



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not many events were held last month other than our regular sessions. The month started with the novice team's event which was won by the Cassidy Team, and I want to congratulate Yvonne Cassidy, Toni Barrell, Greg Lawler and Garry Bolton for their win.

The Airlie Beach Challenge Pairs Competition was well supported by both Townsville clubs. Congratulations go to Dusk Care and Jeanette McKenzie for leading the Townsville pairs.

It was good to see our club again supporting the Ingham Bridge Club Christmas Party, with eight pairs attending, and winning both N/S and E/W.

Gloria MacDonald directed the event and a great buffet lunch was provided afterwards at Jojo Chinese Restaurant.

On Wednesday 29th November, Ron Klinger visited the club and conducted 2(two) workshops with 25 players at each session. The morning session was on leads against suit contracts (new ideas). The afternoon session was on the modern losing trick count. Ron left copies of his notes with the club, and you can find them in the entry. Ron said that Townsville was the only club that he would give lessons while he was on his cruise down to Sydney.

The 2024 calendars will be available to collect early in the New Year, and I would like to thank Devan, Carol and Charlie for arranging their printing and labelling.

This month, the club held a number of well attended Christmas events, starting with the festive teams. The club Christmas party and presentation to the women's shelter. The Wednesday night restricted conventions Christmas break-up, I would like to thank that group for putting up the Christmas decorations.

Di Garside will start giving lessons for new players from Tuesday 6th February 2024 starting at 9am.

Finally I would like to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Wilfred Tapiolas

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LETTER OF RELINQUISHMENT AT TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB



Dear All,

Regretfully, I have to advise the club that due to my deteriorating health, I have decided to relinquish most of my roles at the club including Vice President. This is effective immediately. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the last few years.

Provided my health allows, I am prepared to continue directing occasional sessions. Albert Beric will maintain the website.

My apologies and all the best,

Charlie Georgees

It is with regret and sadness that the committee accepts the resignation of Charlie Georgees for health reasons. We are thinking of you during this difficult time and we hope your health condition improves.

Since Charlie joined our club, he has taken on more and more duties and responsibilities, and has a great capacity to keep accepting more.

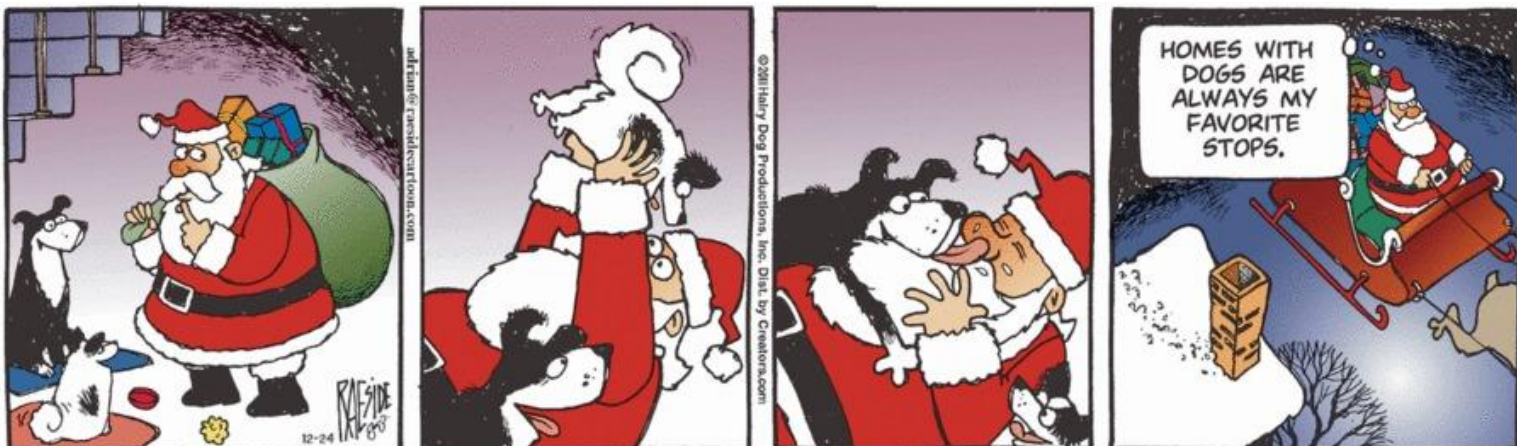
I don't know many people with this attribute and spirit of generosity.

On behalf of the committee, I thank Charlie for all his work for the club, including competitions, training, website and many other jobs, including coming to the rescue on Wednesday nights, and many other occasions, to fix our computer and Bridgemate problems.

