



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report



I trust that everyone enjoyed the Easter break with all the seafood and Easter eggs.

Our Toowoomba IMP (Butler) Pairs Congress was held on Sunday 29 March, professionally

run by Robbie Fulton whilst the Director was our one and only Chris Snook. Both need to be congratulated for a job well done.

The major winners were:

A Grade - Adrian Mayers and Henry Eastment (by the way, both were also successful on Sunday 15th March at the Dalby Swiss Pairs Congress).

B Grade - John Erlandson and Will Higgins.

C Grade - Kerrie Hayes and Stephen Price.

Congratulations to all the above winners and also to the runner-ups.

Other days to place on your calendar in the coming months are:

- our Club Teams Championship on Sunday 26th April,
- the Toowoomba Novice Pairs Championship on Sunday 3rd May,
- Stanthorpe Pairs Congress on Sunday 17th May,
- Darling Downs Novice Pairs Congress on Sunday 31st May,
- Goondiwindi Pairs Congress on 27th and 28th June,
- Lockyer Swiss Pairs Congress on Sunday 5th July, and
- Darling Downs Pairs Congress on Sunday 19th July.

Some application forms are available now at the club.

On the 14th January 2015, we lost the most well loved Member Ian Steger. He was not only a well liked member, but was also a very valuable Committee Member. I am sure that he is up there teaching all those interested in playing bridge. R.I.P. Ian we all loved you.

I for one participated for the first time at the Gold Coast Congress held recently and enjoyed it immensely. Our team, Ann Klibbe, Floyd and Majella Wilson and myself won the dots and dashes competition. I will not mention where we finished at the end of the congress.

I would like to thank everyone who puts up with me when Directing or Assistant Directing. I am sure I will get there in the end.

Last but not least I would like to thank all the Club members who direct and to the Assistant Directors who prepare the room and clean up the room at the end of play.

Always enjoy your bridge and remember it is only a game.

Keith Jenkin
President



Welfare Officer

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



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Keith Jenkin
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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:

Tournament Directors: Val Buchanan, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Ray Moore, Chris Snook, Ed Willey, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller

Trainee Directors: Peter Cory, Gabrielle Elich, Keith Jenkins, Roger Ley, David Lynch, Leonie Spence

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE:

Leonie Spence, Virginia Hathaway, Kim Nadler, Beth Brown, Gwen Francis and Pam Gebbett

TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Glenys Clift, Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Keith Jenkin, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Liz Zeller

Membership Secretary's Report



The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

Lyndall Hore
Deb Ford

We now have 339 Home Members and 90 Away Members and I would like to thank Chris Snook for the work he did in helping ensuring our records were up to date with the Australian Bridge Federation.

I would like to remind our Directors that when accepting membership subs from new members, could they please ensure a membership application has been filled out. At our next meeting we are in a very awkward position with two new Away members who have not signed an application form. Until we receive a signed application form, we cannot accept their membership. It doesn't matter that they have been a member in the past – if they have let their membership lapse with us, then we need a new application form. Also, in most cases, their details have changed.

Diana McDougall
Membership Secretary



New Master Rankings

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new Master rankings:

- Graduate**
 - Lawrence Price
 - Marion Hunt
 - Sharyn Gierke
 - Daphne Kuhn
 - Juleen Cavanagh
 - Jane Lawson
 - Kathleen Beckwith
 - Jan Flynn
 - Kay Duncan
 - Susan Hamilton
 - Desley Hanrahan
 - Greg Munck
 - Robyn Morris
- Club**
 - Tony Thorne
 - Janet Balch
 - Elizabeth Thorne
 - Arthur McMurray
 - Trevor Henderson
- Local**
 - Peter Cory
 - Robert Topp
 - Robyn Pearson
 - Bernadette Williams
 - Janet Deitch
- *Local**
 - Aino Jaatinen
 - Val Black
 - Dave Mulherin
 - Brenda Parry
 - Robyn Parry
- **Local**
 - Leonie Spence
 - Margie Maddison
 - Suzanne Brazier
 - Lavinia Minchin
 - Kay Blakeney
 - Pat Ziebarth
 - Noela Cribb
- Regional**
 - Diana Drummond
 - Michele Alroe
 - Vada Scholefield
 - Geoff Buckham
 - Allison Evans
 - Nancy Geiger
 - Glenda Filbee
- State**
 - Lesley Meyer
 - Margaret Raymond
 - Beryl McKay
- *State**
 - Sue Crooke
 - Michael Doherty
 - Floyd Wilson

- National**
- Life**
- Bronze Life**
- Silver Life**
- Gold Life**

- Majella Wilson
- Brian Wippell
- Desley Mundell
- Rosemary Kelley
- Byron Longford
- Eileen Josey

Congratulations!

