



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At the Special General Meeting held on 17 April a motion was passed to increase table fees to seven dollars beginning 1 May 2023. The executive committee considered a number of options for fee payment and has decided to adopt numbered tokens which are being used in a number of bridge clubs around Australia. These tokens have the advantage that they can be purchased in smaller numbers than paper tickets and can be reused by the club once collected. Further information on the use of the tokens will be provided when the club has received them.

The Cairns Bridge Club conducted The Barrier Reef Congress for 2023 at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort. The venue had a limited playing area which allowed 127 pairs and 42 teams to compete. Both Townsville clubs were well represented at the congress. During the congress the manager of the QBA, Kim Ellaway, held a meeting for club representatives and advised that the 2024 Barrier Reef congress would be held in Mackay followed by Yeppoon in 2025 and then Townsville in 2026. At this stage the Gold Coast Congress does not have a venue for 2025 so the event may have to move to a different location after 2024.

The ABF is developing a program that will eventually allow club table fees to be paid when player numbers are entered into the bridge mate. Clubs were concerned about the fees that would be charged and the idea was not well received.

Players at the congress were reminded that the Cassowary Coast Congress at Mission Beach is coming up in August, followed by the Atherton Spring Pairs Congress being held at Atherton in early September. Both congresses have limited space and attendees should register early.

Finally, one of our prestige club events, the Club Pairs Championship is coming up on the weekend of 27 and 28 May.

Wilfred Tapiolas



Courtesy
Adrian
Raeside



Recent Grand Slams

KELLY WALKER / JO-ANNE GILLIS

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Reg Burton	Bronze State
Arthur Johnson	Club
Michelle Jones	Graduate

To all our Mothers,



FNQ TROPICAL SPRING PAIRS CONGRESS



1st to 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023
ATHERTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB



FRI 1st 7pm - WALK IN PAIRS
SAT 2nd 10 am & 2pm - PAIRS
SUN 3rd 10am - PAIRS

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Bridge Topic of the Week

ASKING ABOUT A REVOKE

- Dummy may ask Declarer about a possible revoke.
- Either Defender may ask their partner about a possible revoke.
- The usual form is "No spades, partner?"
- It is not necessary for a player, when showing out, to state "having none", and can indeed be irksome to the opponents.

♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB (TBC) HISTORY 1 THE FORMATIVE YEARS 1967-1970

(Continued from last month's newsletter)

1968

It was resolved to affiliate the Club with the Queensland Bridge Association (QBA), and the President announced he would donate a President's Trophy for a competition to be held in May.

A "Constitution" ("Rules"?) was typed by *Dorthea Stewart*. The first AGM was held at the Synod Hall on 30th July, 1968 with 22 attendees and 15 apologies.

The early games were on Friday nights and soon after, Tuesday nights were added. There were just 3-5 tables at the start, increasing to some sessions of 6-7 tables and a best playing attendance during the year of 9 tables. Fees remained unchanged for members but visitors were to pay 15 cents more in table fees.

Everybody played "Goren" – **must** open with 14, **may** open with 13 and **rarely** with 12! Bidding was 4-card suits. On 20th September 1968, a handicap system was proposed for the Friday night session, with a review of the handicaps after every 4 sessions.

Dorothy Savage was elected as Librarian.

Early Directors were *Jack Fraser, Don Thorne, Ken Back*.

Simplistic lessons were introduced by *Jack Fraser*. Pupils included *Richard Ward, Pat Duckworth, Arnold Duffield*.

1969

A masterpoints scheme was introduced for a 6 months trial period.

The 2nd AGM was held at the Synod Hall on 15th July, 1969, with 28 attendees and 9 apologies. The "Constitution" ("Rules"?) was changed to allow 3 or more members, Annual Subscription Fees were increased to \$5, and the Club's credit balance was \$579.

Ladies Auxiliary afternoon sessions were being held every 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon of the month. *Ettie Fell* was providing lessons to 2 classes.

