

TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report



At the club's Annual General Meeting on 20th October, our new Management Committee was elected with me as President, Pam Steele as secretary, and Greg Munck as treasurer. Our

committee members are Trevor Henderson, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Desley Hanrahan, Pam Davey, Keith Jenkin, Ken Orange and Tim Porter.

This is a mix of experienced and new members, so I am confident this will be great for our large club and provide many ideas to make bridge as enjoyable as we can for our members.

Chris Snook continues as a teacher, Masterpoint Secretary and Chief Tournament Director. John Churchett, Leonie Spence and Jean Moetara continue on in their roles as Newsletter Editor, Functions and Catering Chair and Librarian respectively. All have made excellent contributions and we thank them for all their good work.

Greg Munck continues in his role as the Treasurer. We are truly grateful for this, especially as Greg still works full time in his own business as well as tending to the maintenance in our club. Tim Porter will be helping Greg Munck with the maintenance which I know Greg appreciates. Ken Orange has also agreed to assist with the congresses thus reducing my load. Thanks Ken.

The club needs more members to volunteer for positions instead of leaving jobs to just a few. We are the fifth largest club in Queensland and a lot of volunteers are needed and I ask you to consider putting your hand up to volunteer to be on the

Committee for next year as well as for all the smaller jobs around the club that routinely need doing.

I thank all the members who currently volunteer to do jobs at the club such as deal boards, direct club sessions, help clean up the room after play, replenish the table supplies, sharpen pencils, wash tablecloths, spot clean as required, look after and water the gardens, trim the hedges and numerous other important jobs that I have not mentioned. The club would not run as well as it does without all your help and we all enjoy our bridge because of your efforts. Thank you all very much.

Coming up in February is one of Australia's largest and most successful Congresses. It's the 58th Gold Coast Congress and this year is being held from February 15th – 23rd. There are numerous events for various levels of bridge players – open, intermediate, restricted and novice. There are also special sessions for Rookies with 0-10 Masterpoints and for players between 0-50 Masterpoints. These all attract Gold points, which are very rare in the bridge congress scene. If you only want to play shorter sessions, there are Holiday Walk-in Pairs every single day and these attract Red points.

Our annual Christmas Party and Awards ceremony was held on Saturday 8th December. I have been told by numerous people that the day was a resounding success. Congratulations to all the award winners.

Have a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Keep well and safe and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Dave Roberts President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	David Roberts
VICE PRESIDENT	Trevor Henderson
SECRETARY	Pam Steele
TREASURER	Greg Munck
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Glenys Clift Pam Davey Henry Eastment Desley Hanrahan Keith Jenkins Ken Orange Tim Porter

MANAGEMENT

CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	Chris Snook
CONGRESS CONVENOR	David Roberts Ken Orange
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY PROVIDOR	Chris Snook Keith Jenkin
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Desley Hanrahan
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GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	John Ryan
BOARD DEALING COORDINATOR	Roger Ley
BIRTHDAY CLUB	Desley Hanrahan
PARTNERSHIP ARRANGER	Pam Gebbett

As well as the elected and appointed positions, the Toowoomba Bridge Club has three sub-committees to help coordinate the running of the club:

TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Chris Snook (Chair), Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Leonie Spence, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller and the President (ex-officio).

FUNCTION AND CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE

Leonie Spence (Chair), Desley Hanrahan, the Provider (ex-officio) and the President (ex officio).

TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Denise Hartwig, Trudy Dunne, Ian Jesser, Byron Longford, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence and Liz Zeller.

Coming Events

Col Martin Shield	6 Tuesday nights 8 th January - 12 th February
Club Teams Championship	2 Saturday afternoons 12 th and 19 th January
Toowoomba Novice Pairs Congress:	Sunday 3rd February.

