



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year the newsletter will be issued quarterly as most members use the website for information.

There have been a number of events held since our last newsletter starting with the Thursday Different Partners which was won by Bill Bishop.



The Wednesday Pairs held in March was won by Gloria Macdonald and Luthille Arlett.

In March the Gold Point GNOT Qualifying 1 was won by the Owens team (Jan, Leigh, Ian Patterson, Bill Bishop), and the Zonal Restricted Pairs was won by John and Margie Toogood.

The Clive Bunnett Memorial Pairs open section was won by Helen Lovegrove and Phil Rains and Toni Burrell and Gary Bolton won the restricted section and also came second overall.

March concluded with the Anniversary Pairs. This event is held to celebrate the founding of the club fifty-eight years ago in 1967. This year it was won by Robyn Nolan and John Tredrea playing NS and Terry Hughes and Jeff Stephenson at EW.

For those who may be interested, our late Vice President Charlie Georgees produced an interesting article on the formative years of our club which can be found on the website under documents.

Classes for new players are well underway this year with Di Garside teaching sixteen new players. Sylvia Van Rossum, our member from Ayr, is giving classes in Ayr each Tuesday.

Bill Bishop is conducting director training on Wednesdays and I would like to thank Bill and the members who have stepped up to learn to be directors. You are the future of our club.

I would like to remind everyone of two notices on the freestanding notice board near the director's desk. The first refers to helping our directors and the second refers to bridge etiquette.

Finally I would like to wish Delma Johnson a Happy 90th Birthday.

Wilfred Tapiolas

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Peter Elliott	State
Anto Wilson	Regional
Luthile Arlett	Silver Local
Frances Summerhayes	Silver Local
Garry Bolton	Bronze Local
Toni Barrell	Bronze Local
Annette Lee	Local
Maxine Virgo	Local
Jan Nettle	Local
Brad Ross	Club
Yvonne Cassidy	Club
Chris Johnson	Club



Courtesy Audrey Q



GRAND SLAMS

LESLEIGH ROONEY / PHIL RAINS
 GREG LAWLER / GARRY BOLTON
 DI GARSIDE / ROBYN NOLAN
 PHIL RAINS / FELICITY HORNE



Courtesy Adrian Raeside

Burdekin Bridge Is Not Just A Landmark Anymore!



Sylvia Van Rossum (standing) with some of the enthusiastic new community Bridge players.

What began as a simple question at the Neighbourhood Centre about a month ago, has blossomed into a wonderful opportunity for community members to socialise and keep their minds active.

Sylvia Van Rossum, who is new to the Burdekin area, reached out to the Neighbourhood Centre looking for a local Bridge group to join. As an enthusiastic Bridge player, Sylvia likens Bridge players to golfers, saying, "When you move to a new place, you call around to see if there's a game you can join."

Although we didn't find an existing group right away, the Centre is dedicated to helping community members start new activities. So, alongside Sylvia, we organised a "Come and Try Day" last month. To our surprise, the event attracted a lot of interest, making it very exciting for everyone.

Burdekin Bridge (pun intended) is in its fifth week and continues to welcome new members

each week. They meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 1:00 pm at the Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre.

During their meetings, the group takes a break for tea and snacks, and the staff checks in to see how everyone is doing. Participants have joked about experiencing "brain strain," but they always have smiles on their faces!

When we asked what people love about playing, they shared comments such as, "I've wanted to learn to play Bridge for 19 years; I'm so excited a group has started here," "My brain hurts, but in a good way!" "It's wonderful to be social and keep my mind active," and "Sylvia is such a patient teacher!"

If you're interested in joining this friendly group, feel free to drop by on Tuesday mornings or give the Centre a call to learn more!

Until Next Time

The Team at Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre



Making a Difference

Since the solar panels were installed, the Club has saved 81,200 kg of CO₂ which is equivalent to planting 2422 trees or driving 1,242,000 km

AWESOME!

Donna Fitch and Di Garside at the Gold Coast Feb 2025. They played 2 competitions in Pairs and 2 walk-in Pairs and earned 17.19 Gold Points. They came 2nd in the Intermediate section(under 750 points) of the Ivy Dahler Butler Swiss Pairs and qualified for the A Final in the Intermediate Bobby Richman Pairs.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

DELMA JOHNSON



Pre-polling for the upcoming election will be commencing shortly which will impact on the availability of carparks.



