



Since the last newsletter in February the club has held a number of significant events. The Club Championship Pairs was held in March and was won this year by Ian Patterson and Betty Hobdell whose names have been placed on the honour board.

The Great Barrier Reef Congress was held in May at the Townsville Stadium and was a great success with all seventy tables being sold out well in advance. I believe that this year's event was the largest Barrier Reef Congress conducted by the club. Once again I would like to thank

Toni Barrell and the organising committee and the many club members who volunteered during the congress. The logistics involved in conducting the congress were massive.

Both Stephen Fisher, President of ABF, and Richard Ward, President of QBA, were in attendance and congratulated the club at the farewell function for holding the best Barrier Reef Congress to date.

The club secured a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase 70 new tables used at the congress. These tables are in storage thanks to Anto Wilson and will be hired to the Cairns Bridge Club for the 2027 Congress. At this stage Garry Bolton, our Treasurer, has indicated that the congress will show a small profit, in spite of the council not giving the club a grant to help allay the cost of hiring the venue.

At the end of June the club held the Townsville Congress with twelve teams and twenty-eight pairs competing. This was down on last year with sixteen teams, but similar to 2024.

The club has arranged a one day bridge workshop to be conducted by Ron Klinger in Townsville on Sunday 10 January, 2027. The morning session topics will be for novice players and the afternoon for more advanced players. Ron conducted a similar workshop several years ago which was well received.

Wilfred Tapiolas

Courtesy – Adrian Raeside





RECENT PROMOTIONS

Jeanette McKenzie	National
Bill Pickering	Bronze State
Frances Summerhayes	State
Mary Overell	State
Gary Bolton	State
Jan Nettle	Bronze Local
Trevor Hunt	Bronze Local
Brad Ross	Local
Kevin Barker	Club
Sandra Crowe	Club

RECENT GRAND SLAMS

Nina Doyle / Ian Leach
Di Garside / Donna Fitch
Peter Housden / Glorias
Macdonald
Reg Burton / Vivienne Otto
Devan Mitchell/ Robyn Nolan
Leigh Owens / Jan Smith
Betty Hobdell / Ken Manders

70 Percenters Last 6 months

- Kelly Walker and Jo Gillis X 2
- Albert Beric Betty Hobdell
- Jan Smith and Leigh Owens
- Phil Rains and John Tredrea
- Wilfred Tapiolas and Dusk Care
- Betty Hobdell and Judy Hunt





Bridge for beginners

If the declarer leads from the wrong hand, which defender can accept the lead?

Either defender is allowed to accept the lead from the wrong hand but they are not allowed to consult each other.

The first defender to either explicitly state their acceptance or play a card to the trick legally validates the lead.



Did
you
know?

One of members has a **green** thumb!

Recently Lyn Joye harvested a tomato weighing **832 grams**.

Joy gets a lot of enjoyment growing tomatoes and caring for her garden.



Winning does not really matter, as long as you win.

Modern Times

I gave my young nephew a pack of cards; He spent 5 minutes looking for the battery slot.



Nola Church is an ex Townsville player/director and member of Australian team.

Source: Canberra Bridge Club

Nola, who died this week, was a stalwart of Canberra bridge for many years.

