



Townsville Bridge Club

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Finally I would like to welcome all of our visitors to the club, in particular our returning seasonal visitors.

The last Zonal pairs event was held at our club on the first weekend in June, and I would like to congratulate the winners, Jo Gillis and Kelly Walker, who won from a field of 18 pairs.

The Northern zone will be represented by two teams at the 2024 Queensland Festival of Bridge in Brisbane in October. The team members are listed later in this newsletter.

The one-day teams' event which was won by the Hobdell team and the Friday handicap pairs even was won by Geoff Allen and Joan Elliott.

The Townsville congress will be held on the last weekend in June, registrations are a little down on previous years.

At the last committee meeting, it was decided that, in line with QBA policy, which has been adopted by most other clubs in Queensland, we will no longer charge entry fees for club-sponsored internal red masterpoint events and that no cash prizes would be awarded. Entry forms will still be required to facilitate the preparation of boards and to plan the movement. Table fees will still apply for each of the playing sessions.

Most of the improvements to the clubhouse using the grant monies from the gambling community benefit fund have now been completed, and Les Walker, the member for Mundingburra who supported our grant application, will be invited to the club to see the improvements.

While I have enjoyed being your president for the past three years, I feel that it is time for me to step down at the next AGM to allow someone else to take on the leadership role at the club.

Wilfred Tapiolas

Courtesy
Adrian
Raeside





Past member, Vilma Laws recently celebrating her 93rd Birthday at the Sunshine Coast Bridge club.



70 PERCENTERS

PAT LEIGHTON/CHED TWYMAN

PATRICIA LARSEN / PHIL RAINS

LEIGH OWENS/BILL BISHOP

BILL BISHOP/KEN MANDERS

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Maria Chippendale **GOLD LIFE**

Jeanette McKenzie **BRONZE STATE**

SANDRA CROWE **GRADUATE**

Novice Events - Message from the QBA Novice Co-ordinator

Hi I'm the newly appointed Novice Co-ordinator for the QBA.

There are some fabulous novice events organised every year by QBA and you joining in these novice events is a great way to improve your game, meet other novice's and have a really great day out playing our favourite game... Bridge.

Unfortunately, we don't always realise there's a novice event on. If you would like to be notified of novice event's, please send your email address to myself and I will add you to our email notifications, then you won't miss out.

If there is any issue related to your game, rules and regulations or anything else you want to know feel free to phone or email me, I would love to assist you get the best out of bridge.

Have a great bridging day.

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We will have 12 or more people finishing the Beginners and Intermediate lessons and moving into Supervised Play on Tuesday mornings to join the 6 or 7 regular tables in that session. Congratulations to all participants. You have done a wonderful job with great enthusiasm and support for each other and also had lots of fun. We welcome you to our Club.

Beginner classes were run by Di Garside, Intermediate and extra home-based sessions by Fay Blower – both with great assistance from Carol Blackman. Supervised play has been on a roster basis since Charlie was no longer available and Bill Redhead left Townsville. Helen Lovegrove is our most regular supervisor with rostering shared by Robyn Nolan, Donna Fitch, Devan Mitchell and Di Garside with great backup by Judy Hunt and Carol Blackman. Betty Hobdell has come in regularly to provide lessons and revision and supervision. Others in the club regularly offer to assist. **Thanks to all.**

Did
you
know?

There are more ways to arrange a deck of cards than there are atoms on Earth

Given how many card games that have occurred in human history, it is likely that nobody has held the exact same arrangement of those 52 cards you did during a game.

It seems inconceivable, but its somewhere in the range of 8×10 to the 67th power. i.e. An 8 followed by 67 zeros.

So anytime you pick up a well shuffled deck, you are almost certain holding an arrangement of cards that has never before existed and might not exist again.

