

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The committee has set the annual subscription fees for the next twelve months at \$80 with the method approved at the 2023 AGM. Fees have to be approved at the AGM and become due on 30 September and must be paid no later than 31 October 2025.

This year's AGM will be held at 10.30 AM on Monday 29 September at which all committee positions will become vacant. I urge members who are able, to give consideration to nominating for the new committee as the club needs a vibrant committee with fresh ideas for its long-term future.

The Townsville Congress was held at the end of June with the best attendance for a number of years. The Butler Pairs was won by Ian Patterson and Betty Hobdell. The teams' event was won by the Leighton team (Pat Leighton, Robyn Nolan, Pat Larsen and Lesleigh Rooney).

The Zonal Pairs was held early in June and was won by Joan Elliott and Phil Rains.

The Under Nationals honour board event was conducted in July and was won by Anne Murphy and Joyce Macarthur.

The Cassowary Coast Matchpoint Pairs Congress at Mission Beach was held in August. This event is traditionally well supported by our club. Fifty-six pairs competed and I would like to congratulate Di Garside and Donna Fitch, who came second overall, an outstanding achievement.

This year's GNOT final was held at our club where eight teams competed. I would like to congratulate the Tredrea team (John Tredrea, Lesleigh Rooney, Robyn Nolan, Rosemary Glastonbury and Ched Twyman) for winning.

There are a lot of members in the club with a variety of skills and ability, and once again, I ask those members who feel that they can contribute to the long-term future of the club to consider nominating for the new committee.

Wilfred Tapiolas



*Courtesy
– Adrian
Raeside*

One Wish (Source: by Richard Pavlicek)

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you one wish."



The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a winning bridge player."

"Hmm... " the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."

Bedside Story

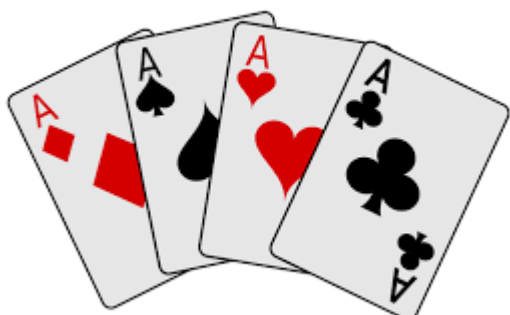
A bumbling bridge player explained to his regular partner how he planned to improve his game: "Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table." "Gee," his partner said, "how do you get any sleep?"

RECENT GRAND SLAMS

NINA DOYLE / IAN LEACH
 BETTY HOBDELL/JOAN ELLIOTT
 JAN SMITH / LEIGH OWENS
 JAYNE DALTON / BILL REDHEAD
 HELEN TAPIOLAS/WILFRED TAPIOLAS