Major Trophy Winners 2018

Clive Berghofer Pairs	Jenni Buckley and Jim Wood
Club Pairs Championship Open	Pat Larsen and Mohan Trada
Club Pairs Championship Restricted	Robyn and Isabella Geldard
Club Teams Championship Open	Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment, Will Higgins and John Erlandson
Club Teams Championship Restricted	Ray Steele, Betty Steele, Anne Kirkpatrick and Lesley Meyers
Ivy Dahler Cup	Jenni Buckley and Jim Wood
Joyce Benson Cup	Byron Longford and Mearon Geldard
Col Martin Shield	Henry Eastment and Will Higgins

Recent New Rankings



David Thomson	National
Leslie Meyers	National
Heather Bradley	*State
Leonie Spence	*State
Pam Davey	State
Philip Atkinson	State
Gerry Hockin	*Regional
Helga Hockin	*Regional
Helen Counsell	*Regional
Val Witenden	Regional
Kerry Brown	Regional
Alastair Nixon	Regional
Joyce Ziesemer	Regional
Marilyn Oakroot	Regional
Mary Rehburg	**Local
Elizabeth Thorne	**Local
Frank Elston	**Local
Bronwyn Hamilton	**Local
Robyn Pearson	**Local
Wendy McCord	*Local
Ken Orange	*Local
Carmel Purcell	Local
Michael Mumford	Local
Michael Walsh	Local
Mimmo Centofanti	Local
Susan Hamilton	Local
Jim Rowen	Local
Lynda Oxenham	Local
Pamela Steele	Local
Patricia Egan	Local
Robert Fulcher	Club
Robert Fulcher	Graduate
Maree Neale	Graduate
Gary Street	Graduate
Nuala O'Sullivan	Graduate
Tim Porter	Graduate

Congratulations to Robert who gets 2 promotions

Membership Secretary's Report

The response to membership renewals has been excellent. Thanks for your prompt payment. For those who have not yet paid, it would be really appreciated if payment could be made by the end of December.

Desley Hanrahan

Toowoomba Swiss Teams Congress 11/11/18

The Congress attracted 19 teams and was convened and directed in his usual competent manner by Chris Snook.

The prize winners were:

First: A Mellings (Noosa), A Waigaratne (Northern Suburbs), A Hyland, F Jeppeson (Redcliffe)

Second: H Eastment, I Jesser, W Higgins, J Erlandson (Toowoomba)

Third: M Stoneman (Maryborough), V Roland (Beenleig/Logan), M Hoevenaars, M Baljet (Hervey Bay)

First in B Section were:

C Hartman, B McKay, B Hamilton, P Atkinson (Dalby)

Director's Prize for the team that finished highest above its ranking:

P Davey, A Worrall, E Thorne, T Thorne (Toowoomba)

Congratulations to all the above.

Play was stopped for a minute's silence at 11 am to commemorate the Centenary of Armistice Day 1918.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the presentation of this event and to the usual clean-up of the rooms that followed the socialisation after play.

Winners are Grinners

The "Monthly Winners" are recognised as the "individual" winner of eclectic multi-session events that run on the same day over the course of a month.

September Monthly Winners

Monday Open Oliver Dashwood
Monday Restr Judy Gieseemann
Tuesday Day Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers
Tuesday Night Denise Hartwig & Roz Wright
Wed Open Byron Longford
Wed Restr Coral Apel & Barbara Power
Thursday Night Jean Moetara
Friday am Paul Matthews & David Roberts
Friday pm Adrian Mayers
Saturday Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood

October Monthly Winners

Monday Open Diana Drummond
Monday Restr Judy Edwards & Val Witenden
Tuesday Day Ian Jesser
Tuesday Night John Churchett
Wed Open Rhondda Dean
Wed Restr Kay Blakeney & Dawn Brosi
Thursday Night Rhonda Duck & Jan Lindau
Friday am Pam Davey & Ken Orange
Friday pm Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

November Monthly Winners

Monday Open Lyndall Hore & Diana Drummond
Monday Restr Gary Street & Bob Fulcher
Tuesday Day Gail Blencoe & Anne Kirkpatrick
Tuesday Night Chris Snook & Mohan Trada
Wed Open Lee Hore
Wed Restr Kathleen Beckwith
Thursday Night Lyn Vary & Jill Cory
Friday am Susie & Angus Walker
Friday pm Glenys Clift

In recent club competitions:

Tuesday Night Teams Competition

1st Greg Munck, Desley Hanrahan,
Chris Snook & Mohan Trada
2nd Anne Kirkpatrick, Liz Zeller,
Denise Hartwig & Rozalyn Wright
3rd Lesley Meyer, Michael Mumford,
Byron Longford & Ian Jesser

We ran this in a different format this year. People entered as pairs, and the teams were formed to give approximately even strength. It seemed to work well and was an enjoyable event.