In August, it was resolved to invest \$500 of the Club's money.

Joy Dean and Ida Clancy chose to take Directors' examinations.

Dr D. Priest was appointed as the Club's QBA delegate.

Table fee on Friday nights was raised to 45 cents to cover the masterpoint levy.

Mrs A. Smith offered to donate trophies for a Friday night competition for the best aggregate percentage of 3 out of 4 consecutive nights.

Three new card tables were purchased.



1970

President *Jack Fraser* was transferred to Ipswich and a fond farewell evening was held 3rd April, 1970. *Dr Back* was appointed as acting President until the AGM.

Friday night table fees were increased to 50 cents but Tuesdays remained at 40 cents. A Wednesday night Open Bridge Tournament of 14.5 tables was held at the Hotel Allen on 10th June, 1970. Dr and Mrs Back donated 1st prize, Club spoons were 2nd prize.

Another Special Competition of 14 tables called the "End-of-Year Tournament" was held 17th July 1970 at Buchanan's Hotel.

The 3rd AGM was at the Synod Hall on 21st July with 35 attendees and 10 apologies.

Credit balance was \$761 fixed deposit and \$129 cash.

Dr D. Priest continued as the Club's QBA delegate.

On 8th September, details were discussed for a Past President's Trophy event to be held end of September.

Source - compiled by *Charlie Georgees*. *The above is an extract from TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB (TBC) HISTORY 1 - published on our website.*



CBBC GNOT Qualifying event

The date for the CBBC GNOT Qualifying event has been changed.

Originally listed as next weekend 13-14 May, it has now been **moved to 22-23 July 2023** as it coincided with Mother's Day.

You will need to complete the new entry form.

LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, jokes, birthday wishes or ideas for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric on 0403 153 211 or email me - aberic@tpg.com.au



Bridge for Beginners

Promoting tricks

Dummy

♥ K5

Declarer

♥ 72

Don't lead ♥ K, as the defenders have ♥ A and ♥ Q, and you'll lose to both. Also, don't lead a low heart from the dummy as the defenders can win and still retain ♥ A to capture ♥ K.

Lead a low heart from your hand towards dummy and give yourself a 50% chance. When you lead ♥ 2, the opponent on your left must play before you.

In general, lead a high card only if you want the opponents to cover it. Otherwise, lead towards your high card. Consider the order of play so you can be in the correct hand to lead towards the card you hope will take a trick.

To Draw or Not to Draw

In general, you want to draw the opponents' trumps as soon as possible. However, if you have quick losers and will lose the lead when you draw trumps, dispose of your extra losers first. If you're able to draw trumps without giving up the lead, do it first.

Source: - *Extract from The Australian Bridge Federation Website*

TRUMP LEADS

- Don't even think of leading a trump when the opponents are in the throes of a misfit.
- Holding a balanced hand with broken strength in each suit, a trump lead from two or three small when dummy has given a single raise is usually best.
- With a strong sequence in trump (KQJ, QJ109), a trump lead is usually best.
- If partner is marked with a singleton trump, there is no point in leading a trump from Kxx because neither of you will be able to continue the suit. Try another lead and hope that partner will find the trump switch, if necessary.

Courtesy Eddie Kantar

Cleveland Bay Bridge Club - DIGGERS CONGRESS

DIGGERS TEAMS

- 1st Category A** IAN PATTERSON - BETTY HOBDELL - PHIL RAINS - LESLEIGH ROONEY
- 1st Category B** BILL BISHOP - TERRY HUGHES - MARIA CHIPPENDALE - KEN MANDERS
- 1st Category C** ANDREE GALEANO - SAM BISHOP - ANN SMITH - DONNA FITCH



DIGGERS PAIRS

- 1st Category A** CHED TWYMAN / LEIGH OWENS
- 1st Category B** JUDITH THRELFALL / BILL REDHEAD
- 1st Category C** CHARLIE GEORGEES / RUSSELL WOOLLEY



Source – Bill Buttle. Kind consent from Linda Buttle to publish.