Treasurer's Report

As at the end of February 2015, the club had \$6,856.02 in the Congress account and \$37,055.80 in the General account. Out of these funds, we do have to pay all your ABF and QBA levies at the end of March (approx \$9,800) and there are always bills in the pipeline to pay (just like at home).

Significant expenses over the past three months have included:

Printing/binding of 480 bridge diaries	\$481.00
Printing 1,000 brochures	\$428.00
Printing 72,000 bidding slips	\$599.00
Clean and modify underground tanks	\$990.00
Additional tiles outside kitchen	\$584.61
New microwave oven	\$148.00
Replacement cordless vacuum	\$239.00
Repair Dishwasher	\$228.00
Honorariums	\$5,280.00
Electricity bill to end Feb (7,523 kW)	\$2,092.31
Council rates – six months	\$2,223.06

Our “sinking fund” is spread over three term deposits with Heritage Bank with a total balance of \$116,666.19. This fund is to cover future expenses such as repainting, replacing carpets, carpark repairs, replacing air-conditioners, etc.

Overall, our club continues to do well in providing excellent playing facilities for the game we all love so much.



Best wishes,
Chris Snook
Treasurer



Masterpoint Secretary's Report

It's sad that masterpoints are all about numbers, when it really should be a celebration of how well you have played. So if you earned any masterpoints over the past six months, I congratulate you!!!

Anyway, I do have to talk about numbers in this report. It has been six months since the last ABF masterpoint census date (end of September), and the total number of tables played, and green and red masterpoints awarded, are listed in the following table:

Month	Total Tables	Red Points	Green Points
October	364.5	44.44	129.96
November	403.5	5.90	154.42
December	326.5	0.00	121.38
January	410.5	7.16	159.26
February	398.0	0.00	156.97
March	472.0	57.94	196.37

March was our busiest month ever, with 472 tables, well exceeding the previous record of 425.5 tables in March 2012. These numbers include club competitions but not congresses, which are counted separately. Our monthly table numbers vary quite a bit depending on how many competitions are held, and depending on whether there are five Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in the month.

Remember, at the club level you win masterpoints for placing in the top half of the field. The winner gets:

- 0.03 green x No of Tables in a Mitchell movement
- 0.06 green x No of Tables in a Howell movement
- 0.05 red x No of Tables in a Mitchell movement
- 0.10 red x No of Tables in a Howell movement

In all cases, 2nd place gets 70% of the winner award, 3rd place gets ½, 4th place gets 1/3, 5th place gets ¼ and this continues for all the top half of the field.

If you are on the quest for more red masterpoints, then consider playing in all the club competitions and local congresses.

Cheers,

Chris Snook

Masterpoint Secretary



Grounds Coordinator

The committee confirmed the appointment of Trevor Glasby who has taken on the position of Garden Maintenance Co-ordinator. The club has been more than fortunate with the calibre of people who have taken on this job and Trevor would appear to be no exception having already spent several mornings working by himself or with Ralph. Trevor would be most appreciative if Council plant vouchers that members do not intend using could be left in the office for him.



Maintenance Report

I am looking for a few volunteers to give me a hand washing the mould off the paintwork, mainly on the south side of the building.

Some sagging ceiling panels have been fixed and the new medicine cabinet has been installed in the office with a sign just outside the office door to indicate its location.

The air-conditioning filters have been cleaned and general servicing, where the carbon dioxide levels will be assessed, is a work in progress.

Problems with the left hand water heater are also a work in progress.



Adrian Mayers

Maintenance Coordinator

Providore's Report

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the kitchen. It is greatly appreciated.

Once again, anyone interested in supplying sandwiches etc. I will pay for the cost, providing a docket is produced. So please don't be shy and approach me with your suggestions.

