



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

**September 2017**

[www.townsvillebridgeclub.asn.au](http://www.townsvillebridgeclub.asn.au)

**Temporary clubhouse phone  
0428 453 921**

PO Box 1053, Aitkenvale, 4814  
bridgeclub@westnet.com.au

Bank Details:  
BSB: 034 212  
ACC #: 913659

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **President:**

John Tredrea – 4775 1879

### **Vice President:**

Phil Rains – 0417 160 059

### **Secretary:**

Devan Mitchell – 0407 691 563

### **Treasurer:**

Fred Cole - 07 4779 3026

### **Committee Members**

Sandra Bunnett – 0439 384 462

Leonie Cunningham 4723 4092

Jilanne Dillon – 0413 152 816

Lyn Joye – 0402 248 086

Jan Manders – 4772 7087

Robert Mischlewski – 4779 7637

### **Congress Directors**

Geoff Allen – 07 4721 0161

Diana McAlister – 0402 761 152

### **Active Club Directors**

Bill Bishop - 0409 598 214

Bruce Bowden – 07 4779 6809

Clive Bunnett – 07 4773 1029

Betty Hobdell – 0457 965 454

Kay Lehmann – 07 4778 2914

Ian Patterson - 0474 706 214.

Phil Rains – 0417 160 059

Elsie Stubbs – 0451 013 753

Gloria MacDonald – 0402 010 595

### **Zonal Positions**

Geoff Allen - Delegate

## **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 if 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

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 taught you *that!*" said our tough old opponent. Gradually we fitted in, got better and found our place.

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

Gayleen 1990



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!

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!

Denise Bayliss, Julie Gregory, Shirley Stone 1994



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

**EscapeTravel™**  
*the holiday people*

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.