Barrier Reef Congress 2023

Walk-ins

- 4th Place (N/S)** DUSK CARE - JEANETTE MCKENZIE
- 4th Place (E/W)** BILL BISHOP - IAN PATTERSON

Restricted Swiss Pairs

- 3rd place** DI GARSIDE - DONNA FITCH

300 Swiss Teams

1st place - Highest Barrier Reef Zone Team for Restricted

ANDREE GALEANO - DI GARSIDE - SAM BISHOP - DONNA FITCH





Member Profile: **MYLES CLARKSON**

When and where did you first play Bridge?

Townsville Bridge Club circa 2011.

Who introduced you to bridge?

Tony Byrne introduced us to the club. My wife (Donna) and I had decided that before retirement we should investigate a hobby we could jointly participate, in readiness to our retiring from the workforce.



Who taught you to play bridge?

Elsie (do your detective work) Stubbs, may she rest in peace.

Tell us some of your family background, for example where did you grow up, what is your favourite childhood memory?

Born and bred in Bris Vegas.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Gardening. I would much rather spend that time allocated to gardening, into playing golf.

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

Competition golf and going to the gym for Pump classes.

What type of Jobs (employment) have you done? What was your first job? Did you have a favourite job?

I had a moderately lengthy career in the banking industry, followed by a shorter career span with the Commonwealth Public Service. For the most part I enjoyed both careers. As an aside I have been saddened to see how the banking sector has evolved from a family friendly employer to one of an organisation relying on technology to achieve their goals of looking after the 'bottom line' and to heck with the wellbeing of its staff.

If you could be an animal what would it be and why?

I would like to be able to 'fly like an eagle'.



What is your favourite song?

Without a doubt it is American Pie. This song was popular around the time of my courting days and each time I hear it I recall the special memories I have of that time in my life.

Also, this song has about 20 verses, you have got to read the words to these verses!

Do you have any “hidden talents” or achievements that might surprise us?

I have the rare talent of singing words to one song to the tune of another.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

A lack of attention to detail, hence my poor decisions in playing Bridge e.g. a red double bidding card placed on a red table cloth.

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Nope, never met anybody famous, but once Queen Elizabeth 11, waved to me and the 500 other school children as she drove by my school.

What the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is?

Prepare for the worst but hope for the best.

If you could invite three famous people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be?

Winston Churchill, Wally Lewis and Greg Norman.

Best advice for your bridge partner

If you can't say something nice to/about me, then don't say anything at all.

Do you have a joke?

Why did the scarecrow receive a Nobel Prize?? He was deemed to be the most outstanding in his field!



Courtesy of Audrey Q



The late Del Ward shared with me some articles, anecdotes, etc for the newsletter. Hope you enjoy them!

*Brenda
1.5.09*

Confucius very wise man. He say.....

- Man who run in front of car get tired
- Man who run behind car get exhausted
- Man with one chopstick go hungry
- Man who eat many prunes get good run for money
- War doesn't determine who's right. War determines who's left.
- Man who tell one too many light bulb jokes soon burn out!
- Man who drive like hell, bound to get there!
- Man who sit on tack get point!
- Man who stand on toilet is high on pot!
- Man who lives in glass house should change in basement
- Man who eats photo of father, soon spitting-image of father.
- Man who sneezes without tissue takes matter into his own hands.
- Man who tell one too many light bulb jokes soon burn out.
- Man who put head on railroad tracks to listen for train likely to end up with headache.
- Man with an unchecked parachute will jump to conclusion!
- Crowded elevator always smell different to midget
- Man who cut self while shaving, lose face.
- Man who pushes piano down mineshaft get tone of A flat miner.