Happy bridging.

Keith Jenkin

Providore



Library Report

Have you noticed we have a nice little library in the book cases in the big room at the club? There are all sorts of gems that, upon study, may add some inspiration to your card play. To that I must add the admonition that when embarking on a new course of play – you must take your partner with you! And remember that you must indicate at the table which conventions you are playing.

For the new players there are series of Ron Klinger's books that give very good practice examples of how to bid and play hands.

- Books are arranged by author, alphabetically in two tiers – newer editions are in the bottom bookcase.
- To borrow a book - simply sign & date the correct card in the card box in bottom shelf.
- To return - add the date of return and put book back.
- I will chase up any late returns and also requests
- For further info, go to the club website at <http://www.toowoombabridgeclub.com.au/lessons.asp>

We are planning some new acquisitions too, so if you have any recommendations, please pass details on to me or to a committee member.

Jean Moetara
Librarian

Congress Convenor's Report

With the Butler Pairs Congress out of the road, I can now concentrate on the Toowoomba Novice Pairs Congress.

The Butler Pairs Congress was an outstanding success. We played 28 tables on the day, with the event well run by Chris Snook as Director.

My thanks to the club members who filled in at short notice, when one pair was understandably unable to attend and pulled out at the last minute.

Leonie Spence did a sterling job in assisting me get the kitchen volunteers functioning throughout the day, and along with my appreciation of their effort, I slipped them a bottle of wine (each!! In case you thought they had to share it).

I had a little hiccup with the cut lunches, but all

worked out in the end and I can assure you, it will be handled more efficiently for the Novice Pairs in 4 weeks time.

The Novice Pairs Congress, May 3rd 2015

All club members who classify as novices should make every effort to play in this Congress. Not as a duty to the club, but as an enjoyable event where you can front up with your partner knowing full well that you are not lambs to the slaughter. Yes, some people on the day will play better than you, but a lot of people on the day will play worse than you.

The first round of a congress is seeded (we have to start somewhere), and from thereon in you will be playing against the pair who scored closest to you during the played round.

If you are having a bad round, don't worry, you will be drawn against someone else who is having a similar slice of luck. If you are playing well at the time, then so will your opponents. Better still, you can never be drawn against the same opponents twice!!

I've been checking out attendances for the Novice Pairs congresses we have held in Toowoomba recently, and our club attendances are great. We have averaged 24 tables per year for the last three years. (I've actually seen novice congresses in Brisbane where the event has been cancelled due to lack of entries.)

When you consider that between 71% and 74% of all members of our club are Novice players, and that many of these same players you may play against on a Monday morning, or a Wednesday morning or even a Thursday night, then have a good laugh!! You've most likely beat them before and you can surely beat them again.

Remember, a Congress is for fun; you will play against people from other clubs and in all likelihood, other cities.

The Toowoomba Novice Pairs Congress is an event run to put our clubs' face on the map and to have people come to the Toowoomba Bridge Club and leave with pleasant memories, but hopefully, no prize money!

The Novice Congress is just like a ladder, once you start climbing and see what is at the top, you just want to keep climbing, and ALL OF US had to start as Novices.

Entry forms are on the notice board beside the

results. Either fill in a form, put it in the entry box or send me an email.

Hope to see as many as possible on 3rd May, and if you have the good luck to bid a slam, please don't bid it against me.

Robbie Fulton

Congress Convenor

Winners are Grinners

January Monthly Winners

Monday	Margie Maddison
Tuesday	Adrian Mayers
Tuesday N	Henry Eastment & Jenni Buckley
Wednesday	Adrian Mayers
Thursday AM	John & Margaret Vines
Thursday PM	Jim Wood & Jenni Buckley
Thursday N	Dave Edwards & Geoff Buckham
Friday	Ian Jesser
Saturday	Adrian Mayers & Henry Eastment

February Monthly Winners

Monday	Geoff Buckham
Tuesday	Carol Wilson & Ian Jesser
Wednesday	Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers
Thursday AM	Lyn Vary & Jill Cory
Thursday	Lee Hore
Thursday N	Dave Edwards
Saturday	Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

March Monthly Winners

Monday	Bob & Annette Topp
Tuesday	Carol Wilson
Tuesday N	Lee Hore & John Churchett
Thursday N	Dave Edwards & Geoff Buckham
Friday	Kent Taylor & Ian Jesser
Saturday	Ian Jesser

Friday Handicap Cup

Marlene Stuart & Pam Gebbett

Wednesday Handicap Cup

Zara Clemesha & Glennis Cowell

Col Martin Shield

Edwin Willey & Val Buchanan

Ivy Dahler Cup

Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers

Well done everyone!

