



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Geoff Allen - 07 4721 0161

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Active Club Directors

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Elsie Stubbs - 0451 013 753

Gloria MacDonald - 0402 010 595

Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

COMING EVENTS

Thursday different partners
1, 8, 15, February

Gold Coast Congress, Broadbeach
16 - 24 February

GNOT Qualifying, Townsville
3 - 4 March

Saturday Pairs
10, 17, 24 March

Visit by Joan Butt
20-21 March

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NOW HAS A

FACEBOOK PAGE.

Please send a "friend" request and you will be able to see our postings. Just another way to keep in touch!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

- The Barrier Reef Congress will be held in Townsville in May (14 – 18). John Tredrea is putting a lot of hard work into getting the infrastructure in place and he needs the support of many Club members to assist in making it a successful event. See John for suggestions about what you can do to help
- The Club has bought a new printer which will fulfil all of the Club's needs going forward (particularly in printing double sided copies) Bill Bishop and Wilfred Tapiolas were instrumental in the negotiation and purchase of this.
- A new Director's System has been installed with a Station and TV monitors to display results and draws during Congresses and Events. The TV's can also be used for Presentations and Teaching and for viewing Bridge videos and TV programs such as the Melbourne Cup. (See Bill Bishop and Geoff Allen for more details).
- A teaching 'structure' is now in place. Currently Clive and Diana will be teaching Beginner's (commencing Tuesday 20 February). This will consist of 6 lessons of non-competitive bidding. Fay Blower will take the next level of lessons (entitled Improvers) which will include Competitive Bidding, Pre-emptive Bidding and Slam Bidding. The next level (Intermediate) will be conducted by Betty Hobdell. John Johnson will continue to teach his Advanced Level. Others may do lessons on various conventions from time to time. For example, Geoff has a PowerPoint presentation on cue bidding and competitive raises he would like to do. Clive has entered sets of 8 teaching boards on each of the lessons into the Dealing Program and these can be dealt out in multiple form when necessary to cater for several tables at a time. Robert Mischlewski has been helpful in acquiring and dealing the boards as needed.
- One of the main objects of the President and Committee this year is to try to increase membership. A meeting was held on Saturday 20 January to brainstorm ideas. Wilfred Tapiolas donated flyers and a Poster to be displayed at the 'EXPO to promote community activities' to be held on Sunday 4 February. Gloria assisted in the design (see Gloria for an e-copy) Many ideas were listed. Further details in future newsletters If anyone has a good idea for increasing membership, please advise Clive.

Clive Bunnett, Preside

VISIT BY JOAN BUTT

Joan Butts will conduct a session for prospective teachers of Bridge and those interested in the teaching process on Tuesday, 20 March. This is funded by the ABF and QBA and can lead to accreditation as a Teacher for those interested.

The following day Joan will conduct a lesson on DEFENSIVE PLAY which will last about 2 1/2 hours. All are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$10 per person (The Club will be subsidising the remaining cost of Joan's lesson)

There are sign-up sheets on the notice board.

Letter to the Editor

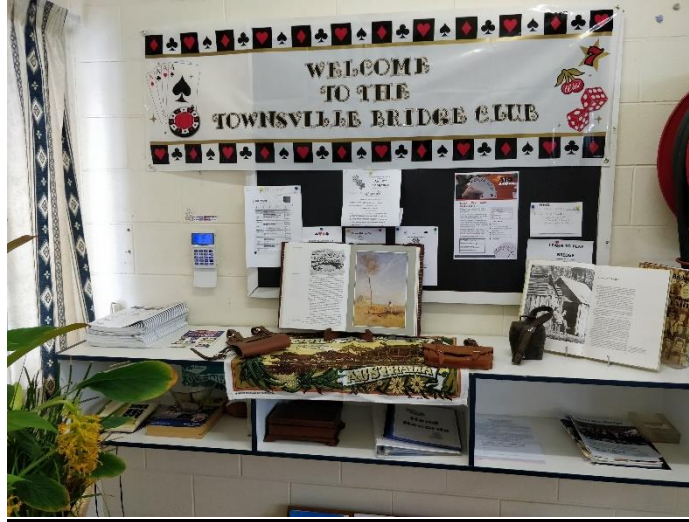
On Tuesday 12th. December we were taken to lunch – by we I mean Elsie, Betty, Fay, Vivienne and me – (Beth was away). The event was organised by Robyn Green and Ann Smith to say thank you on behalf of the beginners and novices attending the Saturdays and Tuesdays supervised play sessions.

It is heart-warming to be appreciated. Considerable time and effort is required to give these members a reasonable start. They continue to attend so they must find it worthwhile as we do.

It is our reward to see so many playing in the club.

Del Ward

AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS



Winners of the Swiss Pairs, Hugh McAlister and Di McAlister.

Winners of the Teams, Terrance Sheedy, John Johnson, Geoff Allen, Eric Baker.





This poem was requested by TBC President, Clive Bunnett.
So all Club Members can rule on how well they think I've done it!

Margaret Foster

A Tribute to

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Elsie

This poem is a tribute to Elsie,
To reflect how very well she –
Taught bridge beginners the ropes.
And at each learner's table
She was always able –
To nourish their bridge dreams and hopes.

For years she's been inspiring ---
Alas now she's retiring,
I wager teaching was not ALWAYS fun –
Thus in united accord –
Let us all stand and applaud –
The really GREAT job she has done!

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017

Louise Connell – National
John Larkin – National
Sam Bishop – National
John Toogood – State *
Elinor Murray – Regional
Kelly Walker – Local**
Jana Zno – Graduate
Pamela Calmer – Graduate
Anthony Robert Wilson - Graduate

AND JANUARY 2018

Bill Bishop – Silver Life
Sandra Bunnett – National **
Elinor Murray – State
Fred Cole – Local **

JAMES O’SULLIVAN AWARDS

James O’Sullivan was a major force in the development of national and international bridge administration in the 1970s and early 1980s. His drive, commitment and skills helped lay the foundations for much of what exists today.

In 1985, in his honour, the ABF established the James O’Sullivan Trust Fund to provide building loans for clubs. The Queensland Bridge Association instituted the James O’Sullivan award for masterpoint achievement.

(Extract from the ABF web site)

Two awards have come to members of our Club for the most masterpoints in their a ranking level scored during 2017

Local Master – Ched Twyman
Life Master – Bill Bishop

BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Brown
Kay Lehmann
Ken Manders
Bev J. Neilsen
Glad Short
Annette Cope
Edna Davis
Nina Doyle
Joyce McArthur
Val Staneke
Elsie Stubbs
Wilfred Tapiolas
Di Garside
Rosemary Glastonberry
Gay Loughane
Raymond Stewart

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
jeandartnall@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Audrey Ledbrook

Major Sponsor



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.