



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen – Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

COMING EVENTS

GNOT Regional Finals
Aug 31 – Sept 1

Monday Teams
2,9,16 September

Restricted Convention Pairs
4,11,6 September

Ingham Graded Matchpoint Pairs
7 – 8 September

Magnetic Teams Congress
14 – 16 September

Mackay Congress
4-7 October

Cairns Congress
4-7 October

SOLAR PANELS

Solar panels are due to be installed on the roof of the clubhouse starting Monday 16 September. The work is expected to be completed in two weeks. During that time there is likely to be disruption to the parking.

REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR

I will be on holiday for part of September and not able to attend the AGM. I would like to include a short account of any business discussed at the AGM in the October newsletter. Please, would someone volunteer to write it for me?

Jean

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

When the Director is Called

Whenever there is a perceived infraction at the table, the director must be called. Any player may call the director, but the Dummy cannot call the director until there is an agreement at the table that an infraction has occurred. Remember, there is nothing personal in this. The director's role is simply to determine whether a breach has in fact occurred, and to restore equity where possible. It is not to 'punish' the offending side or the particular offender.

It is difficult for the director to make a ruling if there is argument or if a number of people want to speak at once. Generally, the person who called the director should become the spokesperson for the table initially and they should only speak at the director's request. The director may ask some direct questions to establish the breach that may have occurred and then see whether there is agreement. If there is a dispute, other table members will be given an opportunity to speak. If there is an infraction, the director will make a ruling based on the law or regulation concerned. If there is a disagreement about the ruling, the persons concerned may politely ask the director to check.

The ruling may be appealed up to 30 minutes after the event if it still thought to be incorrect. Some rulings (e.g. bidding after a partner hesitates and then passes in a competitive auction) may not be able to be made until the end of play.

The process should proceed in an atmosphere of friendliness as much as possible. Remember, at some point you may be the 'offender'.

Another Slam

You can usually tell when Friar Andrew has had a good result because his normal smiling face beams even larger.

The other day when I arrived at his table he was grinning from ear to ear. "We got a complete top – nobody else was even in a small slam let alone the grand".

After congratulating him, he went on "of course, we had to have a couple of bidding misunderstandings to get there"!!

BEHIND THE SCENES

By Clive Bunnett

It is almost time for the AGM again (Saturday, 21 September, 11.00 a.m.) and a quorum of at least 20 people is required to make it official. Nominations for Office Bearers and other committee members should be given to Secretary Rosemary by Saturday September 7. At least 2 more committee members are required to fill vacancies. I understand that these have already been nominated for but all positions can be contested by interested people and in fact this interest is encouraged. Most members of the committee have agreed to continue in their current roles but will be happy to see others stepping up and contending for their positions. Please show your support for the Club by attending. I am proud of the contributions of all committee members who have actively worked in their roles throughout the past two years. I am also appreciative of the efforts of many others as well. Running a Club like ours is a group effort and we are fortunate to have many very active helpers.

The Magnetic Teams are being held this month and it has been decided to have drinks and nibbles rather than a formal lunch on the Sunday. With Lyn Joye as chief caterer I am sure we will all be pleased with what is presented. She has also agreed to make packs of sandwiches for any out-of-towners who desire to get away early and will contact them at the beginning of the Congress. This is a busy month for events with the GNOT Regional Final completed on Sunday 1st, Monday Teams being held over three weeks and Restricted Convention Pairs conducted on three Wednesday nights. A possible feast for those chasing red points!

Happy Bridging!

SOME RECENT RESULTS

GNOT Regional Final

1st – Hugh McAlister, Di McAlister, John Johnson, Geoff Allen

2nd – Albert Beric, Rosemary Glastonbury, Ian Patterson, Phil Rains

3rd – Bill Redhead, Gayleen Brown, Jan Smith, Leigh Owens

Thursday Pairs

1st – Angela Little, Robyn Nolan

2nd – Gloria McDonald, Christine Perkins

3rd – Lyn Joye, Judy Hunt

ZONAL NEWS

A Zonal Meeting was held in Ingham during their recent GNOT event and John Tredrea was once again elected as Zonal Secretary, a role he fulfils with his usual diligence. Congratulations, John!