CLASSIC COUNTING

This hand is a classic example of counting:

♠ A K 6 2	♠ J 9 4 3
♥ 8 7	♥ K J 10
♦ A 8 5 4	♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q J 8	♣ 10 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦	2 ♥	2 ♠ (!)	Pass
3 ♠	All Pass		

Firstly, a comment on the auction. East's 2 ♠ was undisciplined. It showed 5+ cards in spades and approx. 9-11 HCP (given the earlier pass). West's raise made perfect sense, inviting game, in case of a maximum pass initially.

East should have made a negative double, which should show 4 cards in the other Major when a Major has been overcalled /bid. Now West would simply rebid 2 ♠, and they could have played there.

Secondly, we'll move on to the play. South led the ♥Q to North's Ace. North returned a club to South's King, and a club was returned to North's Ace. The club exit was won in dummy with the ♣Q.

Declarer cashed the ♠A and ♠K, dropping North's trump Queen, then drew the final trump with his ♠J.

Declarer has lost three tricks (♥A, ♣A, ♣K) and has to hold the diamond losers to one. At this stage, you should know what's going on in the suit. However, I think you should cash the top two hearts first – eliminating the hearts and clubs in the process.

Given the auction and South's failure to follow on the third heart, you know North started with 6 hearts, 2 spades and 3 clubs (at least). You also know that North has produced the ♥A, ♣A and ♠Q. South is marked with the ♦K and, very likely, the ♦J.

You should be able to endplay one of the opponents – North for a ruff and discard, or South to lead diamonds around to you. For that to work, you need to retain the ♦A. Ideally you would lead a diamond from dummy towards your Jack, but you are in hand and have to tackle the diamonds. So just lead a diamond – perhaps the 10 – and duck whatever South plays. If he plays low, the ♦10. If he covers with the Jack, you duck, and he will have to

continue diamonds, so you duck the lead around to your Queen. (Of course, if South holds the long club, a club lead gives your (sic) a ruff and discard, so you trump in one hand, discarding a diamond loser from the other.)



This sort of play can only be done successfully IF you:

1. Listen to the bidding
2. Count an opponent's cards – either HCP or shape (or both in this example)

Source: Barbara Travis – September 2022 SA Bridge Federation newsletter



DID YOU KNOW?

The Bennett Murder

The Bennett Murder was a headline 1929 killing of John G. Bennett by his wife Myrtle Adkins Bennett in Kansas City, Missouri. It occurred during a game of bridge hosted by the Bennetts with their friends Charles and Mayme Hofman.

On the evening of Sunday, September 29, 1929, the Bennetts were losing to the Hoffmans late in the evening. The breaking point occurred when John declared 4♠ and failed by two tricks. Myrtle chastised her husband for being a "bum bridge player." This caused John to slap her several times and announce his intention to leave town. Myrtle began to cry, saying "Nobody but a bum would hit a woman." 1

While John packed, Myrtle grabbed his .32 Colt automatic from a bedroom dresser and fired four shots, killing him. The subsequent investigation led to a charge of first-degree murder.

The trial made national headlines. Bridge was a sensation at the time, and the beautiful young housewife was an incredible scandal. Myrtle and her prominent attorney James A. Reed both wept dramatically while addressing the judge and jury. The defense argued that the shooting was an accident, that the couple struggled over the gun before it discharged.

After 8 hours of deliberation, the jury declared Myrtle Bennett innocent of murder. It has been argued that Myrtle's good looks and tearful state swayed the jury into making a serious mistake. It probably did not help public opinion that Myrtle thereafter qualified for a \$30,000 life insurance payout.

In later years Myrtle continued to play bridge, without any further notable incidents. She

passed away in 1992 at the age of 97.

Courtesy Jeff Tang – Bridgebum.com.



bridging the past.....