Cheers, Chris

From the Bridge Diary

Here is more information for our newer members on how club competitions run and what the significance is of the name of some events.

Ivy Dahler Novice Pairs

I mentioned Ivy Dahler in our last newsletter and gave a brief summary of her significant performances as a bridge player, Director and bridge administrator. Ivy also gave much of her time to teaching and in acknowledgement of this, the club runs two competitions for newer players.

On 13th and 20th April we run the **Ivy Dahler Novice Pairs** competition. This is a regular pairs competition run over two Monday afternoon sessions. The ideal situation is that everyone plays in both sessions and then your scores from each session are added together. It is restricted to players with fewer than 50 masterpoints. Why not come along and give it a try – see if you can better last year's winners: Geoff Buckham and David Edwards. It is a club competition, but you'll just be playing pairs as normal.

Teams of Three

A team's event is played similar to regular pairs – you are dealt cards, you bid for a contract and you play to make the contract. The method of scoring is different. Your score is compared to one other table only ... your opponents. It does not matter what happens in the rest of the room.

Key tactics in teams scoring is to make sure you always make your contract. There is very little reward for one overtrick, so you never risk a contract like you might in regular pairs. Many players (including myself) prefer teams events.

Our **Teams of Three** event is run in two grades; one for "rookies" (players with fewer than 10 masterpoints) and one for "novices" (players with fewer than 150 masterpoints). In both cases, three players are assigned a more experienced "captain" (some call them an "expert") who will show their team what to do. You play three matches, and the captain will play one match with each of your teammates.

Club Teams Championship

On Sunday 26th April a new club event will run for the first time ... the **Toowoomba Bridge Club Teams Championship**. This is a two session red masterpoint event. Session one starts at 9:30am,

so we need your team seated and ready to play by 9:15. BYO Lunch and a plate to share.

The actual format of the event will depend on the number of entries: a round robin or a swiss movement. If there are sufficient entries then there will also be category prizes (eg for all novice team members). Entry fee is \$40 per team.

Clive Berghofer Pairs

Clive Berghofer AM, is Patron of the Toowoomba Bridge Club and has been a significant supporter of us over many years. As Mayor of Toowoomba, Clive was instrumental in Council granting a lease to the Toowoomba Bridge Club for our land in Water Street. This was the first such action by a local Council in Queensland. When rezoning forced us to vacate Water Street and to build our new clubrooms here on Stuart Street, through his company, Clive Berghofer Developments, Clive assisted us again by doing all the site/earthworks for free and then donated the two air-conditioning systems.

The **Clive Berghofer Pairs** competition is a three session event that runs over consecutive Saturday afternoons: 9th, 16th and 23rd May – for red masterpoints. As the name suggests, it is a regular duplicate pairs competition where your results are added together over the three sessions. You are allowed one substitute player if someone is sick one of the weeks.

Joyce Benson Cup

Joyce Benson's duplicate bridge career started in 1960 when she agreed to play in Toowoomba (and Australia's) first Bridge Congress. Since those early days, Joyce was consistently a significant contributor to the bridge scene in Toowoomba over many years as a player, Director and teacher. This was recognised when Joyce was appointed the first Life Member of the Toowoomba Bridge Club in 1982.

By 2007, with her eyesight failing, Joyce eventually had to give up the game she loved, but she continued to teach bridge from her home. You will find many people in the club who learnt their bridge with Joyce, and many still have a copy of her notes "*The Joy(ce) of Bridge*".

The **Joyce Benson Cup** is a red masterpoint three session pairs event that runs on three Wednesdays (10th, 17th and 24th June). Joyce had been Director of the Wednesday session for many years and this is a fitting tribute in her memory. Walk-in pairs

are welcome but you maximise your chances for red masterpoints by playing in all three sessions – one substitute is allowed.