RECENT PROMOTIONS

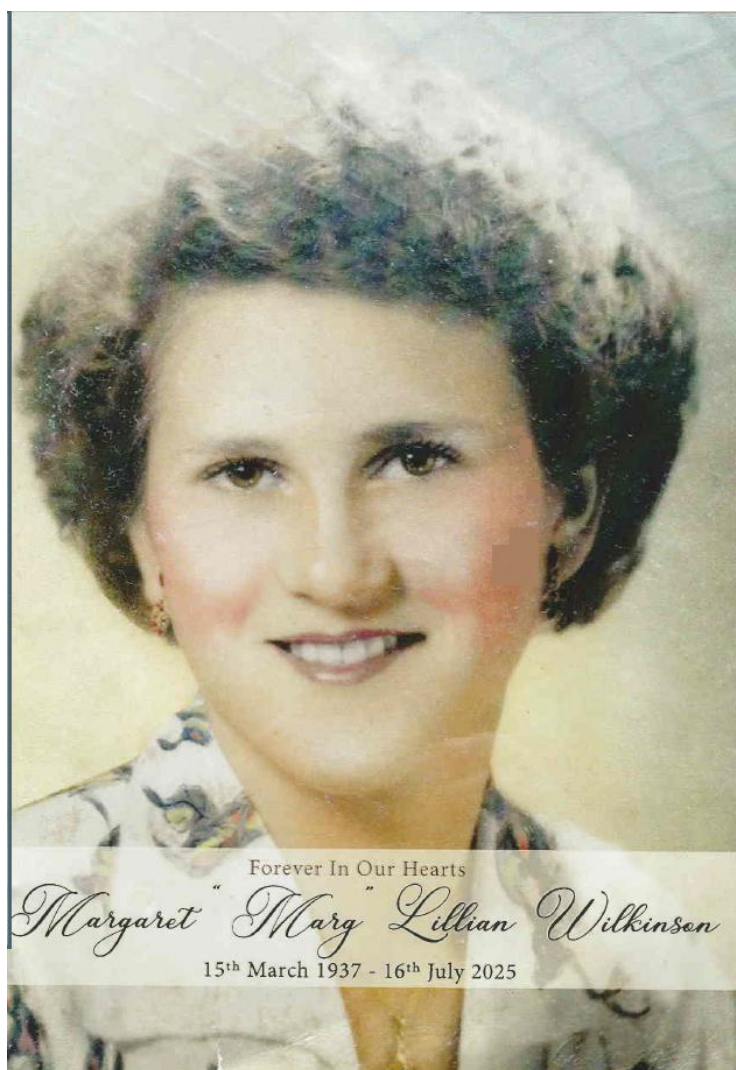
Jackie Seganfreddo	SILVER LIFE
Luthile Arlett	REGIONAL
Terry Fittler	BRONZE
	LOCAL
Ched Twyman	SILVER LIFE
Di Garside	BRONZE LIFE
Ann Smith	LIFE
Kelly Walker	BRONZE
	STATE
Terry Hughes	STATE
Toni Barrell	SILVER LOCAL





The Townsville Bridge Club extends its sympathies to **Margaret Wilkinson's** children and their families.

Margaret will be sadly missed.



Vale Shaun Mullamphy – founding club member and honour board recipient

Shaun passed away on 19th June in Canberra. Shaun was a past pupil of St. Francis Xavier convent, Ignatius Park College and James Cook University.

He left Townsville in 1981 to pursue a career in Bridge in which he excelled in Australia and overseas.

Annual General Meeting **Monday 29th September 2025**



Nomination forms for the nomination of Management Committee members are available in the Foyer.

Any club Member wishing to table a Motion for consideration at the Meeting shall have the Motion with the Secretary not later than **Monday 15th September 2025**.

RECENT RESULTS

GNOT Regional Final Northern

1st Place John Tredrea - Lesleigh Rooney - Robyn Nolan - Rosemary Glastonbury - Ched Twyman

2nd Place Jan Manders - Betty Hobdell - Joan Elliott - Ken Manders

3rd Place Bill Bishop - Ian Patterson - Leigh Owens - Dusk Care - Jan Smith

Townsville Novice Pairs (August 2025)

1st Place Jayne Dalton / Mary Overell (3)

2nd Place Ruth Morris / Luthile Arlett

3rd Place Jana Zrno / Sylvia Van Rossum

Under National FINAL

1st Place ANNE MURPHY - JOYCE MCARTHUR

2nd Place PETER ELLIOTT - REG BURTON

3rd Place GREG LAWLER - GARRY BOLTON

CASSOWARY Congress

Overall **second place**. 56 Pairs played.





