



Townsville Bridge Club

Newsletter

MARCH 2024



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The torrential downpour early in March caused the box gutter to overflow and flood part of the clubhouse. This was caused by mango leaves blown onto the roof during cyclone Kirrily. The roof and gutter have now been cleaned, and a plumber has checked the roof and box gutter.

As the club was successful in obtaining a grant to replace the floor covering and printer, the flooring contractor was able to start work while the tables had been moved. This work is being done over three (3) weeks so that there is no disruption to normal bridge sessions.

I would like to thank everyone who helped clean up the mess caused by the leak, and who helped move tables and other furniture so that the floor coverings could be replaced. All work should be completed by Easter.

The committee has offered to the old copier to Cleveland Bay Bridge Club, and it has been taken to their club house.

March started with the Gold Point GNOT Teams 1st Qualifying Event which was won by the Bishop Tam (Bill Bishop, Geoff Allen, Jan Smith, Lee Owens). This was followed by the Wednesday Pairs Restricted Connections Event held over three Wednesdays and was won by Joyce McArthur and Andree Galeano.

The final major event in March was the Clive Bennett Memorial Pairs. The open section was won by Ched Twyman and Gloria MacDonald and the novice section was won by Lynne Worley and Jana Zrno. It is pleasing to see that a different pair has won each section for each of the years since it has been held.

Next month the Gold Point GNOT 2nd Qualifying will be held in Ingham, and the Red Point One Day Match Point Pairs Event will be held on

Saturday 13th at our club. I have been asked to remind everyone who has 100 MP or fewer as at 31st March, that the Australia Wide Novice Pairs Event is being held on Monday 27th May.

Recently the club received the sad news that Heather Colbert's husband Ray had passed away and on behalf of all members, I would like to offer our condolences to Heather and her family.

Wilfred Tapiolas



Our sincere condolences to Heather Colbert and her family on the recent loss of her husband RAY SIMPSON.



RECENT RESULTS

Clive Bunnett Open Final

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| 1st Place | Ched Twyman and Gloria Macdonald |
| 2nd Place | Bill Bishop and Beth Whebell |
| 3rd Place | Vivienne Otto and Reg Burton |

Clive Bunnett Novice Final

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| 1st Place | Lynne Worley and Jana Zrno |
| 2nd Place | Frances Summerhayes and Terry Hughes |
| 3rd Place | Toni Barrell and Gary Bolton |

Pairs Restricted Connections Event

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| 1st Place | Joyce Mcarthur and Andree Galeano |
| 2nd Place | Gloria Macdonald and Luthile Arlett |
| 3rd Place | Jeanette McKenzie and Anne Murphy |

GNOT Teams Townsville Qualify

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| 1st Place Team | Bill BISHOP - Geoff ALLEN - Jan SMITH - Leigh OWENS |
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Courtesy Adrian Raeside



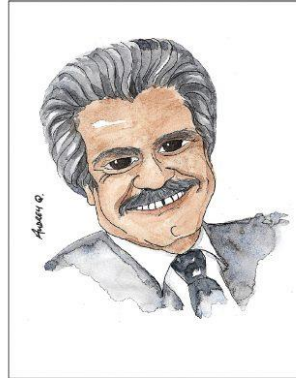


RECENT PROMOTIONS

Chris Tweddell	Silver Local
Roslyn Sneddon	Bronze Local
Luthile Arlett	Local
Toni Barrell	Club
Annette Lee	Club

WANTED

Bridge Partner



- Who plays like Omar Sharif
- Who looks like Johnny Depp
- Who has the patience of Mother Teresa



Courtesy Audrey Q

LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, ideas or feedback for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric or email them to me - aberic@tpg.com.au





Recently we purchased a new photocopier from the Grant we received from the Gaming Community Benefit Fund. As our old photocopier was now surplus to our needs, so we asked Cleveland Bay Bridge Club could they use it, which they gladly accepted.



Thank you to Di Garside for donating a filing cabinet to the Club.

As you would know by now, the carpet has been replaced due to a leak caused by an intense storm.



