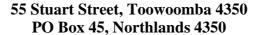


## TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

## **NEWSLETTER**

December 2013





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## President's Report



At the club's Annual General Meeting on the 26th October. 2013/2014 Management Committee was elected with Larraine Sutton continuing her role as Treasurer and Hugh

Robinson, Ian Steger and Keith Jenkin continuing as Committee Members. We welcome Trudy Dunne as Secretary, and Jeff Aitchison, Byron Longford, Eileen Josey and Ritamay Roberts as Committee Members. Then, of course, there was a tied vote for the position of President, which was ultimately resolved via postal ballot.

The Management Committee has subsequently appointed Keith Jenkin as Vice-President and Providore, Hugh Robinson as Congress Convenor and Annette Sullivan as Masterpoint Secretary. These new Office Bearers and the new Management Committee contain a great deal of managerial and bridge experience and I am sure they will continue the good work of the past few years in further developing our wonderful club.

Lesley Meyer, Glenys Clift, Shaunagh Cowell and Jan Lindau retired from the positions of Secretary and Committee Members respectively. All have made excellent contributions to the management of our club, and we thank them for all their good work.

In a change of direction for the club, the Management Committee decided to discontinue the Birthday Club at the end of the current year. It will instead look for other opportunities to "give something back" to members.

Our plans for next year's lessons and player development program are coming together well. Beginner's lessons will commence in February on Wednesday mornings with Trudy Dunne and Thursday nights with Denise Hartwig. Supervised play will commence on Monday afternoons and the regular Restricted Pairs sessions continue on Monday afternoons Thursday evenings. There is still room for workshops, SO keep checking the noticeboards. website and upcoming newsletters for details.

Finally, I'd like to express a word of thanks to all of the volunteers of the club who deal boards for each session, direct sessions of bridge, help the Director prepare the room and kitchen before play, clean up the room after play, look after the gardens, clean the gutters, water the gardens, trim the hedges, help with the restricted and supervised play sessions, replenish the table supplies, sharpen pencils, wash the tablecloths, spot clean as required, and the dozens of other important jobs that I have not mentioned. The club runs as well as it does, and we all get to enjoy our bridge, because of your efforts. **So, well done and thank you!!!** 

#### **Chris Snook**

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT Chris Snook
SECRETARY Trudy Dunne
TREASURER Larraine Sutton
COMMITTEE MEMBERS Jeff Aitchison

Keith Jenkin
Eileen Josey
Byron Longford
Ritamay Roberts
Hugh Robinson
Ian Steger

#### **OFFICE HOLDERS**

CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Chris Snook
PROVIDORE Keith Jenkin
CONGRESS CONVENOR Hugh Robinson
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY Annette Sullivan
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Chris Snook

Keith Jenkin Byron Longford Ritamay Roberts

**ZONE REPRESENTATIVES** Chris Snook

Byron Longford

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MEMBERSHIP BADGESByron LongfordTENANCY CO-ORDINATOREileen JoseyBUILDING MAINTENANCEJohn CliftGROUNDS MAINTENANCEJeff AitchisonHOUSEKEEPERBette Flamsteed

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

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

**Social Sub-committee**: Led by Ian Steger, 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.

# Membership Secretary's Report



#### **New Members**

Please make the following new members feel welcome. Some of them have just completed lessons and will be looking for encouragement from everyone.

Sandra Clarke
Bronwyn Humphries
Alison Dawson
David Edwards
Ashley Fitzgibbon
Jocelyn Hunt
Marion Hunt
Alex Shkardoon
Adrian Mayers
Corry Mayers
Neville Meyer

## **Membership Subscriptions**

It is that time of year to pay your Annual Subscriptions for 2013. I have sent out letters to all members. If you have not received one, please let me know. The full amount for Home members is \$31, and for Away members is \$2. Payments are due by 31 December 2013. You can pay at any session, post it or pay by Direct Debit.