RECENT GRAND SLAMS

JAN WOOLLETT / LYN GADSBY

JACKIE SEGANFREDDO / FAY BLOWER

FELICITY HORNE / TRUDY LOW

CAROL BLACKMAN / DONNA FITCH

YVONNE HOUBOLT / CHRISTINE PERKINS

HEATHER COLBERT / AUDREY LEDBROOK

BETTY HOBDELL / PATRICIA LARSEN



RECENT RESULTS

TOWNSVILLE ONE-DAY TEAMS

CATEGORY A

1st Place BETTY HOBDELL – IAN PATTERSON - LESLEIGH ROONEY – ROBYN NOLAN

CATEGORY B

1st Place DONNA FITCH - DI GARSIDE - CAROL BLACKMAN – HEATHER COLBERT

CATEGORY C

1st Place ANN SMITH - ANDREE GALEANO - JO GILLIS – SUE REILLY

FRIDAY HANDICAP PAIRS OVERALL

1st Place GEOFF ALLEN - JOAN ELLIOTT

2nd Place JAN SMITH - LEIGH OWENS

3rd Place DONNA FITCH - DI GARSIDE

TOWNSVILLE CONGRESS

WALKIN PAIRS

1st PLACE

TERRENCE SHEEDY - NOEL BUGEIA
(N/S)

HELEN TAPIOLAS -WILFRED TAPIOLAS
(E/W)





TOWNSVILLE CONGRESS SWISS BUTLER PAIRS

CATEGORY A: **1st Place** Betty HOBDELL - IAN PATTERSON

CATEGORY B: **1st Place** DONNA FITCH - DI GARSIDE



CATEGORY C: **1st Place** ANN SMITH – ROBYN GREEN





TOWNSVILLE CONGRESS TEAMS

CATEGORY A: **1st Place** –

CHED TWYMAN – BETH WHEBELL – JOHN TREDREA – PHIL RAINS



CATEGORY B: **1st Place**



DUSK CARE – JEANETTE MCKENZIE –
DELMA JOHNSON – HELEN LOVEGROVE



CATEGORY C:

1st Place HEATHER COLBERT – SAM BISHOP - ANN SMITH – ROBYN GREEN





For detailed results, please go to our website.

KEEP IT SIMPLE – A DEFENSIVE HAND



Sitting North, you hold:

♠ 6
♥ A K 10
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ Q J 8 3 2

The auction:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
♠ 1	♣ 2 (1)	♠ 4	All Pass

(1) Double is probably 'wiser' with such a poor suit.

You lead the ♥ A, and see dummy:

♠ J 9 8 4
♥ Q 8 4 3 2
♦ K 7 2
♣ 5

Partner plays the ♥ 6 and declarer plays the ♥ 5, so you read your partner's heart as low (encouraging), thus a doubleton. You continue the ♥ K, planning to give partner a ruff.

At the table, North led the 10 at trick 3, South trumping. Obviously, South now returned a club, North's bid suit. Whoops – West won the Ace, drew trumps and used dummy's hearts to discard her diamonds.

	♠ 6	
	♥ A K 10	
	♦ A 6 5 3	
	♣ Q J 8 3 2	
♠ A K 10 7 5 2		♠ J 9 8 4
♥ J 7 5		♥ Q 8 4 3 2
♦ Q 8		♦ K 7 2
♣ A 7		♣ 5
	♠ Q 3	
	♥ 9 6	
	♦ J 10 9 4	
	♣ K 10 9 6 4	



What could have been done to prevent this outcome, i.e. letting a doomed game make?

North should have led the ♥ A and ♥ K then, before giving partner the ruff, cash the ♦ A.

At trick 4, they then give their partner the ruff, and the defence has the first four tricks.

When defending, keep it simple when you can! If you know how to defeat a contract, don't give partner any rope for getting it wrong.

Source - BRIDGE AT BEAUMONT, Barbara Travis



BRIDGE TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

COURTESY Eddie Kantar

When leading from the dummy to take a finesse with a number of equal honours in your hand, finesse with the higher or highest equal.

Say you have the A-Q-J-10 in your hand and x-x in the dummy. When you lead low from dummy and second hand plays low, play the queen. You give away too much information if you play the 10. If you have two 5 card suits, bid the higher-ranked suit first. the 10 loses to the king, second hand will know you still have the Q-J. If the queen loses to the king, second hand won't know you have the J-10. If the 10 wins, and second hand has the king, second hand knows you still have the Q-J. However, if the queen wins, second hand can't be sure you have the J-10.

Barbara Travis - Do not let a pre-empt deter you from making a normal overcall or double. Defend as you would a 1-level opening bid.

RED POINT EVENTS

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Member Profile: **PAT LEIGHTON**



When and where did you first play Bridge, and who taught you to play Bridge?