Member Profile: **ELINOR MURRAY**



When and where did you first play Bridge?

I learned the rudiments when I was a child, and played a bit (very badly) in my early 20s.

Who introduced you to bridge?

My parents, Doug and Margaret Smith.

Who taught you to play bridge?

Elsie Stubbs taught me to play properly in 2013, and all my Bridge partners (past, present and future) teach me stuff every time I play!

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

I was born in England and grew up in Northern Ireland. Both my parents were teachers, Dad progressed to tertiary education administration. I had an older sister and a younger brother, both of whom are, alas, now deceased. I was very into horses when I was growing up, and some of my favourite memories are of riding around the country lanes in Northern Ireland.

Did you have a nickname at school? If so, why did the name arise.

Not at school, but I gave myself the nickname Eyore as I related to his character.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

I don't hate any chore, but I am a great procrastinator – my domestic "to-do" list is many pages long, and some of the items on it are many years old.

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

I like walking, especially on the Strand, and I love yoga. I also have 2 grandsons.

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

My first job was baby sitting while I was at school, then I progressed to collecting eggs (at Betts poultry farm at Yabulu) and working in the kitchen of a Chinese take-away while I was at James Cook University. After I got my degree, I worked as a research assistant at the (then) three Universities in Sydney until I stopped work in 1989 to have my 2 children. In 2000 I got a job with Queensland Health and have been there ever since. My current job in Data Quality is my favourite.

If you could be an animal what would it be and why?

One of my cats, because they lack for nothing!





What is your favourite song?

I have many favourites, depending upon my mood, but they all come from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

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

I won a horse riding trophy in my 40s.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Bossiness, just ask my husband!

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Charlie Georgees as it turns out, but I didn’t know it.

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

It is none of my business what other people think of me.

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

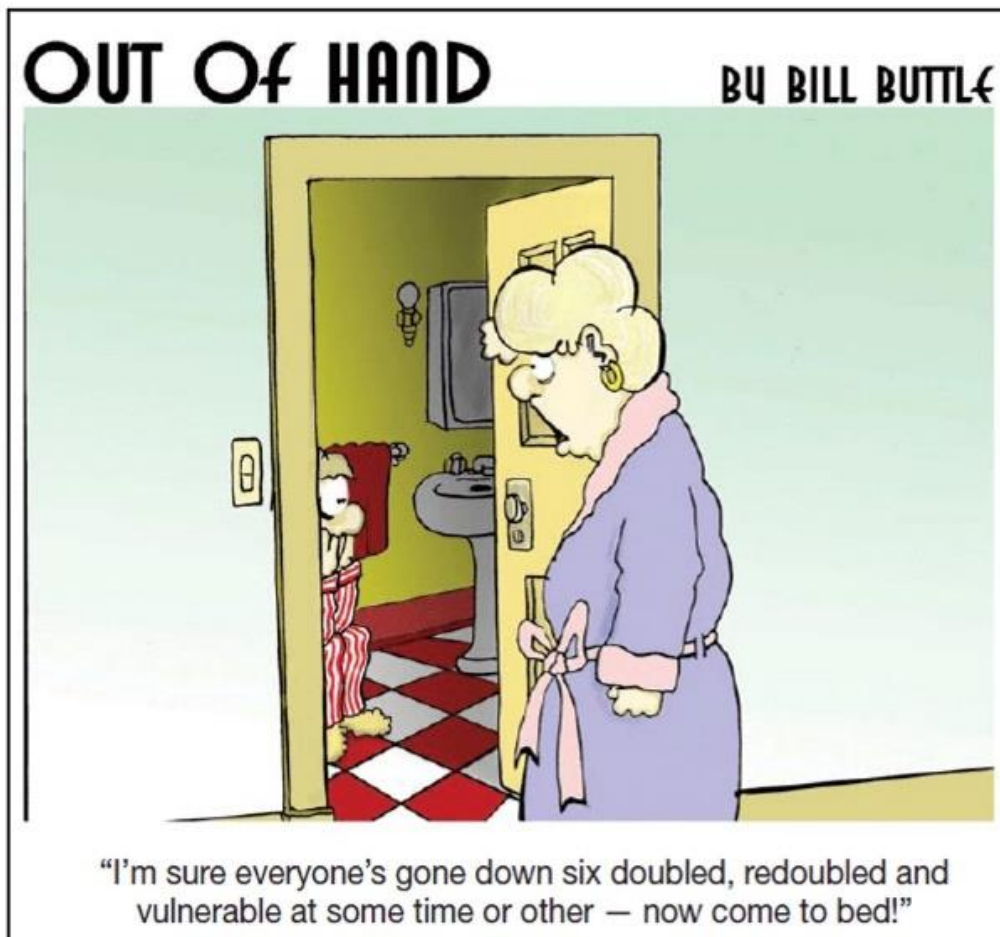
Charlie Georgees, because I think we could have been at JCU at the same time; Agatha Christie, because she was an extremely interesting person apart from being a great novelist; Penny Wong, because I like her style.

