



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate
John Tredrea - Secretary

October 2019

COMING EVENTS

Mackay Congress 4 - 7 October

Cairns Congress 4 - 7 October

Friday Pairs (Keith Ramsbotham Memorial
Pairs) 11, 18, 25 October

QBA Open Pairs (Brisbane) 12 -13 October

Club Pairs 26 - 27 October

Cleveland Bay Anniversary Matchpoint Pairs
3 November

Melbourne Cup Pairs - 5 November

Restricted Convention Teams 6, 13
November

Novice Teams 9 November

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Maxine Virgo

Arthur Johnson

Mary Overell

AGM SEPTEMBER 2019

THE NEW COMMITTEE



Wilfred, Lyn, Robert, Hugh, Charlie
Fay, Clive, Rosemary, Geoff
(Gloria was absent)

This is a summary of the general business section of the AGM of September 2019

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Hugh McAlister proposed that we do not charge visitors any extra table fees: the proposal was referred to the committee for decision.

Delma Johnson asked why our AGM is in September as previously we had it in August. Geoff Allen explained that we are required to have our AGM within 3 months of the last financial year and as our auditor cannot produce his report by mid-August we have opted to holding the AGM in September.

Lyn Joye asked if the club could recognize Elsie Stubbs' contributions by naming an event after her. A novice event was suggested.

Ann Smith asked if someone could write an article for the ABF magazine about Elsie Stubbs.

Charlie Georgees asked if we should get an article in the local paper about our club However the newspaper has not been supportive in the past and advertisements are very expensive.

Sandra Bunnett suggested we have a Handicap event to overcome the problem of an experienced player being eligible in a Restricted event.

Rosemary Glastonbury opened the question to the floor asking members for suggestions for the committee to look into to make our Club more enjoyable for all members, in particular how they would like to see some of the Clubs' money spent.

Twice yearly steam cleaning of the carpets was one suggestion and the replacement of the metal louvres another. Another suggestion was to spend more money on free tickets however after discussion people realized this will mainly benefit only a few people. Hugh McAlister suggested spending more money on Directors attending courses.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019

Welcome Members

I am pleased to present this report on what I consider to have been a successful and productive 52nd year thanks to the involvement and hard work of a very large number of members of this club, not the least of which were the office bearers and members of the outgoing committee. I would like to pay tribute to their efforts later but first I want to start by speaking about the other micro-elements that go to making this a safe and enjoyable place to be.

A number of visitors have commented on the friendliness and helpfulness they experienced here with people going out of their way to make them welcome and getting them partners for their stay. This friendliness also helps in getting our newer members involved and for this I thank all of you who contribute in this positive way. I trust this will remain an identifying feature of this club. (Thanks also to Sandra Bunnett, our partner facilitator who works hard to assist visitors; Rosemary Glastonbury, Peter Housden, Maria Chippendale and Jan and Ken Manders and others who provide transport on occasion for visitors).

As you are aware, this is a participatory community club which means that all tasks performed are voluntary. We are fortunate that we have many active members who ensure that tasks are done. I am speaking of jobs such as unpacking the dishwasher, opening and closing curtains, ensuring cups and so on are put in the dishwasher, tidying the kitchen, bringing in boards and bridgemates, cleaning sidetables and generally 'helping out'. The more we assist, the less it falls on the shoulders of those who always seem to be the ones to step up. I won't try to list them at the risk of forgetting to include some. I would like to mention Angela Little however as our visiting member. While here she is always friendly and helps where she can. She is quite at home here which is wonderful, and an example to us all in member participation.

There are other more formal jobs which are not 'committee' level but are of major importance: Preparing game 'tickets' (thanks to Robyn Green and Gay Loughnane); collecting table fees and generally dealing with money matters diligently (thanks Lyn Joye, Marie Stabler, Joan Elliot in particular for their tireless efforts); maintaining the library (John Larkin and Del Ward); and production of the Newsletter (Jean Dartnall).

As to the bigger picture aspects of the Club, I would like once more to thank John Tredrea who developed the current organisational framework of the Club into relevant categories, each one with its own sub-committee headed by one of our management team. This makes managing the affairs of the club much more 'doable' especially for myself. Having such a group to draw on makes my role so much easier.