My first bridge lesson was in early 1992 at Clarice Suther's home in Belgian Gardens where she taught with the wonderful assistance of Margaret Davis who made us morning tea. I joined Cleveland Bay Bridge Club in mid 1992 and played at St Matthew's Hall on Bowen Road.

Who introduced you to bridge?

My Mother (Marjorie O'Sullivan) played at Townsville Bridge Club, and as I've always enjoyed playing cards, bridge was logically the next challenge for me. The first ever Congress I played was in Proserpine in 1993 with my partner Bill Golding who was delighted that we qualified into the Championship field.

Family and Employment Background

I am the middle child in a family of 7 who were all born and raised in Townsville. I attended St Margaret Mary's College from Year 1 to Year 10 when I left after completing Junior to commence working at the ES&A Bank where I worked for 3 and a half years. I was fortunate enough to be invited to visit/live with my Aunt in Washington DC, so at aged 18 ½, I embarked (with my mother as chaperone) on my first cruise to New York via the Panama Canal. I worked as a Secretary to Economists in the Middle Eastern Department of the International Monetary Fund for 18 months when homesickness took its toll on me. I cruised out of Florida on my 20th Birthday to sail to Australia via England and South Africa. I met my late Husband Bill on that cruise. We married 3 years later and shared 32 years of happy marriage and had 3 sons, until his untimely death in 2009.

I have since enjoyed numerous cruises throughout the world with various friends and family members and was cruising with my Late Sister in 2015 on a Bridge Cruise from Hong Kong to Brisbane when I met my now partner Ray, and life has been pretty fantastic since then.

What has Bridge brought to your life?

I have formed lifelong friendships with the Late Gayleen, Barbara Hospers and Glad Tulloch as "The Magnolias", travelling and playing Bridge at the Gold Coast and in New Zealand. I would have been totally lost without Bridge and these wonderful friends following the death of my Husband and the ensuing years.





Other Interests

For the past 4 years, I have been an Uber Driver which I thoroughly enjoy as I can drive to suit my Social and Bridge schedule. I've also recently taken up playing Lawn Bowls, and I play the electric keyboard (not very well) and I while away many hours reading and doing Jig Saw Puzzles.

Favourite Song

I enjoy all Country Music very much and love John Denver and Dolly Parton's music. I also enjoy Andrea Bocelli and am an avid listener to local radio station 4TTT while I drive.

Personality Trait

In my younger days, I was informed that I "lacked tact". I don't know if that has changed as I've aged!!

Best advice for Bridge Partner

Let's Have Fun.

Joke:

Why don't tuna swim past Townsville? Because they'll end up in Cairns (cans).



THE BRITISH CHARACTER
A reverential attitude towards Bridge.

PONT, *British*
cartoonist 1930s

BRIDGEMATES.....



Fay Down, May Fowler, Dawn Bowler, George Bolderman



Fay Down, Dot Melazzini, Jenny Buckley, Doris Mann, Brenda Hedgeland

Margaret Wilkinson, Di Jones and Elsie Stubbs



Ina Clancy, Robyn Nolan, Bernice Morton and David Vance

DON'T LET THAT BOTHER YOU. I'M USED TO INDIFFERENT PLAYERS

YOU'LL HAVE TO OVERLOOK MY PLAYING, PARTNER. I'M NOT VERY GOOD. WHAT ARE THE VALUES? DO CLUBS COUNT 8 OR 10? TO SAVE MY LIFE I CAN'T REMEMBER



WHAT DO I LEAD? MY 4TH HIGHEST? BUT I HAVEN'T ANYTHING HIGHER THAN A JACK. YOU WOULDN'T CALL THAT HIGH WOULD YOU?



I LEAD YOU 4 DECLARATIVE CARDS! DOESN'T THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?



I TOOK THAT TRICK WITH THE ACE AND LEAD YOU THE THREE WHICH SHOULD INDICATE TO ANY ONE OF AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE THAT I HAD NO MORE DIAMONDS!



OH, MY G - - !! WHY ON EARTH DIDN'T YOU SAVE A REENTRY CARD?



IS THIS NO TRUMPS? WHY I THOUGHT SPADES WERE TRUMP!



LESTER