

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2021



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2021

Since being elected as president I have been able to give you regular reports throughout the year in our newsletter so I will endeavour to keep my report to the AGM as brief as possible.

COVID is now a permanent part of our bridge lives and the club is fortunate to have had Charlie Georgees and Wendy Schwerin put together the club's Covid protocols that are among the best of any bridge club in Australia. This has allowed us to get back to playing face to face bridge. At present only about twenty five percent of bridge clubs nation wide are able to do so.

The main focus of the club this year has been in getting back to playing our normal club tournaments and congresses and in increasing our membership with strong teaching and player development programmes.

No club can function without a lot of behind the scenes input from its members. I have the opportunity today to thank all of you for your service to the club. I can name only a few in this report. Firstly I thank all members of the management committee for their tireless work throughout the year. As a committee we were fortunate to have been elected when the club was in a sound financial position, well run and organised, with growing membership. I believe you have helped to build on that base.

Special thanks to our vice president Charlie Georgees – I believe the club hit the jackpot when Charlie walked into the club and became a member. I could not have done the president's job without his support, back up, and tireless work.

To our secretary Rosemary Glastonbury – thanks for your efficiency and organisational skills and for the long hours you put in for the club. Your efforts allow our committee meetings to run smoothly. Thanks also to our minutes secretary Carol Blackman.

I would like to pay tribute to our treasurer Geoff Allen. The fact that Geoff has acted in most of the key positions of the club over the years speaks volumes about his dedication to this club. Our strong financial position is due largely to his skills. He has been a great support to me this year in all bridge matters. Thanks also go to Joan Elliott who provides expert back up to Geoff.

Without directors there would be no bridge. I thank all our congress and club directors for organising and running our sessions and competitions.

Thanks to Robert Mischlewski and his willing band of volunteers in the dealing area. His efficiency and attention to detail is exceptional. I hope Robert, that you will be available to pass on your knowledge to the new team after your retirement this year.

Thanks also to Ann Smith and those who quietly assist her in providing and keeping the club stocked with all manner of supplies. We all benefit from your service to the club.

Sometimes it is easy to overlook just how labour intensive the administrative jobs in a bridge club can be. I take this opportunity to thank Di Garside for preparing the calendar and members book, Joan Elliott, Devan Mitchell, Margaret Doussett, Peter Hall and Peter Housden for their efforts in keeping excellent and efficient records and maintaining the club data base. Their work received special praise from our auditor this year.

Teaching, player development and supervised play are responsible for increasing membership in our club. Thanks to Charlie Georgees and Fay Blower and their willing helpers for their outstanding contributions in taking the programme initiated by Clive to the next level. The club is lucky to have among its members a number of ex teachers who have stepped up to help and their professionalism is bringing results.

I would also like to recognise Bill and Sam Bishop for their contribution to the club this year. To Bill for his expertise in computing and other electronic matters which are a complete mystery to most of us. Sam, you have taken on the job of organising partners with enthusiasm and have the knack of matching compatible players. You also played a big part in encouraging emerging learners to play in club sessions. As a bonus your caring nature provides the club with a great welfare officer.

The club newsletter is the thread that binds its members together and I thank Albert Beric for the wonderful job he has done since taking over as editor from Jean Dartnall.

In the coming year the club's main efforts will be in running the Barrier Reef Congress at Townsville Stadium in May 2022. I would like to give special thanks to Margaret Doussett for agreeing to take on the job of congress organiser. The club is lucky to have someone of her skill set to take on the task. The club was fortunate in having John Tredrea, the QBA Northern Zone Secretary, as the convenor of the Barrier Reef Congress in 2018. John has given the club a detailed set of congress planning notes and check lists which will be very helpful in organising next year's event.

In conclusion may I say it has been a privilege to have served as your president for the past year. One thing that I have learned is that there is no shortage of helpful advice and useful tips available to the president of a bridge club.

Wilfred Tapiolas



Courtesy Adrian Raeside

by Marg Foster

OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2021-22

JOIN THE CLUB.

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not amongst the dead,
Though I'm getting more forgetful,
And mixed up in the head.

I've got used to my arthritis,
To my dentures I'm resigned.
I can cope with my bi-focals,
But, ye gods, I miss my mind.

Sometimes I can't remember,
When I'm standing by the stairs,
If I should be going up for something,
Or have I just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often,
My mind is full of doubt,
Now, did I put some food away,
Or come to take some out?

If its not my turn to write Dear,
I hope you won't get sore,
I may think I have written,
And don't want to be a bore.

So remember, I do love you,
And wish that you lived near,
And now its time to mail this,
And to say good bye, my Dear.

At last I stand beside the mail box,
And my face-- it sure is red.
Instead of posting this to you,
I've opened it instead.

