



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Welcome back to bridge for 2024. Year 2023 was another successful year for the Club with a number of outstanding achievements including:

- Staging a successful Open Day which resulted in over 20 new members. Member numbers have now increased to around 330 members (280 home 50

away). This represents an increase of around six percent on 2022 numbers.

- An upgrade to the air-conditioning system after much research and planning effort from Tim Porter our dedicated Maintenance Coordinator

Publishing of a history book covering the period 1959 to 2022. Thanks to Glenys Clift and the many people who assisted in the arduous task of drafting/compiling/editing and printing. It is a wonderful addition to many libraries!

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023-2024



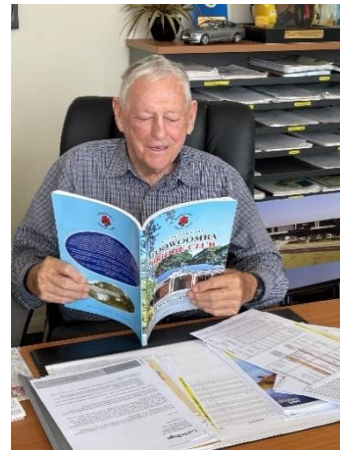
PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont)

Michael Kaiser and Adrienne Montague have successfully organized and catered for a number of events over the last few months including the Melbourne Cup Day and congresses. They have indicated that they would like to continue with a couple of "themed" events during the year – so look out for these events over the next few months. Michael is currently seeking support from members to get involved in a wider range of activities. I endorse Michael's suggestion that assisting in club activities helps the volunteer as well as the club – so please come along and help make this club an even better place.

Looking forward into 2024 the management committee will be further considering the potential for using myABF to collect table fees. This issue has been deferred for a couple of years to allow the myABF to improve the processing capabilities. As a result of a number of successful trials around the country we feel that the concept is worth re-considering. The management committee will keep you posted in the next few months. Happy bridging for 2024 and have fun!

Greg Munck

OUR PATRON CLIVE BERGHOFER

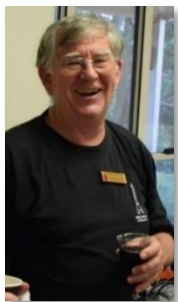


We are very fortunate to have Clive as our Patron who has continued to support the club since 2007.

Turning 89 this year, Clive still spends an hour each day in his office having handed over the running of his business to his daughter Lyn and Office Manager Peter Lamb.

He continues to sponsor sport and support organisations involved in cancer research, education and health organisations such as LifeFlight

TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB HISTORY



If you yet haven't read "A History of The Toowoomba Bridge Club" then I recommend that you engross yourself in this fascinating compilation of some 168 pages of facts, stories and photos. The book gives you a real insight into the "DNA" of the Toowoomba Bridge Club.

It gives you an understanding of the incredible contribution that both past and current members have made over the years to ensure what the club is today I certainly didn't realise how influential many of our members have been both locally and nationally.

If you haven't yet purchased a copy, then see me (Ken Orange Mob:0412336326) and if I am not around then any committee member will only be too happy to help you. The price is \$25:00 for TBC members, otherwise it's \$30:00 Bank transfer is also available, just make sure you identify that it is for the history book and let me know. (BSB 638070 Acct No. 10157956



A copy of the History Book was recently presented to Chris Theodosis (pictured far left) and Clive Berghofer. Chris was (and still is) the Property Officer of the Council who first met with representatives of the club at Horn Park which started the journey to Stuart Street. Clive Berghofer who is our Patron, was the person who was ultimately responsible for enabling the building of our club house to go ahead'.

Ken Orange

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT



New and Returning Members

In January we welcomed new member Steven Foley (formerly of the St George Club) and returning member Pam Gillespie.

Membership Fee Payments

While most members paid their 2024 membership fees before the end of 2023, there are still some outstanding fees and prompt payment of these would be appreciated. If you are not intending to renew your membership in 2024 would you please advise us either by an email to

secretary@toowoombabridgeclub.com.au

or a phone call to the club. Fees are \$65 for Home members and \$28 for Away members.

