



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to welcome all members of the new management committee who were elected at the 2024 AGM, and thank the retiring members for their service to the club.

Since the last newsletter, there have been a number of events for teams, starting with the Monday Teams which was won by the Hobdell Team.

The Magnetic Teams Congress followed and was won by the Owens Team. And finally, the Wednesday Restricted Convention Teams won by the Care Team. Congratulations to all teams and their members.

The Keith Ramsbotham Shield was held over three Fridays in October and was won by Rosemary Glastonbury and Betty Hobdell. The engraved shield will be presented by members of the Ramsbotham family in the coming weeks.

The Queensland Festival of Bridge was held in Brisbane in October and the club was well represented. A full report of the event is in this newsletter.

The Melbourne Cup function was a great success with numbers up from last year. There were some spectacular outfits on display. I would like to thank everyone who got dressed up for the event, and give a special mention to our clerk of the course, Myles Clarkson who always puts in a lot of thought into his costume, and to Jan Nettle for her smart outfit.

Thanks to Devan Mitchell, who organised the event and ran the sweeps, also to Ann Smith, Mary Overall and those who helped in the kitchen. You all contributed to making a great day.

Thanks to everyone who brought plates of food for lunch and afternoon tea. The spread was the best that I can remember.

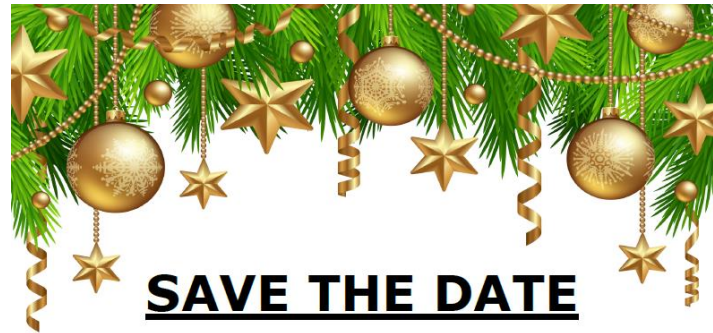
It has been mentioned before, but our directors have requested that mobile phones be turned off or to silent mode before sessions start. At the end of play, please tidy up the table and surrounding area, empty bins and return boards and bridgemates to their boxes.



Annual Women's Shelter fundraiser

Needlework and Craft items

Please support and donate



SAVE THE DATE

**Christmas Pairs
in Ingham
Friday, 29th November
9am start**

**Lunch at JuFu Chinese Restaurant
Cost \$25
(Lunch & Table Fee—pay at the door)**

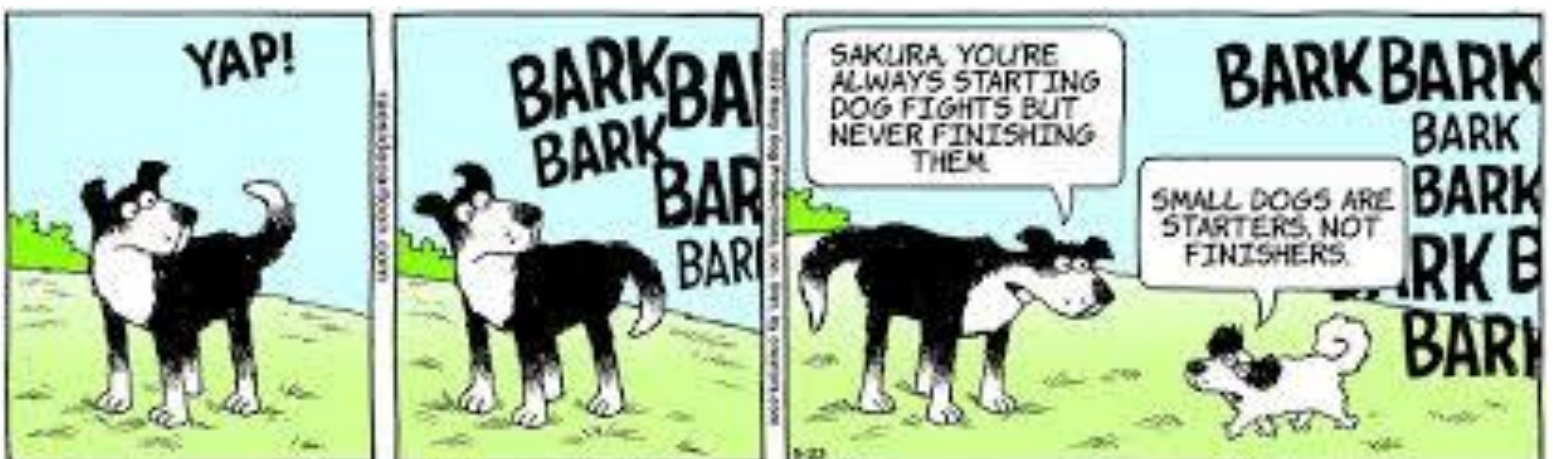
**Please email your Names with MP's to:
inghambridgeclub@outlook.com**

