



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report



It has been an unusual start to my term as President, by virtue of my not attending the annual general meeting at which I was elected into the position. Of course, I had indicated my acceptance of the nomination before heading off on my overseas

trip to cruise the great rivers of Europe (a highly recommended holiday, by the way). To make matters worse, it is a requirement of our By-Laws that the first management committee meeting must be held within 14 days of the AGM. Being still overseas, I was also not available to attend that inaugural meeting of the new committee. My sincere thanks goes to Vice President, Bruce Hinchliffe, for calling and chairing that meeting on my behalf.

Since I joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club, some 7 years ago, there has been a succession of great Club President's, which leaves me with rather large shoes to fill. I feel greatly honoured to be elected president of this club and only hope that I am able to live up to the expectations of members.

Sincere thanks go to the immediate past president, Chris Snook, and all of the outgoing members of the management committee. I believe the club is in particularly good shape and this is attributable to the leadership shown by Chris, the work carried out by the committee members and most of all by the wonderful work that is carried out by the many volunteers on an on-going basis.

There are, of course, always issues that need to be resolved and decisions to be made relating to the smooth running of the club. I look forward to

working with the newly elected committee members to work through all of these issues.

I have enjoyed being the Newsletter Editor for the past 5 years, albeit that I sometimes wonder how many members actually read it!? I am handing over this task to Keith Jenkin who kindly volunteered to take over the role.

I take this opportunity to wish all members a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Hope to see many of you at the Christmas party to be held on 10th December.

Floyd Wilson
President

Immediate Past President

We have seen a great deal of change and growth in the club over the past three years. As President, I have been fortunate to have been supported through this process by a wonderful group of people on the Management Committee and with the support of all the club membership. I commend Floyd and his new Management Committee to you and trust you will support them as well.

Best Wishes
Chris

Welfare Officer

Please contact Glenda Filbee on her home phone (4636-7622) or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a bereavement and Glenda will respond suitably on behalf of the Club.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Floyd Wilson
VICE-PRESIDENT	Bruce Hinchliffe
SECRETARY	Gabrielle Elich
TREASURER	Lorraine Sutton
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Glenys Clift Ray Moore Robbie Fulton Keith Jenkin Glennis Cowell Chris Snook Byron Longford Chris Snook Carol Lombardo Byron Longford Chris Snook Chris Snook Byron Longford Floyd Wilson Chris Snook Byron Longford Kim Nicoll Henry Eastment Keith Jenkin Trudy Dunne Glennis Cowell Bruce Hinchliffe Ray Moore Ray Moore John Clift Bette Flamstead
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY PROVIDOR	
CONGRESS CONVENOR	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	
QBA DELEGATES	
ZONE REPRESENTATIVES	
PRESS OFFICER	
LIBRARIAN	
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	
CLUB TEACHER	
MEMBERSHIP BADGES	
TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR	
GROUNDS CHARIRPERSON	
CARPARK PROJECT MANAGER	
MAINTENANCE CHAIRPERSON	
HOUSEKEEPER	

Four sub-committees coordinate much of the work in the clubrooms:

Tournament Sub-committee: Talk to your Director or a Committee member about the activities of this sub-committee, which cover all facets of bridge play at the club.

Social Sub-committee: This group helps organise all the social events at the club such as Melbourne Cup party, Christmas party, Birthday party and perhaps a few other special events through the year.

Maintenance Sub-committee: This sub-committee, led by John Clift, looks after the building and surrounding gardens. If you notice something needs repair, then let John know or add a note to the "maintenance register" next to the results noticeboard. Tell the Director if you think the matter is more urgent.

Grounds Sub-Committee: This sub-committee, led by Ray Moore, looks after the grounds and exterior of the building. If you

notice something needs repair, then let Ray know or add a note to the "maintenance register".

STOP PRESS

The Management Committee met on Thursday 17 Nov 2011 to discuss issues involving the operation of the kitchen. Several decisions were made that are of interest to all club members. There was very lively discussion on all matters involved. Decisions taken at the meeting were:

- As of the 2nd January 2012, the club would cease providing sandwiches at Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions.
- Elizabeth van der Syde would no longer be employed as kitchen help on Wednesday and Friday, but would continue (with reviewed duties) on Mondays.
- Carol Lombardo has been appointed as Providore with responsibility for kitchen supplies for all regular club events.

The committee is well aware that these decisions will not be to everyone's satisfaction, but they are made in the best interests of the club and members are enjoined to accept these changes magnanimously and continue to enjoy their bridge.

Floyd Wilson
President

GIFT VOUCHERS FOR XMAS

If any member would like to give their partner or another player a small Xmas gift, the club can do gift vouchers for a free game similar to the birthday voucher with the recipient's name on it. It would be valid for 12 months, and obviously, they would cost \$5.