Membership Statistics

Our database shows we currently have 330 members, comprising 275 Home Members, 48 Away Members and 7 Life Members (24 Jan 2024).

Ngairé Wills



THE RACE TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE

U500 AND U100 PAIRS CONGRESS JAN 21

In the senior division, visitors Dianne Hiles and Richard Booth initially took the lead, but were headed by local combination Hema and Shanaal De Zoysa in the second round. They were able to maintain and increase their lead and won with 7 wins from 7 rounds. (Prize \$200.) The newly formed pair of Dennis Lincoln and visitor Ruth Sargent were always in contention but came into their own in the late stages and claimed second place. (\$140) 3rd placed locals Kathy Duke and Paul Matthews were initially a bit wayward but then claimed and maintained that position from the halfway mark winning \$100. A \$100 prize was also awarded in each division to the best placed pair from the lower half of the field who did not otherwise win a prize. In the U500 group, this place was taken by the McCasker team who performed very creditably – with a 2nd placing after 3 rounds.

In the novice division, Roger Green and Tim Porter occupied 2nd position behind various opponents until taking the lead at round 5 – only to give it up to the fast finishing Kenmore pairing of Peter Wilce and Heather Douglas who grabbed first position on the last round, winning \$200. The Ferguson/ Sirigos pair, Suzanne and John Brazier, and the Murray Pietsch - Michael Walsh pairings all rose to 1st place at least once, during the day. Andrew Mollison and Helen Fitzgerald were threatening at the end but ran out of room in the straight finishing a close 3rd. Chris Ferguson and Eve Sirigos were awarded (\$100) for being the highest placed pair in the lower half of the draw not otherwise winning a prize. Prizes awarded - \$200 1st, \$140 2nd, \$100 3rd, and best lower half pair \$100.

Tim Porter

(See the next 2 pages for the Congress Report)



**Convenor
Tim Porter**

UNDER 500 PAIRS CONGRESS



**Director
Chris Snook**

The following photographs of prize winners being presented by our President Greg Munck and Congress Convenor Tim Porter were taken by Susie Fraser. Congratulations to all.



1st Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa



2nd Ruth Sargent & Dennis Lincoln (absent)



3rd Paul Matthews & Kathy Duke



Bev & Ross McCasker Best B Grade Under 500



**Convenor
Tim Porter**

UNDER 100 NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS



**Director
Chris Snook**



1st Heather Douglas & Peter Wilce (Kenmore)



2nd Tim Porter & Roger Green



3rd Andrew Mollison & Helen Fitzgerald



**Chris Ferguson & Eve Sirigos
Best B Grade under 100**

CONGRESS CONVENORS REPORT

On Sunday 21 January, the Toowoomba Bridge Club staged our first congress for the year, open to all comers from Toowoomba and the wider region. 20 pairs entered each competition. In the U500 division, 13 players were from other clubs, while 8 joined us in the U100 division. While we could have catered for more players, on a very hot day, the extra room was welcome.

Our reputation for excellent catering was once again enhanced by the morning and afternoon teas and snack offerings through the day. Although a little pressured by lack of time at the lunch break, the raffles were well supported and followed with interest to the end when Mick Doherty showed the benefit of buying those few extra tickets and running away with the fruit basket. The players showed their appreciation for all this provisioning, not to mention the very pleasant wine and cheese at the end, with several rousing rounds of applause for the skills of Adrienne Montague and Michael Kaiser as well as their volunteers, who gave generously of their time. I would also like to record my appreciation of the volunteer caddies Alison Lewis and Peter Morton, as well as the several players who indicated they would act as emergencies if need be..