Winners C Grade Jo Gillies Kelly Walker

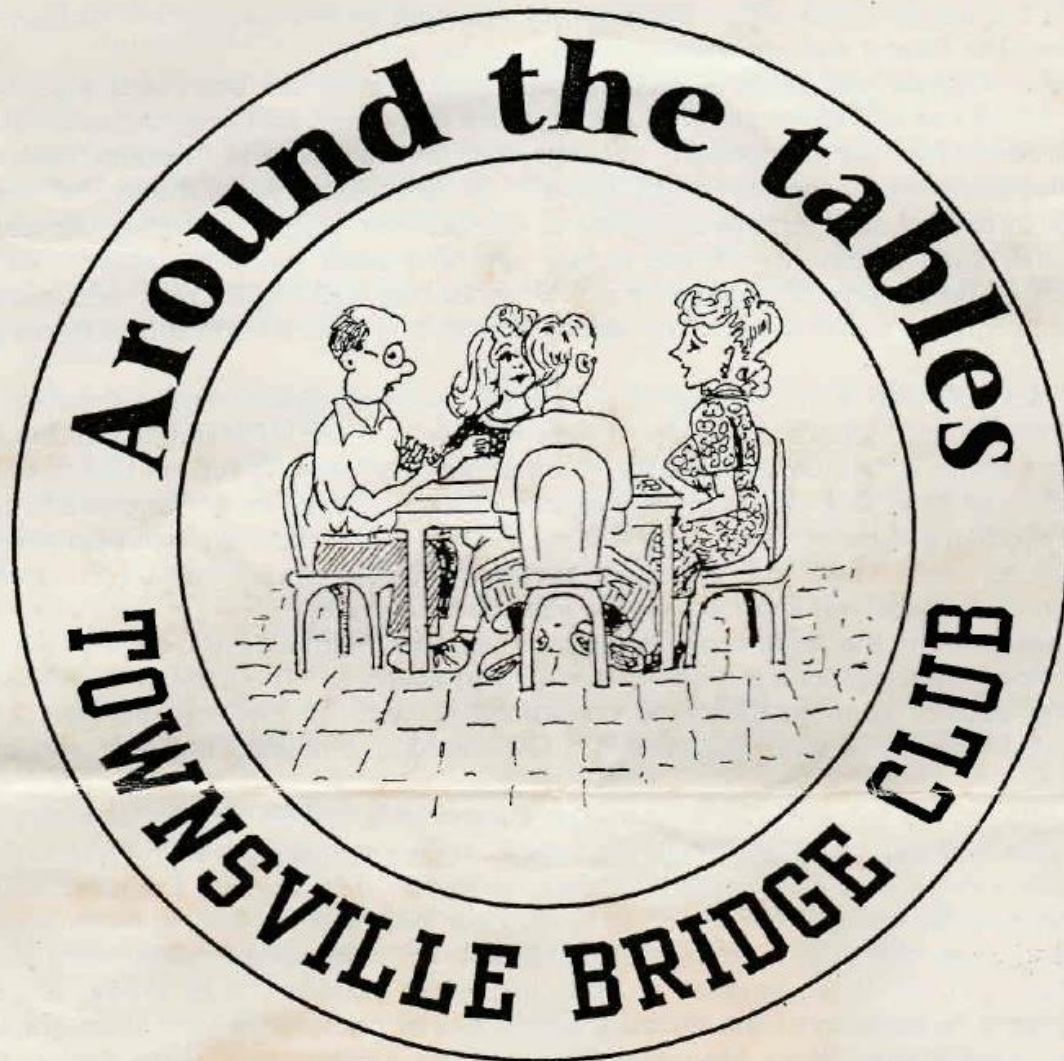


Second in D Grade – Ruth Morris and Luthile Arlett



Did
you
know?

The Townsville bridge club has had a newsletter for many years. Recently we obtained a copy of the December 1993 Issue. Some extracts from that edition are included below.



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BRIDGE WITH BARRY

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE

Most bidding systems aim to locate a 4-4 fit in a major suit to use as trumps. It is quite rare to locate such a fit and then play in another denomination.

	4 2		
	A J 10 4		
	6 3 2		
	A 7 5 4		
9		A J 8 7 6 5 3	
8 3 2		K 7	
Q 9 8 7 5 4		K	
10 6 3		J 9 2	
	K Q 10		
	Q 9 6 5		
	A J 10		
	K Q 8		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
NB	NB	1S	1NT
NB	2C	2S	3NT
NB	NB	NB	

This hand arose in session 3 of the Queensland Open Teams, with Agnes Brown and Barry Kempthorne N-S. South's 1NT showed 15-17 HCP and North's 2C was Stayman, so South knew there was a 4-4 Heart fit.

