

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



November is traditionally a month with few events other than regular club sessions. The month started with the Novice Teams event won by the Lee team. Congratulations to Stephen and Annette Lee, Jan Nettle and Michelle Jones for their win. Once again, the Ingham Bridge Club Christmas party was well supported by our club members with thirteen pairs from Townsville attending.

This month saw a number of well attended Christmas events, starting with the Festive Teams, the Wednesday night restricted conventions Christmas breakup and the club Christmas party on Monday 16 December. Leading up to the Christmas party the club conducted a raffle and other fundraising events and club members each donated a token to the fund on the day. A presentation was made to representatives of the Yumba-Meta women's shelter who attended. This year the club raised \$1223.50 to support the shelter.



The 2025 Club Calendars are available for those who have not collected theirs. Thanks to Devan Mitchell for arranging printing and labelling of the Calendars.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Wilfred Tapiolas



courtesy – Adrian Raeside

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Coleen Evenson **Bronze state**



RECENT GRAND SLAMS

JOYCE MCARTHUR / ANNE MURPHY

PAT LEIGHTON / ROBYN NOLAN

CATHY CRAWFORD / GLADYS TULLOCH

JEFF STEPHENS/LYN GADSBY

PHIL RAINS/STEPHEN LEE

BETTY HOBDELL/LESLEIGH ROONEY

VIVIENNE OTTO/AUDREY LEDBROOK

GARRY BOLTON/GREG LAWLER

PHIL RAINS/ANNETTE LEE

GLORIA MACDONALD/PETER HOUSDEN

IAN LEECH/NINA DOYLE

TONY BYRNE/ROSLYN SNEDDON

ANNETTE MCKENZIE/JANA ZRNO

ROSEMARY GLASTONBURY/ROBYN NOLAN

PAM JAMIESON / BRUCE BOWDEN

70 Percenters - Last 6 Months

JOAN ELLIOTT and BETTY HOBDELL

BETTY HOBDELL and ROBYN NOLAN

KELLY WALKER and JO-ANNE GILLIS

CHED TWYMAN and GEOFF ALLEN

KEN MANDERS and PATRICIA LARSEN

LEIGH OWENS and JAN SMITH

JOHN TREDREA and IAN PATTERSON



DONATING TO WOMENS' SHELTER



Thankyou
everyone for your
generous
donations - this
year we raised
\$1223.50 to
support this
worthy cause.



Australia Day Weekend Congress

Pairs and Teams

24-27 January 2025

Tournament Directors: Bill Bishop

Leigh Owens

Jan Smith

A QBA Approved Red Point Congress



Keith Ramsbotham shield

Peter Elliott (vice president), Bret Ramsbotham, Betty Hobdell, Rosemary Glastonbury, graham Ramsbotham. Presentation of the for the 7th time.





Bring a Friend



LOTS OF FUN

TUESDAY AT 1pm till 4 pm

Joan Elliott's social cards on Tuesday afternoon are now an important part of the club's social calendar.

The session attracts around 30 people who enjoy playing card games like hand and foot, Key wild, canasta and 5 crowns.

Also, if you bring 3 others along you can also participate in a game of social bridge.

It's great value!!!

Only \$5 for a lovely afternoon of entrainment with friends and it includes afternoon tea. All profits go to the club.





A VERY WARM WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB

Mark Halpin, Julian Romanik, Jim Crowe. Welcome back from the Tablelands - Bruce Bowden and Pam Jamieson.



DIRECTOR PLEASE!!!



The Club has a very limited numbers of Directors and some of these Directors now wish to retire because of age or ill health.

If the Club is to continue to function satisfactorily it is essential that additional Directors are available to conduct bridge sessions and competitions and to relieve the burden on the present Directors

Club Members are urged to give serious consideration to becoming a Director if they wish the Club is to continue to function in a satisfactory manner by adding their names to the list in the foyer.

Club Director Training

Training for Club Directors will commence when the club has, Names and Day/Time available of attendees.

The Training will consist of 2 Hour sessions for the following topics:

- Compscore3 (using a laptop with compscore loaded)
- BridgeMates
- Laws (the most common calls)
- Mini sessions to combine all of the above.



Did you know?

Origin of the Christmas Tree

The use of evergreen trees, wreaths, and garlands to symbolize eternal life was a custom of the ancient Egyptians, Chinese, and Hebrews.

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition—as we now know it—in the 16th century.

While the Christmas tree originated in Germany, it was Britain's Queen Victoria and Prince Albert who popularised it in the 1840s and 1850s.

Victoria's mother, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, was German so she grew up having a decorated tree at Christmas time.

But the idea of decorating a whole tree was not common in Britain until a drawing of the royal family celebrating around a decorated Christmas tree in Windsor Castle was published by the Illustrated London News in 1848.



The first Christmas card, as the term is now understood, is believed to have been designed in England in 1843.



Bridge Problems, Will Dummy Go Spades?

Leonard Raven-Hill (1932)

BRIDGE PROBLEMS
WILL DUMMY GO SPADES ?



BRIDGEMATES.....

Denise Bayliss, Sheila Hoolihan



Noreen Massey, Mary Bloxham, Fay Blower and Bernie Morton





Michael Suthers, Daphne Crimston, Barbara Hospers and Beth Whebell



Barbara Hospers and Darryl Robinson

OF COURSE HE GUMMED THE HAND BY DISCARDING HIS 6 OF SPADES ON THE LAST TRICK.

STRANGE HE HESITATES ABOUT IT - HIS PARTNER ECHOED

YEAH, HE SHOULD HAVE DISCARDED HIS TREY OF HEARTS

I'D LIKE TO BE PLAYING THAT HAND I'LL BET I COULD MAKE A LITTLE SLAM OUT OF IT WITH MY EYES SHUT

THERE'S JUST ONE CARD FOR HIM TO LEAD - IF HE DOESN'T LEAD THAT HE GETS SET 4 TRICKS

UH - UH! NOT THAT ONE!



THE GALLERY

LESTER