Finally, and by no means lastly, we must say as big "thank you" to Chris Snook who directed the event with his usual authority and assurance. This of course makes a huge contribution to the enjoyment of the whole event by everyone. Of note, five of the eight prizes were paid by delivery of ABF credits to the players accounts *Tim Porter- Congress Convenor*



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024

For those who do not know me I was elected as Treasurer of the club at the October 2023 AGM, and have been a member since 2019. The club is in a sound financial position with \$130,157.95 in Term Deposits and \$9,964.72 in the working account as at 31 December 2023. Therefore, we have sufficient funds available for ongoing repairs and replacement as needed to keep our clubrooms in good order. We expect the delivery and installation of a new filtered water cooler any day now.

Table fees are averaging \$6,000 per month. Income from History book sales to date is \$3,235. Our major expenses over the past 3 months include;- \$12,914 for air-conditioning upgrade, \$5,472 for new Queen's slipper playing cards, \$9,999 for printing of history books, plus annual expenses including insurance, rates, advertising for open day, honorariums, QBA levies and Masterpoint fees. Enjoy your bridge!

Marie Steger

FUNCTION & CATERING REPORT

As reported by Tim, our Congress Convenor, the year got off to a great start with the Toowoomba Pairs Congress in January.

As with any Club event, many hands make light work both in the preparation and presentation stages of any function. We would like to acknowledge Libby Thorne, the Club's Housekeeping Manager, and her helpers who ensured that the Club rooms and tables were well presented, ready for the event. Several other helpers, including Dale Burey, Alison Lewis, Jan Flynn and Ngaire Wills ably assisted Adrienne with the catering and cleaning up at the conclusion of a most enjoyable day.

Greg, our President, has already alluded to the current "Volunteer Drive" within the Club seeking your assistance with a wide variety of activities. Please revisit the email received 22nd January or Club Noticeboards to see how you can help and make a difference to the ongoing success of your Club.

Michael Kaiser





TEACHING REPORT
From
DAVID ROBERTS

LESSON PROGRAM FEBRUARY – MARCH 2024

DATE	TOPIC	DETAILS
31/1/2024	INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE	Explanation of how the game is played. The language of bidding. Valuation of hands.
7/02/2024	BIDDING 1 NO TRUMP	What is a balanced hand and responding with balanced and unbalanced hands.
14/02/2024	PLAYING NO TRUMP HANDS	After reviewing the bidding, players are given boards to play to gain greater understand of the bidding.
21/02/2024	OPENING THE BIDDING WITH 1 HEART OR 1 SPADE (the majors)	Opening the bidding in suits – the power of the trump suit and how to show partner the shape of your hand.
28/02/2024	PLAYING HANDS WHERE YOU OPEN IN 1H or 1S	Gaining a better understanding of how the second round of bidding determines how high you bid.
06/03/2024	OPENING THE BIDDING WITH 1 CLUB OR 1 DIAMOND (the minors) and PLAYING HANDS IN BOTH THE MAJORS AND MINORS	After reviewing the bidding – looking for a fit in the majors, if no fit, deciding whether to play in No Trumps or one of the minors. Showing how the openers partner called responder will determine what the final contract will be
13/03/2024	PLAYING HANDS	Re-enforcing how the bidding translates to actual contracts and gaining experience in card play
20/3/2024	INTRODUCING THE DOUBLE BID - FORCING PARTNER TO BID	Dealing with interventions by doubling and showing an opening hand and forcing partner to bid
28/02/2024	INTRODUCING THE OVERCALL	How to interfere with the opposition's bidding
06/03/2024	PLAYING HANDS	Gaining experience in both bidding and card play
13/03/2024	PLAYING HANDS	As above
20/03/2024	PLAYING HANDS	As above

LESSONS ARE OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF THE CLUB WHO WOULD LIKE A REVISION



IMPROVER LESSONS MONDAY MORNING
With Chris Snook

Chris' Improvers Lessons are designed for Novices and introduces the topics and conventions not covered in the beginner's lessons such as Stayman, Gerber, Blackwood.

See the following page for programme and dates.

LESSONS – (Monday Mornings)

Improver Play – Building on the Basics

On **Monday Mornings from 4th March 2024**, “**Improver lessons**” will be held to cater for players who have recently finished the basic beginner lessons and want to advance their knowledge. Members who would like a refresher on any of these topics are most welcome to attend all or just a few lessons.