Best advice for your bridge partner

Please don’t take me too seriously.

Do you have a joke?

What is big and red and eats rocks? A Big, Red, Rock Eater (thanks, Dr Seuss).



Source – Bill Buttle. We also acknowledge the kind consent given from Linda Buttle to publish.



Bridge for Beginners

CAREFUL PLAY

Auction:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1D	1S	2D
2S	3D	Pass	Pass
3S	All Pass		

South leads the D2 and you see:

J 10 6 4	A K Q 5 2
A 3	10 7 5 2
A 9 7 6	8
10 8 5	9 3 2

STOP! PLAN!

You have 3 club losers and 1 heart loser. You need to trump your two small hearts.

If you play too fast and draw trumps, you will go down when spades are 3-1 (as they were) – you will only be able to ruff one heart in dummy (not two).

AQer winning the DA, just cash the HA and exit with a small heart. Now you will be able to trump your two small hearts. It really can be an easy game!

Courtesy: Barbara Travis



BID BETTER

Courtesy: Barbara Travis



Your hands:

Dealer

A 5 K Q J 10 9 3 2

J 9 4 A Q 7

A K Q J 5 2 4 3

J 6 A

On a Friday afternoon, only two pairs bid to 7NT (and one pair to 7S).

A possible auction:

1D	1S
3D (1)	4NT
5C (0 or 3 key cards)	5H (DQ ask)
5NT (2)	7NT



(1) 3D rebid shows 6+ decent diamonds, approx 16-18 points now.

East should just use RKCB, ostensibly setting diamonds. You don't actually want to set spades, because you already know about the solid suit (apart from the King). Finding solid diamonds is more relevant to your hand.

Once West shows 3 key cards, check for the DQ via the Queen ask. Then you bid 7NT. You know partner holds the SA and DAKQxxx. Count the winners: 7 spades, 6 diamonds, 1 heart, 1 club.

On the other hand, if you have an auction where East uses RKCB for spades and finds the 2 missing key cards, when they bid 5NT (all key cards held), West should respond 7S to show solid diamonds, then East should "correct" to 7NT – counting the same 15 winners.