Ivy Dahler Novice Teams

Run on two Monday afternoons (15th and 22nd June) and restricted to players with fewer than 50 masterpoints. Prior entry is required, but we will help get people into teams if requested.

Presidents Cup

This is a regular pairs competition run over three Tuesday Nights (16th, 23rd and 30th June). Scores are accumulated and one substitute is allowed. For interest, a list of Presidents of the Toowoomba Bridge Club are listed below:

1959-61	Dr George McCutcheon
1962	Mrs Esther Conroy
1963-64	Mr S. Gillespie
1965-66	Mrs Nancy Penfold
1967-68	Mr R. Kent
1969-72	Mr Cyril Conroy
1973-74	Mr Geoff Ball
1975	Miss Irma Neill
1976	Mrs Ivy Dahler
1977-78	Mr Bruce Meakins
1979-83	Mr David Edwards
1984	Mr Bruce Meakins
1985-88	Dr Phil Dobney
1989-91	Mrs Val Buchanan
1992-95	Mrs Vi Vella
1996-99	Mrs Jackie Henderson
2000-01	Mrs Pamela Gebbett
2002-03	Mrs Marlene Stanley
2004-06	Mrs Glenys Clift
2007	Mr Henry Eastment
2008-10	Mr Chris Snook
2011	Mr Floyd Wilson
2012-13	Mr Chris Snook
2014	Mr Keith Jenkin

Why don't you consider adding these events to your bridge calendar and share in the history of the Toowoomba Bridge Club?

Cheers

Chris

PS: Some members have asked what **A&FSG** means in our Bridge Diary on some Sundays. This is when our colleagues, the Toowoomba Branch of the Amputees and Families Support Group hold their meetings in the clubrooms.



REPORT ON PATRONS DAY SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2015

What a great day!! With 30 tables and the field divided into three sections, our thanks go to Chris Snook who, whilst trying to play bridge, was running two Swiss movements and a Mitchell.

WINNERS OF A GRADE:

- 1st Elizabeth Zeller / Pat Larsen
- 2nd Henry Eastment / Adrian Mayers
- 3rd Denise Hartwig / Mavis Simpson

WINNERS OF B GRADE:

- 1st Roy and Judy Reynolds
- 2nd Floyd and Majella Wilson
- 3rd Ray and Betty Steele

WINNERS OF C GRADE:

- 1st Ann Hall / Beth Brown
- 2nd Marilyn Oakroot / Robyn Pearson
- 3rd Dave and Kathleen Mulherin

The most interesting time of the day for me, was when I was trying to find our President and Patron so the prizes could be presented. I finally found them both outside mucking around with a car – I tell you, boys and their toys, you can't beat them.

Glenys Clift



SECRETARY'S JOB

I would like to thank the following people who are now helping me do the job of Secretary.

Correspondence Secretary - Margaret Tucker is picking up the mail and entering it onto the correspondence list. Thank you Margaret.

Office Manager – Peter Cory has taken over the responsibility for ordering stationery. He has a list on the office noticeboard for people to write anything they need. Thank you Peter.

Promotions – Virginia Hathaway has taken on the job of doing the promotional flyers for our noticeboard. Thank you Virginia.

A copy of the minutes and Treasurer's reports are available for members to read on the blue notice board next to the dealing room. Please make sure they are put back on the notice board after reading them.

Glenys Clift
Secretary

REPORT ON OUR OPEN DAY Sunday 15th February 2015

Once again, this would not have been the wonderful success it was without the support and involvement of so many of our members! While the full-page advertisement does cost us a bit, once again the QBA subsidised the cost with a contribution of \$700; and it is probably worth the money just as a public relations exercise.

Advertising

Once again, thanks go to Floyd Wilson for designing the flyer and Bruce Hinchliffe for the ad layout. This was probably easier for both of them this year as they had the templates from 2014 to work on. Although I think that both were better this year.

Our Tenants

With the help of Byron Longford, The Amputees & Family Support Group set up a sausage sizzle which was obviously very successful as they completely sold out.