With a maximum, no ruffing values and a double stopper in Spades, South decided that this hand was the exception to the rule.

The defence began with a Spade to the Ace and a Spade continuation. Declarer took the losing Heart finesse and another Spade came back. Ten tricks were made - 2 Spades, 3 Hearts, 1 Diamond and 4 clubs - for plus 630.

At the other table Doris Mann and Laurie Kelso were E-W. Here South opted to play in 4H. The defence began with a Spade to the Ace and a Spade ruff. Declarer could not avoid losing both the trump King and a Diamond. Plus 100 and a swing of 12 IMPs.

The Townsville team finished fourth, just 8 VPs behind the winning team.

LESSON UPDATE

Doris Mann gave a lesson on the many facets of 'DOUBLES' on Wednesday night Dec. 1st. Seven tables participated in the informative lesson. It is hoped that Doris will repeat this lesson for the benefit of those unable to attend on Dec 1.

A small group of Tuesday afternoons have finished lessons and will be coming to join the others in supervised play either Tuesday morning or Wednesday night.

Thanks to Cicily Edye for her help on Tuesday afternoons.

Diane and I will be starting beginners lessons again in the new year - please let us know if any of your friends are interested.

Moya will also resume intermediate lessons in the new year. Dates to be advised.

'TIL WE MEET AGAIN

Two of our newer members - Brenda Hedgeland and Vivienne Holt are leaving us before the year's end. Both are hopeful of returning to Townsville to take up permanent residence. From us all - for now - it's au revoir and all the best to you both.

FRIDAY SESSION

This daytime relaxed session 10-2 (BYO lunch) is here to stay. It is very popular, particularly with members who are unable to play at night. The Christmas Party lunch on Dec. 3rd. was yummy.



LOOKING BACK

Some of us came to the game of Bridge in later years. Not so some distinguished members of the TBC.

Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent (nee Ward), Brian Blyth, Barry Kemthorne, Laurie Kelso and Matt Mullamphy. All these players came to the club as teenagers, and went on to win National Titles as members of youth teams around the nation. Matt and Laurie were members of the Queensland Youth Team in:-

1982 - Sydney (Matt-16, Laurie-21)

1984 - Perth, 1985 - Brisbane,

1986 - Canberra.

Matt was in the winning Youth Team in Canberra in 1989 and Laurie a member of the Queensland Team at the GNT Finals in Sydney in 1987.

Richard and Brian won the State Pairs Championship in 1977 and were members of the victorious Queensland Team in 1988 at the Australian National Championships.

Richard also won the Mixed Pairs Championship with Ivy Dahler in 1983 and 1985.

Lindy Vincent was a member of the Australian Women's Team which won the Far Eastern Championship in 1984 in Macau.

Agnes Brown and Barry Kemthorne won the Dunhill Cup in 1982, and the State Pairs in 1985.

In 1988 Matt was a member of an Australian Team which competed in the World Youth (under 25) Championships - held in Nottingham (UK).

*There are gains for all our losses,
There are balms for all our pain;
But when Youth, the dream, departs,
It takes something from our hearts,
That never comes again.*

AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS

Wednesday, January 26, the TBC is holding an all day Congress. The event will commence at 9:30am and resume after a break for BYO lunch. Doris Mann will be the Director

FROM THE PRESIDENT

For this edition the editor has asked me to discuss the rights and limitations of "DUMMY". The topic in many ways is rather dead, which is why I suppose the french refer to him as "Le Mort"! A lot of players believe Dummy has no rights and that he should sit there silently and absent himself from all involvement in the play. While following such a course of action will never lead to trouble, there are actually some minor duties that dummy can perform that could be useful to your side.

He can ask declarer (but not a defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led. This may prevent declarer from being penalised for a revoke. He can in fact try to prevent his partner from committing any type of irregularity. Stopping declarer leading from the wrong hand is a very obvious example.