Club Pairs Championship – Open

1st Pat Larsen & Mohan Trada
2nd Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers

=3rd Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig
=3rd Henry Eastment & Ian Jesser

Club Pairs Championship – Novice

1st Robyn Pearson & Isabella Geldard
2nd Jill Cory & Desley Hanrahan
3rd Ken Orange & Joan Mladen

And on the recent Congress scene:

Toowoomba Queens Birthday Congress – Pairs

Highest placed Toowoomba Pair:
Denise Hartwig & Mavis Simpson

OBA Open Pairs

B 2nd Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig

BBC Novice Pairs

C 1st Pam Steele & Dennis Lincoln

Toowoomba Swiss Teams

2nd Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser,
Will Higgins & John Erlandson
B 1st Carmel Hartman, Beryl Mckay,
Bronwyn Hamilton & Philip Atkinson

Queensland Wide Pairs (out of 340 tables)

NS 2nd Robbie Fulton & Laurie Sutton
NS 3rd Leonie Spence & Kathleen Beckwith
1st <50 Brenda Parry & Jill Young

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers
Chris

Session Overview

The following is an overview of the current playing sessions at the Toowoomba Bridge Club:

Monday Afternoon : 12:30 – 4:30

Graded Duplicate

A "loosely graded" session with approximately 11-14 tables in the Open section in the West room and 9-10 tables in the Restricted section in the East room for newer players. The division between grades will be at the Directors discretion to make the number of tables similar. Typical cut-off is around 50.

Tuesday Daytime : 10:30 – 2:30

Duplicate

Single session duplicate pairs with 7-8 tables – bring your own lunch.

Tuesday Night : 7:00 – 10:15

Duplicate

Small single session duplicate pairs with 4-5 tables.
Occasional teams and Individual events.

Wednesday Morning : 9:00 – 12:00

Supervised Play

The object of Supervised Play is to give members the opportunity to play in an environment of players at the same level as themselves. Each week Ian Jesser discusses a bridge topic before play. This session is limited to players with less than 20 masterpoints or a combined partnership. Typically, 8-9 tables.

Wednesday Afternoon : 12:30 – 4:30

Graded Duplicate

A “loosely graded” session with approximately 11 tables in the Open section in the West room and 11 tables in the Restricted section in the East room for newer players. The division between grades will be at the Directors discretion to make the number of tables similar. Typical cut-off is around 100.

Thursday Night : 7:00-10:00

Duplicate

A short gentle duplicate pairs session with around 9-11 tables playing 24-27 boards.

Friday Morning : 8:30 for talk and 9:00 – 12:00

Duplicate

A short gentle duplicate pairs session with around 8-10 tables playing 24 boards. Short lesson to suit advanced beginners starts at 8:30.

Friday Afternoon : 12:30 – 4:30

Duplicate

Single section duplicate pairs with 7-9 tables.

Saturday Afternoon : 12:30 – 4:30

Duplicate

Single section duplicate pairs – this is a small session so please check with the Director or the club website the day before to see if it is running.

Welfare Officer

Please contact Desley Hanrahan on (0416136779) or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a bereavement and Desley will respond suitably on behalf of the Club.

Session Rules Reminder

- Players should be seated 10 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.

Masterpoint Secretary’s Report

Total masterpoints earned in the club over the past few months were:

	Green	Red	Gold	Tables
September	137.20	15.40		347.5
October	151.14	24.60		413.0
November	137.81	59.18		460.0

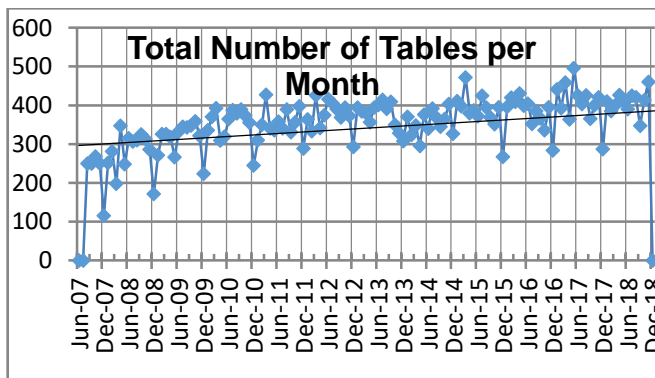
A total of 1711.91green points were earned by players in our club in the ABF census period of 1st Oct 2017 – 30th Sept 2018, which entitles us to 32 red masterpoint sessions in 2019.