Teaching and Player Development continues to be a work in progress and I would like to thank Fay Blower for her contribution to this. Despite some health issues during the year, she has put whole-hearted effort into this area. The Beginner and Improver levels have been structured to include practice play as well and players are given much support to participate in the club at the end of their lessons with the help of supervised play and a transitional mentoring program. I sincerely thank all those who participated including Di Garside and Carol Blackman for their assistance with lessons. Charlie Georgees has become a valuable member of the team and is currently taking on the role of Intermediate teacher (with support) and is also about to take a leading role in Tuesday's supervised play sessions to take the load off Del and her assistants. I would like to congratulate him for this and also pay a special tribute to Del Ward (and of course Beth, Vivienne and others) for her leading role over the past 10 or more years.

We have lost the indefatigable Elsie Stubbs but Elinor Murray and others have taken on her Saturday morning sessions. Geoff Allen, Di and Hugh McAlister have made wonderful presentations on more advanced aspects of bidding and defence and these have been well received by the Club. John Johnson has continued to offer his expert level lessons on play techniques. We hope these become a regular feature of our program. Next year we are considering bringing some popular

teachers to the Club (such as Joan Butts) and offering their lessons free of charge to members. I am proud of this aspect of our Club.

The Conduct of Play Team headed by Gloria includes Directing, Scoring, and Masterpointing. I would like to thank Gloria for encouraging Maria Chippendale, Charlie Georgees, John Toogood and Elinor Murray to become new directors. (Thanks also to Phil Rains, for invigilating and Di McAlister and Bill Bishop for their support.) Unfortunately Elinor missed out on the Movement section due to lack of time but is still able to direct club sessions so the club is in a great position with its many active directors especially with our three Congress Directors. Peter Hall continues to do a great job with collating and forwarding Club members' masterpoints to the QBA, a time-consuming task. He is currently training Elinor Murray to assume the role in the future. With the expertise of Geoff Allen and Bill Bishop, we manage to keep on top of the IT and scoring issues. Without this we would be at a significant loss. Hopefully we can find people willing to train in this necessary area in the future. One suggestion is to bring Peter Busch, the creator of Compscore to run a workshop for interested members.

The Facilities and Maintenance team was originally headed by Peter Hall but this year he handed over to Wilfred Tapiolas whose background makes him ideal for the role. Peter continues to assist in maintenance (including the cleaning and replacement of panels and carpeting after our big wet). Wilfred was responsible for getting the new men's toilet facilities planned and organised and it is now awaiting the outcome of a grant application to proceed. (It will still be built however even without the grant.) Trevor Hunt made a detailed analysis of our power expenses and recommended Solar panels and LED lighting in the Club. This will save enormously on electricity costs with the system paying for itself in 4-5 years. Thereafter we will be consuming at a profit! Wilfred advises that one of our air-conditioning units will need replacing in the near future. The toilet doors have been painted and the skylight in the foyer of the men's toilet fixed and our building is now termite free. Lyn Joye continues to liaise with our cleaner. Thanks to those who regularly attend to our rubbish disposal on Mondays and thanks to Ann Smith and others who see that our table coverings are periodically cleaned. This area is in great hands.

The Tournament and Competitions team was this year headed by Peter Hall. This is quite an involved area including scheduling of local and QBA events, producing entry and nomination forms, collating entries and posting these on the QBA site, coordinating the events and deciding on and organising prizemoney. It proved a big learning experience for Peter but with his usual diligence he mastered the process. Since Peter is standing down this year from committee he has offered to help the new leader to fit into the role. We have lost Elsie Stubbs who used to produce the Club calendar so this area will present a few challenges to the Club and its committee in 2020. Our Congresses were really successful events. Thanks to Peter Hall, John Tredrea, Geoff Allen, Di McAlister, Bill Bishop, Pat Allen, Joan Elliott, Judy Hunt and especially Lyn Joye and helpers for her catering efforts which were greatly appreciated.