The GNOT will continue in the same format in the qualifying rounds but changes may be made to the final, perhaps in the form of a knockout event. An extra small levy of \$10 per team will be made in Townsville and Cleveland Bay events to contribute a subsidy to the winning team to attend the finals in Tweed Heads. This will be on top of the usual amounts given for fares and entry fees.

The Zonal Teams and Pairs will continue to be hosted by Townsville Club and the Zone will continue to subsidise:

- 1 team to compete in the QBA OPEN Teams
- 1 pair to compete in the QBA OPEN Pairs
- 1 restricted pair to compete in the BRC 300 at the 2021 Barrier Reef Congress

SEPTEMBER 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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Fay Blower
Betty Bourke
Pam Jamieson
Marlies Maussen
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Mike Reynolds
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Angela Hall
Barry Lehmann
Dawn Beale
Jan Woollett
Geoff Eales
Geoff Allen

THE ABF NEWSLETTER

By Ian Patterson

I have always tried to improve my bridge. Ideally, I would like to do this through discussion with my regular partners but there rarely is the opportunity for this. I fall back on reading but since I haven't finished a book in years, I've stopped buying them and restrict myself to the Australian Bridge magazine, the ABF Newsletter and the QBA Newsletter (when a paper copy reaches the Club).

The ABF Magazine has recently had another change of editor. Under Barbara Travis's stewardship it introduced more instructional articles, many written by Barbara herself. It continues in this vein under Brad Coles. If you follow those players who represent Australia then you will recognise the names: Barbara Travis, Brad Coles, Paul Lavings, Ron Klinger, David Lusk, Warren Lazer and Will Jenner-O'Shea, all write for the ABF Magazine. Joan Butts has a regular feature and recently articles written by the US teacher Eddie Kantar have been reproduced. If you want to extend your views on bidding there is always the more radical views presented by George Cuppaidge to consider as well as Paul Lavings more conventional 'Bridge into the 21st Century'.

This month I particularly want to draw your attention to Eddie Kantar's '24 Bidding tips' (June 2019 issue) and '25 Defensive tips' (August 2019 issue). These articles are almost beginner level but they provide answers to the type of problems players face every day - situations that cannot be taught in classes (because classes would go on forever) and can only be learnt through play (which is what we all want to do).

Some of the bidding tips are obvious, others I hadn't considered (like giving preference to partners opening suit even when it is at a higher level). I particularly liked Tip 4: 'When the bid on your right is strong, a jump by you is weak. When the bid on your right is weak, a jump by you is strong.' Isn't that easy to remember? Often, Eddie gives hands that illustrate his point. There are too many tips to

discuss them all here but Tip 23 is worthy of note: 'Once a player limits his hand, the partner is the captain and is supposed to make the final decision. Captaincy can be reversed however, if the captain turns the tables and makes an invitational bid'. Eddie gives 3 examples to illustrate this. Eddie Kantar's 24th tip on bidding is the easiest to accept: 'Only play conventions you are both comfortable with.'

There are 25 defensive tips on leads, some of which appear to go against the grain. For instance, in Tip 2, Eddie says when leading a supported suit or just leading partner's suit to lead the King from an AKx holding. 'Leading the Ace... denies the King.

Try this one: Against 3NT, your partner leads a small Spade (promising an honour) and you hold: K Q 10 9 x. There is a singleton Spade in dummy. (Declarer is on your left.) Which card do you play? If partner has lead away from the Jack, the 9 will do. If he has led away from the Ace the Queen must be played. All the bidding tells you is that Declarer has confidently bid 3NT showing a stopper in a suit she didn't bid. I played the Queen. The result: Declarer made 3NT with 1 Spade stopper because partner didn't see my subsequent signal to continue Spades. It didn't help that 4 Hearts (by the opponents) would have 11 tricks.

While Eddie Kantar's tips need careful reading, I think they are well worth the effort. What will he have to offer us in the next issue of the ABF Magazine?

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR AUGUST

Di Garside – National

Jeanette McKenzie – Regional

Chris Tweddell - Local

Things never heard at a Bridge Club.

- This club's playing area is always at the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.
- I've had lots of points all evening.
- Free coffee? No thanks.
- Cool! A four board sit out.
- No, I don't think tournament fees are too high.
- No gossip please. I'm not interested.
- One thing I can say about bridge players – they sure know how to dress.
- No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way
- I always hear what the Director says