



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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### Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

Bridge for Brains  
3 May

Novice Pairs  
12 May

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville  
14-18 May 2018

GNOT Qualifying, Cleveland Bay  
26-27 May

Monday Pairs  
Open and Under National  
4,11,18 June

## WELCOME

To new member  
Charlie Gorgees

And new associate members  
Debbie Peters  
Elizabeth Johnson

## RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR APRIL

Robyn Nolan - Grand  
Sandra Bunnett - Life  
Shirley Stone - National \*\*  
Jennifer Mullen - State\*  
Russell Woolley - State  
Delma Luke - Graduate

## CLUB PAIRS

The Club Pairs event was held on 14-15 April.



Winners were Betty Hobdell and Ian Patterson



Winners in the Restricted Division were Cara Bragg and Margaret Wilkinson

Winners in the Novice Division were Felicity Horne and Coleen Evason



## **TOWNSVILLE ONE DAY PAIRS**



Winners were Betty Hobdel and Gloria McDonald

### **SOME OTHER RECENT RESULTS**

Townsville one Day Pairs

2<sup>nd</sup> Terrance Sheedy and Noel Bugeia

3<sup>rd</sup> Fay Blower and Jackie Seganfreddo

Diggers Congress (Cleveland Bay Bridge Club) Teams

1<sup>st</sup> John Johnson, Bill Bishop, Geoff Allen, Robyn Nolan

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Phyllis Johnson

Mal Lappin

Shirley Strike

Leonie Chenoweth

Maria Chippendale

Louise Connell

Annette Dalton

Elinor Murray

Lee Miller

Monica Quilty

Terry Fittler

Happy birthday too 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](mailto:jeandartnall@hotmail.com)

## BRIDGE LESSONS

President Clive Bunnett provided this update.

The first set of Bridge Lessons for Beginners for the year has been completed and the current novices seem keen to continue their Bridge Education journey. A survey found a high level of satisfaction with the current approach based on the Joan Butts/Audrey Grant method of "Cards on the Table" where the learner is able to see from the hands themselves how to bid and play.

The first six lessons focused on basic bidding and play techniques in non-competitive auctions. Although there was some attrition due to various factors, around 12 to 14 people will progress to the next Improvers level, which will deal with competitive auctions and basic bridge conventions such as pre-empts, doubles, strong bids, Stayman and transfers amongst others. Fay Blower will conduct the Tuesday morning sessions and Diana McAlister will continue with the Wednesday night group.

Betty Hobdell has been taking well-attended lessons at the intermediate stage on such topics as Reverse Bids, Bidding in the Balancing Seat and Jump Shifts. These have been very well received. And John Johnson plans to conduct his advanced classes after the Barrier Reef Congress. A big thank you should be given to all these dedicated teachers.

And, of course, those involved in taking the Supervised Play sessions are essential in keeping the momentum going for preparation for actual play. Del Ward, Beth Whebell and Vivienne Otto are tireless in their efforts in this regard on Tuesday morning, as is Elsie Stubbs with assistance from Robyn Nolan on Saturday morning. The Townsville Bridge Club education program is in capable hands. Perhaps we can look forward to a high level of participation in this great game from these budding players of the future.

### THANK YOU

Clive notes that John Trerea has been tireless in his work as the Convener of the Barrier Reef Congress, leaving no stone unturned.

Thanks also to Lyn Joye, Fay Blower, Peter Hall, Peter Housden, Bill Bishop, Geoff Allen, Wilfred Tapiolas and Robert Mischlewski for their able assistance. Of course there have been many others who have contributed and many more who will do so as the Congress nears and progresses. Thanks to all.

## SIGNALS (CAN BE IGNORED)

By Ian Patterson

I believe Signals are a critical part of the communication in Bridge WHEN DEFENDING a hand. When your partner leads a high honour from a sequence (e.g. K from KQJxx ) they may need to know if they should continue playing the suit, or if they should find a switch to some other suit.

Whether you just play HIGH ENCOURAGING (low discouraging) or LOW ENCOURAGING (high discouraging) or whether you play ODDS & EVENS (Odds encouraging, Evens discouraging or vice versa) you can **suggest** to your partner that continuing the suit is a good or bad idea by carefully selecting the card you play.

e.g. Against a Suit Contract if you have a Doubleton and hope to get a Ruff you will ENCOURAGE your partner to continue the suit, but if you have 4 small and the Declarer may get a Ruff&Slough (Discard) you will DISCOURAGE if possible. (N.B. You'll have to decide and agree with your partner if High/Low shows a Doubleton or if confirms the Discouraging first card.) In contrast, against a No Trump Contract you may decide to Discourage with a Doubleton, and Encourage with 4 small.

**BUT** (and it's a big BUT) **the player on lead may have to make their decision based on other information** (intuition, or just feeling lucky?) and shouldn't be criticised for their choice. Sometimes a Ruff&Slough does no harm while a switch gives away a vital trick. In the next 2 Newsletters I will look at 2 examples from a December Club Session (names withheld to protect the innocent), 1 where dismissing the signal worked and the other where "obeying" the signal was wrong. What would you do in the following situations? Remember, I'll tell you what actually happened in subsequent Newsletters.

1. **Dir: S, Both VUL.** The bidding:

|     | S | W   | N | E |
|-----|---|-----|---|---|
| /   | / | 1NT | / |   |
| 2C  | / | 2H  | / |   |
| 3NT | / | /   | / |   |

Holding: S: KQJ5 H: K5 D: K6 C: Q8743, what do you lead?

Dummy comes down: S: 7632 H: A97 D: AQ42 C: 102.

On the K Spades lead, partner plays the 8S (discouraging) and Declarer ducks, how do you continue?

2. **Dir: S, Nil VUL.** The bidding:

|    | S | W  | N  | E |
|----|---|----|----|---|
| 1C | / | 1D | 2H |   |
| /  | / | /  | /  |   |

Holding: S: 10762 H: AQ4 D: A3 C: Q865, what do you lead?

Dummy comes down: S: Q943 H: 8 D: Q96 C: J9432.

On the 5 Clubs lead, Declarer plays the J and partner plays the 10 (discouraging - switch to a Diamond). Declarer leads the Heart from the table to the 10 and your Q. How do you continue?

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