



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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Ed: Glenys Clift

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*For you members hunting "red" points July is going to throw up a number of opportunities – so roll up for events such as the Birthday Pairs (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>), Club Pairs Championship (Wednesday 16/23/30) and the President's Cup (Saturday 19 and 26).*

*If you have replied to the survey about Tuesday morning play, then thanks – we will be considering the potential of the session over the next few weeks and will get back to you all soon.*

*Happy Bridging.*

*President Greg*

## NOVICE & UNDER 500 TEAMS CONGRESS



Photographers: Susie Fraser & Floyd Wilson

## Treasurer's Report for January 2025



### Treasurer's Report for May 2025

Cash Flow for May shows an increase of \$4,256.28.

#### Current Assets Held as at 31 May:-

- Heritage Bank General Account - **\$20,703.96**
- Online Saver S26 Account - **\$6,379.88**
- Term Deposit – 3 months - 3.85% - matures on 27<sup>th</sup> August – **\$70,000**
- MyABF - **\$9,494**

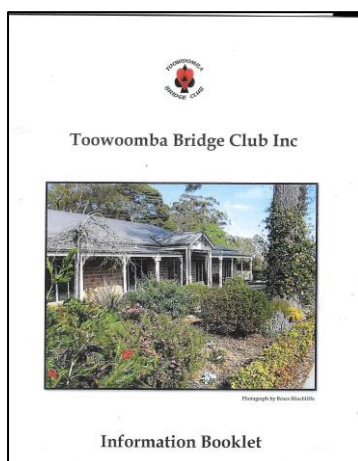
Table fees for May were \$8,504 (including \$636 for Monday morning Improvers). The new colour laser multifunction photocopier was delivered and installed on 15<sup>th</sup> May, total cost \$6,586.80. The committee resolved at the May meeting to “register the club for GST from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025”.

If additional information is required regarding the finances of the Club, an email can be sent to [treasurer@toowoombabridgeclub.com.au](mailto:treasurer@toowoombabridgeclub.com.au) and I will do my best to provide an answer.

*It's not about the cards you're dealt, but how you play the hand! Marie*

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## INFORMATION BOOKLET



The club has recently updated an information booklet that was printed quite a few years ago. The purpose of this publication is to provide an introduction to the Toowoomba Bridge Club, duplicate bridge, a bit of history and how the club operates.

If you have any friends, relatives or neighbours who may be interested in playing bridge then this would be a good starter in getting them to come along and hopefully joining the club

Copies are available from Ken Orange (0412336326 ) or anyone on the committee.

Alternatively, if you would like to print your own copy then this will be available for downloading from the website.

Cheers *Ken Orange*

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT



Please welcome the following new members to our club. : Jane Gordon, Deb Mahoney, John Nitscke and Roger Stark who have recently completed lessons We would also like to welcome back former member Wendy Jackson, and Iris Faulkner who has joined us from Caboolture.

### Membership Numbers:

myABF database shows we currently have 324 members, comprising 280 Home Members, 39 Away Members and 5 Life Members.

We are always looking for new members so please encourage your friends and neighbours to consider taking up the challenge of learning bridge. Our wonderful teaching team will begin a new round of lessons starting on Wednesday mornings from 23 July and on Thursday evenings from 24 July 2025. *Ngairé Wills*



### **WHERE'S TIM?**

I asked Roger Green "Where's Tim? Haven't seen him for a while." "Oh, didn't you know" said Roger, "He fell off his bike and broke 4 ribs and a collar bone."

The bad news is when you break ribs, it is extremely painful trying to bend over, twist around or even taking a deep breath. Turning over in bed is the most difficult thing to do. The good news is he is on the mend, but when I rang him, he sounded pretty disgusted with himself, and I am afraid I got a fit of the giggles when he told me he was working on not needing help to get dressed. So much for sympathetic ex-nurses.

When Roger spoke to Tim to see how he was going, Tim said one of the most difficult things is pulling my trousers up. Roger, "Sorry mate, I'm not helping you with that one". So much for sympathetic mates.

I asked Tim when he thought he would be able to come back to the club – his answer "I am working up to that". We all hope it is sooner than later. Take care Tim.