Entries close Monday 25th November
No late entries will be accepted

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Gary Bolton Local

Red Points + Prizes
Dress: Christmas Theme



courtesy – Adrian Raeside

BRIDGE TIPS FOR BEGINNERS



COURTESY Eddie Kantar



- You cannot expect your partner to defend properly if you make faces or show other signs of disapproval.
- The speed of the play, may be a clue to declarer's problem. When playing a 4-3 trump fit, play usually slows to a crawl.
- Give your opening lead a little consideration. The fate of many a contract is determined by that one card. Use the bidding as a guide.
- A player who hesitates during the bidding is likely to have a problem hand. Keep the hesitation in mind

Stayman Convention



The convention is named after Sam Stayman, who wrote the first published description in 1945, but its inventors were two other players: the British expert Jack Marx in 1939, who published it only in 1946 and Stayman's regular partner George Rapée in 1944.

Stayman is a convention used for locating a 4-4 major suit fit after partner opens 1NT. It is one of the most widely used conventions in the world, since a major suit contract is often preferable to no-trumps.

Why is a major game contract better than a No Trump game contract? Its all about the odds.

The success rate for a game contract in a major suit where you hold an eight card fit is around 80%, as opposed to a game contract in 3NT which has a success rate of only 60%. A game contract made in a major suit scores better than a game contract bid in notrumps.

However, there are some other factors to consider.

Stayman is not recommended with a 4-3-3-3 distribution as dummy has no ruffing power. So, No Trumps is the better bid.



Bridge Topic of the Week

ALERTING STAYMAN BIDS

- A response of 2♣ after a 1NT opening bid is not alertable in an uncontested auction, no matter what the meaning.
- However, normal alerting do rules apply if (a) if the opponents have entered the auction, or (b) Stayman or similar is used in any other sequence e.g. following a 2NT opening or a 1NT response.
- Normal alerting rules also apply to all responses to Stayman and other asking bids.

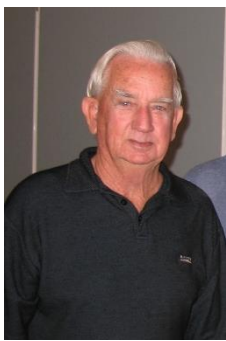


MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION









Keith Ramsbotham Memorial

Congratulations 1st Place

Rosemary Glastonbury and Betty Hobdell

2024 Queensland Festival of Bridge

Many thanks to the clubs from our Zonal Region – Townsville, Cleveland Bay and Ingham – who provided sponsorship for 8 people to travel to Brisbane in October for the Queensland Festival of Bridge. Thanks also to John Tredrea for support and organization for all our Zonal events.

This event is held at the QCBC club annually over 3 days with 3 sessions of Teams and 3 sessions of Pairs.

The Townsville team of Pat Leighton, Robyn Nolan, Donna Fitch and Di Garside were 1st in the Regional Teams.

Jan Smith and Leigh Owens were 1st in the Regional Pairs and Donna Fitch and Di Garside were 2nd.

It was a wonderful opportunity to play with people from all over Queensland and also Interstate. An event certainly worth considering entering in future.





TOWNSVILLE NOVICE TEAMS FINAL



Winners:
Michelle Jones,
Jan Nettle,
Annette and
Steve Lee

Date - 1930's

Hostess. "instead of our usual Servant's Ball, this year I've invited the staff to come up here and watch our Bridge."



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Member Profile: **GEOFF EALES**



When and where did you first play Bridge?

I started to learn to play bridge in 2009 at the Townsville Bridge club.

Who introduced you to bridge?

My wife Maree was keen to learn. I approached Geoff Allen, then the Treasurer of the Townsville Golf Club to find out how to learn. Maree and I took up bridge together.

Who taught you to play bridge?

Betty Hobdell was my teacher. I still remember some parts of her lessons. I now realise how patient she was with us all.

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

I grew up on the South Burnett at Silverleaf outside Murgon. We originally had a dairy farm, which converted to a large piggery, small crops and a cattle breeding property some 25 kilometres away at Windera.

My favourite memory from childhood was going to the first test against England with my grandfather in 1962 at the Gabba.

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

My nickname at school was freckles or ginger megs (freckles and reddish hair)

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Worst job was on the farm washing out pig pens.

