



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to welcome all members of the new management committee elected at the 2025 AGM, particularly those members who are joining the committee for the first time, and to thank the retiring members.

As you will all be aware the Cleveland Bay Bridge Club have had to leave the premises that they have occupied for many years in Mooney Street as a result of not being able to renew their lease. The management committees of both clubs met and finalised arrangements for Cleveland Bay to sub-lease our clubhouse at an agreed monthly rental. The property leasing officer has approved the arrangement and requested a copy of the sub-lease agreement when it has been executed. There have been some teething problems arising, particularly on Thursdays when both clubs hold sessions. I am sure with some goodwill shown by members of both clubs these issues will be quickly resolved.

The Magnetic Teams Congress was held at the beginning of September with 14 teams competing and was won by the Sheedy team from Mackay. I would like to congratulate the Elliott team (Joan, Margaret Dousset, John and Margie Toogood) who won the B grade and came third overall and were the best placed Townsville team.

The Monday teams event held in September was won by the Nolan team (Robyn, Di Garside, Betty Hobdell, Ken Manders).

The Keith Ramsbotham pairs was played over three Fridays and was won by Rosemary Glastonbury and Betty Hobdell whose names will be placed on the shield.

The Melbourne Cup function was again a great day with similar numbers to last year. Thanks to Devon Mitchell who organised the event and sweeps, and Ann Smith and everyone else who helped on the day.

The last honor board event for the year, the Club Championship Teams was held in November, and won with a narrow margin by the Hobdell Team (Betty Hobdell, Ian Patterson, Rosemary Glastonbury, Robyn Nolan)

You may have heard that Sylvie van Rossum our member from Ayr, has been giving bridge lessons in Ayr with up to 19 learners. Sylvie and Peter Elliott arranged for six pairs from Townsville to visit Ayr on Tuesday 18 November to play with six Ayr pairs. The day was a great success. Sylvie arranged for the Townsville players to sit NS and the Ayr learners EW to enable the experienced players to offer advice. Bridge mates and boards were taken down and you can see the results on our

website. It is intended to conduct another visit to Ayr in the New Year and I feel sure we will gain new members from the Burdekin for the Club.

Beth Whebell, one of our longtime members, is relocating to Adelaide to be nearer her family. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Beth for her past service and wish her well for the future.

The 2026 Club calendar should be available for collection before Christmas.

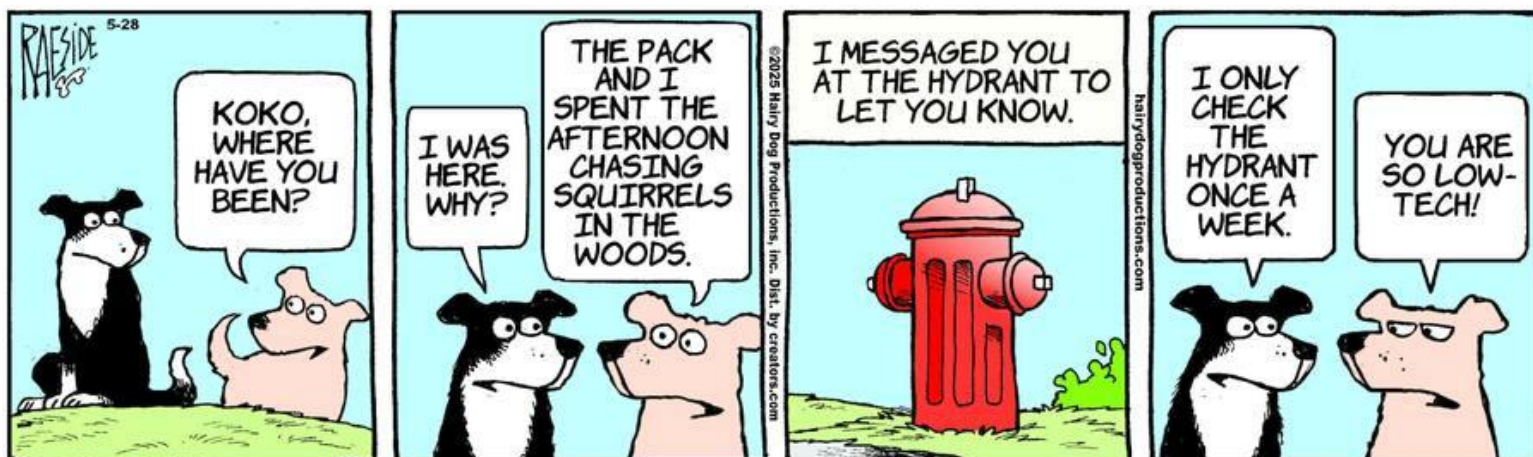
Wilfred Tapiolas

RECENT PROMOTIONS

JEFF STEPHENS **SILVER LOCAL**
GARY BOLTON **SILVER LOCAL**
GRAHAM SANDERSON **LOCAL**

RECENT GRAND SLAMS

DONNA FITCH / DI GARSIDE
DI GARSIDE / GAY LOUGHNANE



Courtesy – Adrian Raeside

Richard Pavlicek:

My partner makes random signals on every hand. The good news is that he false cards so much they all appear normal.