*Glenys*

### **"Thanks Tim"**

On Friday morning (27th.) the power went out and the batteries kicked in immediately. Play continued as normal without disruption, except for everyone saying, "*Thanks Tim*".

*Ken Orange*



## WINTER WOOLIE PAIRS



Winter arrived with icy breezes to welcome members to our Winter Woolies fun bridge day on Tuesday 3 June. 34 pairs in two divisions battled it out for top Honours. Congratulations go to Pauline Curin and Estelle Dehnert (North) and Kathy Duke and Paul Matthews (East) A Division and Ann Downs and Marilyn Oakroot (North) and Debra and Bruce Coward (East) B Division.

The real winner on the day however was "The Pizzas". The overwhelming feedback has been that they were delicious. A big thank you to Shashi Kumar Manager at Northpoint Dominos. The pizzas arrived on time and at a good eating temperature. Shashi also gave us a significant discount on the cost which was

appreciated.

Delicious food continued thanks to Deb Archer who organised the fruit cake, custard and trays of refreshing fruit. Thanks also to Carmel Barrett for that unexpected but very yummy cake. We needed helpers in the kitchen and Gretchen Graf, Ngaire Wills, Lyn Vary and Desley Hanrahan came to the rescue. Thanks also to the many members who helped with tidying up. A real community effort.

A very special thank you must go to Chris Snook for organising the movement, Dave Roberts for the directing and Graeme Ryan and Stephan Nugent who not only stepped in at the last minute to even the numbers but stepped up to A Division. What champions! A very enjoyable day and thanks to all who attended. *Michele Alroe*







### Novice

**1<sup>st</sup> Ann Downs -Marilyn Oakroot      NS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne Dwyer – Ian Costin**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Harvey - Helen Fitzgerald**

**1<sup>st</sup> Debra Coward – Bruce Coward      EW**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Anderson – Cynthis Palmer**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Hinchliffe – Sandra Parker**

### Open

**1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Lutton – Estelle Dehnert      NS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> David Roberts – Greg Munck**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Trevor Henderson – Jenni Buckley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Duke – Paul Matthews      EW**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Wood – Joan Mladen**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Gwen Francis – Diana Drummond**



**(Photos taken by Susie Fraser, Bruce Hinchliffe & Floyd Wilson – thank you)**

## FEATURE SHOW

Feature Show is one of the most popular methods when responding 2NT (14+) after your partner has opened a Weak Two. For many years, Ogust [named after Harold Ogust (1916-1977)] was the standard method for finding out if your partner was minimum 6-8 or maximum 9-10 with a Weak Two opening. However, Feature Show has replaced Ogust, and in many ways is much simpler and more descriptive.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BID 2NT:

At least 14HCP or 13HCP with a singleton and 3+ of partner's suit.

With 14HCP you may be in game if the opener is maximum  
With 16HCP and a fit you definitely should be in game  
18/19+ CHECK OUT SLAM

### OPENER'S REPLIES after a weak two opening & 2NT showing 14+

- Repeating their suit at the 3 level shows minimum points 6-8 and 5 tricks
- Bidding another suit shows a King or Ace in that suit and 9-10 HCP. In other words, what you are showing is a "feature" which also indicates maximum points.
- Bidding 3NT shows maximum and AKQ or AKJ in opener's suit. It denies an Ace or King in a side suit.

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3  
♥ 2  
♦ K 8 5  
♣ 7 3 2

*West*

2 ♠

3 ♠

*North*

Pass

Pass

♠ A 2  
♥ A 8 7 6  
♦ 9 7 4 3  
♣ A Q 9

*East*

2 NT

Pass

*South*

Pass



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

*West*

2 ♥

3 ♣

*North*

Pass

Pass



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

*East*

2 NT

4 ♥

*South*

Pass

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

*West*

2 ♥

3 NT

*North*

Pass



♠ 9 7 2  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ A K 3  
♣ A K 8 2

*East*

2 NT

4 ♥

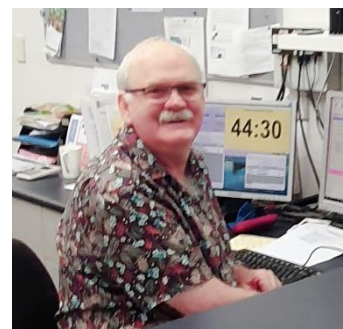
*South*

Pass





Congress Convenor Ngaire Wills



Congress Director Chris Snook

## CONGRESS CONVENOR'S REPORT

There were a disappointing number of entries this year, with only 4 teams in the Novice section which included one team of players from Brisbane. There were 10 teams in the Under 500 section. Players were represented from the following clubs: QCBC, Toowong, Warwick, Dalby, and Darling Downs clubs as well as our local members. It would be great to see a large contingent of our local players entering in next years congress.

