



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

COMING EVENTS

Bridge for Brains 4 May

Zonal Teams 6 – 7 May

Monday Pairs 8, 15, 21 May

Novice Pairs 13 May

GNOT Qualifying (Cleveland Bay)
20 -21 May

Townsville 50th Anniversary Congress
16-18 June

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

Townsville 50th Anniversary Congress 16-18 June

Part of this celebration will be a dinner on Saturday 17th June. Planning is underway for this. It is intended that it will be held in the Clubhouse, bridge players and their partners (in all sense of the word) are invited and it is expected that the cost will be \$30 each.

APRIL RANKING PROMOTION

Bill Bishop – Bronze Life

SOME RECENT RESULTS

One Day Pairs

Phil Rains and John Johnson
Pat Leighton and Barbara Hospers
Geoff Allen and Ian Patterson

Cairns Easter Congress

- 3rd in walk in pairs – Bill Redhead and Gaylene Brown
- 3rd in the Congress Teams - Bill Bishop, Sam Bishop, Alan Hamilton, John Sainsbury

Cleveland Bay Diggers Congress

Teams 1st Phil Rains, John Johnson,
Robyn Noland, John Tredrea
Teams 3rd Bill bishop, Ian Patterson,
Geoff Allen, Clive Bunnett

BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Bunnett
Phyllis Johnson
Mal Lappin
Shirley Strike
David Care
Leonie Chenoweth
Maria Chippendale
Louise Connell
Annette Dalton
Elinor Murray
Tom Green
Lee Miller
Monica Quilty
Terry Fittler

And a different sort of result from the Yeppoon Congress



Slam Bidding on 31 or fewer points

By Ian Patterson

(The Goren based book I learned from was clear; you need 34 high card points to bid a small slam and 37 to bid a grand slam: With 34 you can't be missing an Ace and a King; with 37 you can't be missing 2 Kings. No one seems to follow that rule any more except maybe I?)

Phil and I had a great time on March 24th bidding (marginal) slams and going off and not bidding slams and making 12 tricks. We went off in 4 slams (nothing deters us, no 'once bitten, twice shy'), two of which should maybe never have been bid but the other two could/should have been made. Here they are.

Board 6

North	S A 8	South	S K Q 8
	H 6 3		H A K 8
	D A J 6 5 4		D K Q
	C A K 10 8		C 7 6 5 3 2

(33 high card points, double fit in clubs and diamonds)

Bidding was nice and direct

East – Pass **South** – 1NT **West** – pass **North** 6NT

Argument (very logical) 1NT is 15 – 18, if 15 it must contain a 5 card suit. After some thought (of bidding 7NT: 17 High card points and a 5 card suit) I passed. And proceeded to misplay the hand.

There are three spade tricks, two heart tricks, 4 diamond tricks and 2 club tricks off the top. And 13 tricks if clubs behave (but not diamonds). There are 12 tricks if I can make 5 diamond and only 2 clubs (0-4 break with Q J offside). I couldn't make 5 diamonds (5 -1 break) and worked very hard to go 1 off with the Q clubs following a singleton.

Better luck next time?

Board 18

(Only 29 high card points but a void in one hand and a singleton in the other – shame about the suits.)

North	S Q 4 3	South	S K J
	H 10 3		H A K Q 9 5
	D 7		D A Q J 10 8 5
	C A K 9 8 7 5 3		C –

South has a 2 or 3 loser hand (depending on how you count them) and North has 3 controls (an Ace **and** a King **or** 3 Kings)

The bidding

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

(1) Some Beauchamp bidders would open this 2D showing both majors 8-11 points, others wouldn't.

(2) Game force or 23+ balanced

(3) 3 controls

(4) Alarm bells start ringing (nearly – but not quite)

(5) Now they are deafening

(6) Maybe partner has A S or K D – pigs fly (Why not 6D?)

The play

After a Club lead, the diamond finesse worked but the King didn't drop doubleton. Somehow I still made 11 tricks even though the hearts broke 4 -2.

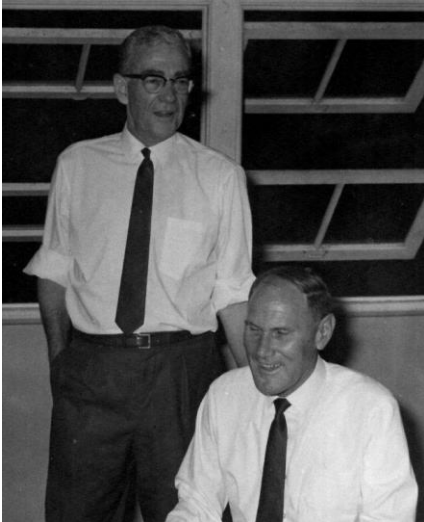
Nothing ventured, nothing gained. The rest of our afternoon in the next issue!

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50TH YEAR

Club Presidents

Like any incorporated body, the Townsville Bridge Club is required to have an elected committee led by a President. A complete list of previous Presidents appears on the Honour Board in the Club House and a (not quite up to date) list is on our web site at

<http://www.townsvillebridgeclub.asn.au/honourBoards.php?file=president>.



The inaugural President was Jack Fraser, shown here seated in front of Jack Fell. Jack Fell was father of current member Carol Blackman and was also a member of the first committee. This photograph was taken at Carol's wedding.

The longest serving President to date is Geoff Allen (2004 – 2015) pictured here with John Johnson, Phil Rains (President 2015-2016) and Pat Allen



The earliest President still playing in the Club is Bruce Bowden (1985 – 1987) seen here with Elsie Stubbs.

Editor's Note: I plan to have something about the Club's history in each issue of this year's newsletter. If you would like to submit an article or offer material or suggest a topic, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Jean

Major Sponsor



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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.