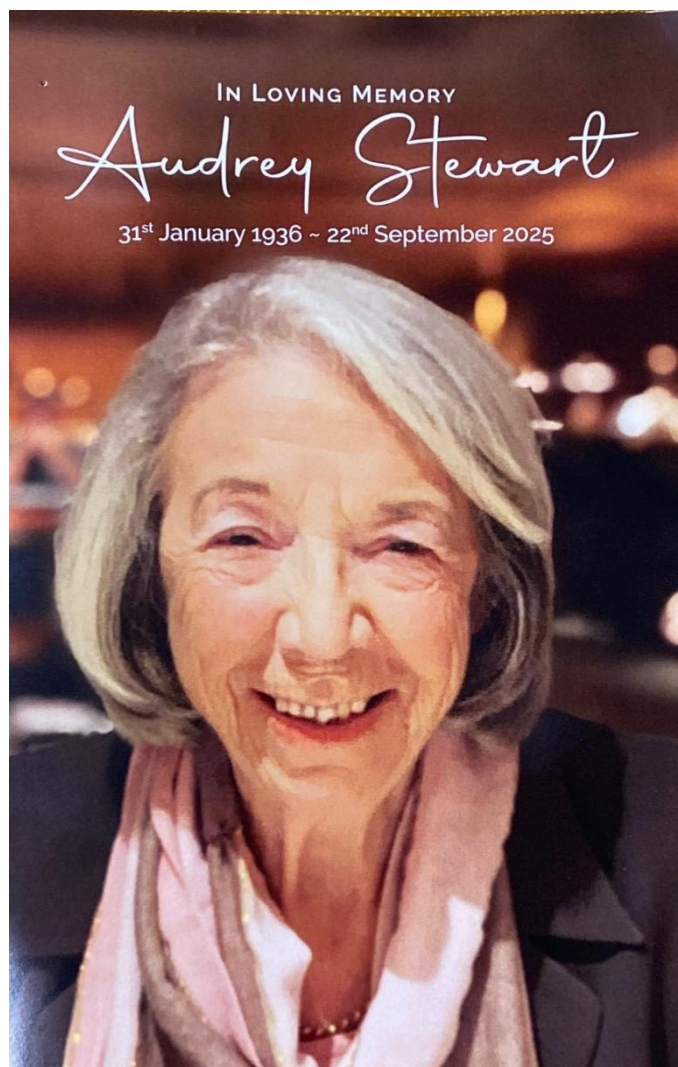
Eddie Kantar:

- My partner is 20 years behind the times. he still thinks you need high cards to bid.
- Your play was much better tonight and so were your excuses.
- We play forcing hesitations.



Heather Colbert at Ingham being innovative – when soup is too thin no choice but to drink it!

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Audrey Stewart. Rest in Peace.



Manicure Fad for Bridge Players (May, 1931)

Manicure Fad for Bridge Players

AND now comes the bridge manicure — the latest bright idea which adds to the fun of the game for bridge addicts! In this fad, to have your nails properly manicured for a bridge game you must have a heart, a diamond, a spade and a club enamelled on each finger nail, and a question mark on the thumbnail for no-trumps. The photo at the right shows Miss Martha Zamm of Los Angeles, originator of the fad, with fingers properly decorated for a game. Symbols are painted in black on the nails.



Miss Martha Zamm, with her finger nails painted with card symbols for bridge.

TOWNSVILLE AND AYR CLUBS COMING TOGETHER

On Tuesday 18th November a group of 12 players from Townsville travelled to Ayr to play against ladies who have been

learning bridge this year under the tutelage of Sylvia Van Rossum.

What a wonderful day we had. The ladies put on a beautiful morning tea/lunch for us and welcomed us with open arms.





MELBOURNE CUP FESTIVITIES



Winner of best hat. Best dressed man. Trudy is dressed in same colours as the winning jockey - Myles and Donna Clarkson

Jan Nettle is best dressed woman.







Giving Up Bridge?

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain.
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
I'm giving up Bridge – Tonight is a bad night.
Declarer is horrid - Nothing's gone right.

I'm giving up Bridge – Tonight is my last night.
It's Amen to Stayman – Yes, I give up the fight
So for now it's all over - I'm off to the backwood
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.
When he says "double" I know we're in trouble
My points are not high and I wonder why
he keeps on bidding right into the sky.

You force your partner and yet he passes,
you deny, and yet he still bids high.
The score on the other side amasses,
and yet, you do not utter even a sigh.

We're in Seven Spades and all hope fades,
when surprise, surprise, the high bidding pays
We're winning all tricks; the defenders feel sick
I have to admit my partner's a brick.