PRESIDENT Wilfred Tapiolas
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TREASURER Geoff Allen
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QUOTE FROM ABF PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(ABF Newsletter 211, October 2021, P4)

“In order to provide a safe environment for players and officials at ABF Gold Point events in 2022,

COVID-19 Event Plans will include the requirement that all players and officials be fully vaccinated. For those ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reasons, a medical certificate confirming such ineligibility along with confirmation of a negative COVID test

conducted within three days of commencement of the event will be required. The ABF Board appreciates your support and understanding on this issue.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2021

- 11th NWP (Green Pts in club, Red Pts online)
- 13th TBC Wed Teams 2 (Restr. Conventions, Green)
- 15th TBC Keith Rams. Shield Fri Pairs 2 (Red)
- 22nd TBC Keith Rams. Shield Fri Pairs 3 (Red)
- 23rd TBC Club Teams (Red) (2 days)
- 29th TBC Club Session (Open & Novice Sections)
- 31st CBBC Anniversary Matchpoint Pairs (Red)

NOVEMBER 2021

- 1st NWP (Green Pts in club, Red Pts online)
- 2nd TBC Melbourne Cup Pairs (Green)
- 6th TBC Novice Teams (Red)
- 12th MKY CQ Teams (Red) (3 days)
- 20th NWP (Green Pts in club, Red Pts online)

Recent Grand Slams

- REG BURTON / VIVIENNE OTTO
- NINA DOYLE / IAN LEACH

RECENT RESULTS AROUND THE CLUBS

Ingham Hinchinbrook Challenge Matchpoint Pairs

Category A

- 1st WILLIAM VAN BAKEL / MICHAEL BYRNE
- 2nd DUSK CARE / JOHN JOHNSON
- 3rd BILL BISHOP / PATRICIA LARSEN
- 4th JOHN TREDREA - CHARLIE GEORGEES
- 5th PAT LEIGHTON - RAY MULD

MAGNETIC TEAMS

Category A

- 1st MAX HOLEWA, DIANE HOLEWA, ALAN BROWN, FRANCES BROWN
- 2nd IAN PATTERSON, JOHN JOHNSON, GEOFF ALLEN, PAT ALLEN
- 3rd BILL BISHOP, PAT LARSEN, MARIA CHIPPENDALE, KEN MANDERS

Category B

- 1st BERNICE MORTON, DELMA JOHNSON, SANDRA BUNNETT, CAROL BLACKMAN
- 2nd GLADYS TULLOCH, BARBARA HOSPERS, CATHY CRAWFORD, JENELLE DALTON



Dusk Care and John Johnson

THE DOG THAT BARKED IN THE NIGHT This article, written by Mark Horton, comes from the IBPA Bulletin, November 2020.

Having enjoyed one of Mrs Hudson's delightful late-night suppers, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were enjoying a second glass of Cockburn's 1847 Vintage Port as they prepared to review the boards from the evening's duplicate at the Diogenes Club. Pausing only to recharge his pipe with a mixture of Old Shag from one of his Persian slippers, Holmes presented Dr Watson with these cards:

Dir East ♠ K 9 8 6 5
 Nil Vul ♥ A Q
 ♦ 5 3 2
 ♣ Q 5 4



♠ J 7
 ♥ 9 8 3 2
 ♦ A Q J 8 6 4
 ♣ J

♠ Q 10 4 2
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ 9 7
 ♣ K 10 9 6 3

♠ A 3
 ♥ K J 10 7 6
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ A 8 7 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Mycroft</i>	<i>Dr Watson</i>	<i>Lestrade</i>	<i>Sherlock</i>
		Pass	1NT
3 ♦	3 ♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

"You will recall the deal, Watson. It may be suitable for your next book, The Bridge Adventures of Sherlock Holmes."

"Indeed I do, Holmes, although I cannot for the life of me see how you worked it out," replied Watson.

Mycroft had led the ♠ J and Holmes had won with the Ace, crossed to the ♥ A, overtaken the ♥ Q with the King and cashed the ♥ J and ♥ 10. On the third round of the suit, East discarded the ♣ 3, then threw the ♦ 9 on the fourth heart. Holmes continued with a spade to the King, West following with the ♠ 7, and called for dummy's ♣ 4. When East played the ♣ 10, Holmes followed with the ♣ 2! West won the trick with the Jack and, having only diamonds left, had to surrender a trick to the ♦ K, giving Holmes his contract.

“How the deuce did you know that Mycroft held the singleton ♣J?” enquired Watson.

“I didn’t,” replied Holmes, “but unless he did or, for that matter, the singleton King, then the contract could not be made. When dummy appeared, my initial thought was that West was likely to hold the ♣K for his intervention. If East could gain the lead, a diamond through would have been fatal, so it was essential to avoid that eventuality. My plan was to remove all the major-suit cards from West’s hand and then play two rounds of clubs, hoping to achieve an endplay. When West proved to have four hearts, his pattern was likely to be 1-4-6-2 or 2-4-6-1. The precaution of playing a second round of spades, crossing to dummy’s King, proved it was the former. Had West shown out of spades, I would have played two rounds of clubs. The appearance of the ♠7 forced me to rely on West’s singleton club being the Jack or King.”