To purchase gift vouchers, contact our Secretary, Gabrielle Elich.

Vale

Since the last newsletter, regular club players, Elizabeth Kane, Bud Ford and Jan Davis passed away. Our sincere condolences go to their families. They will be missed at the bridge table.

New Master Rankings

Congratulations are extended to the following members who have achieved new Master rankings since the last newsletter:

GRADUATE MASTER Margaret Barlow
Helen Horan
Charlie Moore
Mary Rehburg
Carmel Purcell
Leonie Spence
Jean Bendall
Simone Ferguson
Anita McPhee
Anica Sheppard

CLUB MASTER Graeme Dalrymple
Elwyn Capel
Robert Cheesman
Diana Drummond
Gail Dinsey
Jan Harris

LOCAL MASTER Suzanne Brazier
Lesley Meyer
Michele Alroe
John Oxenham
Graham Dalrymple
Maureen Grayson
Keith Jenkin
Robert Ramsay

***LOCAL MASTER** Trudy Dunne
Jacki Horne
Barbara Kucks
Margaret Bradford
Noela Cribb

****LOCAL MASTER** Judith Higgins
John Clift
Fleur Hopkins

REGIONAL MASTER Helen Holmes
Roger Ley
Gail Blencoe

STATE MASTER Zara Clemesha
Sheryl Haslam
Byron Longford
Joan Harms

NATIONAL MASTER Laurie McRoberts
Kim Nicoll

***NATIONAL MASTER** John Erlandson

Membership Secretary's Report



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to give a very warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club.

Doreen Dawson-Wright
Leigh Mort
Coral Allen-Ankins
Margaret Turvey
Mackenzie Patterson
Julie Nielsen
Camel Barrett
Angus Walker
John Swinson
Anne Hall

Happy Bridging!

MEMBERSHIP SUBS

Our annual subscription fees are due by the 1st January. Please complete and return the blue membership form with your payment. I am using this form to help you ensure the club has your correct contact details. To qualify for the Birthday Club and ensure you are registered with the Australian Bridge Federation, members will need to pay their membership subscriptions on time.

If you pay after our membership list has been sent to the ABF (end of February) then you will also be liable for an Activation Fee of \$12.00. This is not a levy the Club charges, but is levied by the ABF to re-register you.

Chris Snook
Membership Secretary



Treasurer's Report

The Club's finances are steady but we have to be prudent in our spending as we do not have excess reserves due to the new park extension.

At the last AGM, it was determined the ordinary membership remain the same at \$43.00. I would like to remind everyone that renewal of annual Membership fees is due **before** 1st January, 2012.

The Club runs on volunteers and we cannot function without them. As you can see from the accounts we pay very little in the way of remuneration for the work that is carried out. Most of the amounts paid are for out-of-pocket expenses. Our expenses will increase enormously if we do not have people volunteer to help run the club.

Happy bridging

Lorraine Sutton
Treasurer



Providore's Report

I wish to sincerely thank all the people who have supported me during the past two years. The Congresses are a huge success due to all the wonderful sweets and savories donated by many members. Our club is continuing to grow because of all the warmth the club members show towards new members.

Thanks again members.



Carol Lombardo
Providore



MONDAY BRIDGE

Monday Bridge is alive and flourishing. In the West room the Restricted group meets. Players with fewer than fifty Masterpoints are eligible to play. We usually average fifteen to eighteen tables and play in two sections. In the East room the Supervised Play is conducted under the expert guidance of Glenys and her helpers.

The players in both rooms enjoy their Bridge, the company of friends and a delicious afternoon tea.

It was recently decided by the Tournament Sub-committee that Monday Bridge will continue in its current format up to and including the 19th December and will recommence on 2nd January 2012. That is, there will be restricted/supervised sessions rather than the holiday bridge that occurred last year. You may come without a partner and the Director will find you one.

I have enjoyed my role as Director but I rely heavily on the help of many people too numerous to mention by name. Players collect and put out Bridgemates and boards, open and close windows, tidy the room at conclusion of play and help me score.

For Monday Bridge it has been a good year.

Mary McConachy

Christmas Party



The Christmas party and award presentations will be on Saturday 10 Dec 11 starting at midday.

All members are encouraged to attend. The catering arrangement for this event is for participants to bring a plate. The only cost will be the normal table fees

Watch the club noticeboard for more details.

Congress Convenor's Report

The Toowoomba Butler Pairs was held on 30th October 2011. A field of 54 pairs, ranging from Nil to Gold Grand Masters contested, including participants from Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Dalby, Ipswich, Lockyer, Warwick and Darling Downs Clubs.