RECENT RESULTS



CLUB TEAMS HONOUR BOARD EVENT

1st Place Betty Hobdell - Ian Patterson - Rosemary Glastonbury - Robyn Nolan

2nd Place Leigh Owens - Kelly Walker - Bill Bishop - Jan Smith

3rd Place Delma Johnson - Ann Smith- Margie Toogood - John Toogood

Keith Ramsbotham Shield - OVERALL

1st Place ROSEMARY GLASTONBURY - BETTY HOBDELL

MAGNETIC CONGRESS

Walk-in Pairs

N/S

1st Place Alexander Long - Peerapan Maslen

2nd Place Felicity Horne – Trudy Low

3rd Place Luthile Arlett – Anthony Wilson

E/W

1st Place Delma Johnson – Toni Barrell

2nd Place Ched Twyman – Ian Patterson

3rd Place Jan smith – Leigh Owens

Magnetic Swiss Teams (September 2025)

1st Place

A grade Tex Sheedy - Janelle Conroy - Alexander Long - Peerapan Maslen

B Grade John Toogood - Margie Toogood - Joan Elliott - Margaret Dousset

C Grade Nina Doyle - Ian Leach - Garry Bolton - Greg Lawler

A Grade 3rd and B Grade 1st. Del Ryan Memorial Pairs Mackay.



Robyn Nolan, Pat Leighton, Bill Bishop and Leigh Owens

Nina Doyle, Sam Bishop, Ann Smith and Ian Leach



Clarice Suthers Memorial Pairs (Cleveland Bay Bridge Club)

1st Bill Redhead and Pat Larkin

2nd Gloria MacDonald and Ian Patterson

3rd Fred Cole and Robert Mischlewski

HANDICAP WINNERS

1st FRED COLE - ROBERT MISCHLEWSKI; 2nd TRUDY LOW - ANDREE GALEANO;

Etiquette at the Bridge Table



Your Management Committee is keen to promote high standards of b etiquette at the Club. Etiquette is about displaying good common sense.

Courtesy is the Golden Rule. Be careful not to make any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to any other player or which might interfere with their enjoyment of the game.

It is good practice to greet your new opponents at the table and to thank you opponents before moving to the next table.

When calling the Director, do so in a courteous manner and be mindful of your tone. It is courteous to say "please". This recognizes the valued service the Director provides bridge players.

Once the bidding has commenced, general conversation is not encouraged at the table. Before the first board begins it is certainly permissible to exchange pleasantries with partner and the opponents.

It is courteous to either turn off (or make silent) your mobile phone at the table. A phone ringing during play is a distraction and can break concentration. If it is absolutely vital that you have your phone on, then leave it on 'vibrate'.

Bridge is a competitive game and we all need to respect the rights of other players to enjoy the game by being courteous and respectful.

Bill Pickering



Happy 90th Birthday to Trevor Hunt and John Larkin



AN INTERESTING HAND by Bruce Bowden

Advanced play example:

There was a great example in hand **19** last Saturday (1 Nov. 2025) of how to make what at first looks like an impossible slam contract using a squeeze play:

BD: 19	♠87	Dir: S
	♥8	Vul: EW
	♦J874	
	♣T96432	
♠AK53		♠Q42
♥A9654		♥KQJT732
♦Q9		♦K
♣Q7		♣A8
	♠JT96	
	♥	
	♦AT6532	
	♣KJ5	

After West opens “one heart” East should bid (with whatever system is being played) to set the contract at 6 hearts. There is no problem making 12 tricks if the lead is a heart, a spade or a diamond provided declarer, after drawing the one trump forces out the opposition’s diamond Ace with the diamond King before the club Ace is played, as the small club can then be discarded from dummy on the diamond queen. There is an over-supply of trumps in dummy to trump the 4th spade in declarer’s hand after the A, K and Q have been played.

How do you make the contract when you get a Club lead from North at trick 1 (an obvious lead) and have to use your Ace of clubs immediately?

(On the day, nobody in the slam made it when a club was led).

There is now a likely club loser as well as the Diamond Ace, and no *obvious* place to discard it unless N and S both have 3 spades (which isn’t the case). South as it turns out holds *all the cards* that are a threat to making the contract (AD, KC and 4 spades that include the J and 10). A squeeze play works because South can’t keep all three suits covered when you make the play.

So, after taking the AC, **play 7 rounds of trumps!**

South must find 7 discards as that hand has no trumps. The 5 small diamonds and a small club are obvious choices for the first 6 heart discards, but for the 7th discard the choice is between AD, KC or one of the 4 spades, (so probably South will chose a spade as declarer’s 4 card spade suit is undisclosed), while declarer only requires 2 discards (a diamond first and then **NOT** the same suit that South discards on the seventh heart lead). Declarer now will have an additional winner (probably the 4th spade if South doesn’t discard one of AD and KC) before conceding trick 13 to NS making the contract.

Judy Hunt, Ian Patterson, Keith Ramsbotham and Betty Hobdell



John Tredrea, Robyn Nolan, Phil Rains, and Lesleigh Rooney



Pat Allen, Geoff Allen, ??,



Hugh McAllister, Betty Hobdell, Di McAllister, and Rosemary Glastonbury



SHALL I
SERVE THE
COFFEE
NOW, MA'AM?

COFFEE? NO!
BRING ME A
DAGGER —
THE ONE WITH
THE PEARL
HANDLE