



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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### **Zonal Positions**

Geoff Allen - Delegate

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Townsville Bridge Club AGM**

**Saturday 8 September 10.30**

**Please attend!**

**A quorum is needed to ensure the meeting is legal.**

Monday Teams  
3,10,17 September

Restricted Convention Pairs  
5,12,19 September

Magnetic Teams Congress  
14,15,16 September

Mackay Congress  
29 September - 1 October

Spring Matchpoint Pairs and Teams  
Cairns  
29 September - 1 October

Friday Pairs  
Keith Ramsbotham Memorial Pairs  
5,12,19 October

## **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS**

Please note the new Clubhouse telephone number

4779 4043

And email; address

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**SOME RECENT RESULTS**

Cassowary Coat Congress



Winner D division Fred Cole and Robert Mischlewski



Winner C division Sue Reilly and Jo Gillis



Winner Open division Bill Bishop and Bruce Bowden

## SCIENTIFIC BIDDING (or Over-thinking the Hand)

By Ian Patterson

It's not very often that you pick up a 2-loser hand. That's right: a hand with just 2 losers. You need just 1 trick from your partner to make a Small Slam, and if he has 2 or more trumps you might even make a Grand Slam on a finesse. But it was Teams so bidding a Grand requiring a finesse to make is a big No-No. This was the hand:

S: AQJT654 H: AK D: AK4 C: A

Clearly a thing of beauty with only 25 HCP but just the 2 losers: the King of Spades and the Queen of Diamonds. If partner has just 1 of those cards then 6 Spades is cold; if he has them both then the Grand is cold. How can you find out? Well, try some scientific (?) bidding. For starters, open your Game Force.

For those amongst us who don't have that bid, it literally means you have Game in Hand - partner may not pass below the level of Game, even with a Yarborough (unless your rebid is 2NT). Next, jump in the Major to show a 7-card suit and see what partner does then. So the bidding at our table was:

E	S	W	N
Pass	2D <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2H <sup>2</sup>
Pass	3S <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3NT <sup>4</sup>
Pass	?		

So far so good.

1. We play Benjamin 2's, so 2D is our Game Force.
2. We've agreed to play 2H as "waiting" to give opener room to show 2 suits if that's his holding.
3. 3S should be a 7-Card suit, so it sets Trumps. (I like to rebid NT with just a 5-card suit in an otherwise balanced hand, so unless I'm 2-suited, 2S would only promise a 6-card suit.)
4. Now I'm in trouble. As I said earlier, with a Yarborough partner should just bid 4S, so he has something (and probably a shortage in Spades) but what? There are 15 HCP in the other 3 hands. He could have 10 of those 15 HCP and the Slam will fail, because the only valuable cards are the King of Spades and the Queen of Diamonds - a Grand on just 30 HCP.

? I don't know what he holds and he doesn't know that all I need from him is the Queen of Diamonds (just 2 points) to make Slam. My choices are: 4S which lets him ask for Key Cards; 5S which (I guess) says that I only need 1 trick from him to make a Slam (but how does he know which card is that trick?) and 6S which gives up completely on a Grand Slam unless he has the precise 2 of the outstanding 8 Honour Cards. My understanding of probability in this situation is limited, but a crude estimation tells me that partner needs just 1 of 2 of the 39 cards not on my hand ( $2/40 = 5\%$ ) or (slightly better) 1 of 2 of the 8 Honour cards ( $2/8 = 25\%$ ) - the remaining 6 cards ( $6/8 = 75\%$ ) are worthless. So do you bid a Slam with a 25% chance of success?

Being the wimp that I am, I bid just 4S. My partner, having bid 3NT with just 4 HCP, passed. He held the Queen of Diamonds and the singleton 9 of Spades. The Spade finesse failed so the Slam rolled in with no overtrick. The player in my seat at the other didn't waste time thinking about it and just bid 6S so I was lambasted by our team mates for being the wimp I am. Really, bid a 25% Slam?

## **WRONG SCORES ON THE BRIDGEMATE.**

By Clive Bunnett

Sometimes an incorrect contract is entered into the Bridgemate and accepted before it is recognised as wrong. If the scores are still on the Bridgemate and it hasn't changed to the next round, the score may be corrected at the table without calling the Director providing everyone agrees on the correct contract.

On the screen the term 'Scores' appears in the lower right corner. Simply press the button below the term and it will take you to the previous scores. The term 'Correct' appears now in the lower right corner. Press the button below this and the screen will ask you which board to correct. Enter the number of the board you wish to change. This response will take you to the original screen where you can enter all the correct details. Press 'OK' then 'Accept' and the new score will be entered.

If the Bridgemate has moved on to the next round, you will need to call the Director, however, following this procedure will save the Director some unnecessary work.

Hope this helps.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**

Reg Burton

### **BIRTHDAYS**

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  
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