Lessons including playing 8 boards on the lesson content. There are also Supervised Play sessions with more boards, where some hands relative to the previous week’s lessons will be included. The rest of the hands will be based on revision of earlier content and a few random hands. During the Supervised play sessions, players may consult their notes or ask for help.

WHEN: Arrive 8.45am for a 9:00am start to approximately 11.30am.

Week 1 : 4 Mar	The Simple Overcall – both sides in the bidding
Week 2 : 11 Mar	Supervised Play
Week 3 : 18 Mar	Takeout Doubles – more on entering the auction
Week 4 : 25 Mar	Supervised Play
Break : 1 April	Easter Monday – no lesson
Week 5 : 8 Apr	Pre-emptive Bids – weak 3 & 4 level opening bids
Week 6 : 15 Apr	Pre-emptive Bids – weak 2 level opening bids
Week 7 : 22 Apr	Supervised Play
Week 8 : 29 Apr	Simple Transfers after 1NT opening: 2D → 2H, 2H → 2S
Week 9 : 6 May	Supervised Play
Week 10 : 13 May	2C Stayman – looking for a major fit after partner opens 1NT
Week 11 : 20 May	Supervised Play
Week 12 : 27 May	Slam Bidding Suit Contracts - Blackwood 4NT
Week 13 : 3 Jun	Slam Bidding Notrump Contracts – 4C Gerber
Week 14 : 10 Jun	Supervised Play
Week 15 : 17 Jun	Opening Strong Balanced Hands
Week 16 : 24 Jun	Supervised Play
Week 17 : 1 Jul	Opening Strong Unbalanced Hands
Week 18 : 8 Jul	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) to say that you are coming so I can print sufficient notes and prepare boards, but ad hoc attendance is also welcome

PROFILE OF KATHY DUKE



I was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and first learned to play Bridge at 9 years old. I was a Rotary Exchange Student to Yamba, NSW in 1986 and realised then that I was destined to be an Aussie. Following University, I started working in various IT jobs and enjoyed a 2-year working holiday to the UK, before migrating to Australia in 2000. I reconnected with my love of Bridge 15 years ago and have been playing, teaching and directing (mainly on cruise ships) since then. I relocated from Sydney a few years ago to be closer to my family, most of whom live in SE QLD. I'm semi-retired, working part time on IT Projects from my tree-change home in Gowrie Junction. I love animals, especially cats, and I foster kittens for Angels Rescue in Toowoomba.

I am a qualified Australian and American Bridge Director and am based in Toowoomba. I am also an accredited Bridge Trainer with the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF). I have developed and conducted Bridge training sessions for our club members, both face to face and online. I also use materials developed by Joan Butts, one of the leading Bridge players and trainers in Australia.

I have conducted Bridge sessions on multiple cruise ships and I love to help people to enjoy the game because I truly believe that "Life's Better... Playing Bridge." *Kathy*

(Note: Kathy joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club on the on the 25/11/2022 and has been a welcome addition to our Teaching Team, having given several workshops to the benefit of members in 2023)

A PROFILE OF TRUDY DUNNE



I grew up in Brisbane and moved to New England University after my first year out of school to be with my future husband Tony.

I was aware from a very young age that my obsession would be teaching mathematics, and I spent many wonderful years working in NSW, South Australia and Queensland.

My obsession led to researching how people best learnt and, to this day, that is my main focus. I doubted that I would ever want to retire, but then I discovered golf, trekking the world, and bridge. Thankfully, Glenys Clift sought my help one year to teach the beginners' bridge classes, and so I was able to combine two of my obsessions.

It was a lot of work initially to use Glenys's notes and transform them into stimulating Power Point Slides and "homework" activities, which could be emailed home.

In more recent years, I have also included Joan Butt's resources to supplement the original notes, and ensure that the Club is following the ABF recommended Modern Bidding Methods.