Please try to avoid parking close to the club to allow those with mobility issues to secure car parks close to the club entrance.



Did you know?

Card Handling

How you handle your cards is important to the integrity of the game.

If you don't shuffle your hand at the end of a deal, the next player to pick up your hand can often determine what happened at your table.

For example, let's say you are dealt a 10 high card point hand and you pass and return your hand into the duplicate tray without shuffling it. When you send the board over to the other table, the player in your seat can easily figure out what happened at your table, particularly if it goes Pass-Pass-Pass to them.

Deductions can also happen when a hand is played. Sometimes a player can even see what happened, trick by trick, at the previous table. So it's a good habit, to give your hand a thorough shuffle after every board.

Bridge theory of "restricted choice."

The Principle of Restricted Choice is a guideline for locating particular cards held by the opponents. If one opponent plays a critical card in a suit, his partner is twice as likely to have the adjacent card in the same suit.

Imagine you are declarer with the following suit combination:

Dummy

♥ A J 10 9

Declarer

♥ 8 7 6 5 4

The opposition have the king and queen in hearts.

You lead low to dummy, losing to East's queen. Upon regaining control, you lead toward dummy a second time. West plays low. Should you put up the ace, or finesse again?

After losing one finesse to East's queen, should you attempt a second finesse or try to drop the king?

The answer is to finesse again. The odds are closer to 2/3 that West holds the king. Why? Because East may have been "restricted" to playing the queen *because she doesn't hold the king*.



RECENT CLUB RESULTS

CLIVE BUNNETT MEMORIAL PAIRS

1st Place	HELEN LOVEGROVE - PHIL RAINS
2nd Place	TONI BARRELL - GARRY BOLTON
3rd Place	DI GARSIDE - DONNA FITCH

ZONAL RESTRICTED PAIRS (March 2025)

1st PLACE	MARGIE TOOGOOD – JOHN TOOGOOD
2nd PLACE	LUTHILE ARLETT - RUTH MORRIS
3rd PLACE	ALAN GILES – KEN MUHLING

ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

NORTH/SOUTH

1st PLACE	ROBYN NOLAN - JOHN TREDREA
2nd PLACE	AUDREY LEDBROOK – BERNICE MORTON
3rd PLACE	YVONNE HOUBOLT – CHRISTINE PERKINS

EAST/WEST

1st PLACE	TERRY HUGHES – JEFF STEPHENS
2nd PLACE	CHED TWYMAN – BETH WHEBELL
3rd PLACE	MARGARET DOUSSET – JOAN ELLIOTT

WEDNESDAY PAIRS



1st PLACE GLORIA MACDONALD -LUTHILE ARLETT

2nd PLACE NINA DOYLE - IAN LEACH

3rd PLACE HELEN LOVEGROVE - ANN SMITH

GOLD POINT GNOT QUALIFYING 1

1st PLACE

LEIGH OWENS – JAN SMITH – IAN PATTERSON - Bill BISHOP

2nd PLACE

DONNA FITCH - Di GARSIDE – JUDY HUNT – JACKIE SEGANFREDDO

3rd PLACE

ROBYN NOLAN – ROSEMARY GLASTONBURY – JOHN TREDREA – LESLEIGH ROONEY



Courtesy
Audrey Q

- *Know the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner? Answer: You can reason with the serial killer*
- *Another thing to tell your partner after dummy comes down weaker than expected: "Where is the hand you held during the bidding?"*
- *A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws"*



Courtesy – Eddie Kantar

Member Profile: **JEFF STEPHENS**

When and where did you first play Bridge?

I started learning bridge in 2019 at Townsville Bridge Club

Who introduced you to bridge?

A good friend in Brisbane is really hooked on the game and encouraged me to give it a go. Knowing how much she enjoyed it, I started lessons

Who taught you to play bridge?

Fay Blower. Fay was most generous with her time and teaching skills and also open her home to us learners on Friday afternoons. I don't think I will ever stop learning but am very grateful to other more experienced members of the club who play and encourage me in games each month.