What Dummy cannot do is call attention to an irregularity once it has occurred. He may not participate in the play or make any comment, or ask any question, on the bidding or the play. What many Dummies forget (or don't know) is that they may NOT call the director until the hand is over. A more serious breach of law (and etiquette), is looking at declarer's or a defender's hand while in play.

Some infractions lead to direct penalties while others result in a further reduction of dummies rights. Attempting to indicate the play of a particular card or any other suggestion to your partner will usually prevent him from profiting in any way, irrespective of his own intentions.

Dummy's main duty is to act as declarers agent and play the cards as directed. He should also keep a record of the tricks won and lost (in case of a dispute). Remember, Dummy may only speak to the director once another player has summoned him to the table. In all other matters he is "Le Mort".



Why did she Declare Hearts? by Leonard Raven-Hill (1932).

When and where did you first play Bridge?

Many years ago Steve and I played some rubber bridge in Annadale with Colin and Erica McWhinnie who I think were members of the club.

Who taught you to play bridge?

I learnt to play bridge in early 2021. Cards was always a 'favourite pastime in our family' especially on holidays. Euchre and 500 were the games of choice.

Steve was retired but I was still working and really couldn't concentrate on the concepts as much as he could.

Tell us some of your family background?

I was born in Sydney and lived there until about age 10 when we moved to Newcastle when my father worked for the AMP Society and was transferred from Sydney to Newcastle and back a couple of times. By the time I reached university the family was back in Newcastle and I was at UNSW having adventures in a residential college.



What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

I don't mind cooking but have been demoted to dishes as very early in our relationship Steve rejected a meal I cooked. At the time he was at Uni and I had a full time job. It seemed more sensible to give him the cooking and shopping duties! I together with our dishwasher do the dishes.

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

I am passionate about my family history which using DNA has turned out to be quite different to What I expected. My father's ancestors were timber cutters and due to DNA, it revealed I have relations that link back to the first fleet.

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

My first job was probably babysitting followed by working in a fruit stall. My most enduring job was as an optometrist. In 1982 I was a very green practitioner. In fact I was Townville's first female optometrist. In about 1994 I took over the running of Greenfields Optometrist from Gordon O'Sullivan (Pat Leighton's father). Encouraged by Steve. I became a partner in 1991 and we bought the business in 1999. From there owning a business and rearing 2 children kept Steve and I entertained until 2020. When we sold the practice to BUPA and took a 3 month sabbatical in the UK. To welcome our first granddaughter. This was during COVID. It was an experience!

What is your favourite song?

I enjoy all sorts of music but mostly 70s and 80s so I can sing along in the car when I'm on my own.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Definitely impulsiveness! Especially in Bridge.

Who is the most famous person you have met?

Steve and I met Malcolm Turnbull at a Touch of Salt a few years back.

If you could invite three famous people for dinner (dead or alive) who

Difficult question! I'd rather have a good friend around for dinner and enjoy a game of cards, have a chat and a good laugh!

Best advice for your bridge partner

Please keep in the manner I'm accustomed! Steve!



Bridge Topic of the Week

CONCESSION BY DEFENDER

- When a concession is made by a Defender, their partner may dispute it. The director must be called, but the concession can be withdrawn and play can continue.
- Any comments made by the player in making the concession, or any cards exposed in this process, remain as Unauthorised Information to their partner.
- The Director should be called if this happens.
- You cannot concede a trick that you can not lose.

Maureen Tracey, Andrew Win-Lun, Kathy Peever, Devan Mitchell



Pat Leighton, Barbara Hospers, Pat Leighton, Gladys Tulloch and Gayleen Brown

Judy Hunt, Jackie Bliss, Robyn Nolan and Ian Patterson



Bruce Bowden, Di McAlister, Elsie Stubbs, Hugh McAlister

SO GOOD
OF YOU
TO COME,
MAJOR

GOOD NIGHT,
MRS. GURGLE,
WE'VE HAD A
DELIGHTFUL
EVENING, AND
THE BRIDGE
GAME WAS
GREAT FUN

PERFECTLY
CHARMING,
MRS. GURGLE,
THANK YOU
SO MUCH