Members are reminded that the number of masterpoints you earn is based on the total number of tables in your section, the status of the event (supervised, club, red points, gold points and congresses) and your position in

the top half of the field. Some of the red and gold point calculations can be complex, so masterpoints displayed on our noticeboards or website are provisional until approved at the end of each month.

If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance, advising of the date and session that you played in, who your partner was and who the Director was. If you think you are missing points from an event, then tell me the event name and date. If you added up the points you think you might receive, and the actual amount is different, then tell me the points/events you think you did achieve. Remember that I only process club masterpoints. Those from congresses, nationwide pairs and other events are done by other people, usually months later.

For those who like data, the following graph shows the total number of tables that played in each month from July 2007 (when we moved into this building) and now.



The best way to ensure our long-term viability is to encourage new people to learn bridge and then encourage them to stay and play. The South Australian Bridge Association has shown some impressive growth over the last five years, and it is interesting to see they have performance targets for number of tables and number of members.

Cheers
Chris

In the Zone

Queensland Open Pairs

Three pairs qualified through the Zone event to play in the State Final of the Queensland Open Pairs, hosted by Northern Suburbs Bridge Club on 13th-14th October:
Henry Eastment & Ian Jesser
Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig
John Churchett & Eileen Josey

It is satisfying to do well against some of the state's strongest pairs, even if only for a few rounds. It's a bit of a long event with 41 x 3-board rounds over the two days, so we can be excused for getting a bit tired towards the end. All three of our local pairs did well at times, and congratulations to Henry and Ian for placing 10th overall. The winners of the QBA Open Pairs for 2019 were brother and sister, Richard Ward and Lindy Vincent, who often play in our three-day congress.

Grand National Open Teams

The GNOT Final was held at Tweed Heads at the end of November, with local team Chris Snook, Denise Hartwig, Eileen Josey and John Churchett representing the Darling Downs Zone.

The final was comprised of 64 teams from around Australia. It is a knockout event, although the immediate losers then play in a repechage competition of 9 x 12-board rounds. The top two at the end of the repechage re-enter the main event at the semi-final stage (but not us). Even so, it is always pleasing to pick up a few wins in such esteemed company, but like Oliver Twist – I always want more!

Here is an interesting board from our first match.

N Deals	♠ A108743	13
Both Vul	♥ J10763	
	♦ K	
	♣ 2	
	♠ 965	♠ KQJ2
	♥ 95	♥ K4
	♦ 106532	♦ QJ8
	♣ J75	♣ Q864
	♠ —	
	8	♥ AQ82
	1 14	♦ A974
	17	♣ AK1093

As North, I was presented with an ideal hand to use the "Kim's Gadget" that we have been talking about at the Friday Morning Improvers Group.

An opening bid of 4C shows precisely 6 Spades and 5 Hearts and 8-12 HCP. There was certainly variety around the room, with some people passing, some opening 1S, some opening 1S and jumping to 4H, some opened a multi-two Heart (Hearts and another).

I like the 4C opening as it absolutely locks East out of interfering. Denise and I have done well using this bid so far, with an average of about 80%, a worst bidding score of 50% and our worst score on one board was 25% because I mis-played the hand. It seems to turn up once a month so it worth adding to the system, because most people won't use 4C or 4D for anything else.

Only 9 of the 64 pairs got to 6 Hearts making 12 or 13, including Denise who had rather a quick auction to get there. Talk with your partner about how your system would fare.

It is not always the excitement of Slam, the system works just as well with game contracts. Here is one where I got to play in 4H by North making 11 (losing the unavoidable AC and AS).