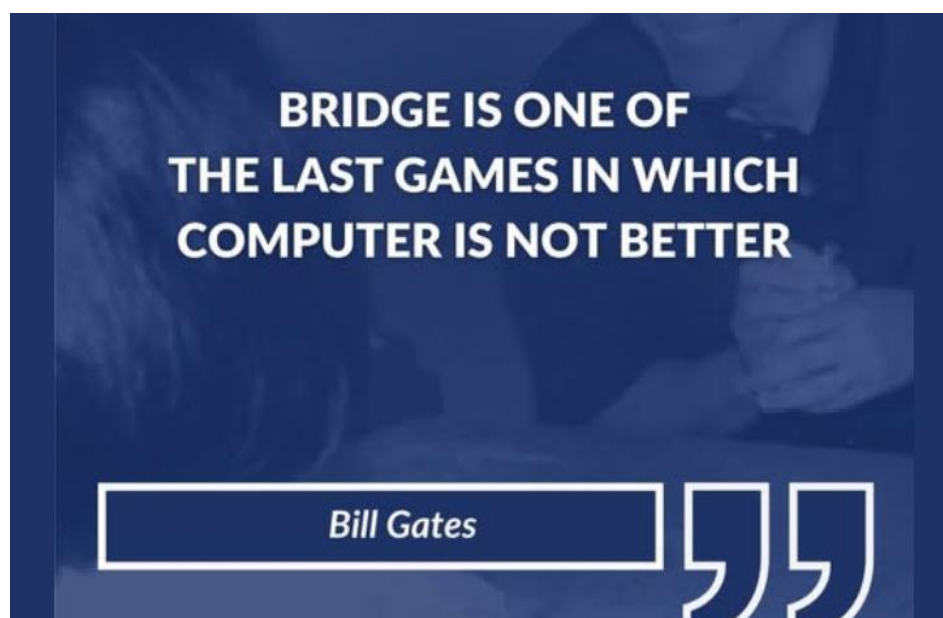
Like many Army wives, she spent much of her life moving around with her husband, John, an Army officer. Before I knew her, Nola spent a long period in Townsville, part of which coincided with John's active service in Vietnam. If I ever dared to challenge her view on a procedural matter at the table, she would remind me that she had directed in Townsville - only in jest as she was very pleased to have made the complete transition to player once she and John had settled in Canberra.

What a player she was; many learn to play the game effectively by various means but Nola was gifted. Evidence for this was her ability to judge highly competitive auctions accurately and this was backed by her courageous approach – after all, fortune favours the brave. As well as these skills she treated her partners and opponents kindly, ensuring everyone enjoyed the game as much as she did.

Her talent earned her a place on the Australian women's team and fourteen appearances for the ACT women's team. Her successes included three wins in the Interstate Women's Teams, a win in the Interstate Women's Pairs, a win in the Spring National Women's Teams and a win in the National Women's Teams in 2006. As I feared she might, she retired from competitive bridge very soon after that success – like Ash Barty, she knew when to go.

There was more to Nola than just the successful bridge player we all knew and admired. She also pitched in and helped in the running of the game. She shared my enthusiasm for golf, had a boundless sense of fun and was a great hostess. What more could you want in a bridge partner?

Vale Nola.





Contract Bridge -

Character Builder and Developer of proper Thinking Habits

Contract Bridge inherently provides an outstanding program for Self Development. This is evidenced in the following ways.

- 1. Contract is a challenge that constantly requires the player to use his imagination and Reasoning Powers even though it is disguised as a game.**
- 2. The Rules and Taboos of contract are such that even the most obstreperous must remain within the defined bound or be ostracized. This develops restraint and helps the individual learn to get along with those around him.**
- 3. Each player is on his own even though he has a partner - he must make his own decision. This develops Self reliance.**
- 4. The bidding and play must take into account the holding and actions of partner across the table. This teaches and drills the player to consider the thoughts of others.**
- 5. A player who plays or bids by impulse will discover time after time that he has made an irrevocable error, that his thinking came too late. This teaches Self Control.**
- 6. Contract is a relaxing hobby, the moment a person joins three others in contract combat, he cannot feel lonely and all worries and troubles vanish.**

These are but a few reasons why every individual should learn Contract Bridge.



The club sincerely thanks all those that helped make the Barrier Reef Congress a great success. Special mention and shout out to Toni Barrell for taking on the very important role of co-ordinator.