Winners for the day were:

**UNER 500:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Kathy Duke, Paul Matthews, Dennis Lincoln, Pam Steele.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Henderson, John Erlandson, Mavis Simpson, Pat Kelly.

**NOVICE:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Debra Coward, Bruce Coward, Dale Burey, Rosanne Munns.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Teena Haslam, Morgan Tullock, Pam Mackintosh, Trevor Corthorne.

Despite the small field, the raffle was well supported with ticket sales approximately \$250. The Congress ran very smoothly as usual under Chris's direction. A special thanks to Deb Archer and the other members who helped in the kitchen during the day, and to those who contributed by bringing in sweet and savoury foods. Thanks also to our members who helped with cleaning and tidying activities during, and at the end of play, and to the photographer.

*Ngaire Wills*



**Bernie Wills did great job in charge of the raffle, raising about \$250. Winners pictured above with Congress Convenor Ngaire Wills were:**

**Robyn Bell, Debra Coward, Carol Edwards & Judy King**



## UNDER 500 TEAMS CONGRESS



1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Lincoln, Kathy Duke, Paul Matthews & Pam Steele with President Greg Munck



2<sup>nd</sup> John Erlandson, Mavis Simpson, Trevor Henderson & Pat Kelly, with President Greg Munck



## NOVICE TEAMS CONGRESS



1<sup>st</sup> Dale Bury, Debra Coward, Rosanne Munns & Bruce Coward with President Greg Munk



2<sup>nd</sup> Teena Haslam, Morgan Tullock, Pam Mackintosh & Trevor Corthorne with President Greg Munk



## Function & Catering Report



Margaret Savage & Deb Archer and Michele Alroe & Jan Flynn

Many thanks to all the helpers who make these days a success. Delicious baked goods arrived for our players to enjoy and the savoury muffins were a real hit. I think we all need that special recipe.

A special thanks to Margaret Savage and Dale Bury plus all the other early starters who helped get the day organised. And I would also like to thank Jan Flynn and Michele Alroe for stepping up for the afternoon shift. I'm sure the day was enjoyed by all. *Deb Archer*





## Jacoby Transfers after partner opens 1NT

Jacoby Transfers are used after your partner has opened or overcalled a natural 1NT and ensures the strong hand plays the contract thus limiting the amount of information the defenders have about where the high cards are located. A transfer always promises a 5-card or longer holding in the suit opener has been asked to transfer to.

The following responses after partner opens 1NT are very simplistic and easy to learn:

| Response | Meaning  |
|----------|--|
| 2♦       | Transfer to Hearts (responder is promising 5 Hearts)   |
| 2♥       | Transfer to Spades (responder is promising 5 Spades)   |
| 2♠       | Transfer to Clubs – only used when you have a 6-card or longer club or diamond suit; less than 5/6 HCP and you have no outside entries for partner to get into your hand. It is a weak take-out. If your suit is clubs you will pass, if your suit is diamonds you will now bid 3♦ and opener must pass. This is called a puppet bid because it may mean clubs or diamonds – in other words you pass or correct. |

**THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF TRANSFERS IS THE REBID BY RESPONDER AFTER HIS PARTNER COMPLETES THE TRANSFER.**