“Why was that, Holmes?”

“If East were to be kept off lead, it was essential that West’s singleton club be either the Jack or King to force him to lead diamonds for me.”

“I see,” said Watson, “but why didn’t you cash the fifth heart before playing the second spade?”

“Because, my dear fellow, it would have afforded West the opportunity to dispose of the ♣J.”

“Incredible, Holmes.”

“Elementary, my dear Watson.”

Mark Horton, England

Source: SABF May 2021 Newsletter

Tips — Warm-Up (Eddie Kantar)

- You cannot defend properly unless you count.
- Make sure you and your partner are on the same wave length concerning leads and signalling conventions.
- If partner makes a nice play, a kind word or two at the end of the hand goes a long way.

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE and PROTOCOL

- Bidding boxes are designed to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact.
- When using a bidding box, decide what your bid is going to be before reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box.

LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, jokes, birthday wishes or ideas for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric on 0403 153 211 or email me - aberich@tpg.com.au

MEMBER PROFILE – Philip Miles Allnutt

My bridge story

My parents and older sister waited impatiently until I was old enough to play 500 at about age 6 and then Auction bridge when I was about 10 - we played for money and I settled the accounts!

At university in Canberra in 1973, three friends and I taught ourselves Contract bridge from Frank Cayley's little 64-page "Instant" book - I still have it! We played every Friday night until 3am.

Since then, I've played club bridge for a few years at a time in Morwell and Canberra but then took a break - so thanks, Townsville, for welcoming me back!

Where did you grow up?

I was a Coronation baby and grew up in Caulfield (Melbourne). But we had a 20 acre block buried in the then "remote" Dandenong Ranges (a huge 23 miles away) and I spent every weekend and school holiday roaming around the bush while my parents built a 20 square stone cottage by hand.

Did you have a nickname at school?

Peewee - since I was the smallest boy in secondary school until I got to Form IV, when finally a new Form I boy was shorter. As a consequence, I was press-ganged into coxing - but still irritated the crew because I had to carry 20 pounds of what they regarded as "dead-weight" in races.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

I dislike making dinner - but I love eating it, and I enjoy baking cakes and biscuits and making marmalade.

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

A dog (hopefully with a kind owner). Dogs teach us friendliness, optimism, service, forgiveness, faithfulness and loyalty, even in adversity.

What is your favourite song?

I was going to say the Navy hymn "Eternal Father, strong to save", but I suppose that is not really a song. So I'll say "Now the Carnival is over" by the Seekers, which takes me right back to long summer holidays (in the sun!) and Judith Durham's clear bell voice.

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

Generally well hidden - but I can recite The Man from Snowy River, the great poem of Australia of the underdog.



What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

This is like the classic job interview question “What is your worst fault?”, to which the sycophantic answer is: “I am too conscientious in my work and so work long hours without overtime and thus don’t get the work-home balance quite right”.

So I have to say - I’m too nice for my own good sometimes.

Who is the most famous person you have (almost) met?

The Queen: she and Prince Philip were in the left front pew at Church in Canberra and my partner Anthony and I were in the right front pew. Sadly, we didn’t think it appropriate to lean across and talk to her during the Service - but we do have the pen that was bought especially for her to sign the Visitors’ Book.

What is the best advice you ever had given to you?

Ask yourself “Will it be the same in a hundred years?” This isn’t fatalism - it reminds you to distinguish between what does matter and what doesn’t matter.

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

Sir Robert Menzies and Bob Hawke - both leaders with a vision, both humane and with the common touch and - important for dinner - both raconteurs with a world of experience and a sense of humour.

Charles Goren is my third choice. His dry sense of humour appeals to me - and I’d also like the opportunity to point out some of the mistakes he’s made in his books.

Best advice for your bridge partner

Forgive me my trespasses as I forgive you your trespasses.



Do you have a joke?

The Seven Dwarves have been told that, from Monday, they will be meeting in groups of six. One of them isn’t happy.

FROM THE VAULT



Above - mid 1970s - Margo Byrnes, Alan Duncan, Mary Tonner and Gwen Cordingley

Below - Gold Coast Congress - Michaelle Radke Ian Halford Beth Whebell Steve and Verna Brookes



? Mary Skau ? Cara Bragg



1990 Cairns Congress - John Howie



Edith Howard Mary Riocean

OH, GEORGE, WHAT DO YOU THINK! I WON THIS PRIZE AT THE BRIDGE CLUB THIS AFTERNOON!

DON'T TELL ME THE WOMAN I MARRIED IS A COMMON GAMBLER! PLAYING CARDS FOR GAIN! THIS IS TERRIBLE, MADGE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