Pairs Results

Paul Lavings Vouchers

4th Place Novice not receiving prize elsewhere

ANNEMARIE STEVENSON / SONJA DE ROOY

Sessional winners

Open Session 1 Winners - David Appleton / Phil Markey

Open Session 2 Winners – Theresa Tully / Richard Ward

Restricted Session 1 Winners – SA Smith / Paul Smith

Restricted Session 2 Winners - Vilma Bonassi / Sally Ruttiman

Novice Session 1 Winners – Martin Pearce / Noel Saunders

Novice Session 2 Winners – Michelle Rafter / Rae Russell

OPEN - ERIC PARSONS TROPHY

- 1 HUGH MCGANN / JUSTIN MILL
- 2 PETE HOLLANDS / MIKE DOECKE
- 3 DAVID APPLETON / PHILIP MARKEY

Best BRC Zone Pair

Michael Byrne / Anthony Lusk

RESTRICTED PAIRS

- 1 SA SMITH / PAUL SMITH
- 2 VILMA BONASSI / SALLY RUTTIMAN
- 3 KATE O'DONNELL / HELEN BARAN

Best BRC Zone Restricted Pair

Helmut Geyer / Brian Tierney



BRC 2026 – Prize Schedule

Walk-ins

North-South

- 1 USHER ZENG - ANN LIU
- 2 PETER SCHMIDT - SUE SCHMIDT
- 3rd (Paul Lavings voucher) TEX SHEEDY - JANELLE CONROY

East-West

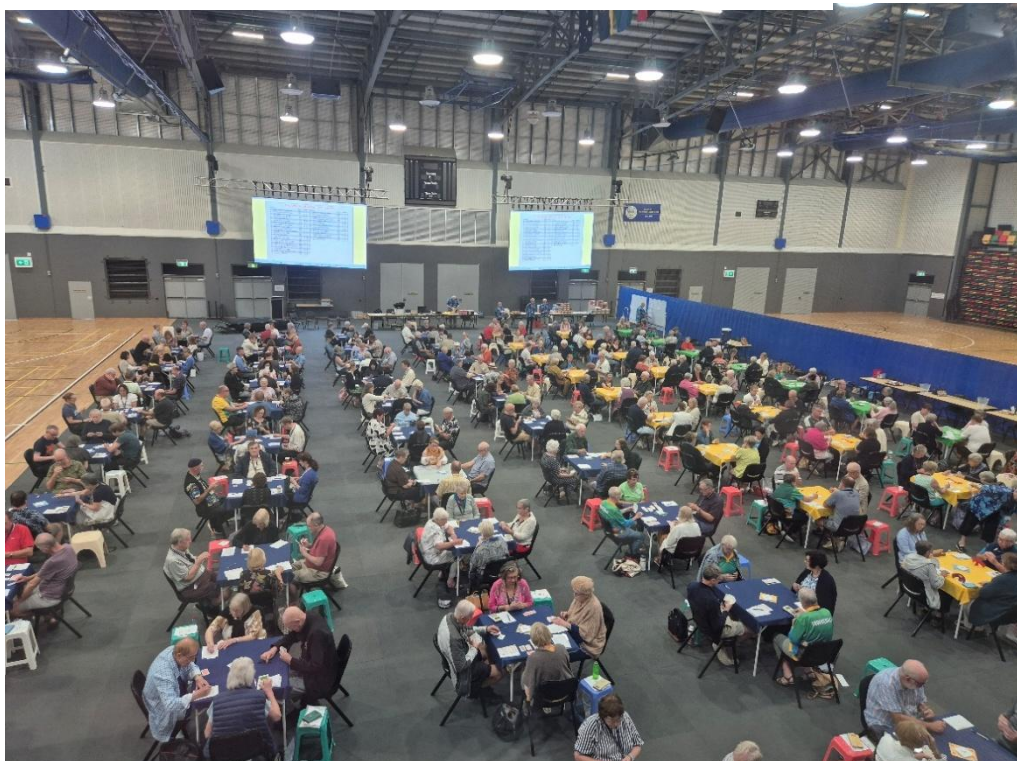
- 1 CONNIE DERKS - ANNE WAKELIN
- 2 JUSTINE MCALLISTER - MAUREEN BAXTER
- 3rd (Paul Lavings voucher) JAN HARRIS - BROEK HELEN VAN DEN