- If he passes, responder has less than 7HCP and weak hand.
- If he rebids 2NT - responder is showing 8/9 HCP
- If he rebids 3NT - responder is showing 10+ HCP and a five card suit in the major.
- If he rebids 4H or 4S he is showing 10 TOTAL points and a 6-card major
- If he rebids the other major. Partner is showing two 5-card majors

| Opener | Responder | Bidding                   |     |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------|-----|
| ♠Q53   | ♠AJT542   | 1NT                       | 2♥  |
| ♥AK2   | ♥QJT      | 2♠                        | 4♠* |
| ♦KJ32  | ♦9        |                           |     |
| ♣KJ8   | ♣765      |                           |     |
|        |           | * Hand revalues 11 points |     |

| Opener | Responder | Bidding |      |
|--------|-----------|---------|------|
| ♠K98   | ♠AJT52    | 1NT     | 2♥   |
| ♥AK    | ♥QJT94    | 2♠      | 4♥   |
| ♦KQ32  | ♦7        | 4♠      | PASS |
| ♣7632  | ♣A9       |         |      |



Oswald "Ozzie", "Jake" Jacoby (December 8, 1902 – June 27, 1984)<sup>1</sup> was an American contract bridge player and author, considered one of the greatest bridge players of all time and a key innovator in the game, having helped popularize widely used bidding conventions such as Jacoby transfers and the Jacoby 2NT.,

## **The Difference Between A Faced Opening Lead Out of Turn & a Lead Out of Turn**

One of the most common infractions that bridge players inadvertently make is thinking they are on lead or have won the trick and subsequently lead out of turn. With the opening lead, provided the card is face down – there is no penalty, the card is returned to the hand and the correct player leads. However, if it is a faced opening lead or a lead during play out of turn, both infractions require the Director being called to the table as slightly different rules apply.

### **Law 54 Faced Opening Lead out of turn:**

- Declarer has the option of accepting the lead and dummy must be faced before he plays or he can opt for his partner to be declarer and he will become dummy by spreading his hand.
- Declarer has the option of not accepting the opening lead out of turn, in which case, the lead card becomes a major penalty card where law 50D applies.
- **Law 50D:** Declarer can require the offender's partner to lead the suit of the penalty card or prohibit him from leading that suit for as long as he retains the lead. In both cases, defender returns the card to his hand. Or...Declarer can say lead anything and the penalty card remains on the table and must be played at the earliest opportunity either leading, following suit, trumping or discarding.

### **Law 55 Declarer's Lead out of turn during play:**

- If Declarer has led from his or dummy's hand when it was a defender's turn to lead, and has been asked to retract the lead, declarer restores the card to the hand it came from and no further rectification applies.
- If Declarer has led from the wrong hand, if asked to retract the lead by the opposition, he withdraws the card and leads from the correct hand.

### **Law 56 Defender's Lead out of turn during play:**

- When a lead out of turn by a defender is faced, declarer may accept the irregular lead and play continues.
- Or require the defender to retract his faced lead out of turn and the withdrawn card becomes a major penalty card and Law 50D (see above) then applies.



## Andy Hung's Workshop



Andy Hung conducted his workshops on Tuesday 17 July. We had 9 tables in the morning and afternoon sessions. Everyone who attended was very pleased with his lesson.

In the morning, he presented 6 valuable tips for better bridge bidding and play. His explanations were very clear and logical. He provided boards to practise the lesson.

In the afternoon he conducted a lesson on 4th Suit forcing. The lesson was easy to follow and implement with his practice boards.

We will invite Andy back next year to conduct lessons on other topics.

## *David Roberts*



## **Building Maintenance Report**



We had a light fitting in the toilet alcove playing up a couple of weeks ago. After trying 3 electrical lighting firms in Toowoomba, it had become very obvious that these lights (5 in all) were so old that the “B” shaped fluoro tubes are no longer available in Australia.

So we bit the bullet, and replaced all 5 similar lights with dual voltage LED lights, set to the lower 16W setting to mitigate against excessive glare. They are installed in the male, female, and handicapped person toilets, the alcove outside the toilets, and outside the dealing room.

The exhaust fan in the ladies toilet has become noisy, and the bearings were doused in WD40 by our electrician, while doing the light changeover. Still noisy, so expect that it will be replaced during July.

Some may have noticed some noise coming from the air con system adjacent the western wall of the western playing room. Turns out that one filter in particular was so clogged with lint that air could not get through the filter. It was being sucked at high velocity past the almost non-existent gap around the edge of the filter. The 3 monthly filter clean in late May fixed that one.

Something to keep an eye (or is that ear) on toward each 3-month maintenance cycle.