Our current membership numbers are:

- 3 Junior members
- 79 Away members
- 353 Home members
  - 5 Life members

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Annette Sullivan

Membership Secretary

## **New Master Rankings**

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

<b>GRADUATE MASTER</b>	Penny Astridge

**Jane Bracey** Peter Dawson Frank Elston Clifford Hughes Kathleen Mulherin Heather Mullinder

#### **CLUB MASTER** Clifford Hughes

Wendy Jackson **Deborah Jones** Anica Sheppard

#### **LOCAL MASTER** Coral Apel

Kav Behrend Arthur Bilby Geoff Buckham **Greg Dinsey** Rhonda Duck **Kave Fisher** Aino Jaatinen Iohn Maslen Iean Moetara Dave Mulherin Marilyn Oakroot **Bunny Powne** 

#### \*LOCAL MASTER Anne Arnold

**Judy Desiardins** Diana Drummond

**John Laker** David Lynch

Michele Alroe \*\*LOCAL MASTER

Barbara Power

**REGIONAL MASTER** Lesley Meyer

> **Margaret Vines John Vines**

Lise Boyce **STATE MASTER** 

Maurice Josey \*STATE MASTER

**Carmel Stephens** 

Mary McConachy \*NATIONAL MASTER

\*\*NATIONAL MASTER Robbie Fulton

**LIFE MASTER** Will Higgins

**Byron Longford** 

Val Buchanan **SILVER LIFE MASTER** 

## **Masterpoint Secretary's** Report

As at the ABF Census date of 30 September 2013, members have earned 1830.92 green master points. Whilst this is slight down on last year's numbers, it is still an increase of 115% (over double) on the amount of bridge played when we first moved into these club rooms in 2007. Our members have also earned 303.35 red masterpoints in club events.

In the 2013/2014 year we have been assigned 34 red masterpoint sessions and these will be distributed amongst each of the playing days. Red point sessions are granted by the ABF by a set amount and then at the rate of one red point session for every 65 green points earned by the club in the previous year.

You can always earn extra red and gold masterpoints by playing in Congresses and major OBA and ABF events. In addition, the club occasionally hosts other red point events, which are advertised on the noticeboard.

Since then, I have processed 261.97 green masterpoints for October and November, and 49.98 red masterpoints.

Don't forget that it is easy to check your masterpoints on the ABF website at: http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au click on "Player - Masterpoints Lookup". You can do this on the club computers at any time. If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Enjoy your bridge.

Cheers

**Annette Sullivan Masterpoint Secretary** 

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## Treasurer's Report

I wish to thank Lee Hore for taking over half of the Treasurer's job. Lee, who is excellent with money and also a previous Treasurer of the club, is doing a tremendous job collecting, balancing and banking all the clubs daily money.

I have had people query me about the membership fees for away members only being \$2. I wish to confirm that this is correct. For home members, membership fees include the ABF and QBA levies so your membership fees for 2104 are \$31. All membership fees are due and payable by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 so keep them coming in.

At the last AGM the management committee reduced membership fees down to \$2; this is to keep us under the GST threshold for this financial year only. If this initiative was not introduced the \$6,000 grant we received would have been wiped out with having to pay approximately \$10,000 in GST to the Government.

The clubs Auditor, Hooper Accountants have generously given the club \$330 as a sponsor of the club. They have an office in Toowoomba and Pittsworth, their Toowoomba office is located in 'Clifford House' at 120 Russell Street. Their contact number is (07) 4637-9363. We now have several sponsors of the club and I urge all members to please support all our sponsors.

I wish to remind members that they can take advantage of 'travel insurance' through Tony Bembrose Insurance Broker (TBIB), which is an exclusive offer if you have an ABF number and are a financial member of a bridge club. No matter when you apply for the insurance, it covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Their phone contact number is (07) 3252-5254. You can view details of the 'travel insurance' on their website at <a href="http://tbib.com.au/abf-travel-insurance.php">http://tbib.com.au/abf-travel-insurance.php</a>

There has been a slight increase in the price of 'name badges'. All 'name badges' have increased by 50 cents each. A new price list is displayed on the east wall notice board.

Late September the club received a grant of approximately \$6,000 for the purchase of our new, high tech, photocopier. We should not have any more photocopier woes and it should last us, for several years to come.

I am happy to say the club continues to run smoothly and is financial, with income being closely monitored for the GST threshold. The monthly financial statements are attached to the minutes and are posted on the notice board for members to peruse each month.