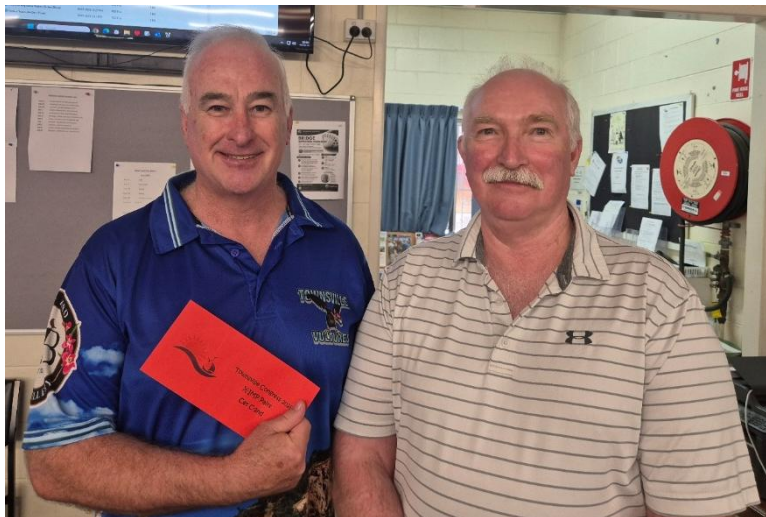
NOVICE PAIRS

- 1 MARTIN PEARCE / NOEL SAUNDERS
- 2 BRAD ROSS / STEPHEN LEE
- 3 CATHY MCKENZIE / MICHELE RAU

Best BRC Zone Novice Pair

Maureen Baxter / Justine McAllister





Brad Ross and Stephen Lee – 2nd Novice Pairs









TOWNSVILLE CONGRESS PAIRS

TEX SHEEDY / JANELLE CONROY	1st Place
PHIL RAINS / JOAN ELLIOTT	2nd Place
JOHN TREDREA / CHED TWYMAN	3rd Place
ANN SMITH/ ANTO WILSON	1st Place B Grade (and overall 5th)
JAN NETTLE/ MICHELE JONES	1ST Place C Grade (and overall 9th)

TOWNSVILLE CONGRESS TEAMS

1st Place	TEX SHEEDY JANELLE CONROY – DIANNE HOLEWA - MAX HOLEWA
1st Place C Grade	FRANCES SUMMERHAYES - TERRY HUGHES - LUTHILE ARLETT BRAD ROSS (overall 4 th)
1st Place B Grade	DELMA JOHNSON - HELEN LOVEGROVE - IAN LEACH – NINA DOYLE



**One Club - One Diamond
- One Heart - One
Moment**

Bridge Cartoon from the
1920s



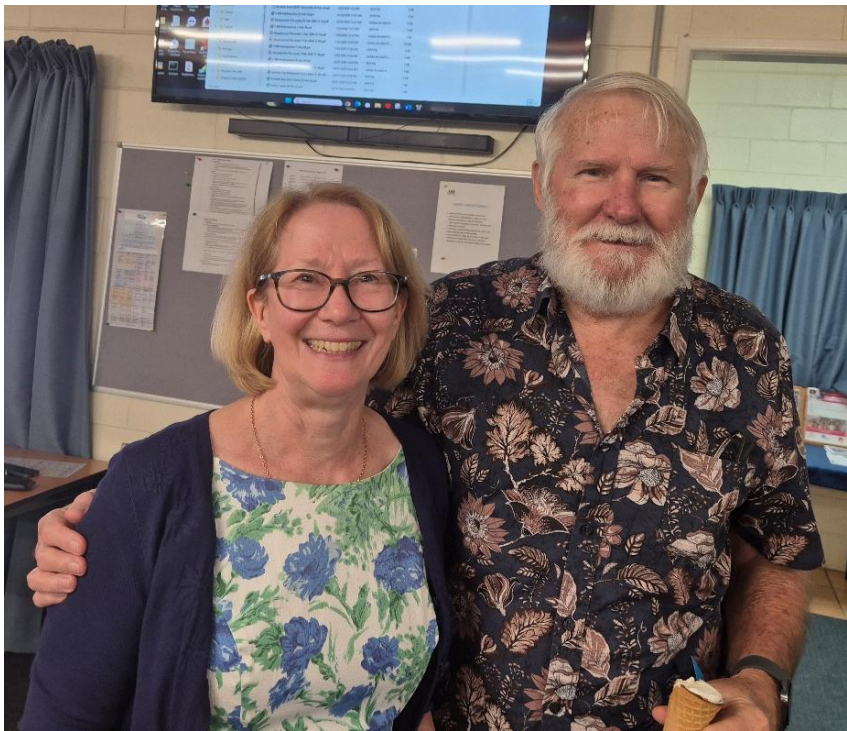
1st Place Tex Sheedy, Diane Holewa, Max Holewa and Janelle Conroy



