

# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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#### **Zonal Positions**

Geoff Allen - Delegate

## September 2017

### **COMING EVENTS**

Mackay Barometer Pairs 9, 10 September

Monday teams 4, 11, 18 September

Magnetic Teams Congress 15 – 17 September

Mackay Congress 30 September – 2 October

> Friday pairs 6, 13, 20 October

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville 14-18 May 2018

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 9 September 2017 10.00 am

Nominations will be accepted from the floor is there are not sufficient nominations.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Yvonne Houbolt Hugh McAlister Christine Perkins Helen Tapiolas Robyn Green Del Ward Lesley Boulger

## TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

#### Louise Connell remembers in the beginning ....

In around 1984 a group of intending Bridge players went to the Club to meet Clarrie Suthers for our first lesson. I went along, together with my friend Gwyn Davies, after encouragement from another friend, Vilma, to see what it was all about. There we met Gayleen (Brown). Gayleen, Dot Shannon and I, I think, are the

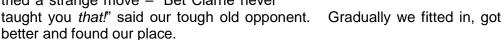
only ones still playing in TBC.

Clarrie with Matt Malumphy 1986

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Most of the group hadn't met before but it was a great start to many long lasting friendships. Clarrie was an excellent and tough teacher: "Get it right!!" she would say, reducing us to a state of severe anxiety!

But it was so worthwhile, even when we were cast into the midst of experienced players who could reduce us to mental jelly. Most of them were very kind to us, but a few kept us in our place! I recall that when taxed over a bid or a move we'd say "Well, Clarrie taught us ....." One day I tried a strange move — "Bet Clarrie never



We didn't have many lessons, six I think, before being admitted to play. At first we had just a few tables for us beginners, playing at the back of the

main group. I remember the reaction by the seasoned players when one of us made her first slam – she leapt to her feet, threw her arms in the air and cheered! There were some pained expressions around the room!

Gayleen 1990

As well as playing at the Club, we would get together in smaller groups to practice. We visited each other's homes, enjoying each other's company, practicing our moves and going over our play. Lots of laughs!



Noreen Massey, Mary Bloxham, Fay blower, Louise Connell 1990s

So many of us found that taking up bridge was one of the best thing we ever did!

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

#### RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR AUGUST

Di McAlister – Grand Master Maria Chippendale – Silver Life Master Helen Tapiolis – Regional Jan Woollett – Local\* Mike Reynolds - Graduate

#### SOME RECENT RESULTS

**Thursday Pairs** 

- John Johnson, Betty Hobdell
- Judy Hunt, Beth Whebell
- Gayleen Brown, Bill Redhead

## Major Sponsor



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 Cub (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.