Happy bridging,

**Larraine Sutton** 

Treasurer



### MAINTENANCE REPORT

Leaves on the roof of the building are a continual hazard, especially as it stains the water in the tanks. I have spoken to two gutter contractors and their prices for fitting gutter guard is in the region of \$5,000.00. Both of these contractors agree that because of the slight slope of the roof, the gutter guard will never work to its full potential.

I have re-thought the matter, and one of the proposals is that we pay a contractor to give the roof a thorough clean on a one-off basis. This could cost between \$100 - \$200 or so. After the clean up, the roof would be blown on a 2-3 weekly basis. This should ensure we have no more problems with the gutters. I have still to get a price for the ongoing blowing of the roof.

Apart from the above, all other general maintenance procedures are being followed as per the schedule.

#### **Iohn Clift**

Maintenance Bloke

## Providore's Report

I have enjoyed doing the Providore's job during the past year.

During the year I introduced decaf coffee, green tea and sweeteners. Any suggestions on what I can further provide for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

I would particularly like to thank Helen Holmes who continually brings her much talked about goodies every week for all of us to enjoy.

It is disturbing to see some of our members are not paying, or paying less, for the soft drinks which we provide as I have monitored the sales over the past few weeks. Please ensure you pay the correct amount of \$1.00 every time you purchase soft drinks. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS AN HONOR SYSTEM.

Any suggestions on anything further I can provide for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

Thanks all.

### **Keith Jenkin**

Providore

## **Congress Convenor's Report**

Four weekends have been allocated in the QBA's 2014 Calender for our Club's regular congresses. They will be played on the following dates:

March 30<sup>th</sup> Twmba Butler Pairs
April 27<sup>th</sup> QBA Novice Pairs
August 3<sup>rd</sup> Twmba Novice Teams
October 4<sup>th</sup> Twmba Pairs

October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Twmba Teams

Nomination forms will become available with plenty of time before each congress. You will be able to access them either in the club house or online through the QBA link.

The success of this year's congresses should ensure that next year's will attract considerable interest. The club appreciates the support of those members who volunteer to help in all facets of running a successful congress. We will be looking forward to their enthusiastic support again next year.

My best wishes to all our members for a Merry Christmas and many hours of enjoyable bridge during 2014.

## **Hugh Robinson**

**Congress Convenor** 

#### PROGRAM BOOKLET

Please note a minor error has occurred in some phone numbers. Please amend your books to remove the leading "7" from the numbers for Jocelyn Hunt, Corry and Adrian Mayers.

## **Rules Reminder**

- Players should be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.
   Please phone the Director if you are running late.
- The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements (eg NS or EW) and on playing arrangements in the room (eg windows, airconditioning). Players should graciously accept the Directors decisions in this regard.
- No notices are permitted on the noticeboards unless approval is given from the club Executive.
- No trading is permitted on the club premises unless written permission is given via the Management Committee.

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## **Club Teachers' Report**

#### **TEACHING PROGRAMME FOR 2014**

Starts WEDNESDAY 12th February 2014

2014 will see a few changes in the content our lessons. To quote Ron Klinger: "Time marches on and the standard approach to bidding changes with it. Most players now play 1NT as 15-17 not 16-18. The preferred range for a 2NT opening is 21-22 points but a good 20 qualifies. Where jump raises, eg 1S: 3S were once played as forcing, they are commonly used these days as a limit raise, 10-12 points. Overcalls have wider ranges, 8-16 at the 1 level, 10-16 at the 2-level."

And we will also be introducing better minors.

It might seem like a lot of changes but they are fairly minimal and as Ron said to us it really doesn't matter that much whether you play 15-17 or 16-18, you will probably get to the same contract; the responses are still the same – there are simply a couple more advantages playing 15-17.

For members who have learnt 16-18 but would like to look at the benefits of a 15-17, we have ordered 20 copies of Ron Klinger's "Guide to Better Bridge" which incorporates the above changes plus Weak Twos. According to Ron, beginners are better off playing a basic system for the first couple of years before they venture onto Weak Twos or Multis.