The Provisions team of course was headed once more by Lyn Joye. She has agreed to continue for one more year which I, for one, greatly appreciate. Her knowledge of who to contact when things are required is such a valuable resource. This year she has ensured gluten-free food is available to meet the special needs of members. She has given thanks to all her willing helpers and especially to her partner, Allan Jack who has assisted with much of the heavy carrying. She is also responsible for obtaining Cleaning and Toilet supplies and liaising with our Tea Lady and Cleaner. She caters superbly for our congresses and other events. Thank you, Lyn.

The final team to be mentioned is responsible for Preparation and Play and is headed by Robert Mischlewski who is in charge of dealing. He is ably assisted by a set of willing volunteers such as Geoff Bolger, Ann Smith, Ched Twyman in the dealing room and Jan Woollett, Robyn Nolan, Fred Cole, Pat Allen, and many others who are needed to unpack the boards in preparation for the process. Robert also makes sure that new cards and boards are purchased as required and often spends a great deal of time in ensuring cards are dealt for special occasions and lessons. He is well supported by Geoff Allen and Bill Bishop who assist especially with the computer and IT aspects and the special requirement of team events.

Although Robert suffered a tough time after our floods, he has continued to be a stalwart in this area. Thanks also to Peter Housden for the continued purchase of Stationery and Printer material which he

always seems to do in a timely fashion. I have already mentioned the work of our partner facilitator Sandra Bunnett who goes out of her way to try to fulfil requests for partners. This area also appears in good hands.

Now I come to the two people without whom no club would function: Rosemary Glastonbury who is a very able secretary. She ensures that any correspondence or business matter is brought to my attention and the attention of the committee and spends a great deal of time attending to the demands of her position. Her manner is always pleasant but firm. My gratitude for your willingness to assume this valuable role in the Club. Thanks also to Devan Mitchell and Peter Housden who fill in when Rosemary is not available.

And of course, our most capable Treasurer Geoff Allen who manages our financial matters with great skill and apparent ease which belies the work that goes into it. Our Club is in a great financial position thanks in no small part to his efforts. And of course, he continues to be the master of all trades in his contributions to all matters of scoring and directing and organising large events. Thanks Geoff.

Finally, I would like to again mention John Tredrea who has once more been elected to the role of Zone Secretary. His diligence, as we know is second to none and he has been instrumental in ensuring the success of our own and others' congresses and events, especially those of the Ingham Club. The club and the zone are fortunate to have him.

As representative of the Club I have been invited to attend a Presidents' Conference in Brisbane at the end of this month to discuss Club needs and QBA matters. One aspect I am keen on finding out more about is marketing our great game. It is important that we gain new players to augment our unfortunately ageing membership. I hope to return with more ideas to stimulate this aspect.

Most of the committee with the exception of Peter Hall and John Johnson have nominated for the 2020 committee. Whilst I am sorry for their departure, I wish them a well-deserved break. Their positions have been nominated for by Hugh McAlister and Charlie Georgees whom I am sure will bring new zeal and perspectives for the future development of the club. If this committee is elected, I am sure the club will continue to be well managed and I look forward to serving as either President or committee member for another year.

Thank you all...and remember once again...you are the bridge club!

Clive Bunnett President 2019.

How many Bridge players do you need to change a light bulb?
Four. One to change the bulb and 3 to tell him how he could have done it better.

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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Geoff Allen
Bruce Bowden
Shirley Pruden
Robyn Nolan
Pat Fittler

There is a fine line between

mental illness.

wanting to play bridge every day and

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Monday Teams

1st Clive, Bunnett, Rosemary Glastonbury, Ken Manders, Betty Hobdell

2nd Leigh Owens, Phil Rains, John Tredrea, Jennifer Mullens, John Johnson

3rd Charlie Georgees, Albert Beric, Audrey Ledbrook, Ched Twyman

Magnetic Teams

A winners Geoff Allen, John Johnson, Audrey Ledbrok, Simon Jones

B winners Clive Bunnett, Maria Chippendale, Helen Lovegrove, Ched Twyman

C winners Peter Housden, Barry Brown, Christine Perkins, Yvonne Houbolt



Magnetic Teams A – winners

Magnetic Congress walk in pairs – winners and place getters



RANKING PROMOTIONS SEPTEMBER 2019

Peter Housden – Life

Ken Manders – National*

Margaret Wilkinson – National*

Karen Hadly – Local**