S Deals	♠ K6	19
E-W Vul	♥ K875	
	♦ A975	
	♣ K87	
♠ A2	♠ 1073	
♥ Q3	♥ 94	
♦ K104	♦ Q8632	
♣ QJ10942	♣ A65	
	♠ QJ9854	
13	♥ AJ1062	
12 6	♦ J	
9	♣ 3	

Every board counts in bridge, but some hands are more fun to talk about than others.

Cheers
Chris

Director Training

In January, I will be starting a monthly lesson/workshop for people keen to train as future Directors. The first one will be on Bridgemates/Scoring/Simple Movements. The session time will be determined by the four current Trainee Directors. Have a chat with me if you would like to join in.

Cheers
Chris



Get it right - Bridgemates

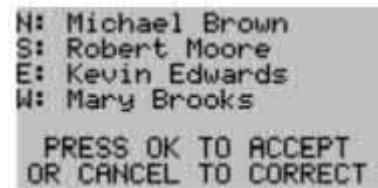
It is very important that players enter information correctly into the Bridgemate table-top scoring units, and that the opponents at the table check the information when it is entered. That is the time to make corrections.

Entering Names

Most players will be familiar with this process. Press [Ok] to wake up the Bridgemate, enter the section number and table number, and then for club sessions you will be asked to enter the "player numbers" (these are your club numbers). Type each number, and when you are sure they are correct press [Ok] to move to the next one.



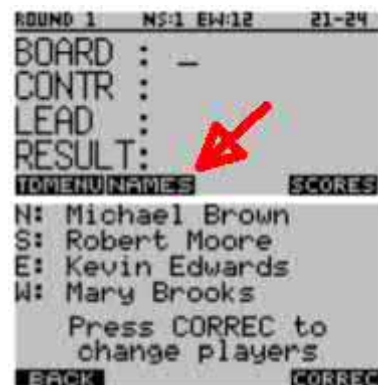
When all four numbers have been entered the Bridgemate will lookup the names and display these to you.



Get East or West to check at this point. If a name is incorrect, press [Cancel] and input the number again. If all correct, then press [Ok].

Still Fixing Names

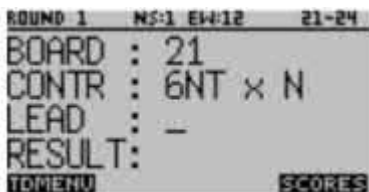
Despite the above, some players may accidentally go past this screen or may not bother checking!! During a round, players can still review the player names that are currently registered in the Bridgemate system. Pressing the NAMES function key displays the names of the four players expected to be at the table.



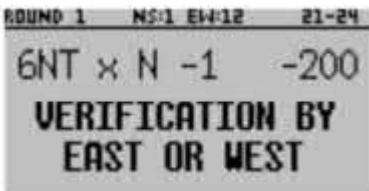
If one of these names is incorrect, press [Correc] and go back and change the number to what it should be.

Entering Scores

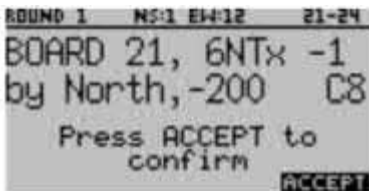
Most of us should be OK with entering scores. Wake up the Bridgmate by pressing [Ok], enter the board number, contract, lead and result. This way I do not have to remember all of this extra information.



After you enter the result (number of tricks) the Bridgmate will calculate the results and briefly show North to give you time to check.

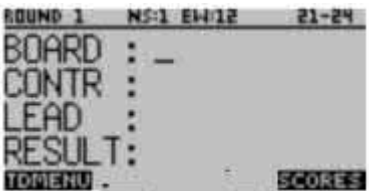


Then after a few seconds the display will change to show the result verification screen, so you should give the Bridgmate to East or West for them to check and press [Accept]. If there is a problem press [Cancel] and correct the offending information.



Time to Check Scores

There is still an opportunity for players to check a scored during a round (perhaps a Bridgmate timed out or an opponent pressed [Accept] too quick). To do this press the [Scores] function key.



This will let you see all your other scores during the current round. If any of these are wrong, press [Correc] and enter the board number that needs changing (deleting).



Please remember that it is your responsibility to enter the names and scores correctly. It is unfair to expect Directors to fix scores after the event – they will often drive back in to correct a score! It is also unfair on other players to see scores changing after they have seen results on display on the noticeboards.