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

I was born and bred in Melbourne. My mum was one of ten children and I have wonderful memories of family get togethers when I was young. We carry on this tradition with my 25 odd cousins whenever we can.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

My wife is a very keen gardener and I dislike cutting down banana trunks that have already born fruit. I don't think the suckers will ever stop popping up!

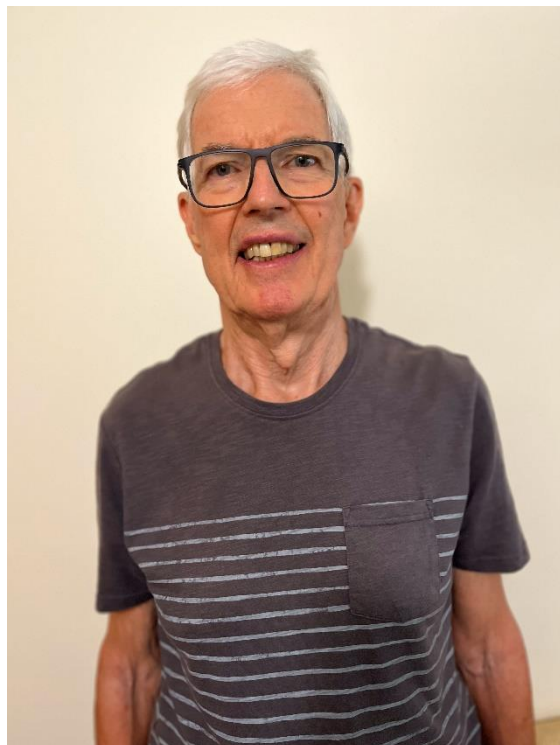
Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

Travel by road and plane, gardening, motor cars and I have been a member of Rotary for 40 odd years.

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

My first full time job was with the State Savings Bank of Victoria which lasted 6 years and included two years National Service. I was always doing anything that would enable me to purchase a car when I turned 18. This included paper rounds, working at a service station and delivering fruit boxes on the handlebars of my bike. Whilst in the Bank, I worked various part time jobs including bus driving, taxi driving and cleaning. Two years after meeting my wife on a blind date, we moved with our young daughters to Townsville to manage the Coolabah Motel which my wife's parents owned. I then joined the real estate industry after noticing that the top agents seemed to all be driving very nice cars! During this time I owned the Ray White franchise in Charters Towers Road.

We moved to Brisbane in 1997 where our eldest daughter had already spent a year living at Duchesne on the UQ campus and our second daughter was heading off to UQ also.



We bought a home in Indooroopilly and I began selling real estate in the surrounding suburbs. Most fulfilling aspect of being a real estate agent was auctioneering and selling a home 'under the hammer'.

What is your favourite song?

"Blue Spanish Eyes" Al Martino and Yanni's version of "The Flower Duet" aria

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

My wife and I learnt ballroom dancing for a number of years.

When it came to learning the tango, it became apparent that our marriage was more important than mastering this splendid and exhilarating dance with wonderful music.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Impatience!

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

Never give up!

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

Winston Churchill, Kerry Packer and the current CEO of Macquarie Bank, Shemara Wikramanayake

Best advice for your bridge partner

Forget about the last hand, let's get into the next one.

Doubled No Trumps? by Leonard Raven-Hill (1932).



Pat Duckworth and Bruce Bowden



Gayleen Brown



Bill Golding and Joy Dean



Elsie Stubbs and Di Jones



YES, BUT I DIDN'T
MAKE A FREE BID.
MINE WAS A
SECONDARY BID

IF YOU HAD
PLAYED THE
PENULTIMATE
YOU WOULD
HAVE MADE
AN EXTRA
TRICK

I WAS WRONG IN
PLAYING MY MINOR
TENACE INSTEAD
OF THE MAJOR

I SHOULD THINK
YOU WOULD HAVE
MADE A PRE-EMPTIVE
BID WITH THAT
HAND. IT WAS
ALMOST A
PIANOLA

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE
IT BUT LAST WEEK I
HELD A YARBOROUGH
THREE TIMES IN ONE
EVENING

A WHAT!

NOTE - THE
DEFINITION OF
YARBOROUGH IS -
A HAND WHICH
CONTAINS NO CARD
HIGHER THAN NINE

SEBSTER