Activities

We tried to make the day as interesting as possible to give an overview of the activities in our club. Online Demonstration & Social Screen saver displays were set up; various members gave a demonstration of playing bridge – “Watch the Experts”, which attracted quite a large audience and Roger Ley showed how the dealing machine worked.

With Trudy Dunne unable to come, Denise Hartwig was very busy with people wanting to talk about learning bridge, what was involved, and signing people up for the lessons.

And a big thank you to all the members who participated in “Play Bridge in 10 Minutes”. Your involvement made it the success it was. I am sorry I cannot name everyone who helped – but I seem to have reached that wonderful age where if I want to remember things, I need to write them down at the time. Next time I will.

Glenys Clift



Jill and Jim Rowan won the picture that Pam Gebbett raffled. Congratulations to them and a big thank you to all who bought tickets. \$1,552.00 was raised for Ebola research. Well done.

BRIDGE CLUB PROPERTY RIGHTS

Unfortunately, we have had an incident over the last month where a person has come onto our land and told us he can come onto our property any time he likes, take what he likes, and we can't do anything about it because his wife is a policewoman.

Over the last seven years, a lot of people have come onto our property and used our car park when walking their dogs, and we have no problem with that (as long as they control their dogs). People have also helped themselves to our avocados and we couldn't care less - good luck to them. But to come onto our property with a ladder to fill buckets with avocados and tell our members they can do what they like because the wife is a police officer and for our members to go away and play their silly game, is not quite the same. Then to repeat that three weeks in a row, ignoring our President who approached them and told him to leave the second week and then to slap one of our members on the wrist the third week - something had to be done. The police have now told the husband and wife they are not to come on our property again but if they do, we are to let them know.

So what are our rights? The Council have confirmed that the Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc has control of access, use, exclusion and management of our land subject to any conditions in our lease. The only condition that applies to us is we cannot remove any of the trees without Council approval.

There is also the problem of who would be legally liable should someone bring a ladder onto our property and then fall off it injuring themselves. This is the reason why any contractors have to have their own insurance before they can do any work on our building.

However because of the position of our entry into the club, it may be in our own interests to give left hand or right hand signals in plenty of time before such entry or exit.

Glenys Clift



Club Teacher Report

The Wednesday morning lessons have started well for 2015, with 6-7 tables each week. There are some absolute beginners who are joined by some members who are revisiting the lessons.

The teaching program dates are posted on the noticeboard in the Club and members are welcome to attend any of the sessions. I am very thankful to Peter Cory who assists during the lessons.

Trudy Dunne

6 WEEK ADVANCED COURSE

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY at 9AM
With Glenys Clift

THURSDAY NIGHT 28TH MAY at 7PM
With Denise Hartwig

Both sides in the bidding Negative Doubles

Opening 2NT

Opening Strong Twos

Weak Two's

Pre-Emptive Bids at the Three Level

Looking for Slam

This will be followed by 4 weeks Practice Play.

Practice Play helps reinforce basic bidding and gives new players tips on card play.



Vale

A member of 17 years standing, Margaret Carroll passed away peacefully on 13 April 2015. Margaret was well known in the horse racing industry and leaves behind 16 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. What a marvellous legacy.

WINNERS OF TEAMS OF 3

A Grade: Peter Cory - Diana Mcdougall - Rae
Capon - Henry Eastment

B Grade: Neville Lutton - John Cox - Pauline
Lutton - Robert Fulton

Grades were based on the cumulative total of master points of each team disregarding the Captain.

Your Lead By Edwin Willey

As West with Spades - AQT, Hearts - KQ75, Diamonds - J32, Clubs - T83, you hear this bold uninterrupted auction:

S	W	N	E
1D	nb	1H	nb
1S	nb	4C	nb
4S(2As)	nb	6S	nb
nb	X	nb	nb
nb			

Your confident double is passed out. You lead HK and dummy is laid down: SKJ96 HAJ64 D75 CQ94. Declarer calls for HA and ruffs the H4 continuation.

Your double looks decidedly shaky. Declarer leads S5 at Trick 3. What do you do now? Sadly, it is all too late. There is no way of preventing declarer getting a second H ruff to make the contract via 2 spades, 1 heart, 2 heart ruffs, 4 diamonds, 1 diamond ruff and 2 clubs.

