



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

COMING EVENTS

GNOT Qualifying 4,5 March

Saturday Pairs 11,18,25 March

Learn to Play Bridge lessons start 14 March

Club Pairs 2,3 April

One Day Pairs 8 April

Easter Congress, Cairns 14 – 17 April

Diggers Congress, Cleveland Bay Club
21 – 25 April

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bill Bishop

David North

Liegh Owens

Margie Toogood

Jillanne Dillon

Beth Whebell

Bill Redhead

Marie Stabler

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Helen Lovegrove

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

After many years of dedication, Elsie Stubbs has retired from teaching beginners' bridge. Many in the club will have reason to be grateful for her careful – if sometimes exacting – tuition.

The task has been taken up by Phil Rains in his new role as Player Development Officer. Phil will be assisted by Clive Bunnett with Elsie providing valuable advice.

The first activity will be the next round of beginners' classes starting on Tuesday 14 March, 9.30 – 11.30 am (\$50); enquiries to Phil 0417 160 058.

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Thursday Different Partners
John Johnson
Betty Hobdell
Diana McAlister

MASTER POINTS PROMOTIONS FEBRUARY

Ann Smith – Club
Fred Cole – Local*
Pat Fittler – Local *
Ched Twyman – Local*
Alber Beric - Regional



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 Club (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.

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50TH YEAR

A Distinguished Past Member

Among the many of us who enjoy bridge as a pleasant social activity, there is a 'hard core' of people who take their bridge seriously, some very seriously. Our club has been the starting ground for a number of people who have gone on to distinguished careers in bridge. One of these is Laurie Kelso.



Laurie was a Townsville boy and studied at James Cook University between 1980 and 2000 receiving a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry. Well before then he was a member of the Townsville Bridge Club.

He first appears on the Club's honour board as part of the Championship team for 1987. (The other players were B. Chalker, J. Smith and L. Owens.) He was a member of the Championship Team every year from then until 1995. In 1988 Laurie and Beth Whebell were the Champion Pair. Laurie was on this honour board also several times.

He is remembered by many still in the Club as an intelligent and analytical player. He is now considered the most distinguished Director in Australia as indicated by the positions he holds listed on his Linked in Page. They include, National Tournament Coordinator and National Tournament Director for the Australian Bridge Federation, Senior Director for the World Bridge Federation and Secretary of the WBF Laws Committee.



Laurie has been Congress Director for several Barrier Reef Congresses.

Mackay Congress 2011



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

POETS COINER

In keeping with our historic theme for this year, here is a taste of history from our own Club poet
Margaret Foster.

Saturday Bridge '92 Style

Saturday bridge breaks for '92
I've enjoyed the year – what about you?
Til '93 we now disperse
So specially for all the players
Whom I define as Saturdayers
I'll recap '92 in verse

Doris, of course, still directs
And confidently she expects
A really good attendance
This year has seen the numbers swell
I'm certain it's not hard to tell
Those with a food dependence

Elsie's done her job by joves
Her classes come along in droves
They were in fear to meet us
In truth you see the tide has turned
It's frightening how well they've learned
They now have the gall to beat us.

The food for sure is an incentive
We gorge and then we are repentive
Replete – how well the cooks have fed us
A SPREAD aptly des ribs fine fare
Also I think we're all aware
This time FINE FARE has spread us.

Now incidents I'll cite a few
Which do pertain to '92
One point I must discuss
Now doing the treasurer's job
One if Elsie's newbies name of ROB
I think that's rather suss.

With so much bridge I can't keep pace
So Bert was to drop his pants at Audrey's place
Once told he took off like a rocket
On the way he met Jim Foley
Who explained the trip was only
So Audrey could patch his pants pocket

We have a limerick expert -Gaye
And what people in the know all say
Causes me to wonder
If with poetry
In '93
She just might steal my thunder

Nola's is the practised hand which
 Makes that simply scrumptious sandwich
While Audrey's scones are surely super
 Cookies and slice
And all things nice
 We feast and then play in a stupor.

The food though yummy is far from fat less
 This year the cooks should get an atlas
'Cos we're feeling full and Christamassy
 With Ford pills we'll more than spend a penny
As well we'll all book in with Jenny
 TO BE BACK IN SHAPE FOR '93