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#### **SUPERVISED PLAY**

Starts MONDAY 3rd February 2014

The changes will also be incorporated into Monday Supervised Play which starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014. For details I have included a copy of the 2014 program in the newsletter.

#### **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

Ian Jesser will continue to run a supervised play session on Wednesday mornings for beginners to become familiar with the movements and bridgemates in between the lessons.

If there is the demand, this may carry on in a separate room when the lessons are on.

#### **BRIDGE TIP**

"When you are dealt a bad hand or your partner gives you a rotten dummy in bridge – it is a bit like life. It reflects on you as to how you handle your life as to how you handle a bridge hand. Do the best you can and hope that life or bridge deals you a better hand next time"

#### **TEACHING PLAN – 2014**

Wednesday mornings (9:00 – 11:30am) with Trudy Dunne and Thursday evenings (7:00 – 9:30pm) with Denise Hartwig.

There is a repeat of the series in the second half of the year on Wednesday mornings only.

Lessons 1-6 focus on the etiquette of bridge and opening bids at the 1 level.

Lessons 7-12 focus on opening with strong hands, slam bidding and coping with interventions.

Members may revisit any lessons they wish when they recognise a need.

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WED	THU	WED	TOPIC	Lesson
12/2	13/2	2/7	Introduction to	1
			Bridge	
19/2	20/2	9/7	Open 1NT	2
26/2	27/2	16/7	Open 1NT and a	3
			fit in a major	
5/3	6/3	23/7	Revision of 1NT	3a
12/3	13/3	30/7	Open a major	4
19/3	20/3	6/8	Open a minor	5
26/3	27/3	13/8	Balanced hand	6
2/4	3/4	20/8	Revision of	6a
			basic bidding	
9/4	10/4	n/a	Playing cards	
16/4	17/4	n/a	Playing cards	
23/4	24/4	27/8	Benjamin 2s –	7
			weak	
30/4	1/5	3/9	Benjamin 2s -	8
			strong	
7/5	8/5	10/9	Overcalls and	9
			takeout doubles	
14/5	15/5	17/9	Negative,	10
			penalty,	
			balancing	
			doubles	
21/5	22/5	24/9	Pre-emptive	11
			bidding	
28/5	29/5	1/10	Looking for	12
			slam	

### MONDAY SUPERVISED PLAY PROGRAM 2014

#### **February**

3/2	Responses to 15-17 1NT
10/2	Playing NT promoting winners
17/2	Bidding with a fit

## 24/2 Playing a suit contract

#### March

3/3	Opening Better Minors
10/3	Bidding 4 card suits up the line.
17/3	WeakTwos - opening 2H, 2S
24/3	Opening with 21+ or 4-loser hands.
31/3	Opening balanced hands 23+ game force

### April

7/4	Bidding after suit interference
14/4	When to draw trumps
21/4	Take out Doubles and Overcalls
28/4	Negative Doubles

### May

5/5	Coping with Pre empts
12/5	Gerber & Blackwood
19/5	Doubling 1 NT

26/5	Opening	Light in	3rd	Position

#### June

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2/6	Discards & Signals-McKenney
9/6	Cue bidding the enemy suit
6/6	Re-Opening the Bidding – Balancing
23/6	Unusual No Trump

#### July

7/7	Michaels Cue Bids
14/7	Landy

#### 21/7 Roman Gerber with extended CRO

## **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.

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### **Grounds Maintenance**

The Committee has commissioned me to produce an action plan to improve the grass coverage of the new car park to the south of the clubhouse. While the area has grass growing in most of the holes between the blocks ((probably 80% overall), the grass has not thrived and weeds need to be sprayed. It is intended to apply a weed and feed spray on 23 December (weather permitting) as there will be no bridge at the club during that week.

Early in the New Year we will spread some extra grass seed and apply a light top dressing to fill in some of the areas, which have subsided.

Hopefully this timing will allow us to take advantage of the late summer warmth and storm activity. If any members are available to assist in spreading the seed and soil in the New Year please contact me.

#### **Jeff Aitchison**

**Grounds Co-ordinator** 

## **Open Day**

George McKinnon, Bruce Hinchliffe and Glenys Clift are investigating the logistics of holding an Open Day for our club on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014.