1st Place C Category – Terry Hughes, Frances Summerhayes, Brad ross and Luthile Arlett



Walkin Pairs First – E/W
Luthile Arlett and Bill Bishop



Walkin Pairs 1st Place – N/S
Robyn Nolan and Pat Leighton



Pairs – 1st Place
Terry Sheddy
and Janelle
Conroy



Pairs – 1st Place C Grade

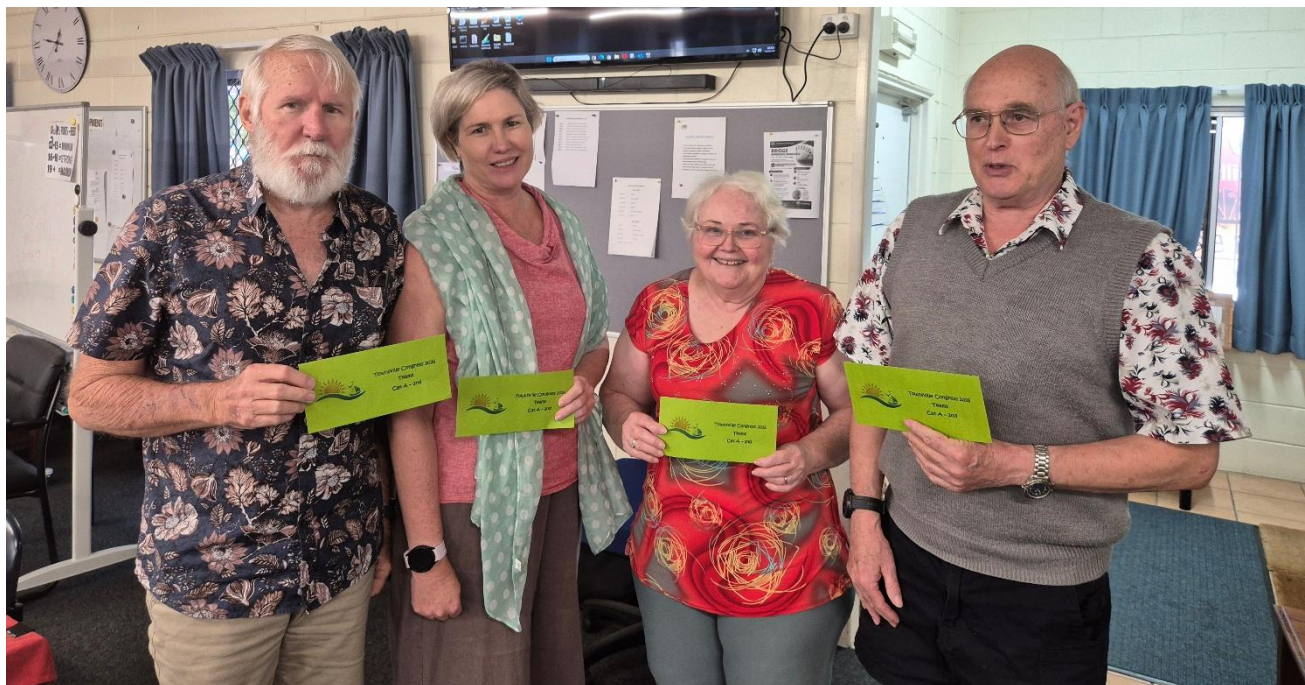
Michelle Janes and Jan Nettle



Pairs 2nd Place – Phil Rains and Joan Elliott



Pairs 3rd Place – John Tredrea and Ched Twyman



2nd place Teams – Bill Bishop, Kelly Walker, Jo Gillis and Leigh Owens



3rd Place Teams - Ched Twyman, John Tredrea, Pat Leighton and Robyn Nolan



