



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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### Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

Townsville One Day Pairs  
7 April

Club Pairs  
14 - 15 April

Diggers Congress  
Cleveland Bay Club  
12, 22, 25 April

Zonal Teams  
Townsville  
28-29 April

Bridge for Brains  
3 May

Novice Pairs  
12 May

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville  
14-18 May 2018

## **BARRIER REEF CONFERENCE**

### **A quick note from our busy convener John Tredrea**

Everything seems on track – 8 weeks to go.

In mid - April we will start putting together / photocopying

- \* Personal Score Books (560 approx)
- \* Lunch Order Forms
- \* Hand records (280 x 7 sessions)

Also in April, Bill and Robert and their team will organize the dealing of the cards – 100 sets of 28 boards.

I would like to encourage club members who have card tables to bring them in sooner rather than later so that as the Congress deadline approaches we know how many we are short.

We are still looking for non - congress playing members to act as caddies, even if just for one session (3 Hours).

### **SOME RECENT RESULTS**

#### **GNOT Qualifying**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pat Leighton, Barbara Hospers, Bill Redhead, Gaylene Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty Hobdel, Rosemary Glastonbury, Ian Patterson, Bill Bishop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phil Rains, Lesleigh Rooney, Robyn Nolan, Patricia Larson

#### **Saturday Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Patterson, Betty Hobdel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Diana McAlister, Hugh McAlister
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesleigh Rooney, Phil Rains

### **WELCOME**

To rejoining member  
Simon Jones  
And to temporary member  
Patricia Larson

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Albert Beric  
Jacquelyn Bliss  
Phil Rains  
Heather Colbert  
Margaret Dousset  
Delma Johnson  
Margaret McSweeney  
Jane Seawright  
Kelly Walker  
Judy Hunt

Happy birthday too 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 [jeandartnall@hotmail.com](mailto:jeandartnall@hotmail.com)

### **MARCH RANKING PROMOTIONS**

Dusk Care – National  
Margie Toogood – State \*  
Wilfred Tapiolis – Regional  
Jana Zrno – Club  
Francis Joan Summerhayes - Graduate

## JOAN BUTTS VISIT

In March we had the pleasure of a visit to Townsville from Joan Butts.

The first day Joan held a 6 hour course for beginner bridge teachers. This was well attended, including people from Bowen, Atherton, Tully and Ingham. Each is now entitled to 15 Accreditation points towards becoming an Accredited ABF Teacher. The all-day session was very interactive and conducted in the manner that illustrated the principles to be incorporated in Bridge lessons.

The five principles are included in the acronym STEAM (Safety: ensuring students feel comfortable and free to make mistakes. Timing: Moving sessions along and keeping to time. Energy: using hands-on activities to keep energy and enthusiasm high. Attitude: friendly and encouraging, positive and helpful. Materials: Tailored to the needs of the lesson and the group.)



The second day was for players and was a session on defence, with the main themes of signals and count. Forty one people attended Joan's lesson on Defensive Play and Signalling conducted on Wednesday 21 March. The feedback was very positive.

Joan stressed the importance of giving a signal on partner's opening lead. Her preference was "low encourage" but she stressed that whichever signal you use, you should definitely use one and both understand what it was.

Joan explained the logic for giving "count". She demonstrated how this works and how it enhances ones' defensive play – by giving count in a suit, partner knows when and how long to hold up. Count also gives partner a better view of the suit distribution in their hand, giving vital information about which suit(s) to hold and which to discard.

Joan finds the perfect balance of serious comment and humour. There were many tips along the way re card play and bidding. I particularly liked the statement re slow play: "a card should be played on the day it is dealt"! and the comment re signals: if partner isn't on the same wave-length as your signals, perhaps you should find another partner!

The visit was very instructive and well received by those attending. It is great to see so many aiming to improve their Bridge skills and pleasing that the ABF is willing to provide support to current and prospective Bridge teachers by paying for Joan to come and conduct the teaching session.

Diana McAlister and Clive Bunnett

## POETS CORNER

This month's contribution from the history files is the tribute that Margaret Foster wrote for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our club. I wonder if you thought, when she wrote it, that she would eventually be playing after the 50<sup>th</sup>!

### **A Tribute**

A quest for companionship – a passion for play  
Saw the birth of our club which we honour today  
On her Silver Anniversary.  
Praise due to the pioneers, who, first at the Synod Hall,  
Nurtured a fledgling from those beginnings small  
To soar and triumph over all adversity

To now proudly extend to all who would enroll  
A challenge to the mind – friendships solace for the soul

Your club, my club, our club – always respect her name.  
Play with skills and play with science,  
Compete with undaunted defiance –  
But never make the winning more important than the game.

Give allegiance – bring her glory  
Help forge the never-ending story  
Of the Townsville Bridge Club – forever may she reign.

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