



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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March 2020

COMING EVENTS

GNOT Qualifying 1 (Townsville)

2 -3 March

Saturday Pairs

9, 16, 23 March

One Day Match Point Pairs

April 6

Teacher Training Program – Joan Butts

April 28

Bridge Workshops with Joan Butts

April 29

BRIDGE CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

This has been reactivated. If you are a Facebook user, please search for this page, friend it (the pedant in me wants to say befriend, ho hum) and share it with your friends to spread the information about our Club

INTERESTING HAND – QUESTION by Charlie Georgees

This question was posed recently in the ABF Newsletter, October 2019 (Youth Bridge News P 22). It is an instructive one on play techniques for players of all levels to ponder, but especially for relative newcomers to the playing ranks.

	DUMMY	DECLARER
S:-	9 8 7 6 5	A K Q J 10
H:-	A K 2	Q 4 3
D:-	A 9 8	K J 10
C:-	A Q	3 2

How do you guarantee 12 tricks in 6 spades on any layout with JH lead? (Answer on Page 7 of this Newsletter).

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS

There have been a lot of fouled boards lately. These are really irritating as they hold up play for the table playing next, occupy a director during play and generally disrupt the day.

There are a few obvious ways to make these less likely. If you are at a sit out table, do not remove the cards from their boards. If you move the board around the table during play, make sure that the north/south orientation is not changed. Give a little bit of thought about getting the hands back in the right slot.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bill Bishop
David North
Leigh Owens
Margie Toogood
Beth Whebell
Bill Redhead
Marie Stabler

Happy birthday also 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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Laura McGuire
Shanaal De Zoya
Rhiannon Heyboer
Pat Larsen
Tamara Bearcroft
Kay Heyboer

FEBRUARY RANKING PROMOTIONS

Ched Twyman – National*
Valerie Staneke – State*
Shirley Pruden – Local**

FORCING OR NOT

By Ian Patterson

I've always thought that if I change suit in response to my partner's overcall, my bid was forcing to suit agreement (or the lowest level of NT available). I often bid a Major after my partner has overcalled a Minor **when I have a fit with that minor** because I'm looking for a better score. I will never bid a weak hand because I didn't like my partner's suit in an uncontested auction. If their overcall is so poor, they need rescuing, they shouldn't have made it! I had my belief confirmed when I finally got around to reading the October issue of the ABF magazine. I usually enjoy reading "A game at the club with Barbara Travis" (yes, another lady who has played for Australia) but one hand she discussed really affirmed my thinking.

The bidding so far has been: 1D / 2C / Pass / (?). What would you bid with: S: J 8 H: K 10 8 7 6 D: K 9 6 C: A Q 3 ? At the time, Barbara made what she called the "practical bid" of 3NT. After all, without 2 of the top 3 Clubs, partner either has 6 Clubs (a "good suit"?) or a "good hand" with outside values (and surely a stopper in Spades?). Bidding 3NT protects the Diamond suit from an opening Diamond lead. Barbara actually says: 'I should have responded with a forcing 2H'. This would have resulted in a safer 4H contract. Note, she describes 2H as forcing! 3NT was the wrong bid.

Back to the overcall. What would you bid with S: A 9 2 H: A 4 3 2 D: 2 C: K J 8 5 2 after your Right Hand Opponent opens the bidding with 1D? You are short in Diamonds and have 4/3 in the Majors.

Did you make another 'wrong' bid and overcall 2C? To quote Barbara: 'The suit lacks quality for a 2-level overcall (though it is fine for a one-level overcall). The hand is ideal for a takeout double instead.'

CATERING SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE

2022 BARRIER REEF CONGRESS: This will be held in Townsville and some preliminary planning is underway. The committee is seeking ideas about catering for the event. If you have any suggestions, please put them in writing and put them in the white box in the Clubhouse foyer.

OTHER CONGRESSES AND EVENTS: The committee proposes to use the savings made by not having a Monday afternoon tea lady to cater for these occasions and to employ someone to assist with the set-up and clean-up on those days. Ideas for food or catering suggestions - including any for regular bridge days - would be welcome. Drop a note in the white box or contact Di Garside or any committee member.

JOAN BUTTS WORKSHOPS



Presented by Joan Butts, one of Australia's best-known bridge teachers and founder of the Online School of Bridge.

These workshops are multi-level and suitable for players of all abilities. They are funded by the Townsville Bridge Club and is free for club members to attend.

WORKSHOP 1: COMPETITIVE BIDDING

How to know when to bid one more, when to double and when to pass in situations when both sides are in the bidding.