The whole deal was:

	KJ96	
	AJ64	
	75	
AQT	Q94	32
KQ75		T982
J32		KT4
T83	8754	K752
	3	
	AQ986	
	AJ6	

The critical aspect of this deal is that the only way to reach dummy for the second heart ruff is via trumps. So the way to defeat this wafer thin contract is to draw declarer's trump. The way to do this is to lead EITHER SA followed by SQ or ST at tricks one and two (this gives declarer the entry to dummy for the second H ruff, but at the expense of his last trump), OR leading SQ or ST and rising with the SA when declarer attempts to reach dummy to playing a third round of trump, thus exhausting declarer's trumps.

The bizarre need to make such absolutely unthinkable and crazy initial leads shows that there is always hope for careless play. Mind you most times the HK lead will be right.

The hand occurred over 50 years ago in a casual rubber game. As South, I make no excuse for my bidding, but I do smile at my partner's youthful initiative. I was a mature twenty-five.

Patron's Day Winners

Congratulations are extended to the following winners at the Patron's Day event:



A Grade Winners - Liz Zeller and Pat Larsen with our Patron, Clive Berghofer.



B Grade Winners - Roy and Judy Reynolds.



C Grade Winners - Ann Hall and Beth Brown.

Congratulations!

Club Championships 2015

The November 2014 TBC Newsletter contained an unacknowledged article presenting argument for establishing new TBC Pairs and Teams Championships. The first two paragraphs of this item contain errors and implications requiring correction. These two paragraphs are reproduced below. The article then uses these *facts* to argue the reorganization the club's major events.

By 1981, three Bridge-playing clubs in Toowoomba (Tuesday nights, Thursday afternoons and Friday afternoons (not Wednesday as in the article)) merged to form the *new* Toowoomba Bridge Club. The prior establishment of the Toowoomba Bridge Club in 1959 was recognized in the name of the new amalgamated club. The older club had met on Wednesday evenings; the second oldest met on Thursday afternoons. The proximity of these two sessions in the week led to negotiation between the two clubs in the late 1970s; the result – the Wednesday evening session moved to Tuesday evenings.

To imply that each of the original clubs was the fiefdom of a particular person is far from true. When Bruce Meakins and I played in the Toowoomba Bridge Club Pairs Championship in 1972, we were not playing in the Col Martin Pairs Championship. To advocate that with the passing of Joyce Benson, Col Martin or Ivy Dahler, these events can be put into the melting pot seems self-serving.

It appears sad to suggest that the reason for retaining the two honour boards was because both Ivy Dahler and Col Martin were still alive. In my forty-five years as member the club, whether on committee or not, I never felt any of the issues implied by the wording of the article. Both were forthright individuals, but neither claimed proprietary rights on any session; and in fact, in retirement, Col directed on both Tuesday and Thursday.

The honour boards were established as a natural flow-on from the events already played both on Tuesday evenings and on

Thursday afternoons. The 1981 and subsequent programme books of our Club provide valuable information on these issues. Championship events on Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon were held over four or five sessions. Thus, the creation of brand new club championships played over two sessions appears a retrograde step.

The statement that “these (board) event have been *limited* (my italics) to very few participants” seems odd, when they have always been in the TBC Programme Books, and there has never ever been any attempt to restrict entry to them.

I have no objection to objective discussion on the club programme. Yet one has to be concerned that *facts* and *arguments* like these have informed discussion and any decision on club major events.

Revisionism is to be feared. And as I said at the AGM, there appears to be a committee reinventing the TBC traditions. However, revisionism ought not to be the chief handmaiden of the new tradition.

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When The Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc was established in 1982 with the amalgamation of three Bridge Clubs; the Downs Club, the City Club and the Toowoomba Bridge Club, to some degree they tried to keep their own identity by having different Club Championships. Ivy Dahler's day was Thursday, Col Martin's was Tuesday night and Joyce Benson ran Wednesday encouraging her beginners to come. And while Ivy and Col were alive, there was no way in the world they would consider having a single Club Championship. This explains why we have two honour boards – one for Tuesday night and one for Thursday.

This has been a bone of contention for many of us who, while we acknowledge the wonderful contribution Col and Ivy made to the club, felt that having two club championships was rather silly. Plus, these events have become limited to very few participants.

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