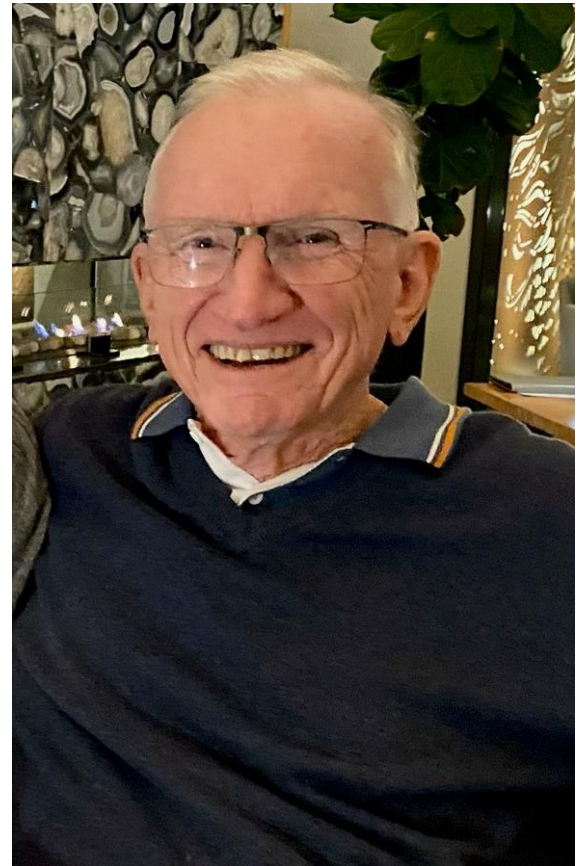
Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

I study and participate with a group of investors around Australia researching the best companies to invest in the Australian Stock exchange. The group is known as Team Invest.

I am one of four directors of a company on a Board owned by the Townsville golf Club directing the redevelopment of the Golf Club plus the treasurer of the Golf Club, succeeding Geoff Allen in that role. I enjoy playing golf twice a week.

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

First full time job was as a cadet valuer fresh out of high school, qualified in 1973, worked



in private enterprise from 1976 until recently. Owned a large real estate agency and property management business from 1980 until 2005 known as CL Knobel and Co and Knobel First National, plus started a firm Collins and Eales Valuers.



My favourite job was accepting briefs for compensation assessments and appearing in various courts giving expert evidence.

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

I would be my daughters king Charles Cavaleirs as they are very spoilt.

What is your favourite song?

I have a number of favourite songs Green Green Grass of Home – Tom Jones; Imagine – John Lennon – Somewhere over the rainbow – Judy Garland.

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

The achievements that may surprise – played senior representative cricket at 15 years – wicket keeper/batsman . Faced an over of fast bowling from test cricketer Ray Lindwall (not out) . Cross examined for three days in Queensland longest running Land Court Case (we won)

Chairman of a Real estate group of over 500 offices in Australia and NZ in 1990’s. Appeared as an expert witness in the eastern mainland states in their respective Supreme Courts. Appointed as an advisor to the Minister of Natural Resources

Who is the most famous person you have met? John Howard and my second cousin John Eales (nobody)

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

My best advice to me by my father – “every person in the world will know something that you don’t know”

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

Charlie Munger, Warren Buffet and Winston Churchill due to their wit and understanding of human behaviour and investment knowledge of the former two.

Best advice for your bridge partner

My best advice to a bridge partners is to relax, try to do your best but finally it is only a game of cards.

Do you have a joke?

I don’t have a joke but like to quote Ben Franklin’s writing on aging which affects us all.

“I guess I don’t so much mind being old, as I mind being fat or old. I should have no objection to go over the same life from its beginning to the end: requesting only the advantage authors have of correcting a second edition the faults of the first.

Lifes tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late when you’re finished changing, you’re finished” - *I hope to keep changing for a little while yet.*

BRIDGEMATES.....



Laurie Kelso, Beth Whebell, , ? , Malcolm Allen



Verna Brookes and Beth Whebell

Daphne Crimston and Bill Golding



Daphne Crimston, Michael Suthers and Emma Hanran

CHARMING
PORTRAIT OF
YOUR DAUGHTER.
HAS HER OLD
MAN'S EYES
AND NOSE TOO.
CAN'T GET
AWAY FROM
HEREDITY
CAN WE?

HEREDITY!
BAH! AN EX-
PLODED THEORY!
THIS GIRL WILL
BE ELEVEN
YEARS OLD NEXT
MONTH, AND
SHE STILL LEADS
AWAY FROM AN
ACE-QUEEN!



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