For those who look skyward for inspiration during competition, you will have noticed some of the ceiling tiles have become stained from water leaks. We have some tile material in the storage shed that can be cut to size to replace about 6 to 8 of the worst. I expect that we will need to try a couple of local businesses to obtain more matching (if possible) ceiling tiles to replace all of the stained ones. I plan to get that organised in the next couple of weeks.

***Terry Sheedy***

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### **Beginners' Lessons**

The next intake for Basic Beginner Lessons will commence at:

8:45-11:30am    Wednesday mornings    Starting 23 Jul 2025

6:45 - 9:30pm    Thursday Evenings    Starting 24 Jul 2025

***Please let anyone you know whom you think may be interested.***



## Beginner Lessons and Praxis

The Wednesday morning and Thursday evening beginner lessons finished some time ago, and under Trudy, Oliver and Daves guidance they have continued meeting for practice play. It has been a wonderful effort by students and teachers alike.

Last week all the Wednesday morning beginners graduated into the Wednesday morning Restricted Pairs session. It pushed our table numbers up from 6 to 11 😊 (see picture below). Dave, Trudy and I (the fat boy in the photo) were on hand to provide help if the new players requested it. This session starts at 8:45 with a short-ish talk – sometimes about a recent hand we all played, and sometimes as a refresher on what has been learned in lessons. We then play 24 boards.

Later in the year, Glenys will be approaching our new members to prepare player profiles, so you will get to know a bit about them. It is easier to strike up a conversation with a bit of background knowledge.



A new series of beginner lessons is starting soon, so whip those friends, neighbours and relatives into a card playing frenzy and get them along.

**Bridge Classes**  
for  
**Beginners**

**LESSONS START**  
Mornings - Wednesday 23 July 2025 from 9:00am to 11:30am  
Evenings - Thursday 24 July 2025 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm  
Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

**The Toowoomba Bridge Club**  
55 Stuart Street, Toowoomba

**Each Lesson Costs \$5**  
Includes lesson notes, and tea/coffee

**ENQUIRIES**  
Please telephone to register your interest to: Dave 0414 852 303  
Details also available on our website [www.toowoombabridgeclub.com.au](http://www.toowoombabridgeclub.com.au)

## Improvers Lessons

Also, the popular **Improvers Lessons** continue on Monday mornings with topics that the graduand can add to their system: overcall, pre-empts, Stayman, transfers, strong hands etc. We are part way through the series, but you can join at any time if you want a refresher. We have about 9-11 tables each week. The remaining sessions are:

Week 9 : 7 July Supervised Play (with a focus on card play)

Week 10 : 14 July **Simple Transfers after 1NT opening: 2D → 2H, 2H → 2S**

Week 11 : 21 July Supervised Play

Week 12 : 28 July **2C Stayman** – looking for a major fit after partner opens 1NT

Week 13 : 4 Aug Supervised Play

Week 14 : 11 Aug **Slam Bidding Suit Contracts - Blackwood 4NT**

Week 15 : 18 Aug Supervised Play

Week 16 : 25 Aug **Slam Bidding Notrump Contracts – 4C Gerber**

Week 17 : 1 Sept Supervised Play

Week 18 : 8 Sept **Opening Strong Balanced Hands**

Week 19 : 15 Sept Supervised Play

Week 20 : 22 Sept **Opening Strong Unbalanced Hands**

Week 21 : 29 Sept Supervised Play

Any player wishing to brush up on their bidding skills or play a more modern game is welcome to attend.

Contact Chris Snook 0413 136 435 for further details. Ideally email me ([chris@snook.id.au](mailto:chris@snook.id.au)) to say that you are coming so I can print sufficient notes and prepare boards, but ad hoc attendance is also welcome. I give a big thank you to Denise, Roz, Suzanne and Julie for coming to this session and providing help to the players as a guide on the side 😊

Cheers

*Chris*



## Masterpoint Secretary's Report

In May, I processed results for 42 sections from 32 sessions yielding 103.38 green and 85.44 red masterpoints. In June, I processed results for 39 sections from 29 sessions yielding 136.65 green masterpoints. There are a further 7.64 red masterpoints from the Winter Woolly Pairs that will be processed in July (an incorrect Master Factor had been used on the day, and thus these masterpoints had to be recalculated).