Charlie, your friendship, attention to detail, and tireless work to keep our club functioning will be greatly missed.

Wilfred Tapiolas

President



Courtesy Adrian Raeside

Congratulations!

Dusk care recently passed her assessment and is now an accredited Director. Well Done !!!

RON KLINGER WORKSHOP

Ron Klinger's visit and workshops was an outstanding success and all who attended benefited from his presentation. The total takings were \$940, which have been paid to Ron Klinger. Thanks to Devan Mitchell for collecting the payments for both sessions. From all accounts, everyone enjoyed his presentation. Handouts from the workshop will be made available for those who could not attend.



If you change your email address, then please notify Trevor Hunt or any of the Committee members of your new email address.



PINK STUMPS DAY

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

Pink Stumps day supports individuals and families experiencing breast cancer – The club is pleased to support the worthy cause....More details to follow closer to the date.



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WOMENS SHELTER FUNDRAISER

This year, with the help from the Cleveland Bay Bridge Club, we donated \$1550.65 funds to the Women's Shelter.

Adarina Bawden would like to thank everyone who bought her Christmas cards. This activity raised approx. \$300 which was donated to the Women's Shelter. Also a shout out to Di Garside for her hard work selling the cards at her local neighbourhood Christmas sale.



FESTIVE TEAM RESULTS

- 1st Place** Betty Hobdell - Donna Fitch - Robyn Nolan - Rosemary Glastonbury
- 2nd Place** Ched Twyman - Pat Leighton - Geoff Allen - Pat Allen
- 3rd Place** Yvonne Houbolt - Christine Perkins - Barry Brown - Kim Holl



70 PERCENTERS

- BETTY HOBDELL /IAN PATTERSON
 KELLY WALKER/JO-ANNE GILLIS
 ROSEMARY GLASTONBURY/BETTY HOBDELL
 COLEEN EVANSON/BILL PICKERING
 PETER ELLIOTT/BILL REDHEAD



GRAND SLAMS

- LILY MORRISH/ROBERT MISCHLEWSKI
 ANTHONY WILSON / ANN SMITH
 JO-ANNE GILLIS / ANN SMITH1st

RECENT PROMOTIONS

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| Anto Wilson | SILVER LOCAL |
| Frances Summerhayes | BRONZE LOCAL |
| Jeff Stephens | LOCAL |
| Toni Barrell | GRADUATE |



Trudy Low

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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA - 25th DECEMBER

Famous people born

Jimmy Buffett	Country Singer
Justin Trudeau	World leader
Annie Lennox	Singer
Sissy Spacek	Actor
Humphrey Bogart	Actor
Helena Christensen	Model
Sir Isaac Newton	Scientist
Anwar Sadat	World Leader
Helena Rubinstein	Cosmetics entrepreneur
Jesus Christ	Commemorated on this date

Famous People Deaths

James Brown	American singer-songwriter, producer,
Charlie Chaplin	English actor, director, producer, screenwriter, composer
George Michael	English singer, songwriter and record producer
Dean Paul Martin	American singer, actor, and comedian
W. C. Fields	American actor, comedian, juggler, and writer
Eartha Mae Kitt	American singer and actress

On this day

- William I 'The Conqueror' was crowned king of England – **1066**
- Christmas Island - the island was named on Christmas Day 1643 by Captain William Mynors of the British East India Company - **1643**
- Physician Ephraim McDowell - American surgeon who is considered a founder of operative gynaecology, performed the first abdominal surgery in the USA – removing a 22.5-pound ovarian tumour – **1809**
- Hirohito becomes the 124th emperor of Japan – **1926**
- The film adaptation of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* premiered – **1962**
- *Cyclone Tracy*, which hit Darwin in the small hours of Christmas Day, killed 71 people and devastated 80 per cent of the city -**1974**
- Mikhail Gorbachev resigned the presidency of the Soviet Union – **1991**



KEY MESSAGES FROM DECEMBER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- A preliminary document setting the Club team structures and responsibilities. was tabled. The Document will be displayed on the notice board and members are encouraged to nominate to help the coordinators to carry some of the workload.
- **Grant applications** have been lodged, however a response is not expected before February -April 2024
- **Calendar** - Two quotations have been obtained for the printing of the calendar with the quotation from the new printing firm \$500 cheaper than the quotation from the printing firm traditionally used.
- **Mentoring of Novice Players** -a number of experienced players in the Club will approach less experienced player (from Wednesday Night and Tuesday Morning) to offer to play with them at sessions where open conventions are played.
- **End of year calendar year Treasurer Report:**
 - The Club again has over \$100,000 on Term Deposit - up \$25,000.
 - Compared to the same period last year: Club Income has risen from \$31,620 to \$44,349 - an increase of \$12,728 (40.25%).
 - Club Expenses have reduced by \$2,827 (10.39%) mainly due to some additional cleaning invoices being paid last year.
 - Income - the main increases are in Table Fees - up \$9,133; Subscriptions - up \$2,390; and the new Social Games each Tuesday - up \$1,991. On the negative side the Club did not have a compensating event for last year's Ballina Bridge Club visit which produced \$1,310.

