Allen said bridge was played in pairs with all 52 cards in play so the players knew exactly how many cards had not been played.

He said the term contract bridge referred to the pair winning the auction contracting to win a certain number of tricks in a particular suit.

He said the game played at the club was duplicate contract bridge which meant cards were played deal by deal.

He said at the end of each deal the cards were not shuffled and put back together into wallets or boards.

"When the deal is finished, the four hands which have

been played are put back into the board; the deal then goes to the next table and that is repeated in turn by each table until the session is finished," Mr Allen said.

"The cards will be played by a number of tables using the same set of cards with the measure of your performance being how well you played that hand compared to the other six or eight pairs who played the same hand.

"So there is no discussion on whether you got good or bad cards but rather how well you played those cards."

Contract bridge remains popular in Australia with 32,000 registered players, 7000 of them Queenslanders.

Contract bridge combines the elements of mental stimulation, luck and socialising that are hard to find in other games; is inexpensive and can be played easily by people of all ages.

Mr Allen said there were classes for beginners and experienced players were always welcome.

Those interested in playing bridge can phone 4779 9731 or visit the website www.townsvillebridgeclub.asn.au.



POPULAR GAME . . . supervising play co-ordinator Del Ward teaches Lesley Bolger and Margie Toogood to play contract bridge at the PCYC Wellington St



bridging the past.....

John Gray and Lindy Ward (nee Back)



Team Prize: Stan and Jean Bowker, Malcolm Allen + ?



Unknown



Darryl Robinson Beth Whebell Brian Blyth Michelle Radke Ren Mann





THE WINNER OF A
BRIDGE TOURNAMENT
AND THE MAN WHO SAVED
EIGHTEEN PEOPLE FROM
DROWNING SHOW EACH
OTHER THEIR TROPHIES

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