



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

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COMING EVENTS

Zonal Pairs (Townsville)
8 - 9 June

One Day Teams
15 June

Handicap Pairs
21, 28 June

Cleveland Bay Matchpoint Pairs
23 June

Townsville Congress
28 June - 1 July

Monday Pairs (Open and Under National)
8, 15, 22 July

AIR CONDITINING

The Committee has made a decision that from June 1 until September 1 the Club's air conditioning will not be used. This is a trial but will be continued for the whole of this period this year. Play will be at the North end of the Clubhouse (i.e. the park end not the car park end). Windows will be open and possibly the backdoor too if needed and if precautions are taken to prevent flies coming in to uncovered food.

This decision means that everyone can be confident about what the temperature of the Club is likely to be according to the weather and be able to choose clothing appropriate to their needs. No longer will we need to bring a range of garments in case it is too hot or too cold for us.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

By Clive Bunnett

Our Beginning students have moved on to the Improver's level being ably taught by Fay Blower. They all seem capable and keen to progress. Two of our younger Beginners, Wendy Collard and Jo Lord, have convinced some of their friends and relatives to take the plunge (as many as 3 tables!) and a new Beginners program will commence on Wednesday evening conducted by Clive Bunnett.

Further presentations of more advanced topics will be delivered with the next being on the Lebensohl convention by Geoff Allen. (Lebensohl is designed to assist in responding to your partner's opening bid of 1NT after interference from the opposition). These presentations have been well attended and received due to the excellent preparation and use of our multimedia facilities.

Thanks to Di McAlister and Geoff Allen and all future presenters for their contributions to our Club Members' knowledge and expertise. We are fortunate indeed to have their services.

THINGS NOT TO SAY TO YOUR PARTNER

As dummy goes down "Where is the hand you held during the bidding?"

The late George Kaufman was once asked by declarer how should I have played the hand? The reply: under an assumed name

Director: "Anyone take blame for slowness?" pointing at partner: "I blame his mother."

If there was a twelve step program to help bridge addicts, the first step would involve counting to 13.

Partner, "why did you play xxx" me, "because I'm an idiot." Has the benefit of ending the discussion.

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Some results from the 2019 Barrier Reef Congress

Walk in Pairs east/west

1st – Rosemary Glastonbury
and Robyn Nolan

Open Pairs

3rd – Diana McAlister and
Hugh McAlister

Novice Pairs

1st – Helen Tapiolis and
Wilfred Tapiolis

2nd Coleen Evanson and
Griffo Bancroft

3rd Charlie Georgees and
Reg Burton

Club Pairs

1st – Geoff Allen and John
Johnson

2nd Hugh McAllister and
Diana McAlister

3rd Russell Wooley and
Charlie Georgees

Australia Wide Novice Pairs

1st Charlie Georgees and
Reg Burton



Novice Pairs place getters. (Reg is missing. He was taking the photo!)



Winners Club Pairs

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR MAY

(a bumper month!)

Audrey Ledbrook – Gold Life
Simon Jones – Gold Life
Vivienne Otto – Gold Life
Cara Bragg – Gold Life
Peter Housden – National**
Charlie Gorges - State*
Geoff Eales – State
Coleen Evanson – Local**
Nina Doyle – Local**
Ian Leach – Local **
Jean Dartnall – Local**
Anne Murphy – Local**

BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Clive is in front of the quilt for which we sold raffle tickets to support the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning (Afternoon) Tea event. Club members were very generous again. We sold over \$300 worth of tickets and also had cash donations of \$123.50. A great effort. The quilt was won by Robyn from Annandale – unfortunately not our bridge member Robyn. Thanks to everyone for your support and contributions to the afternoon tea. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Di Garside

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PRESS ASSOCIATION

This organisation awards an annual prize for the best bridge book. Even if you aren't planning to buy any of them, these brief reviews of the short list are interesting.

The IBPA's announcement is below.

This year, we had an unusually large number of nominees (ten) for the Master Point Press IBPA Book of the Year. We have winnowed those ten down to a shortlist of six, presented here with blurbs from their publishers. This is without doubt the most-unusual collection of bridge books on any shortlist since MPP began sponsoring the award 15 years ago.

David Bird & Larry Cohen, *On the Other Hand: Bridge Cardplay Explained*, Master Point Press, 2019, 228 pp. David Bird and Larry Cohen combine to present cardplay instruction in an entirely new way. One hundred pairs of deals are shown: one described by Bird and the other by Cohen. The deals look similar (in some cases very similar) but an entirely different line of play is necessary to make each of the contracts.

Jeppe Juhl, *Master of Bridge Psychology: Inside the Remarkable Mind of Peter Fredin*, Master Point Press, 2018, 216 pp. Peter Fredin of Sweden won the 2009 European Pairs championship, and is a multiple medallist in events at the world level. His style and approach to bridge owe more to psychology than to the mathematics of the game, something that often lands him in unusual situations at the table. Being one of the world's best card players, he can generally find a way to extricate himself. Danish journalist Jeppe Juhl has collected some of Fredin's best and worst moments into a book that offers superlative entertainment for any bridge player.

Eric Kokish & Mark Horton, *Close Encounters Book 2: Bridge's Greatest Matches (2003-2017)*, Master Point Press, 2019, 318 pp. Book 2 of Close Encounters starts with Italy's losing a world title on the final board, and ends with the USA's nail-biting 2-IMP victory over France in Lyon in 2017. The book features battles for World and National titles, involving the world's greatest players, including amazing comebacks, down-to-the-wire finishes, overtime victories, and insights into how the game has changed over the last decades.

Adam Parrish, *When to Bid Notrump (And How to Play It)*, Bridge Winners Press, 2019, 255 pp. Adam Parrish gives the same thorough and understandable treatment to notrump contracts that he gave to trump contracts in *When to Draw Trumps*. The first section deals with common issues in notrump bidding: when you need a stopper, when to bypass a four-card major to bid notrump, when to choose notrump over a major-suit fit. The second section deals with the thought process and tools declarer needs to play notrump contracts.

Marc Smith, *Enterprising Bridge Tales – The Next Generation*, "To boldly go where no bridge players have gone before", Master Point Press, 2018, 247 pp. Decades after the adventures of Captain James T. Quirk and the crew of the USS Competitor, we now follow the next generation of bridge crusaders as they traverse the universe in the 24th century. Led by Captain Jonathan Lucian Pillar III, the starship's latest incarnation is crewed by many familiar characters: an android Science Officer, an imposing Klingon as Chief of Security, and a young boy who learned the game playing against robots on the ship's holodeck.

Avon Wilshire, *Under the Table: The Case Against the Blue Team*, Hamman & Associates, LLC, 2019, 396 pages. This book looks at the actions of the Italian Blue Team, whose incredible run of victories includes 16 World Championships from 1957 to 1975.

Throughout that time, there were suspicions about how these victories were achieved. Were these suspicions justified? The actions of administrators in response to the problem of cheating over the last 60 years is discussed in detail. It may well be the case that an unofficial policy of minimizing the scandal in the 1950s and 1960s led to the cheating made public in 2015.

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 jeandartnall@hotmail.com.

Pat Allen
Cara Bragg
Lyn Joye
Robert Mischlewski
Joyce Webb
Ken Miller
Peter Hall
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