Carol and many helpers in the kitchen put on a delightful spread and many thanks to them for helping to make it a great day.

This being my first congress, I couldn't have done it without the assistance of Denise Hartwig, Chris Snook and Annette Sullivan, whose help was invaluable.

It was a very successful day overall with the following winners.

Championship

- 1st** PaulCollins / SueO'Brien
2nd Claire Green / Cheryl Stone
3rd Arch Morrison / Murray Perrin

B Grade

- 1st** Elizabeth Zeller / Alison Dawson
2nd John Erlandson / Mohan Trada
3rd Robert Fulton / Lorraine Sutton
= Rae Capon / Carmel Stephens
= Charles Leicht / Melba Leicht

C Grade

- 1st** John Elich / Gabrielle Elich
2nd Michele Alroe / Hugh Robinson
3rd Denise Hartwig / Mavis Simpson

Upcoming Event

Warwick Swiss Pairs Congress 12 Feb 12

Byron Longford
Congress Convenor



New President, Floyd Wilson, congratulating new Congress Convenor, Byron Longford, on the outstanding success of his first congress.

Grounds Chairperson's Report

CLUB GROUNDS

1. CAR PARK

Finally we have had the contract works completed and approved by the consulting engineers and the certificate of completion lodged with Council. The fencing contractor completed the fence and Ralph, Noela, Barbara, Ted, Shaunagh, Mick, Harry, Lise and Ray and some friends completed the landscaping.

Ralph and I have continued watering of the car park surface and with continued rain and warmth we should see grass grow accelerating to provide the mat of green we wish to achieve. An extra tap has been provided near the new garden to facilitate watering.

John Clift and helpers did a fine job of concrete block borders around the two avocado trees. Unfortunately a driver has already damaged their good work. Please be careful.

Mulch arranged by Will Higgins has been spread to all gardens and around trees as required by Council.

All club members should be advised to park only in the marked car bays and avoid running over planted shrubs.

Care should be taken when walking on the concrete pavers until we have a satisfactory grass mat.

2. GENERAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Ralph wants to continue with mowing in the rear club ground. Over time the new club gardener and handyman may need to take over as required. The same applies to regular cleaning of the asphalt pavement.

John Clift and I both considered gutter cleaning must be carried out regularly on an as required basis. It is difficult and dangerous for club members and will need to be done by paid labour (possibly the club gardener /groundsman).

3. ASPHALT PAVEMENT

Some wear and tear has been noted and some minor patching arranged. Regular checking will be done.

4. LINE MARKING

Marking is fading. Quotes are being obtained for repainted.

Ray Moore

Grounds Subcommittee Chair.

Garden News

Due to my recent operation and general health I find it impossible to continue with the physical part of garden maintenance. With the help of Ralph, Noela Cribb, Barbara Gill and her husband Ted, Shaunagh Cowell, Mick Hore, Harry Goodson and some of our friends, Ray and I completed the preparation and planting of the new gardens. We also carried out hedge and mondo grass planting for the car park extension, with watering and follow up rain all is going well.

The agapanthus along the Stuart Street frontage is becoming a problem and needs removal and replacement with decorative shrubs. These will be obtained next year when the council nursery opens again, with vouchers kindly provided by some members. It is proposed to have this done by the new club gardener and handyman when appointed.

The agapanthus will be sold and should result in a reasonable return for the club. The few plants removed some months ago to allow the car park to be constructed were sold for

\$40.00, which was handed to the treasurer, Lorraine.

The star jasmine creeper on the western wall is growing and climbing well. Thanks also for the advanced bottle tree (now planted on the Stuart Street frontage) donated by Rhonda Dean and two new advanced trees (native frangipani) planted in the rear of the club's leased area.

We propose to plant cliveas in the garden bed around the avocado tree near the clubhouse as the lavender plants have not done well.

The bougainvillea on the silky oak tree has rejuvenated itself and looks a picture and we recommend we leave it as is until Parks and Gardens contact us further.



We've had a "stay of execution" of our bougainvillea. Council had ordered it moved away from the silky oak tree, but has now relented -- for how long, we're not sure.

Finally we hope to have the proposed new club gardener approved by the Committee at the next committee meeting.

Ray and Lise Moore
Gardening Coordinators

Club Teacher's Report

The next bridge lessons will commence in February at a date to be announced.

Cheers,
Trudy Dunne
Club Teacher

Librarian's Report

The following books have recently been purchased at the request of a member. They are modern well-written books and I am currently enjoying David Bird's book. Keep a look out for books that you think the Library should have and let me know.

