



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Geoff Allen - Delegate

COMING EVENTS

Bowen Congress
8-9 July

Restricted Convention Pairs
12, 19, 26 July

Australian National Congress, Canberra
15 – 27 July

Cairns Show Congress
1 – 22 July

Thursday Pairs
3, 10, 17 August

Change from handbook
Handicap Pairs
22, 29 September

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Adarina Bawden

Sam Bishop

Monica McLennan

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Jan Manders

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRESS

50TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRESS TEAMS RESULTS

Section A

Diana Macalister, Rosemary Glastonbury, John Johnson, Phil Rains,
Geoff Allen, Pat Allen, Leigh Owens, Jan Smith
Monica Darley, Del Ryan, Kath Poole, Marlin Robins

Section B

Cathy Crawford, Janelle Dalton, Barbara Hospers, Gladys Tulloch
Marie Stabler, Joan Elliott, John Larkin, Peter Hall

Section C

Andree Gallaino, Robyn Green, Robert Mischlewski, Fred Cole

A few photos from the dinner. More next time.





Slam Bidding on 31 or fewer points (part 3 and finale)

By Ian Patterson

(Editor's note: I did consider holding this over until the next issue but, knowing that you have all been following the series with bated breath, I decided not to keep you waiting!)

Phil and I had a great time on March 24th bidding (marginal) slams and going off and not bidding slams and making 12 tricks.

Board 32 (Yes there were three slam hands in a row - we just had to learn how to bid them!)

Finally, a win (because the opposition didn't even reach game on this one).

Dealer W, E/W vulnerable, (24 HCP 6-3 fit in H)

West:	S 2	East:	S K 9 8 5
	H A Q 10 9 4 3		H K 5 2
	D K 10 5 4		D -
	C 8 2		C A K Q 7 6 4

The Bidding

S	W	N	E
	/ ⁽¹⁾	1D	2C ⁽²⁾
/	2H ⁽³⁾	X ⁽⁴⁾	/
2S	/	/	3H ⁽⁵⁾
/	/ ⁽⁶⁾	/	

- (1) Not sure what this lady needs to open 2H?
- (2) Overcall or double with 15 HCP? (Do you want to bid your 5-card suit at the 4-level?)
- (3) Free bid: either 5 Hearts with 9+ HCP or 6 Hearts with >8 HCP
- (4) Partner hasn't bid but we're Not vulnerable and I have 4 Spades
- (5) H support (Why didn't I bid this earlier?)
- (6) W couldn't find another bid

Analysis

1. Having chosen to overcall 2C, East has to do more when her partner makes a free bid of 2H, particularly since S couldn't find a bid (2D or X?) over her 2C bid. If partner has just 6 Hearts to QJxxxx then they can surely take three tricks. With the opening hand North surely has the A Spades (and possible the A Hearts). So East has at least 7 tricks in hand (5C, 1 H and 1 S) unless South is holding 5+ Clubs.
2. Once East supports Hearts, West should go to game after all she has just 6 losers, and partner's raise suggests less than 9 losers.
3. Now East should get excited. With a 6-3 fit she has only 4 losers. If W has 9 losers (for her free bid) 5 Hearts should make. The real question becomes, does she have fewer than 9 losers (and how do you find out)? Bidding Game is pretty conclusive. Does partner have an Ace, and if so, which one - only the H Ace will do?
4. 14/30 Keycard helps here if you assume the Ace shown by 5C is the Ace of Hearts (or Ace of Spades). 5D (Queen ask) will get the desired response of 6D (showing the Queen and the Diamond King). All she has to do is make 6H!

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50TH YEAR

THE TWO SHIRLEYS

The Two Shirleys gave a starring performance at the 50th Anniversary Dinner. This, of course, is their stage name and members may know them better as **Shirley Strike** and **Shirley Stone**.

SS Fifty years, Shirley. Where did it go?

SS Well time goes by when you are having fun

SS We would like to share a few memories with you

SS Fifty years ago games were played on Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Friday evenings. Mondays were always popular and only ladies present. There were male members but they had to work.

SS It was not until 1995 that the ladies championship was changed to the club championship which became the Moya Gabbert Pairs.

SS Friday evening was quite a dress up affair, with long dresses and a few sparkles here and there. Quite a bit of flirting went on, etc., etc.

SS There have been a few Mrs Buckets – sorry Mrs Bouquets – in the club. Mabel Shannahan would always wash her cup before she had her cup of tea, and who could forget Julie with her own cup and saucer. I don't think it was Royal Albert but it was very pretty.

SS Remember Glad and Elsie (not our present Glad and Elsie) who always played together? You could rely on them to lead out aces and kings.

SS One day Shirley and I were playing against Margaret Ward in a competition called the club spoon and we said we had not won a spoon. Next day Margaret turned up with a spoon for each of us. When we thanked her, Margaret said 'I would not have given them to you if I hadn't liked you'. End of story.

SS No account of the Club's history would be complete without mention of Clancy – never Mrs Clancy or Ina. She was the bane of our lives.

SS Remember Pat Duckworth, who always sat at the end of the room? I always think that Pat would be there today if not for the tragic accident.

SS When the young Uni students joined up we used to think they would be better out in the park playing football. Little did we know what a great life they were setting up for themselves.

SS We had a sewing bee and made a set of corduroy tablecloths. It was a lot of fun with Phil Toohey and Ada Whyte to guide us. The kitchen was a different place, no dishwasher, no freezer, only one fridge and many hours spent washing up.

SS In many ways the club is still the same although the club house is much bigger. Many different personalities, enduring friendships and partnerships.

SS We think very fondly of all those dear friends. Friends who helped us in the beginning and we hope the Club continues to prosper for the next 50 years.

SS It has been a long journey but we have enjoyed it.

**WELCOME TO NEW
MEMBERS**

Russel Wooley
Coleen Evenson
Gabrielle Hellum
Jano Zeno

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR JUNE

Devan Mitchell – National*
Mervyn Smith – State
Heather Colbert – State
Ched Twyman – State
Jillanne Dillon – Local **
Jana Mazierska – Local
Joyce McArthur - Club

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