### **How often do we play?**

In terms of player frequency, 242 members played at least once in June, 123 people played more than 4 times (eg average at least one a week) and 36 people played more than 10 times. The top four all played 17 times in the month (including me).

We could also take the mathematician or statistician approach and note we had 340 tables x 4 people per table / 307 members = 4.42 sessions per member. In other words, an average of just over once per week. Like all statistics, this can be misinterpreted. It includes the 65 members who did not play in June, it includes a few visitors, and it is extremely rare to only play 0.42 of a session!

### **Who's who, and what's what?**

Here is an overview of the percentage of members that are in some common masterpoint ranges:

| Masterpoint Range | National | Toowoomba | Darling Downs | Kenmore | Toowong |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 0-20              | 43%      | 36%       | 10%           | 54%     | 43%     |
| 20-50             | 14%      | 12%       | 17%           | 13%     | 15%     |
| 50-100            | 12%      | 19%       | 21%           | 13%     | 10%     |
| 100-300           | 16%      | 20%       | 33%           | 13%     | 19%     |
| 300-1000          | 10%      | 9%        | 19%           | 5%      | 11%     |
| 1000+             | 4%       | 4%        | 0%            | 1%      | 3%      |

It is interesting to note that we (Toowoomba) have a lower proportion of newer (0-20) players compared to the two Brisbane clubs in the table and compared to the national scene. I feel that we don't keep as many players as we could (eg they move away or stop playing bridge) but the data shows otherwise. It seems we do have a good retention rate as indicated by the percentage of players within the 20-300 band.

These data also show that 67% of our members are at Novice ranking (fewer than 100 masterpoints) and are eligible to play in our novice congresses. A further 25% can play in our Under 500 congresses, and 9% are excluded from such events.

The 33% of members with more than 100 masterpoints make up over 55% of the bridge played – because they tend to be the ones who play more than once a week

### Master Rank Promotions for May

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Joan Mladen     | Promoted to <b>Life</b> master with 300 points, at least 180 red/gold and 30 gold |
| Ngairé Wills    | Promoted to <b>Life</b> master with 300 points, at least 180 red/gold and 30 gold |
| Lyn Vary        | Promoted to <b>National</b> master with 150 points, at least 75 red/gold          |
| Judy Morgan     | Promoted to <b>Bronze State</b> master with 100 points, at least 50 red/gold      |
| John Clift      | Promoted to <b>State</b> master with 50 points, at least 25 red/gold              |
| Margaret Tucker | Promoted to <b>State</b> master with 50 points, at least 25 red/gold              |
| Ian Costin      | Promoted to <b>Bronze Regional</b> master with 100 masterpoints                   |
| Val Shield      | Promoted to <b>Regional</b> master with 50 masterpoints                           |
| Yvonne Blakeney | Promoted to <b>Regional</b> master with 50 masterpoints                           |
| Harold Coggan   | Promoted to <b>Bronze Local</b> master with 25 masterpoints                       |
| Helen Rutledge  | Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints                              |
| Melanie Simmons | Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints                                |
| Bernie Wills    | Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints                                |

### Master Rank Promotions for June

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Barbara Wippell     | Promoted to <b>Silver Life</b> master with 500 points, at least 300 red/gold and 50 gold |
| John Elrandson      | Promoted to <b>Silver Life</b> master with 500 points, at least 300 red/gold and 50 gold |
| Judy King           | Promoted to <b>State</b> master with 50 points, at least 25 red/gold                     |
| Gretchen Graf       | Promoted to <b>Regional</b> master with 50 masterpoints                                  |
| Elizabeth Anderson  | Promoted to <b>Bronze Local</b> master with 25 masterpoints                              |
| Christine Gilshenan | Promoted to <b>Bronze Local</b> master with 25 masterpoints                              |
| Jeanette Dalton     | Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints                                     |
| Morgan Tullock      | Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints                                       |

Congratulations to all promotees.

Cheers *Chris*



## Winners are Grinners

The “Monthly Winners” are recognised as the “individual” winner of **eclectic** multi-session events. These events combine of all the green masterpoint sessions in a month that have not already counted toward a competition.

