



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

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COMING EVENTS

Cleveland Bay Matchpoint Pairs
November 5

Melbourne Cup Pairs
November 7

Restricted Convention Teams
November 8, 15

Novice Teams
November 11

Central Queensland Teams (Mackay)
November 18, 19

Queensland Wide Pairs (Townsville)
November 25

Queensland Wide Pairs (Cleveland Bay)
November 26

GNOT Final (Tweed Heads)
November 24 - 27

Airlie Beach Pairs Challenge Congress
December 2, 3

Festive Teams
December 7, 14, 21

Teams of 3
December 10

Monday Christmas Party
December 11

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

This was held the last weekend in October .President Clive Bunnett presenting the prizes.



Winners were Bill Bishop,
John Johnson, Bill Rdhead
and Phil Rains.

Runners up were Ian Patterson, Hugh McAlister, Betty Hobdell and Di McAlister.



NO TRUMP OPENINGS (part 2)

By Ian Patterson

In last month's newsletter I wrote about opening 1NT with 15 – 17 or 12 – 14 high card points. As I promised there are also other options.

Apart from the fact that you will open 1NT more often with 12-14 HCP (and hence may get into trouble more often) there are other considerations, particularly when partner is weak (< 8 HCP). Firstly, if you open 1 Minor with 12 HCP and partner responds with 5 HCP, you may find yourself in a precarious 1NT with a combined 17 HCP (or 3NT with a combined 24 HCP if you jump to game with 19 HCP). The opposition, with 23 HCP, don't have enough points for their own Game and may choose to defend rather than compete for a part-score.

Using the Weak NT, 1 Minor followed by a rebid of 1NT shows 15-17 HCP, so if partner has responded to your 1 Minor with just 5 HCP you will at least have 20 HCP combined. The second point is almost the converse of the first. Opening a 15-17 1NT when your partner has < 5HCP may leave you struggling to make your contract unless your opponents compete. The Weak NT opening of 1 Minor with the same hand is more likely to induce the opponents to compete when they might have achieved a better score by defending (depending on vulnerability and the nature of the fit if they have one).

3. THE "ULTRA" WEAK NT: Arguably, hands with 10-12 HCP will occur with the greatest frequency. George Cuppaidge (columnist in the QBA Bulletin, once Senior Counsel resident in Brisbane but now resident in Thailand) used to advocate strongly in his columns that with 10 HCP you should enter the bidding, particularly in first seat. Why not? There are not many top name players who espouse a 10-12 HCP NT opening, and few who write about it. Given the propensity of some of our Club players to open single 5-card suited 10 HCP point hands at the 1 level, I'm a little surprised they haven't tried the 10-12 1NT opening. My only comment is that if you open on 10 HCP, your partner needs 15+ HCP to bid Game. In which case, why not let them open a Strong NT so you can control the auction. Next month there will be more on point ranges.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Beverley Middendorp
Debbie Glenwright
Robert Haines
Griffin Bancroft
Theresea Jarrett
Lily Morrish
Jean Perry

TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB 50TH YEAR

The Barrier Reef Congress

The inaugural Barrier Reef Congress was held in Townsville in 1996. Something of the history of this Congress is given in *Mind Games: a biographical history of bridge in Queensland* edited by Colin Masters, Queensland Bridge Association, 1999.

The impetus for this congress came from the Mackay Contract Bridge Club which raised with the Australian Bridge Federation the distance problems facing players in north Queensland wishing to accumulate gold points. In 1993 there was a meeting in Townsville between Eric Parsons (Mackay), Jan Smith (Cleveland Bay) and Laurie Kelso (Townsville) to coordinate a joint northern lobbying effort to achieve such a congress.

This photo shows Jan Smith and Leigh Owens at the Magnetic Island Congress in 1994.



In 1995 approval was given for a northern gold points event. The inaugural event was convened by Doris Mann. Laurie Kelso was the Congress Director. Doris Mann is shown here with Del Ward in 1994. The first Congress was held in the PCYC Wellington St building and attracted 33 tables for the pairs and 36 tables for the teams.

The next Barrier Reef Congress to be held in Townsville was the fourth (1999) and the convener was Pam Andrews, shown here as part of the line-up for the 1989, Melbourne Cup Day Mannequin Parade

Dot Melazzini, Audrey McCrae, Pam Andrews, Lynn Richardson, Janelle Kipping and Shirley Stone



The next Barrier Reef Congress will be held in Townsville 14 – 18 May 2018. John Tredrea is the Convenor and the venue will be the Townsville Stadium in Lyons Crescent, Annandale.

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

2017 LAW CHANGE

By Bill Bishop

There has been a number of changes in the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge, one of these is Law 23, Comparable Call.

The definition of a comparable call is: **A call that replaces a withdrawn call is a comparable call if it:**

1. has the **same** or **similar** meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or
2. defines a **subset** of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or
3. has the **same purpose** (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.

Before allowing a comparable bid the Director must ensure that the replaced call meets **one** of the above criteria listed. Here are some examples.

WEST is the **Dealer** in **all** cases. The call out of turn is not accepted.

Example: 1

W	N	E	S
1H	1D		

Replaced by

1H	X		
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Is the X comparable?

Example: 2

W	N	E	S
----	1D		

Replaced by

W	N	E	S
1H	X		

Is the X comparable?

Example: 3

W	N	E	S
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Replaced by

W	N	E	S
1H	1S	2S	

Answers:

1: No, this is an insufficient bid and 1st option is to correct to the lowest level in the same denomination. Next option is a comparable bid, a X is not considered comparable.

2: No

3: a, if 2S shows a fit in Hearts and a good hand

YES Same or similar

b, if 2S initially shows a fit in Hearts and a good hand and sometimes shows just a good hand with no easy bid

YES Same or similar

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Gnot Final Teams

1. Hugh McAlister, Diana McAlister, Geoff Allan, John Johnson
2. Bill Bishop, Rosemary Glastonbury, Ian Patterson, Beth Whebell
3. Leigh Owens, Jan Smith, Jackie Bliss, Lyn Joye

Friday Pairs

1. Kay Lehmann, Geoff Allan
2. Rosemary Glastonbury, Robyn Nolan
3. Gloria MacDonald, Kath Peever

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Christine Perkins – Bronze Life Master

Joan Elliott – National*

Key Lehmann – State*

Ann Smith - Local

Major Sponsor

BIRTHDAYS

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Shirley Stone
John Toogood
Joan Elliott
Ursula Graham
Darren Myerson
Lynn Richardson
Jean Dartnall
Lesleigh Rooney
Ian Patterson
Robyn Green

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
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EscapeTravelTM
the holiday people

We have established a major partnership with **Escape Travel Townsville**, who is willing to offer sponsorship in the form of a “Kickback” to the club of travel rewards. This is available on bookings made and paid for by our members, their family, friends and associates from other clubs. This means that at the end of each quarter the Club will receive travel vouchers that can be raffled for prizes to assist with our fundraising efforts.

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.