This would be an opportunity to bring your friends and family to have a look at the club, play a hand of cards, have a coffee and perhaps a nibble.

We are doing this to create greater community awareness about our club and hopefully, entice new people to come to the lessons and learn how to play bridge.

As details have not been completed or final approval given by the Committee for the format of the day, this is a date claimer to put in your diaries. More details will be available in January on our notice board and web site.

Cheers, Glenys Clift

## In the Zone

#### **GNOT Results**

Congratulations to Robbie Fulton, Larraine Sutton, Ian Jesser and Edwina Willis for their splendid performance at the Grand National Open Teams. Representing the Darling Downs Zone they scored 4 wins and a draw in their 10 matches and placed 43<sup>rd</sup> of the 64 teams. This is a very strong field with teams from all around Australia and with ¾ of the players a Grand master or higher.

#### **2014 Date Claimers**

## Sunday 13 April 2014 Zone Teams Qualifier (red mp)

Open to all players in the Darling Downs Zone, with the top two teams sponsored to play in the State Final on 23-24 August at Toowong.

## Sunday 4 May 2014 GNOT Club Qualifier (gold mp)

Open to all players in the Darling Downs Zone, with the top two teams advancing to the Zone Area Final to be held 31 August. Winner of that final represents the Darling Downs Zone at the 2014 GNOT.

## Sunday 15 June 2014 Zone Pairs Qualifier (red mp)

Open to all players in the Darling Downs Zone, with the top two pairs sponsored to play in the State Final on 18-19 October at QCBC.

#### **Social Date Claimer**

## Saturday 22 March 2014

Local Race Day at Clifford Park – put it in your diary.



## Winners are Grinners

### July Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday Lavinia Minchin

Tuesday Ian Jesser

Wednesday Glenys Clift & Jackie

Henderson

Thursday Ian Jesser
Thursday night John Oxenham

Friday Byron Longford & Ann

Dujela

Saturday Chris Snook

### **August Monthly Eclectic Winners**

Monday Jill Cory & Lyn Vary Tuesday Carol Wilson & Ian Jesser

Wednesday Robbie Fulton

Thursday Edwin Willey & Bruce

Meakins

Thursday night John Oxenham

Saturday Robbie Fulton & Larraine

Sutton

### **September Monthly Eclectic Winners**

Monday Peter Cory Tuesday Nonie McCay

Tuesday night Henry Eastment & Will

Higgins

Wednesday Henry Eastment & Adrian

Mayers

Thursday night Graeme Dalrymple
Friday Pat Penberthy
Saturday Pat Penberthy

#### **October Monthly Eclectic Winners**

Monday Barbara Davies

Wednesday Henry Eastment & Adrian

Mayers

Thursday Edwin Willey
Thursday night John Oxenham

#### **November Monthly Eclectic Winners**

Monday Cliff Hughes & Peter

Dawson

Tuesday Desiree Fenaughty

Tuesday night Liz Zeller

Wednesday Desley Mundell Thursday Edwin Willey Thursday night Hugh Robinson

Friday Ian Jesser

Saturday Ian Jesser & Pat Penberthy

## President's Cup

Edwin Willey & Denise Hartwig

## **Tuesday Night Teams Championship**

Chris Snook & Mohan Trada & John Erlandson & Will Higgins

## **Thursday Pairs Championship**

Edwin Willey & Val Buchanan

## **Tuesday Night Pairs Championship**

Alison Dawson & Liz Zeller

And on the Congress scene:

## **Lockyer Swiss Pairs (Plate/B section)**

1st Helen Holmes & Carmen Powell

2<sup>nd</sup> Jorden & Rosemary Steenbeek

3rd Denise Hartwig & Sheryl Haslam

# **Stanthorpe Butler Pairs (Plate/B section)**

3rd Trevor & Judy Glasby

#### **Darling Downs Swiss Pairs**

A 2<sup>nd</sup>Bruce Meakins & Edwin Willey A 3<sup>rd</sup> David McAdam & Jennifer Buckley