? Pauline Cordingly Rae Freer Peter Rainey



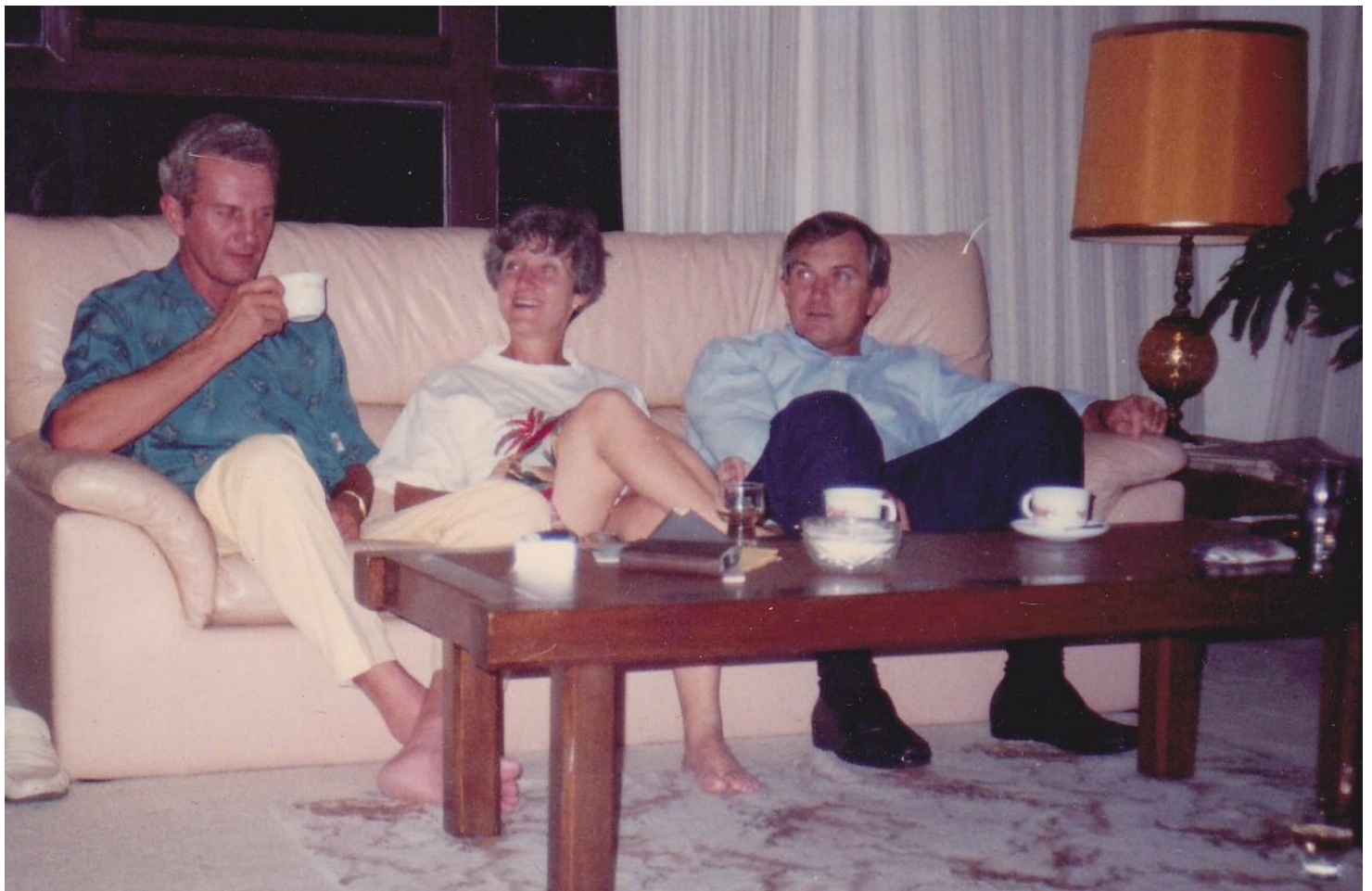
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Brenda Hedgeland , Aileen Keogh Bernie Morton



Pat Duckworth, Cicely Edge and Elsie Stubbs



Michael Suthers, Pam and Geoff Nott





THE FIVE-HANDED GAME

WEBSTER