



# TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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### Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate  
John Tredrea - Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

Bridge for Brains  
2 May

Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns)  
3 - 6 May

Novice Pairs  
11 May

Club Pairs  
18 - 19 May

GNOT Qualifying 2 (Cleveland Bay)  
25 - 26 May

Novice Pairs (under 100 points, Cairns)  
26 May

Zonal Pairs, Townsville  
8 - 9 June

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get  
practice in playing atrocious contracts.

Alfred Sheinwold



Ingham Anniversary Pairs celebrated in style. Wendy Coe cutting the cake.

### **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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Sandra Bunnett  
Shirley Strike  
Maria Chippendale  
Louise Connell  
Annette Dalton  
Elinor Murray  
Lee Miller  
Monica Quilty  
Terry Fittler

### **RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR APRIL**

Hugh McAlister – Gold Life

Jana Zrno - Local

## DIRECTORS' CORNER

### SLOW PLAY

This is one of the hardest things for directors to manage because it affects the whole of the movement for those sitting behind the slow players, and because it seems to create an unnecessary level of aggravation in anyone spoken to about it.

Now, it is a well-known fact that none of us are slow players. We always behave perfectly at the bridge table. But there are these other irritating people that slow us down. Err, is there a logic slip in that?

In his article on slow play, reprinted in the January – March issue of the QBA Bulletin, Matthew McManus, points out a few solutions to this problem. These have nothing to do with bridge play but with ordinary common sense, good manners and the sort of time management we all use outside the Bridge Club.

His suggestions (with editorial paraphrasing) include

- Be ready to start when a round begins, especially after a break.
- Work out in advance where you should be moving to. Sitters should be aware of where E/W need to go and be able to assist.
- Move promptly when the movement is called or the time comes around to move, even if this means saving the punch line of the anecdote until next time.
- Take all your bits and pieces with you at one time rather than needing two trips.
- Don't spend playing time wandering around the room looking for where you left your card.
- If you don't have time to fill in your personal record sheet, then don't.
- Keep an eye on the clock and don't spend time in debate or looking at 'what the others did' unless you definitely have time for it.
- Acknowledge that you don't have time to play the last hand of a round when this is a case. Perhaps bid it and play it later at the discretion of the Director. Or simply call the Director and ask for an average.

If we all do these things, we'll all have time to get a grand slam on the last hand of each round.

## BEHIND THE SCENCES

by Clive Bunnett

This segment will try to keep members abreast of some of the activities engaged in by their hard-working committee. The Club is fortunate to have some very active and skilled members, many of whom are not on the committee so thanks to them as well.

Our maintenance team (Wilfred Tapiolas and Peter Hall) have been kept quite busy this year. Earlier during our 'once-in-a-thousand year' weather event, Peter and Wilfred had to clear the guttering of mango leaves which had caused 'blow back' of water into the ceiling resulting in the collapse of panels and resulting water damage to the carpet. Subsequently new panels were purchased and installed and the carpet cleaned.

The air conditioner at the park end of the club had a circuit board damaged and this also had to be repaired.

Wilfred has taken over most of the maintenance role from Peter who has now become the tournament organiser.

They did an inspection recently to see what maintenance was needed. As a result, the toilet doors have all been repainted and future repairs have been noted for the skylight in the men's toilet. The pest control treatment including for termites has also been done.

Wilfred has also been instrumental in forwarding our new male toilet construction proposal to an outside consultant for preparing a grant proposal from the Sport Grant fund. Hopefully a significant portion of the estimated \$30000 cost will be covered. Geoff Allen has also started to make an inventory of our contents for the purposes of insurance which we recently increased.

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### **DOPING STORY CONTINUES**

This story is part of an article published in *USA Today* 20 March 2019

PARIS (AP) — When the top-ranked bridge player tested positive for a steroid that Lance Armstrong also used to cheat at the Tour de France, it was easy to snigger. Juicing in cards? Ha! But within the card game recognized as a sport by the International Olympic Committee, fans and players seethed.

Whereas the eventual unmasking of Armstrong as a cycling swindler was widely hailed as a resounding victory for sports' fight against doping, critics in bridge saw the positive drug test for Geir Helgemo as a black mark for the anti-doping system and proof that it shouldn't be applied uniformly across sports.

"People think it's wrong," Boye Brogeland, a bridge professional who won two world championships with Helgemo, said of the top-ranked player's test for the steroid testosterone and infertility drug clomifene. "Nobody thinks he took this to get an edge at bridge," Brogeland said in a phone interview.

Even the governing World Bridge Federation that punished 49-year-old Helgemo last month by banning the Norwegian for one year from lucrative professional competitions says most of the drugs and doping methods that are prohibited in bridge because the game has signed up to World Anti-Doping Agency rules don't, in fact, make bridge players better.

Yet the WBF prohibits and tests sporadically for them anyway, not because of any suspicion that their use is rife in the game but because that is the price the federation must pay to come under the Olympic umbrella. Accepting the WADA code and the jurisdiction of sports' highest tribunal, the Court of Arbitration for Sport, are conditions for recognition by the IOC. IOC recognition, in turn, helps secure status and funding for bridge as it fights to stay relevant in the videogame era. It also allows WBF executives to cling to the so-far fruitless ambition of one day seeing bridge played at the Olympic Games.

"The integrity of the game is lost because we are trying to get into Olympics," Brogeland says. "The price is just too high. You cannot actually take the real cheats out of the game because of the Olympics, and now you actually take people out of the game who are not cheats."

**What do you think?**

## SOME RECENT RESULTS

### One day Matchpoint Pairs

#### A division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gloria Macdonald and Betty Hobdell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Smith and Lee Owens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – John Johnson and John Larkin

#### B division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Gorgees and Jennifer Mullen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Colleen Evanson and Felicity Horne
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Griffon Bancroft and Dusk Care

#### C division

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Andree Galiano and Robyn Green
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Reilly and Jo Gillis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ben Neilson and Heather Colbert

### Cleveland Bay Bridge Club

#### ANZAC Day pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hugh McAlister and Di McAlister
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Bishop and John Johnson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Leigh Owens and Jackie Bliss

#### Diggers Congress Teams

##### A Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hugh McAlister, Di McAlister, Ian Patterson, Betty Hobdell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Bishop, John Johnson, Geoff Allen, Robyn Nolan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Redhead, Gayleen Brown, Jackie Bliss, Jan Smith

##### B Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gabrielle Longnane, Sam Bishop, Di Garside, Donna Fitch

##### C Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Colbert, Bev Neilson, Ann smith, Robyn Green

#### Diggers Congress Pairs

##### A Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hugh and Di McAlister
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Bishop and John Johnson

##### B Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ched Twyman and John Tredrea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Delma Johnson and Robyn Green

##### C Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Valerie and Peter Robbins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Bunnett and Lyn Joye

##### D Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Woolley and Charlie Georgees
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanette McKenzie and Dusk Care

## ANONYMOUS QUOTE

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.