I continue to enjoy meeting all of the newer members and hope to continue to contribute to our Club for many more years. *Trudy*

(Note: Trudy joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club in 2008 and became the permanent Teacher for Wednesday morning in 2010 based on her reputation as an excellent teacher at Downlands College. It was obvious from her enthusiasm and the positive feedback from the beginners attending her bridge classes what a wonderful teacher she was and is. Thanks Trudy. Ed)

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 are counted (4/5). If there are two available sessions, then they are treated as an eclectic event (best 2/2).

January Monthly Winners

Monday Open	Will Higgins & Henry Eastment
Monday Novice	Debra Coward & Pauline Curin
Tuesday Night	Competition in progress
Wednesday AM Restricted	Dale Burey & Rosanne Munns
Wednesday PM Open	Joan Mladen & Oliver Dashwood
Wednesday PM Novice	Murray Pietsch & Michael Rose-Miller
Thursday Night	Rozalyn Wright & Desley Hanrahan
Friday Morning	Joan Mladen & Dennis Lincoln
Friday pm	Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

One thing I note from the above January winner lists is that whilst these are “individual” events, in every case there was a tie for first place, which indicates everyone is playing with the same partner for the entire month. In the past the club used to have “invitational days” where players were encouraged to play with someone different for one session a month. Well, players voted with their feet and still played with their regular partner all the time. I still think it would be nice if occasionally partnerships mixed things up a bit by playing with someone new – why not give it a go!

On the congress scene:

Kenmore Graded Pairs – B Grade

1st Shanaal De Zoysa & Hema De Zoysa

Toowoomba Novice and Under 500 Pairs

See Convenors report.

Well done everyone 😊 *Chris Snook*

TIPS FOR ADVANCING PLAYERS FROM IAN JESSER NEW MINOR FORCING



What is NMF:

New Minor Forcing (NMF) is a convention used after opener's 1NT rebid to find out more about her hand. Responder bids an unbid minor – this says nothing about the suit bid. *The bid is not a game force but is highly invitational. As the bid is artificial, it should be alerted by your partner.*

When To Use NMF

To use NMF, responder need at least an invitational hand (11+ HCP). Since it is used to find out about majors, *responder will normally have either an unbid 4-card major or a 5-card bid major, or both.*

Partner	You	
1♣	1♥	♠ A J 9 8
1NT	2♦ (NMF)	♥ K 10 5 4 3
		♦ 4
		♣ A J 10

Partner	You	
1♦	1♥	♠ K J 2
1NT	2♣ (NMF)	♥ K 10 6 5 2
		♦ 4 3
		♣ K J 2

Rebids By Opener - Your rebids *in order of priority* are:

- Show an unbid 4-card major
- Support partner's major with 3-card support
- With a minimum and no support for partner's major, bid 2NT (If partner has only invitational values, she will pass)
- With a maximum, no support for partner's major and stoppers in the unbid suits, bid 3NT

It is important to check these options in order. If the first option applies, that is your bid, failing that move to the second option and so on.

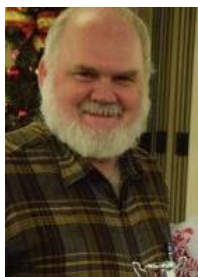
Action with a Weak Hand and a Minor

After partner rebids 1NT, a bid of a new minor would be NMF, so a jump to 3 of a minor is weak and to play.

Partner	You	
1♦	1♠	♠ Q 9 8 7
1NT	3♣	♥ J 4
		♦ 8
		♣ K 10 7 6 5 4

With invitational values, you would instead bid 2♣ (NMF), then show your clubs again at the 3-level. Partner will now know about your values and your 6-4 shape and act accordingly.

Ian Jesser



Masterpoint Secretary's Report

There are three types of masterpoints available:

- **Green** for regular club play (E or D)
- **Red** for major club championships (B4c) and for Congresses (B4)
- **Gold** for major National events such as the GNOT, Gold Coast Congress, Australian Festival of Bridge, etc (A1, A2 or A3).

I process all of the club masterpoints and our local congresses at the end of each month. Those from elsewhere, nationwide pairs and other events are done by other people, usually months later.

