



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen – Delegate
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November 2019

COMING EVENTS

Melbourne Cup Pairs,

5 November

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Restricted Convention Teams,

6, 13 November

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Novice Teams,

9 November

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Central Queensland Teams, Mackay

16 – 17 November

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Queensland Wide Pairs, 23 November

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GNOT National Final, Tweed Heads,
23 November – 2 December

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Airlie Beach Pairs Challenge Congress 30
November - 1 December

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Festive Teams

5, 12, 19 December

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Teams of 3,

8 December

FROM Australian Bridge OCTOBER 2019

Congratulations to Laurie Kelso who has been promoted to Head Tournament Director at the World Bridge Federation.

Longer standing members will remember that Laurie started his illustrious bridge career at the Townsville Bridge Club. He first appears on our Honours Boards in 1987.

An article about Laurie appeared as part of our 50th anniversary series in March 2017, <http://townsville.fnqbridge.com/newsletters/2017-0303.pdf>

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Queensland Pairs

Hugh and Di McAlister came 6th from a field of 44 in this State event and were recognized as the best 'country pair'.

Friday Pairs

1st Di Garside and Donna Fitch

2nd Gayleen Brown and Bill Redhead

3rd Helen Lovegrove and Maria Chippendale

Club Teams

A section

1st Hugh McAlister, Di McAlister, Betty Hobdell, Ian Patterson

2nd Maria Chippendale, Clive Bunnnett, John Tredrea, Ched Twyman

3rd Geoff Allen, Pat Allen, Simon Jones, Audrey Ledbrook

B Section

1st Sandra Bunnnett, Angela Hall, Vivienne Otto, Carol Blackman

2nd Trudy Low, Jackie Seganfreddo, Kath Peever, Dusk Care

3rd Yvonne Houbolt, Christine Perkins, Peter Housten, Barry Brown

C Section

1st Sam Bishop, Di Garside, John Larkins, Peter Hall

2nd Kelly Walker, Jo Gillis, Margie Toogood John Toogood

3rd Maree Stabler, Andre Galeano, Devon Mitchell, Kim Holt

1st A Grade: Hugh McAlister, Betty Hobdell, Di McAlister, Ian Paterson.



2nd A Grade: Ched Twyman, Clive Bunnett, Maria Chippendale, John Tredrea



1st B Grade: Sandra Bunnnett, Angela Hall, Carol Blackman, (absent) Helen Lovegrove



PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE -BRISBANE

By Clive Bunnett

As some of you may know, I attended this conference at the end of September. It was very well organised and informative (and the company, food and entertainment were great...one highlight was getting to watch the fly past and fireworks of Riverfire from a corporate office on the river).



Clive and Sandra with some of the Presidents from central and North Queensland at the Presidents' Conference in Brisbane

One of the sessions was on ethics, constitution, and regulation issues especially in relation to suspension of members and possible legal repercussions. I will report more fully at a committee meeting but also informally as it may require us to look at what is required in more detail. Some Clubs have experienced some bizarre occurrences!

Masterpointing was explained and I now have a new respect for the efforts put in by Peter Hall and more recently Elinor Murray (and of course others who have done this job before) It highlighted the need for more people to be trained in the event of our masterpointers not being available. The timeliness of getting MP to QBA was emphasised as failure to do this could result in consequences down the track (mainly eligibility for graded divisions of Congresses, etc).

The marketing manager Peter Cox presented a great case for the need to market Bridge for its social benefits in the 21st century. He gave examples of how this might be done and what clubs have tried. There is much information as well as support resources on the ABF website. Let us hope we can select some to try ourselves. This theme of the 'fun' side of bridge and its capacity to fulfil social and mental health benefits is one I think we are already addressing but can continue to promote via a positive attitude at the table to encourage newer players. I will speak more about this in future especially in providing support to our

beginners and coordinating our teaching program and supervised play. Members, of course, can continue to show encouragement and friendliness to newer players.

Director Accreditation was presented by Jan Peach and she emphasised the need for congress directors to belong to ABDA and extend their knowledge. A conference is proposed in December 2020 which she suggested all Congress and Tournament Directors attend. Travel subsidies are available. It was also confirmed that Club directors do not need to have passed the exams to run club sessions. It was suggested that aspiring directors do the online Proficiency test for which they will receive a certificate if they pass. This would make them more confident. It was also recommended that existing directors update their competency by periodically doing the test. Jan marks and comments on each one. She also provides instruction locally providing at least 20 people attend. The cost is \$10 per person. We could do well to invite her to our Club in 2020.

Legal and Insurance matters were also addressed in a general way

Meeting other presidents was very beneficial and informative and provides a platform for further liaison and networking, especially with northern clubs. I was doubtful about attending at first but I am very pleased I attended. Congratulations to Kim Ellaway and her support team on a very well conducted conference.

RANKING PROMOTION FOR OCTOBER

Peter Elliott - Club

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DIRECTORS

Bill Redhead and John Toogood were subsidised by the QBA and the TBC to attend a weekend workshop on directing at the Mackay Bridge Club at the end of October. They have reported to a meeting of our own directors on the proceedings. We may hear more about the value of this conference.

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 jeandartnall@hotmail.com

Betty Hobdell
Trevor Hunt
Ian Leach
Douglas Murray
Iris Rutherford
Dusk Care
John Larkin
Pat Leighton
Shirley Stone
John Toogood
Joan Elliott
Lynn Richardson
Jean Dartnall
Lesleigh Rooney
Ian Patterson

PRESENTATION OF KEITH RAMSBOTHAM MEMORIAL PAIRS SHIELD BY BRETT AND GEOFF RAMSBOTHAM TO WINNERS, DI GARSIDE AND DONNA FITCH.



Donna was particularly happy to win this trophy as Keith had encouraged her to continue playing when she was doubtful, and had been a mentor for a number of years. In her acceptance speech, Di said that Donna had called on Keith's advice throughout the competition and apparently it must have been given! Congratulations, and thanks to the Ramsbotham family for their participation. As Geoff pointed out, the Townsville Bridge Club was dear to Keith's heart. He would have been proud to see one of his many protégés winning.

BRIDGE CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. A famous card game (6 letters)
3. Two US Presidents (6 letters)
6. What tea break brings (4 Letters)
7. Is this what you say to a 4 board sit out? (3 letters)
8. A red 5 across (5 letters)

CLUES DOWN

1. What we all want to get (6 letters)
2. Doesn't work for table fees (3 letters)
4. Club to Grand and in between (6 letters)
5. Smart outfits but only four (5 letters)

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ANSWERS IN THE NEXT NEWLETTER