Common Bridgmate entry errors include:

- Putting in a different partners number by mistake [but surely you know the name of the person sitting opposite you].
- Only typing two out of the three-digit player number [again, a different name will appear].
- Putting in a result with the wrong compass direction (more common with a Howell movement, but surprisingly this still happens with a Mitchell).
- Bidding 4S and making, but then entering 4 tricks instead of 10.
- Pressing keys too quickly. They rely much more on contact time rather than pressure!!!
- Not actually agreeing to the number of tricks before entering data.
- Missing the double or redouble in a contract.

Attention to detail and reading before pressing [Ok] or [Accept] will avoid all the above problems.

Please follow correct procedure and check.

Cheers
Chris

Beginner Lessons 2019

30 January Wednesday mornings: 9.00 – 11.30am.

28 February Thursday
evenings: 7.00 – 9.30pm



See Denise, Trudy or
Chris for further details.

Please take some vouchers for “Free 1st Lesson”
and give to family and friends.

Teaching Report

Basic Beginner Lessons: It was felt that the new format this year doing Joan Butts' methods worked well. Hence the format for 2019 Wednesday mornings and Thursday nights will be the same as 2018.

Beginner classes for Wednesday mornings and Thursday nights will commence at different times for 2019. Wednesday mornings start on 30th January from 9 – 11.30am and Thursday nights from 28th February 7-9.30pm.

The first lesson will be free and **free lesson vouchers** will be available soon. Would members please take some and give them to family and friends to encourage them to come along and learn, as well as hand them out at any clubs or venues you frequent. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

At the recent Club Pairs Championship on Sunday 25th November, there were 38 players in the Novice section. Of these, 12 were completely new players who just commenced lessons at the start of this year. This was really pleasing and encouraging to see. Many thanks to Trudy and Chris for their valued time and input.

Improvers

There will be a 5-week Improver Refresher Course on Friday mornings in the Eastern room from January to 8th February 2019. It will cover subjects such as Pre-empts, Stayman, Transfers to Majors, Slam Bidding and Strong Openings.

Wednesday and Friday mornings sessions 2019:

To continue with the same format. Many thanks to both Ian and Chris for their hard work throughout the year.

Workshops

On Thursday 1 November, Andy Hung did two workshops at our Club. They were on modern competitive bidding – the cuebid raise as well as how to defend better in third seat. This was well attended with sixty members participating and from the feedback I received, was thoroughly enjoyed. Next year we hope to run a few workshops on Saturday mornings. Topics may include Hand Evaluation, Re-opening Doubles, Take-out Doubles, Negative and Support Doubles.

Cheers
Denise Hartwig

Exclusion Blackwood

Exclusion Blackwood is a refinement of Roman Key Card Blackwood that allows you to ask for key cards even when you have a void in your hand.

Instead on using 4NT as the inquiry bid, you jump to the five-level in in the suit where you hold the void. In the auction 1S - 3S - 5D, for example, the opener's 5D bid would be asking for key cards in Spades excluding the diamond ace (a card of little value opposite a void).

Thanks to Ian

Our Movember Pin up Boy



One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.
-Alfred Sheinwold

Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.
-Frank Stewart

Learn from the mistake of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.
-Alfred Sheinwold.

Functions and Events Report

Where has the year gone you may ask? Well it's been busy in the kitchen preparing sandwiches, ensuring nutritional food is available for congresses and just keeping the Club running smoothly.

In general, expenses for BYO congresses have been kept to less than \$5/pp. However, the three day congress in Sept/Oct always increases that cost substantially. Prepared sandwiches from our local bakery were well received as was the Subway on the Monday. The Golden roast selection was well received and very much appreciated.

Wastage is always a concern and while I prefer to have none, it is unavoidable due to people's changing needs.

Once again, I must thank all those who willingly help to either make slices, salads etc and lastly volunteer to help on congress days. YOU are the backbone of our Club and I am disappointed that others seem to think that while we may have good bank balance we are Rich. That money will be used in the future for air conditioning replacements, repainting etc.

In closing, I look forward to new members helping out in the coming year.
Bless you all, Leonie Spence

Changes to Club By-laws

Changes to Club By-Laws

The following By-laws were introduced by the Management Committee at its meeting on 17th October 2018 after several weeks of discussion and will be available on the Club's home Page soon.