Where did our income come from?

The top Income accounts are Table Fees (66.2%), Subscriptions (20.7%), Social Games (4.5%), Special Events (4.5%), Solar Credits (3.1%), Other Income (1%).

What did we spend our money?

The top 10 expense accounts are Insurance \$6,440, Morning & Afternoon Teas and Provisions \$3,654, Cleaning \$2,992, Rates \$2,318, Electricity \$1,430 (offset by our Solar Credit \$1,369 and Qld Government Energy Rebate \$325), Audit Fees \$1,100, Repairs & Maintenance \$1,022, Computer Expenses \$781, Security \$755, Masterpoint expenses \$568 and all other expenses \$2,806.

LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, ideas or feedback for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric or email them to me - aberic@tpg.com.au



INGHAM CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Member Profile: **MARGARET WILKINSON**

When and where did you first play Bridge?

At the Townsville Bridge Club in 1986.

Who introduced you Bridge?

No one really, just always had an attraction to card games as the family would play cards every night when I was a child.

Who taught you to play bridge?

Clarice Suthers

Tell us some of your family background, for example where did you grow up, what is your favourite childhood memory?

I am fourth generation of two families who migrated from England and my paternal grandfather drove for Cobb and Co coaches in Western Queensland.

Did you have a nickname at school? IF so, why the name arise.

Margy, Maggie and Margaretta. All from older relatives who though they suited me.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Weeding the garden. Weeds seem to grow back over night.

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

Did hand crafts for many years until fingers got arthritis.

What type of Jobs (employment) have you done? What was your first job? Did you have a favourite job?

My first job was as a receptionist and valuation clerk with John Sidney Bartlett. A role I really enjoyed.

If you could be an animal, what would it be and why?

An eagle bird flying up high.

What is your favourite song?

Amazing grace.

Do you have any 'hidden talents' or achievements that might surprise us?

Nothing very note worthy.



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What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Being too engrossed in reading when spoken to and ignoring the speaker.

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Bob Katter. Having lots of relatives from Western Queensland, he usually turns up to all the funerals etc.

What the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is?

If a job is worth doing – do it well.

If you could invite three famous people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be?

Olivia Newton John, Glen Miller, my grandmother.

Best advice for your bridge partner.

Keep smiling when I make mistakes.

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" JUST POINT OUT THE ONE YOU WANT TO BUDDY HERE, AND HE'LL DO THE REST... "

Courtesy Mark Armstrong



bridging the past.....

Bill Golding Leigh Owens, Pat Easton, Beth Whebell, Jan Smith and Lyn Richardson



Beth Whebell, Grace Jamieson, Michael Suthers, Daphne Crimston and Clarice Suthers

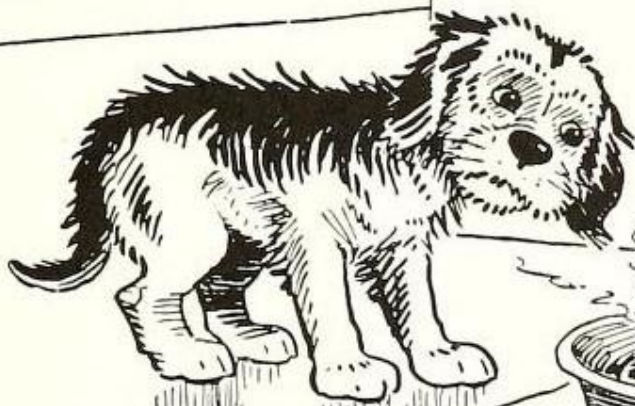
2016 Christmas party Women's' shelter staff, Elsie Stubbs, Phil Rains



Bruce Chalker, Steve Easton, Cicely Edge, Geoff Allen, Julie Gregory ?



POTATO SALAD
DEVILED EGGS
PICKLED BEETS
LETTUCE AND
TOMATO SANDWICHES
STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS
BANANA WHIP



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FROM THE
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