WORKSHOP 2: DEFENCE

Improve your defence by picking up clues from partner's lead and from the declarer's play.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

Workshop 1: 10am - 12pm

Lunch 12pm - 12:30pm Workshop 2: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB

Wellington Street, Aitkenvale QLD

Cost: Free for club members

\$20 per workshop for non-members

Includes morning tea and afternoon tea

Register online faygeo@aapt.net.au

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2020



What are these people doing wearing those brightly coloured masks and, believe it or not, feathers! And at a Bridge Congress? **Left to Right** Diane and Max Holewa from Mackay Bridge Club, Lesleigh Rooney, and Robyn Nolan from Townsville Bridge Club.



This is the popular “Dress Up Theme Day”, A GCC Annual event that spices up the tournament. This year’s theme was “Feathers to Fauna”. Our local entrants (pictured above) were unsuccessful but good on them for having a red-hot go. The winners of the Parade were the “Waikato Mooloos”. Hailing from Waikato NZ, they dressed themselves as cows with feathers and a cowbell – apparently the grass had already been eaten before their photo was taken. Congratulations!

Photos and data compilation by Charlie Georges. Results on the next page.

Name	Category1	Category2	MPs-Gold	MPs-Red	MPs-Total
McAlister, Hugh	Open		23.12		23.12
McAlister, Di	Open		23.12		23.12
Twyman, Ched	Open	Walk-in	14.37	0.23	14.6
Tredrea, John	Open	Walk-in	14.37	0.23	14.6
Glastonbury, Rosemary	Open	Walk-in	9.53	0.53	10.06
Diger, Lina	Open	Walk-in	9.53	0.53	10.06
Owen, Leigh	Open	Walk-in	8.52	0.98	9.5
Smith, Jan	Open	Walk-in	8.52	0.98	9.5
Nolan, Robyn	Open		7.06		7.06
Rooney, Leslie	Open		7.06		7.06
Allen, Geoff	Open		6.72		6.72
Allen, Pat	Open		6.72		6.72
Bishop, Bill	Intermediate		1.17		1.17
Woolley, Russell	Restricted		8.86		8.86
Georgees, Charlie	Restricted		8.86		8.86
Elliot, Joan	Restricted		5.21		5.21
Dousett, Margaret	Restricted		5.21		5.21
Care, Dusk	Restricted		3.89		3.89
Horne, Felicity	Restricted		3.89		3.89
Mullen, Jennifer	Restricted		3.57		3.57
Fitch, Donna	Restricted		2.93		2.93
Garside, Di	Restricted		2.93		2.93
Gillis, Jo	Restricted		2.66		2.66
Reilly, Sue	Restricted		2.66		2.66
Toogood, John	Restricted		2.5		2.5
Toogood, Margie	Restricted		2.5		2.5
Bishop, Sam	Restricted		2.17		2.17
Joye, Lyn	Restricted		2.17		2.17
Smith, Ann	Novice		4.13		4.13
Green, Robyn	Novice		4.13		4.13
Cole, Fred	Novice		3.61		3.61
Mischlewski, Robert	Novice		3.61		3.61
Colbert, Heather	Novice		3.34		3.34
Murray, Elinor	Novice		3.34		3.34
Doyle, Nina	Novice		1.04		1.04
Leach, Ian	Novice		1.04		1.04
Leighton, Pat	Walk-in			3.99	3.99
Muld, Ray	Walk-in			3.99	3.99

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Tuesday, 28 April 2020

10 AM – 4 PM

Register online faygeo@aapt.net.au

Contact Fay Blower 4403 9421

A free professional training day for bridge teachers who wish to become accredited with the Australian Bridge Federation. This six-hour workshop aims to prepare prospective teachers for their first class and to assist experienced teachers with new ideas for their classes. Each Teacher Training Programme offers a closer look at teaching methods and presentation and contains resources for beginners, help with play and card play courses. Teaching ideas are developed through discussion and practical demonstrations.

Completion of the TTP is worth 15 points and a requirement to gain accreditation.

ANSWER TO INTERESTING HAND - QUESTION

Draw 4 rounds of trumps, play out your hearts tricks, then the Ace clubs followed by the Queen. The opponents now need to either open up the diamonds for a free finesse or give you a ruff and sluff for the 12th trick.

Reporting inappropriate behavior

A few bridge clubs in other states have experienced bullying and insulting behaviour which has even led to legal action. Because of this, the ABF and QBA have recommended that all clubs keep a record of any such behaviour.

If you feel you have received behaviour of this sort, please report it to Jean Dartnall who will maintain a record of each report. You can contact Jean in person, by phone (4729 0068), or by email (jeandartnall@hotmail.com).

The Committee of the Townsville Bridge Club hopes and expects that everyone playing in this club, resident or visitor, grand master or beginner, will experience a happy, comfortable time here.

(Although they can't do anything about the cards.)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From: Rachel Kilpi [mailto:rachel.kilpi@sure-insurance.com.au]

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Subject: Fundraiser - Cash for your Club

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We're looking forward to becoming part of your club community and would be delighted to speak with you. If you'd like any further information, please feel free to contact me any time via e-mail on 0434 959 294 or email Rachel.kilpi@sure-insurance.com.au

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