The original By-law 6.2 was amended to remove the requirement that Visitors were not permitted to play at the club after they had played as visitors three times unless they became members. The

Table fee for Visitors was raised to \$8 to encourage players from our Zone to become members, rather than play as visitors many times. It is worth noting that the additional \$3 paid by visitors is comparable with that of some other clubs.

The club has never had a by-law describing the process whereby a member may become an Honorary Life Member and **By-law 8.4** was introduced to fill this gap.

By-Law 6.2

6.2 Table Fees and Entry Fees

6.2.1 Table Fees in all Club events shall be at a rate determined and promulgated by the Management Committee. As from 1 January 2019 these rates are:

\$5.00 per member per session

\$8.00 per visitor per session

A visitor is a person who is not a member of the Toowoomba Bridge Club but is a member of another bridge club.

Visitors may play any number of times, but visitors from clubs within our Zone will be encouraged to join the Club.

6.2.2 Table fees for other events held at the Club may include an additional entry fee.

By-Law 8.4 – HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

8.4 Honorary Life Membership

8.4.1 Honorary Life members are defined in Rule 6 Classes of members as "being persons whom the association at a general meeting may, for outstanding service to the association, think fit to admit to honorary life membership".

8.4.2 Procedure for admission to Honorary Life Membership

- (i) Nominations for Honorary Life Membership shall be submitted in writing to a meeting of the Management Committee, not less

than eight weeks prior to the scheduled date of the next Annual General Meeting. The nominee shall be proposed and seconded by two financial members of the Club. The nomination shall be signed by the Nominee, Proposer and the Secunder. The nomination shall also include a brief profile of the Nominee to provide grounds for the nomination.

- (ii) The Management Committee shall decide by majority vote if the nomination meets the key criteria, and if so will pass the nomination onto the next Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall forthwith notify the Proposer in writing of the acceptance or rejection of the nomination.
- (iii) The Proposer shall prepare a full testimonial of the Nominee and their achievements to be presented at the Annual General Meeting to support the nomination.
- (iv) Voting on the proposal for Honorary Life Membership shall be by the members present at the Annual General Meeting and the Nominee shall be elected to Life Membership if a majority of the votes cast are in favour of the proposal.

8.4.3 Criteria for Honorary Life Membership

The criteria for an Honorary Life Membership are:

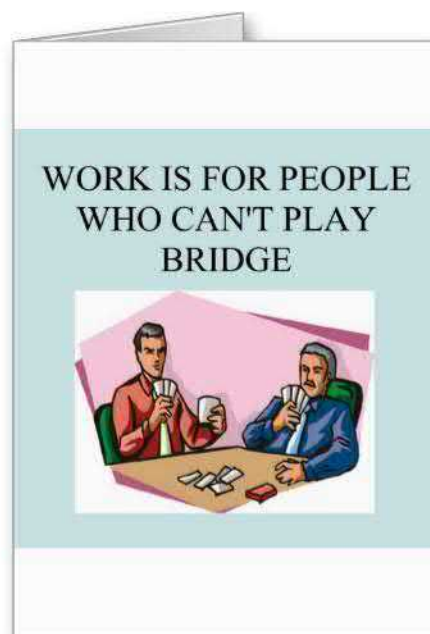
1. The nominee must have been a member of the Association for not less than 10 years.
2. The nominee must have performed significant meritorious service for the Association for at least five years in three or more of the following areas:
 - (a) As an executive or ordinary member of the Management Committee;

- (b) As a teacher for the Association;
- (c) In areas outside the committee over and beyond that expected of a normal member;
- (d) As a Director;
- (e) As a good ambassador for the Association;
- (f) Other service as may be deemed appropriate by the Management Committee.

8.4.4 Benefits of Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Members will have the following benefits.

- (i) They will be exempt from payment of the Annual Membership Fee and the club will pay their annual ABF and QBA Levies, and
- (ii) Their names will be displayed on the Honorary Life Members Board in the club rooms and they will be recorded in the Diary as being Honorary Life Members.



