

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Wilfred Tapiolas



I feel honoured to have been elected as your president for the next twelve months. When I look at the names of my twenty-one predecessors since the formation of the club in 1967, I am aware I have joined a distinguished group.

My thanks go to Clive and the outgoing committee for their contribution to the club during their term and to Gloria for stepping up as acting president during Clive's illness. My best wishes go to Clive and Sandra and no doubt Clive you will hear my cries for guidance in months to come. I know everyone at the club is thinking of you.

In the time that I have been a club member, I have seen the presidents and their committee leave their own stamp on the club. It has been passed over to the new committee in a sound financial position, well structured and with membership growing.

I would like to especially thank Audrey Ledbrook who has put in an enormous amount of time and effort in getting the club running on BBO. To most of us the club is like a second family and Audrey kept the club members connected during this tough time. Audrey your efforts have been gratefully appreciated.

Disruptions of this duration usually cause clubs to lose members, but our membership has increased this year.

The website and club newsletter are important factors in keeping members connected to the club. I would like to thank Audrey for taking over and upgrading our website. While she is retiring as webmaster, she has made it easier for our next webmaster to take over.

Thanks also go to Jean Dartnall for editing our newsletter for so many years. You have kept us all well informed about club matters.

Finally I would like to thank Charlie Georgees, on behalf of us all, for putting together the club's Covid procedures and protocols, and for being the driving force in getting the club ready for Covidsafe play.

Thanks also go to Wendy Schwerin for providing valuable advice and assistance to Charlie. Covid – 19 has disrupted our club and taken almost five months from our playing calendar Without their efforts I doubt that we would have been back playing face to face bridge so soon. It is pleasing to see so many members returning to play, and we have now increased the number of tables available to our maximum of sixteen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

every Tuesday – supervised play 9.30 am

1st and 8th – Cleveland Bay Club Pairs (red point event)

2nd, 9th and 16th – Monday Pairs (red point event)

7th – Novice Teams (red point event)

10th and 17th - Cleveland Bay Different partners (red point event)

9th and 16th – Monday Pairs 2 and 3 (red point event)

15th – Cleveland Bay Clarice Suthers (red point event)

December

every Tuesday – supervised play 9.30 am

3rd, 10th and 17th – Festive Teams (red point event)

5th and 6th Club Pairs (red point event)

12th – Saturday Session (red point event)

21st – Christmas party (to be advised)

Breaking News!!

Lessons for Beginners to Bridge for 2021 will start on Tues Feb 2 at 9.30am and Wed Feb 3 at 7pm.

If you know of someone who may be interested, could you let them know the dates. This year most beginners found out about the classes by "word of mouth". The first lesson is free.

For more information please contact Fay (0415643604) or Di (0439598019).

Looking for mentors. Can you help!

Tuesday Dec 1 and Dec 8 at 9.30am we are going to hold a mini competition, so beginners and improvers can gain more experience to feel more confident to attend bridge competition days. We are asking for mentors to nominate to partner with each new person. Please consider becoming a mentor. More information will be available once we have confirmed numbers.

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB AGM

The AGM was held on September 2020 and it was great to see many of our members attend. Gloria MacDonald, the outgoing president, thanked everyone during this difficult year. Gloria wished the incoming President and the new Committee every success in their endeavours.

Geoff Allen presented the Treasurer's Report. As at the time of the Report, the club has \$86,489 in cash of which \$72,432 is held on fixed deposit.

General business items discussed include:

- Agreement to purchase and install a new microphone system
- In respect to mangoes falling and potentially damaging the solar panels - the suppliers have been contacted and are confident that the panels should not be damaged by the falling mangoes
- Club Rules will be published in the Membership Book
- It was agreed to pay \$5574.14 and \$3289.07 for dealing room expenses cards, boards, and bidding boxes.
- Barrier Reef Congress - Murray Stadium, tentative booking May 2022

The minutes from the AGM, including the Reports, will be published shortly on the Club's website.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2020-21

PRESIDENT

Wilfred Tapiolas

VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie Georgees

TREASURER

Geoff Allen

SECRETARY

Rosemary Glastonbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Di Garside

Robert Mischlewski

Carol Blackman

Albert Beric

Margaret Dousset

NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY

Albert Beric

PARTNER ENQUIRIES

Sam Bishop

RANKING PROMOTIONS

Reg Burton – Local

Wendy Collard – Graduate

Carolyn Allis - Graduate

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Geoff Allen

Bruce Bowden

Shirley Pruden

Robyn Nolan

Pat Fittler

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

The Melbourne Cup function was well attended. There was a good Mitchell round of bridge, won by Peter Housden - Gloria MacDonald (NS) and Betty Hobdell – Maria Chippendale (EW).

The break was sponsored by the club, with drinks (beer, champagne, wine, softdrink) and luncheon (Covid-friendly pre-packed sandwiches and sweets by caterers) in a welcomed socially-distanced manner. Well done to everyone. Several participants left after the luncheon, but many stayed for the Cup and the lead-up.

Unfortunately we did not have an official photographer on hand, so if anyone has photos of the day on their phone that they would like to submit for either the website or the next Newsletter, please contact Albert.