Missing some points?

If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with me as the Club Masterpoint Secretary, advising of the date and session that you played in, who your partner was and who the Director was. 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. Please put the information in writing via email or letter so I can check exact details.

Master Rank

Masterpoints won by players over their lifetime are used to determine each player's **Master Ranking**. Players receive an official ABF certificate with each promotion within the masterpoint scheme. You can see a list of these rankings and the number of masterpoints required for each on the back of your ABF membership card.

All masterpoints contribute towards Graduate, Club, Local and Regional master ranks. For the higher ranks there is a requirement for a percentage of the points to be red or gold.

Master Rank	Minimum masterpoints required		
	Total	Red/Gold	Gold
Graduate Master	2		
Club Master	5		
Local Master	15		
Local * Master	25		
Local ** Master	35		
Regional Master	50		
Regional * Master	100		
State Master	50	25	
State * Master	100	50	
National Master	150	75	
National * Master	200	100	
National ** Master	300	150	
Life Master	300	180	30
Bronze Life Master	400	240	40
Silver Life Master	500	300	50
Gold Life Master	750	450	75
Grand Master	1000	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	1900	600
Gold Grand Master	5000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	13000	5000

Grand Masters

At the moment we have one Silver Grand master :

Adrian Mayers

and five Grand masters :

Liz Zeller,
Jim Wood,
Jenni Buckley,
Chris Snook
Eileen Josey.

The One Thousand Club

The One Thousand Club is a master rank (with over 1000 points of any colour) and we have four members at this rank:

1476.72	Henry Eastment
1372.29	Ian Jesser
1067.61	Lee Hore
1032.84	Glenys Clift

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



Debra Coward

It intrigued me how often Bridge was mentioned in novels, films and tv shows. Then I heard that playing bridge can help keep you sharp long after retirement. So here I am, escaping the chaos of the world and enjoying bridge in retirement after a working life of nursing.

Debra



Pauline Curin

I was born and grew up in Toowoomba. I have done a lot of travelling and we spent 2 years in Lae, PNG with my husband's job in the Australian Defence Force, where I learnt to play golf. I enjoy gardening, spending time with my family and playing Bridge. *Pauline*

I was born in Beaudesert and grew up on a farm at Canungra. I pursued my dream of becoming a teacher and have taught in several schools in Queensland and also in Canada. I was transferred to Toowoomba in 1982 and have lived on the Darling Downs ever since. *Necia*



Necia Bach

Joan Brownlie

I was born in NZ, trained as a Midwife, came to Australia in 1971. I worked in rural hospitals and married an Aussie in 1974. We lived and farmed in Mungindi for 40yrs and retired to Toowoomba in 2020. In 2011, I was honoured with an OAM for community work. We have 5 children and 16 grandchildren.

Joan



Diana Bryant

I have recently retired as a registered nurse after 38 years. Apart from trying to learn bridge, I also work sheep, (not very well) with my border collie Paddy. We train to go in amateur trials. Our trainer Stan is very patient just like my Bridge partners, especially Judy.

Diana



Denise Middleton

I was born and grew up in Crow's Nest QLD. After completing a Bachelor of Information Technology, I worked as an auditor in the vocational education sector both at State and Federal level.

After completing 6 training qualifications. I was the only auditor employed outside a capital city by ASQA. I retired from Australian Skills Quality Authority in September 2019.

Denise



Don Adsett

Retired local pediatrician. Father of four, grandfather of seven. Likes - golf, wine, music, running and good company. Dislikes – tattoos and the contemporary use/misuse of the word “like”.

Don



Jenny Pendlebury

I came along to lessons with Cecily McLeod in Feb 2021. I was born in Brisbane but spent some time in Toowoomba as a child, returning as an adult in 1983. I retired from my job as a librarian with Toowoomba City Library at the start of 2019. Enjoying and still learning with our bridge playing.

