



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Geoff Allen - Delegate

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COMING EVENTS

Festive Teams
7, 14, 21 December

Teams of 3
10 December

Monday Xmas Party
11 December

ABF Summer Festival of Bridge
Canberra January 10-21

Australia Day Congress
January 25 - 28

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

Editor's note

There will be no January edition of the newsletter. I plan to be back in print in February. I'm interested in your ideas for articles, offers of material or (bridge related) photographs for the new year. Contact me on jeandartnall@hotmail.com.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH

Some bridge was also played!



NO TRUMP OPENINGS (part 3)

By Ian Patterson

MORE ON THE POINT RANGE

This article follows on from previous ones about the various ways in which a 1NT bid might be used.

An aspect of our current teaching is that the range of the 1NT opening should be only 3 HCP. Any larger, and responder doesn't know what constitutes an invitational hand. For instance if the range is 15-18 HCP, what should you do with a 7 HCP hand in response. There is a 25% chance (probably less) that your partner will hold the 18 HCP required to make game so should you invite with 7 HCP. If the upper limit of the opening is 17 HCP then you would need an unusual hand to look for game in NT - perhaps a solid 6-Card Minor. Likewise, after a 15-17 HCP opening do you invite game with 8 HCP (a 1 in 3 chance) or 9 HCP (a 2 in 3 chance). Perhaps there is more to evaluating a hand than simply counting your HCP.

Most strong no trump bidders will open a balanced 16 HCP with 1 NT. Some of them will hesitate when the 16 HCP is composed of 4 Aces. Compare the following hands:

1. **S:** A 7 5 2 **H:** A:8 4 2 **D:** A 5 2 **C:** A 6 and

2. **S:** A 10 9 8 7 **H:** A 10 3 **D:** A 9 8 **C:** A 10

Hand 1 has 4 sure tricks and possibly 2 more tricks if both Majors break no worse than 3-3 and Dummy has enough high cards to allow you to lose 2 tricks in each suit before you can establish the 4th card as a trick. You would be far more confident of establish length tricks in Hand 2 because of all those 10s and 9s.

You would probably be even happier to open this hand 1NT:

3. **S:** Q J 10 9 8 **H:** K J 10 **D:** A 9 8 **C:** A 9.

The hand contains only 15 HCP but with the Spades sequence headed by only the Queen and the Heart 10-Ace (OK, J-K combination) you would be more confident of winning 6 tricks.

Just as you would upgrade a hand because of a sequence and/or a 10-Ace or 2, so you might consider downgrading a hand with gaps in the card holdings. Compare the following hand with the hands preceding.

4. **S:** A J **H:** A 6 4 **D:** A J 7 2 **C:** K J 7 5

Hand 4 contains 18 HCP but is it really that much better than Hand 1 or Hand 2? How confident would you be that it would take 6 tricks? If you don't open it 1NT, you have 2 choices over a 1H response: Open it 1C/D and jump to 2NT or Open it 1C and reverse into 2D. The jump to 2NT looks like an overbid, while the Reverse suggests an unbalanced hand. Neither sequence inspires me with confidence.

With some of my regular partners I like to play a 15-18 1NT. Hands 3 and 4 above exemplify my reasons. I have even stated that 1NT with 15 HCP must either contain a 5-Card suit (Major or Minor) or must have some 10s and/or 9s to provide suit quality. With Geoff Allen I play a 12-15 HCP 1NT using the same principles. I have some sympathy with John Johnson who considers many 12 point hands not worth opening at all.

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Central Queensland Teams

1st John Tredrea, Ian Patterson, Ian Afflick, Paul Collins

Wednesday Teams

1st John Toogood, Margie Toogood, Sue Reilly, Barbara Hospers

2nd Sam Bishop, Di Garside, Bill Bishop, Kelly Walker, Albert Beric

3rd Dusk Care, Elinor Murray, Andrea Galliano, Jo Gillis, Jo-Anne Gillis

Novice Teams

1st Di Garside, Donna Fitch, Kelly Walker, Albert Beric

2nd Heather Colbert, Bev Neilson, Ian Leach, Nina Doyle

3rd Sue Reilly, Jo Gillis, John Toogood, Margie Toogood

Geoff Allen, John Johnson, Hugh and Diana McAlister fished 11 th in the GNOT Finals. They were the best Regional Team. Apparently this is a first for Queensland. They won 7 of their 9 matches.

DECEMBER 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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Gayleen Brown

Pam Calmer

Myles Clarkson

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AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cara Bragg

Clive Bunnett

Fay Down

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Maree Eales

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Byron Mackenzie-Ross

Peter Elliott

NOVEMBER RANKING PROMOTIONS

Goeff Eales – Regional

Dawn Beale – Local **

Robyn Green - Local

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50TH YEAR

Beginners and Grand Masters

One of the advantages of being a 50 year old club is that some people have done all or most of their bridge career within our club. The Club presently has 13 grand masters and three of them started their bridge with lessons in our club.



Bruce Bowdon first appears on our honours boards as a member of the Championship team B Bowden, P Back, D Crimston, E Hanran in 1983.

Clive Bunnett, Sandra Bunnett, Bruce Bowdon, Carol Blackman and Pam Jamieson at the Club's 50th anniversary dinner.



Beth Whebell was part of the winning Championship Team M Ward, B Whebell, S Hoolihan, C Suthers in 1984 She feels that bridge is apt of a lifestyle that it is an absorbing game and has introduced her to many friends.

Margo Byrnes Beth Whebell Peter Rainey in the mud 1970s



Perhaps the most dedicated of the three is Elsie Stubbs who has been a director and for many years taught beginners, ran supervised play for the improving players and has assisted in the bridge development of many individuals now playing in the club. Her contribution to the Club was recognised in 2013 when she was made a life member.

Editor's Note: This is the last of this series of articles on the Club's history to celebrate the 50th anniversary year. However, I remain interested in suggestions for articles and/or contributions. Jean

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