If there are three available sessions then your best two scores are counted (shows as 2/3). If there are four available sessions then your best three scores are counted (3/4) and if there are five available sessions then your best four scores might be counted (4/5).

If there are two available sessions, then they are treated as an eclectic event (best 2/2). If there are five days in the month, then we usually combine two of these (see the bridge diary) as a “**Two-Weekly**” and additional masterpoints are awarded to the top half of those whose partnerships played both days. The remaining three days are scored as an eclectic with (2/3).

### May Monthly Winners

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday PM Open          | David Roberts                 |
| Monday PM Novice        | Bruce Coward                  |
| Tuesday Night           | Mohan Trada                   |
| Wednesday AM Restricted | Barbara Davage                |
| Thursday Night          | Roger Green & Tim Porter      |
| Friday Morning          | Paul Matthews & David Roberts |
| Friday PM               | Mohan Trada & Will Higgins    |

### June Monthly Winners

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday PM Open          | David Roberts & Will Higgins  |
| Monday PM Novice        | Morgan Tullock & Teena Haslam |
| Tuesday Night           | Greg Munck & Lawrence Price   |
| Wednesday AM Restricted | Inge Ganzel                   |
| Wednesday PM Open       | Lesley Meyer & Jeff Aitchison |
| Wednesday PM Novice     | Bruce Coward & Debra Coward   |
| Thursday Night          | Graeme Ryan                   |
| Friday Morning          | Kerry Gibson & Pauline Curin  |
| Friday PM               | Ian Jesser & Rod Brilliant    |

## On the congress scene

### **Toowoomba Novice Teams**

1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Coward - Rosanne Munns - Dale Burey - Debra Coward  
2<sup>nd</sup> Morgan Tullock - Pamela Mackintosh - Teena Haslam - Trevor Corthorne

### **Toowoomba Under 500 Teams**

1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Duke - Paul Matthews - Dennis Lincoln - Pamela Steele  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Henderson - Mavis Simpson - John Erlandson - Pat Kelly

### **Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams**

2<sup>nd</sup> Shanaal De Zoysa - Hema De Zoysa - Denise Hartwig - Chris Snook

### **Darling Downs Matchpoint Pairs**

B 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Aitchison – Lesley Meyer  
B 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Fraser – Susie Fraser  
C 1<sup>st</sup> Cynthia Palmer – Elizabeth Anderson

Well done everyone! Cheers *Chris*

## Date Claimers

- **Birthday Pairs:** 10:00am Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. A regular club session, with a break for lunch, and a bit of cake to celebrate 18 years of happy bridge in this (to some of us oldies) new building.
- **Club Pairs Championship:** Wednesday afternoons 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July in two grades.
- **President's Cup:** Saturday afternoons 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Warwick Pairs congress:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August (note the recent date change).
- **Australia-Wide Open Pairs:** Wednesday afternoon 27<sup>th</sup> August. Play in your own club and then be rescored with about 1000 other pairs from around Australia. We will still run a Novice section on this day.
- **Lockyer Pairs congress:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- **Toowoomba Teams of Three:** Saturday afternoon 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Dalby Pairs and Teams congress:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

All these events are listed on our website in the “Calendar” area, are usually listed on the website front page, often have a flyer on display in the clubrooms, and are announced by the Directors (should be at the start of each session). They are also mentioned on the TV announcements when these TV's are switched on. Despite this, word of mouth remains the best way to get people involved, so always make sure you gee-up your friends to play 😊

Thanks *Chris*



### ***Session Rules Reminder***

- Players should be seated 15 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.
- The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements and on playing arrangements in the room (e.g. windows, air-conditioning).
- Only **green** and **blue** systems are permitted in club events.
- System cards are compulsory for competitions and red master point events and strongly recommended for all other sessions.
- NS are primarily responsible for the playing conditions at the table (bridgemates, management of boards and moving them if instructed to do so by the Director).
- EW are primarily responsible for tidy up and leaving the table in a good condition ready for the next session.
- All players should offer to help with general room clean-up to assist the Director.
- No notices are permitted on the noticeboards unless approval is given from the Management Committee.
- No trading is permitted on the club premises unless written permission is given via the Management Committee.
- Smoking is only permitted in the Designated Smoking Area or in the parklands off the premises.