Ian Leach, Nina Doyle, Donna & Myles Clarkson

Myles "Bookie" costume was a hit with all



Jennifer Mullen; Donna Clarkson and Nina Doyle



RECENT CLUB RESULTS

Club Teams

First place: BETTY HOBDELL - IAN PATTERSON - ROSEMARY GLASTONBURY - ROBYN NOLAN

Second Place: LEIGH OWENS - JAN SMITH - GEOFF ALLEN - BILL BISHOP

Third place: HELEN LOVEGROVE - VIVIENNE OTTO - GAYLEEN BROWN - BILL REDHEAD

Winning Team



(Rosemary Glastonbury; Betty Hobdell, Ian Patterson and Robyn Nolan)

GNOT Townsville

First place: ALBERT BERIC - ROSEMARY GLASTONBURY - MARIA CHIPPENDALE - PAT LARSEN

Second Place: BILL BISHOP - IAN PATTERSON - JOHN TREDREA - CHED TWYMAN

Third place: LEIGH OWENS - JAN SMITH - GAYLEEN BROWN - BILL REDHEAD

Friday Pairs Red Point Final

First place: IAN PATTERSON - BILL BISHOP

Second Place: HELEN LOVEGROVE - VIVIENNE OTTO

Third place: AUDREY LEDBROOK - CHED TWYMAN



Keith Ramsbotham Memorial Pairs

Winners: Bill Bishop and Ian Patterson



Wilfred Tapiolas (president), Bill Bishop, Graham and Brett Ramsbotham (Keith's Sons) and Julia (Keith's granddaughter)

SOUR GRAPES – SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

By Ian Patterson

Having run second all morning to the Beric Team (who was only once out of the lead all comp.) we (the Bill Bishop Team) came within striking distance of the lead by thrashing Beric in the second last match. All we had to do was outscore them by 10 Imps in the last match and we were playing Team 8 (the Sam Bishop Team – easybeats?). We just needed some big swings. Would Sam be overawed by Bill? Would she fold under pressure? Could we bribe her? Well none of these things happened, and fact all hope was lost when Di Garside found the only defence to guarantee 4 Spades wouldn't make on the very last board. Here is the last board.

BOARD 30	
BD: 30 ♠7653 ♥964 ♦QJ6532 ♣	Dlr: E Vul: None ♠KQ ♥A83 ♦KT84 ♣KT54
♠9 ♥QJT7 ♦A97 ♣AJ982	♠AJT842 ♥K52 ♦ ♣Q763

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT		
N	-	-	-	3	-		3
S	-	-	-	3	-	12	15
E	5	1	-	-	3		10
W	4	2	-	-	3		

Bill and I bid “brilliantly” to reach the 4S “sacrifice”. Details of the bidding are withheld to protect the innocent. On the lead of the Q of Hearts, how do you plan to make 4 Spades? Take a moment (or longer) to plan your play.

The play is not necessarily obvious. Study the N/S hands and look at where your losers are. In the South hand, there are 4 Club losers, 2 Hearts and 1 Spade – a total of 7. Don't even consider the losers in the North hand (who would bid with such garbage? Only the desperate?)

How do you eliminate 4 losers from the south hand? Looking closely, you see a void in Clubs in the North hand and a void in Diamonds in the South hand. All you need is to ruff 4 Clubs in Dummy. You will take 4 Club ruffs, 1 Heart and 5 Spades. However, if you lead so much as 1 Spade you will end up with a Club loser (and not enough entries to Dummy to set up the Diamonds – why didn't West lead the Ace of Diamonds?). So how does the play go?

Would many people make Di's play? Honestly, I think she must have been logged into something and seen all 4 hands! She won the Ace of Hearts and lead a Spade! Is that brilliant defence or just sensible card play? You tell me.

Guess who was allowed to make 4S? Yep! The Beric Team. They won the last match by 13 Imps to our 3Imps. If it had been the other way round, we would have gained 17 Imps on that board, not quite enough to win the event.

Congratulations to the Beric Team for a consistent display of sound bridge.

UPDATED COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

There is a new updated Covid19 Safety Plan for the Townsville Bridge Club. It was released 1st November 2020 and replaces its predecessor which was originally released on 1st August 2020 to enable face-to-face bridge sessions.

Below briefly summarises the changes only.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN – WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Covid-Safe app: Queensland Health guidelines recommend the Covid-Safe app is downloaded to your smartphone. The app should be activated and your phone should be “on” but placed on “silent” while at the club.

Visitors: New visitors are now encouraged to attend play at TBC provided they have not been in any areas where community transmission is evident. They need to complete our Health Declaration Form and comply with the latest Queensland Government quarantine protocols and border restrictions. The club should be contacted beforehand to ensure seating is available.

Registration: Bookings are no longer required for routine club sessions and generally, we will be able to accommodate most attendees. In the event where demand is strong, priority will be given on a “first-come” basis, and arriving 30 minutes before the start of the session is recommended. It will be necessary to pre-register with the club for Special Events.

Number of Players Allowed: The maximum number of members allowed in the club at any one time is now one hundred (100) but we will be able to accommodate only up to about 70 people based on the density guidelines 4 metres² per person. A recent re-measuring of space and reconfiguration of tables has led to a 2.5 table increase to a maximum of **16.5 tables** in play while still conforming to the social distancing requirements.

End of Round: At the end of each round, players should sanitise their hands and North will wipe down the boards. In moving, EW players may assist North in delivering the boards to the next table after North has wiped them down. If any transgression (e.g. an unprotected sneeze or cough) occurred during the round, wipe down all vulnerable surfaces e.g. tabletop (EW), card holders and bridgemates before moving or passing the boards for the next round.

LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, ideas or feedback for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric or email them to me - aberic@tpg.com.au