Jenny

Moved to Toowoomba (city of birth) in 2021 from Lowood where I was a retired real estate agent. I live at Sea-change over 50's Lifestyle Village, enjoy cooking, interacting with the community, sewing and travelling. Learning French and hoping to go back to France next year or a river cruise. *Sue*



Sue Gregor



Camille Croft

Grew up near Armidale. Ten years travelling overseas, wonderful few years working at Wankie National Park & Victoria Falls in Rhodesia. Then worked in publishing and I managed bookshops in Coffs Harbour and Grafton. Moved to Toowoomba in 2021. *Min.*



Stephan Nugent

I lived in Melbourne for 35 years, then went to the Middle East for ten years where I met my wife - Anne. After five years in the Bank I started a Nursing Degree. I am still nursing currently at St Andrews ICU and casually at St Vincents. I am a Collingwood supporter and follow American Nascar racing. Hopefully playing bridge will starve off age related dementia. *Stephan*



Eric Rudorfer

I retired 6 years ago, and prior to moving to Toowoomba at the start of COVID, I lived in Carbarlah.

By profession, I am an electrical engineer and worked in the rail industry on the high voltage rail network. Growing up, I attended 10 different schools.

Eric

NOTES FROM OUR LIBRARIAN - BARBARA DAVIES



Our Library has a small collection of books for borrowing by Club Members on an honour system. Most items deal with different aspects of bridge playing from basic conventions to more complex systems using Standard American. There are also a few items for those who wish to brush up on the basics of Acol. Borrowing is easy, just complete the following steps.

How to borrow

1. Select a title from the shelf
2. Select its card from the box of catalogue cards on the shelf,
3. Complete your name and date of borrowing
4. Return the card to the box.

How to return books

1. Select the card again.
2. Complete the return date.
3. Return the card to its place in the box.
4. Return the book to its place on the shelf.

Our Library also has an Historical Section with photos and items compiled by Glenys Clift. These items are not for loan but may be browsed through at the Club. Check it out and don't forget -

Use your Library, enjoy your Library. *Barbara Davies*

KIM NICOLL – PRESS OFFICER 2002 -2024



The role of Press Officer started way back in 1988 and initially was fulfilled by one of our ex-Life Members and Secretary Ray Howard. Prior to Ray Howard being appointed, the job of putting the week's results in the Chronicle Sports Section had been fulfilled by Col Martin.

In 2002, Kim Nicoll was appointed the club's Press Officer and has continued to send the results every week to The Chronicle for more than 20 years. Kim has only recently stepped down from this position.

Thank you, Kim Nicoll

VALE PAT MILLER and RAE CAPON



21/9/1929 – 19/2/2024

Pat joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club in 1983 and was one of the original founding members.



19/11/29 – 22/2/2024

Rae joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club in 1996 and was involved in the fund-raising for Stuart St.

FROM YOUR ED

The newsletter will be done monthly as a means for committee to keep members informed of future plans and this will also be a newsletter focusing on our members.

Thank you Susie Fraser, for your invaluable assistance and all members taking photos for the newsletter.

Member Contributions

I am interested in hearing any human-interest stories and/or photos member would like to share. Any good jokes or poems – particularly about bridge. There will be no set format – it will be whatever I receive.

Each month I will have a section on “Getting to Know our Members”, and at the moment I am focusing on members who joined since the last newsletter (Jan 2021) who play on a regular or semi-regular basis.

Contributions can be sent to:

jgclift@bigpond.com

(or given to me at the club)

Glenys Clift



I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

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 fade
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, AND I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

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.

Date Claimer

Club Teams Championship : Sunday 11th February

Open and Restricted (less than 300mp) sections. All are encouraged to play in this event. Prior entry is required. Talk to your session Director, or Chris, for more information, or see the events section on our website.

Grand National Open Teams : Two Friday Afternoons : 1st & 8th March.

Ivy Dahler Cup : Three Monday Afternoons : 11th, 18th & 25th March

Tuesday Night Pairs Competition : Two Tuesday Nights : 19th & 26th March

Zone Teams Qualifier : Sunday 24th March – more information in next newsletter

