



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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### Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

Thursday different partners  
February 7 and 14

Zonal Teams (Cleveland Bay  
February 9 - 10

Gold Coast Congress (Broadbeach)  
February 15 - 23

GNOT Qualifying 1  
March 2-3

## BRIDGE LESSONS

Please tell your friends about the next set of bridge lessons, starting 9.30 am Tuesday 5 March.

The price remains \$6 per lesson and the first one is free. You are welcome to bring someone along to that lesson to introduce them to the Club.

Contact Clive for any further information.

## **WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome everyone to Townsville Bridge 2019. I have received many comments from visitors about the friendliness of our Club and I am confident we can continue that this year. Especially let's make our newer players feel welcome. Fay Blower and Devan Mitchell have organised for Mentors to play with beginners and Novices beginning on Wednesday March 6. Perhaps some more experienced players could invite a beginner to play if they get a spare day.

Don't forget to take a flyer to put somewhere to promote Beginner Lessons commencing on Tuesday March 6 at 9.30 am. Fay has agreed to take lessons on Saturday mornings for people who can't make Tuesday mornings (if she can get at least a full table). We need to replenish our member numbers so let's all promote our game whenever possible.

I would also like to say a special thanks to the members who give so much of their time, energy and expertise to make this Club function as well as it does. I won't mention names at this point as the list is quite long (thankfully) but I am sure most of us are aware of who they are. Let's enjoy a great year's Bridge.

Clive

## **AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS 2019**

**(Words Peter Hall; Photos Devan Mitchell)**

The Australia Day Congress was held (naturally!) over the Australia Day long weekend, Friday to Monday inclusive in Townsville. Players were mainly locals, but some came from The Tablelands, Ingham, and Mackay. Fortunately, they departed just prior to a severe local rainfall event, which cut highways north and south.

The congress included;

- one session of walk in pairs, ( 16 tables) ,
- two sessions of Swiss pairs, (19 tables), and
- three sessions of Swiss teams, (17 tables) .

Winners of the N/S walk in pairs were May Maidment and Debra Peters, while Gayleen Brown and Bill Redhead won E/W.

Winners of the Swiss Pairs were Geoff Allen and Johnno Johnson, who held first place for the last four matches. Close behind were John Tredrea and Ched Twyman, who maintained second place over the last four matches. A close competition!!





### Pairs B



In the teams event, the Hobdell team (Betty Hobdell, Rosemary Glastonbury, Ian Patterson, Robyn Nolan ) came first, followed by the Allen team (Geoff Allen, Johnno Johnson, Terrence Sheedy ,Errol Miller).

Of the six matches played, the Hobdell team managed five firsts and a second , dominating the rest of the field .

Total prize money was increased this year, allowing prizes to extend down to the lowest ranked categories.



**Teams B**



**Teams C**



**2018 NEWS**

**Winners of the Queensland Wide Pairs 2018**



Geoff Allen and Rosemary Glastonbury

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**Festive Teams 2018**

A Grade winners were Betty Hobdell's team



Runners-up were Diana McAlister's team



## Festive Teams

B Grade winners were the Garside team



C Grade winners were the Wilkinson team.



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## EDDIE KANTOR'S HUMOUR

The famous bridge player and teacher, Eddie Kantor, is also renowned for his sense of humour and his range of bridge stories, many about other distinguished players he has known. Here are some of his stories.

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When Oswald Jacoby was in his eighties, he bid every time it was his turn. His partners asked why. He said: "At my age the bidding may not get back around to me again."

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Helen Sobel, probably the greatest woman player of all time, was a chorus girl before taking up bridge. Not forgetting her roots, she used this little ploy when she was missing an important queen in a slam or grand slam contract playing against two men: she raised her skirt a little above her knees before playing. It never failed that the fellow without the queen would look and the one with the queen was so intent on taking a trick with that card that he didn't. Helen always found the queen. When I tell this story to my classes, I tell the ladies that if they are playing against me in a tournament not to pull that one on me. Whether I have the queen or not, I always look.

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I ask my friend John Levinson for a tip. He says he never preempts against weak players because it takes away all those levels that they could be using to confuse themselves.

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Two guys play bridge all afternoon at the club and adjourn for dinner. They go over every hand dutifully writing on every napkin not to mention their tablecloth. They go back, play another session, and adjourn to the same restaurant for a late snack. Again, they start to go over the hands. Finally, one says: "Bill, I can't take it any more, can't we talk about something else, anything else like politics, the movies, sports, sex? Bill says, "Sex? " I had sex diamonds to the king queen....."

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I'm giving them a class on counting losers. I start out by saying: "This will be a class on counting losers." A voice from the back of the class: "Where were you when I needed you 30 years ago?"

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Erik Paulsen comes back to his home town, Downey, Ca. after being a member of the U.S team that had just won a world championship. The local players are surprised to see him at the local duplicate. But there he is and he begins to play. About midway through the game he is competing in spades against opponents who are bidding hearts. Finally, he bids 3S, loudly, so he won't get doubled. It doesn't work. His LHO doubles. Erik looks at him and says: "Do you know who I am?" The guy says: "Yes I know who you are." Erik says: "Do you know how many masterpoints I have?" The guy says, "No, but do you know how many spades I have?"

#### **RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2018**

Fred Cole – State  
Charlie Goergees – Regional  
Coleen Everson – Local \*

#### **AND JANUARY 2019**

Sam Bishop – National\*  
Robyn Green - State

#### **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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