**3rd Place
Category C**

Annette Lee,
Michelle
Jones, Jan
Nettle and
Stephen Lee



2nd Place Category C Teams - Jana Zrno, Bill Pickering, Gary Bolton and Greg Lawler

BOWEN CONGRESS

Reg Burton – Vivienne Otto

1st Place Walkin Pairs

Ann Smith – Di Garside

1st place B Cat (overall 5th)

Anto Wilson – Luthile Arlett

2nd Place B Cat (overall 7th) – C Grade Players

Judith Trelfall - Jayne Dalton

3rd C Cat

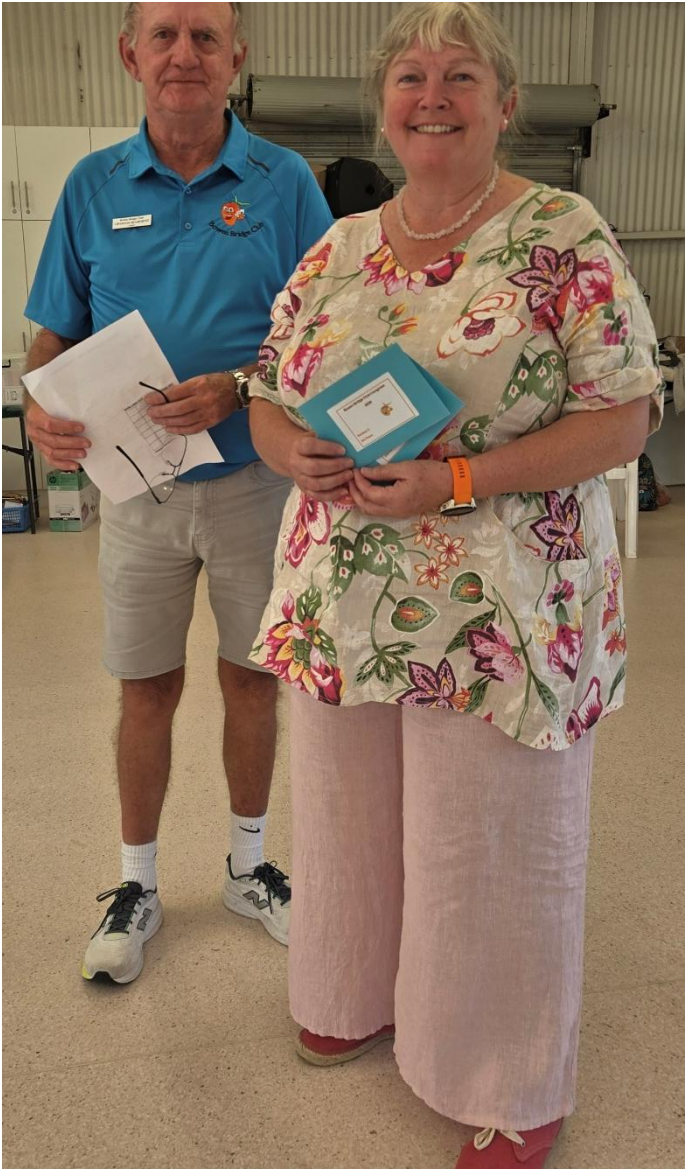
Kenn Winter - Jo Gillis

2nd EW in Walkins.





Luthile Arlett, Di Garside, Anto Wilson and Ann Smith – Playing at the Number 1 Table



Jayne Dalton