B 1st Joan Harms & David Thomson

B 3<sup>rd</sup> Larraine Sutton & Robbie Fulton

C 1st Floyd & Majella Wilson

C 2nd Rebecca Knight & Heather Bradley

C 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesley Meyer & Lucy Parker

#### **Toowoomba Novice Teams**

A 2<sup>nd</sup>Hugh Robinson, Michele Alroe, Lesley Meyer & Lucy Parker A 3<sup>rd</sup> Gabrielle Elich, John Elich, Trevor Glasby & Judith Glasby B 2<sup>nd</sup>Margie Maddison, Sue Brazier, Annette Scott & Rita Fatseas

## **Queensland Open Teams (Plate)**

1st Chris Snook, John Erlandson, Mohan Trada &Will Higgins

#### **Dalby Swiss Pairs and Teams**

3rd Desley Mundell & Carol WilsonB 1st Robbie Fulton, Larraine Sutton,Rhondda Dean & Ian Jesser

## <u>Toowoomba Labour Day Congress -</u> Swiss Pairs

B 1st Mohan Trada & Will Higgins

C 1st Ray & Betty Steele

C 2nd Pauline Lutton & Margaret Raymond

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

#### Chris



Winners of the L.J. Hooker prize at the Novice Teams Championship in August were John and Gabrielle Elich and Judy and Trevor Glasby. L.J. Hooker Real Estate are one of the club's valued sponsors, and their prize was for the team leading at lunchtime.

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## **Melbourne Cup Function**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 turned the normal Tuesday session into a special Melbourne Cup function day. Once again this was a successful and enjoyable day with 59 people attending. Lots of fun was had with Bruce & Judy Hinchliffe running the sweeps and Veronica Schmidt and Phyllis Morton in charge of the raffle. This year we raffled "money" and this proved to be a popular prize especially for Ian Jesser who won first prize.

We managed to get in 24 hands of bridge before stopping for lunch. A spit roast was arranged for lunch as it proved to be a very popular arrangement for the previous two years. We were not disappointed as the caterer again did a great job of providing a scrumptious hot meal followed by a fabulous collection of delicious desserts.

Following lunch, attention turned to the wide screen TV for the running of the cup. Not everybody had a win, but, from all accounts, everybody thoroughly enjoyed the day.

For those who haven't attended our Melbourne Cup Day we would encourage you to give it a try as we all have lots of fun.



Best dressed man, Gerald Herden, with best dressed lady, Lyn Vary.

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The prize for best hat went to Lesley Herden.



Gail Blencoe, Phyllis Morton, Anneke Bierenbroodspot and Glenda Filbee.



Jan Lindau, Allison Langdon, Margaret Bradford and Fleur Hopkins.

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## Christmas Party & Awards Ceremony

A very enjoyable and successful Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, with over 100 people then staying to play bridge in the afternoon. There was an excellent sense of camaraderie from all members and a copious amount of savouries and sweets kindly brought in by members for all to enjoy.

After play, we were joined by our sponsors, Trish Vaz and John O'Neil from L.J. Hooker, Rachel Lawson from Freedom Aged Care, Hugh Robinson from RetireInvest and Ainsley Hardie from My Personal Travel Planner – see following photo.



Each sponsor presented special prizes to those who played during the afternoon. Many members then took the opportunity to talk with our sponsors who each were very generous with their time and knowledge.

Major Kevin Holland from the Toowoomba Salvation Army also joined us to receive the non-perishable goods and other donations from members. The Club's membership proved very generous with over \$1000 of quality donations supplemented by \$275 of cash donations from members in lieu of table fees. One of our sponsors also donated a sizable amount in gift vouchers. The following photo of President, Chris Snook and the Salvation Army's Major Kevin Holland shows a selection of the goods donated by members to the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal.

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The event was captured by a news crew from Channel Nine, and this highlighted the very best of the Toowoomba Bridge Club. I thank all members for their contributions and participation, and I thank George McKinnon for his vision and drive to make it happen and Ian Steger and the Social Subcommittee for bringing it all together.



The above photo and article from the Chronicle was unearthed by Henry Eastment. You used to be quite a smart looking lad Henry – what happened?!



from your friendly Editor