Bridge Overseas



I am currently in Honolulu visiting a friend. The ACBL were having their North American Bridge Championships while I was here and I went to play on two afternoons. They issue a Daily Bulletin and interviewed me and you can see the result. Unfortunately my result is not printable! The number who participated was expected to be about 3,000. I am not sure how many they actually got but I would think many from the USA mainland took the opportunity to visit and get some warm weather. Walk ins were welcome every day the only requirement apart from table fees was temporary membership (minimum 1 month) of the ACBL.

Thanks to Pam who is now back in Australia.

Life with Men is like Bridge
You need a Heart to love them;
A Diamond to marry them;
A Club to beat them;
And a Spade to bury them.



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Capitulation

I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night
It's amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who's played and what's trumps and what's gone
on my right!

So for now it's all over- I'm off to the back wood
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.
So I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's a bad night.
Declarer is horrid and nothing's going right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.
And when s/he says "double" I know we're in
trouble.
My points are not high and I'm wondering why
S/he kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise,surprise, the high bidding pays!
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night.!
Farewell to conventions- I give up the fight?
So I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge is a game- not for me but for you.

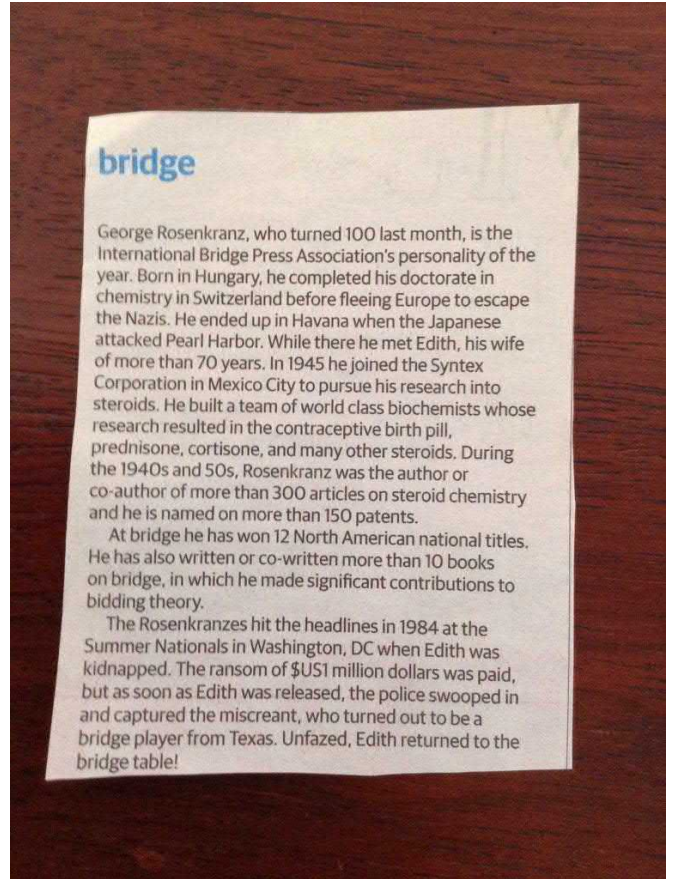
So be kind to your partners and don't mind their
cheek.
For it's only a game- Oh! Yes. I'll see you next
week



Four Pams and 1 Adrian

The 70% Club 2018

Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers	75.3%
House Player & Tere Wotherspoon	75.0%
Ian Jesser & Henry Eastment	74.8%
Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers	74.4%
Penny Astridge & John Oxenham	74.1%
Lee Hore & John Churchett	73.6%
Mimmo Centofanti & Chris Snook	73.5%
Adrian Mayers & Byron Longford	72.7%
Frank Elston & John Churchett	72.6%
David Roberts & Paul Matthews	72.5%
John Churchett & Lee Hore	71.9%
Mearon Geldard & Ian Jesser	71.2%
Lawrence Price & Denise Hartwig	71.1%
Pamela Steele & Dennis Lincon	71.0%
Paul Matthews & David Roberts	70.7%
John Cox & David Edwards	70.7%
Dennis Lincon & Pamela Steele	70.6%
David Edwards & Jean Moetara	70.6%
Lynda Oxenham & John Oxenham	70.5%
Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers	70.4%
Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood	70.2%
Henry Eastment & Will Higgins	70.1%



Thanks Pam

The Christmas Party