Courtesy: Barbara Travis

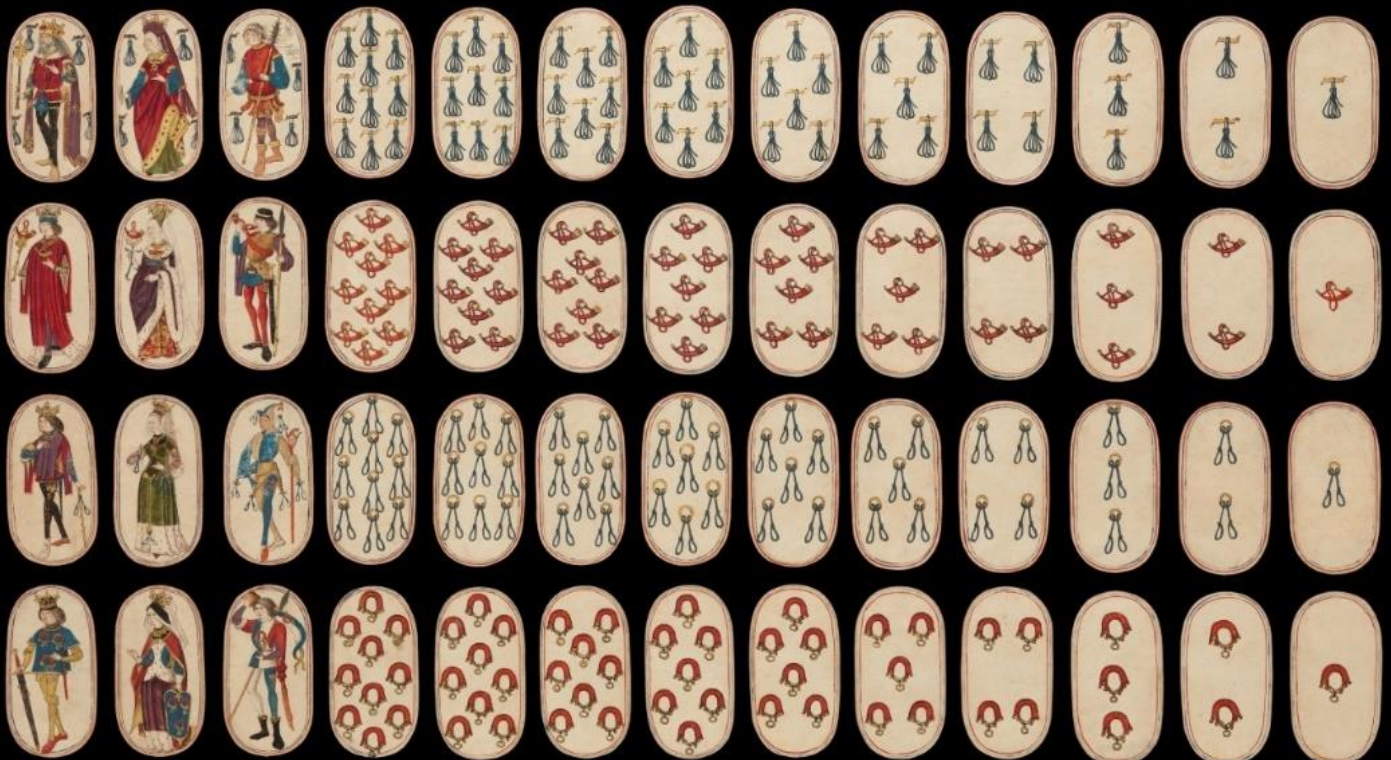


Did you know?

PLAYING cards were invented by the Chinese around AD1000. They reached Europe around 1300s

The World's Oldest complete set of ordinary 52 playing cards (see below) are The Flemish Hunting Deck, which were made in Europe in the 15th century. This deck is held by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who bought the set in 1983 for \$143,000.

According to the Metropolitan Museum of Art website, This deck "is the only known complete deck of illuminated ordinary playing cards (as opposed to tarot cards) from the fifteenth century. There are four suits, each consisting of a king, queen, knave, and ten pip cards. The suit symbols, based on equipment associated with the hunt, are hunting horns, dog collars, hound tethers, and game nooses. The value of the pip cards is indicated by appropriate repetitions of the suit symbol"



BRIDGEMATES.....



Geoff Allen, Julie Gregory
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Janene Dutton, Denise Bayliss, Del Ward, Laurie Kelso and Pam Andrews





Gayleen
Brown,
Aileen
Keogh and
Lesleigh
Rooney

Lynn Richardson and Steve Easton



STOP GO

I WILL BID
FOUR
WITHOUT

I'LL BID -
UH - H ---
M - M ----

THE LATEST SIGNAL
ADOPTED BY THE MAN WHOSE
WIFE IS A CHRONIC
OVERBIDDER

GERSTER