- BIR 2 Defensive Signalling at Bridge by David Bird
- DIC 2 Better Bidding for improving Players by Ross Dick
- SEA 1 Splinter Bids Seagram, B & Lee, I -
- Law 4 How to Read your Opponents' Cards - Mike Lawrence

I am in the process of stamping all books and DVDs to enable me and members to identify books and DVDs that belong to the Bridge Club. (I returned a book to the TRC Library last week and they were pleased to receive it.)

Following is a list of books and DVDs that are currently borrowed. I am aware that some of these have been borrowed in excess of the two month borrowing period whilst others have only recently been borrowed.

If you have borrowed any of these books for longer than two months could you please return them so I can check that they are still in our possession and stamp them?

Please follow the Library's borrowing procedures so that all members may benefit from its offerings.

Enjoy your Bridge.

Henry Eastment
Librarian



Code Title - Author

Books

- BIR 1** Somehow we landed in Six Notrump - Bird D
- BIR 2** Defensive Signalling at Bridge - Bird D
- BRO 1** Expert Defence - Brock P
- COH 6** Your Lead Partner -Cohen B & Lederer B
- DIC 1** Common Bidding Mistakes To Avoid - Dick R
- FEL 1** Negative & Responsive Doubles - Feldheim H
- FEL 3** The Weak Two Bid in Bridge - Feldheim H
- GOR 3.2** Precision System - Goren C
- KEL 1** Killing Defence at Bridge - Kelsey H
- KLI 1** How to Play Contract Bridge - Klinger R
- KEL 2** More Killing Defence at Bridge - Kelsey H
- KLI 11** Ron Klinger's Guide to Better Bridge - Klinger R
- KLI 13** Acol System (Flipper) - Klinger R & Brightling
- LAW 1** Complete Book of Balancing in Bridge - Lawrence M
- MAR 4** The Principles of Card Play - Marston P
- MAS 1** Mind Games - Masters C (Editor)
- REE 8.2** Safety Plays in Bridge - Reese T & Trezel R
- REE 9.2** Elimination Play in Bridge - Reese T & Trezel R
- ROS 1** Bridge, Zia and Me - Rosenberg M
- WEI 3** Action for the Defense - Wei K & Anderson R

DVDs

- DVD 1** Opening Leads Part 1 - Klinger R
- DVD 3** Competitive Bidding 1 - Klinger R
- DVD 4** Competitive Bidding 2 - Klinger R
- DVD 5** Defensive Play - Klinger R
- DVD 10** Responder's Strategy - Klinger R

Henry Eastment
Librarian



Melbourne Cup Function

Fifty-six people attended the Melbourne Cup Function on 1 November and from all reports it was a very successful day.

The spit-roast was very well received and we had many compliments on a lovely lunch. It was a relief to have most of the workload taken off our hands by the caterer. I would certainly recommend we use them again – you need to book him well in advance. Thanks to John Clift for the recommendation.

Many thanks to Shirley Hooper, Christine Stiles, John Clift, Bette Flamsted and Veronica Schmidt for their donation of prizes and to Desiree Fenaughty and Veronica Schmidt for supplying lovely roses. Thanks also to Keith Jenkin for his help in organizing the day and to Phil Dobney for running the sweeps.

Majella Wilson



Happy punters Fleur Hopkins, Judy Desjardins, Margaret Bradford and Kaye Munt

Zone Events

Two local pairs recently won the right to represent the Darling Downs Zone at the Grand National Pairs to be played in Canberra in January.

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Rhondda Dean & Ian Jesser
John Erlandson & Will Higgins

Winners are Grinners

August Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Robert Ramsay
Tuesday	Gwen Francis & Rae Capon
Wednesday	Jackie Henderson
Thursday	Val McClement & Eileen Josey
Thursday night	Sue Brazier & Robert Ramsay

September Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Fleur Hopkins
Tuesday	Jean Crandell & Peg Alcock
Wednesday	Pam Gebbett
Thursday night	John Oxenham & Jack Lloyd
Friday	Lennie Goodson & Marlene Mirtschin
Saturday	Merna Atkins & Pat Penberthy

October Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Fleur Hopkins
Tuesday	Ian Jesser
Wednesday	Graeme Dalrymple
Thursday	Eileen Josey & Val McClement
Thursday night	Graeme Dalrymple & Keith Jenkin
Friday	Jackie Henderson & Val McClement
Saturday	Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

Clive Berghofer Pairs Championship

Eileen Josey & Val McClement

President's Cup

Edwin Willey & Jenni Buckley

Tuesday Night Teams Championship

Chris Snook & Mohan Trada & John Erlandson & Will Higgins

Thursday Pairs Championship

Val McClement & Eileen Josey

Tuesday Night Pairs Championship

Edwin Willey & Harvey Billing

Join me in congratulating all these players for the success they have enjoyed.

Chris

