



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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Ed: Glenys Clift

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<b>Congress Convenor</b>	<b>Ngairé Wills</b>

## VICE- PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 2025 Bridge year at the club started off with a small but happy group participating in the Welcome Back Pairs session on New Year's Day. Since then, we have held the Under 500 & Novice Pairs Congress – 92 players taking part in this very friendly and successful event. Thanks to all who participated either as a player, or as a volunteer in some other way. It does take a lot of help to hold these events and we appreciate the response when the call goes out.

Thank you to Terry Sheedy who has taken on the Building Maintenance role, and to Deb Archer, ably assisted by Michele Alroe, Michael Kaiser and Adrienne Montague who will be the Catering Team for the year. We are still looking for someone to take on responsibility for the Housekeeping role so please contact Michael Kaiser (Volunteer Coordinator) or one of the Committee members, if you are able to help with this.

As Tim Porter's report (below) shows, the solar panels are saving us a lot and will continue to do so over the coming years.

Good luck to all our members who are playing in the Gold Coast Congress, the last time this event will be played.

Happy Bridging to all in 2025.

Ngairé Wills, Vice President

## UNDER 500 & NOVICE CONGRESS



## Treasurer's Report for December 2024



As at 31 December 2024 the following funds were held:-

- Heritage Bank General Account - \$15,648.35
- Term Deposit (6 months) 4.65% matures 27 May 2025 - \$70,000
- MyABF - \$22,283

Cash Flow for December shows a net increase of \$15,013.98 due to receipt of \$15,967 Member subscriptions. As you would be aware the membership subscription of \$65 includes annual capitation payments of \$23.30 each to Queensland Bridge Association (QBA) and Australian Bridge Federation (ABF). A new Online Saver Account earning 3.45% interest was opened on 4<sup>th</sup> January with \$13,000. This account will be used for ABF and QBA annual capitation payments due early April.

The QBA is the governing body for duplicate contract bridge in Queensland and is affiliated with the National body, ABF. Primary support for the clubs is provided by the respective State Association, however at a national level, the ABF currently provides affiliated clubs with the following benefits:

- Insurance policies which cover affiliated clubs for Director's and Officer's Insurance.
- Voluntary Workers Insurance;
- Public Liability Insurance;
- Access to offers from National Sponsors;
- Access to Teacher Training Programs;
- Access to National Marketing support programs;
- Free ABF Newsletter.

The following motion was carried at the committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024. "The free game vouchers (including birthdays and volunteers) are to be discontinued and from the new calendar year 2025 no further vouchers to be printed. Birthday cards to be discontinued from 1<sup>st</sup> January." Club members will still enjoy a Christmas event at the end of the year provided by the Club.

I am happy to advise Ergon has replaced our faulty meter, which has resulted in adjusted energy bills for the period 28/04/2024 to 28/11/2024 and generating a credit of \$697.73. Our electricity bill for the month ending 28/12/2024 was \$17.03. A refund for the \$680.70 has been received.

*Don't just count your cards, make your cards count! Marie*

## Thank you to the following new Office Bearers

This is an acknowledgement of some of our members who have put their hands up to help and taken on different roles:



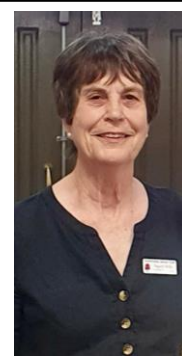
**Terry Sheedy**  
**Building Maintenance**  
**Co-ordinator**

Terry has updated the list of contacts to deal with repairs or general Maintenance updates.



**Stephan Nugent**  
**Office Manager &**  
**Badges**

Ensuring all Office supplies and stationery are kept up to date.



**Ngaire Wills**  
**Congress Convenor**

Responsible for the organising & coordinating of our club congresses

## Catering & Purchasing Team



**Deb Archer Michael Kaiser Ken Orange Michele Alroe Adrienne Montague**

Ken Orange and Michael Kaiser have taken responsibility for purchasing kitchen supplies and liquor. Michael will also be helping the IT crew. Deb Archer with Adrienne, Michael & Michelle will manage the kitchen with Michelle also being the liaison person between the catering group and the Committee.

## Positions Vacant

### Health & Safety Officer

Ensuring the Club is compliant with relevant health and safety legislation and notifying the committee of any risks or hazards that may need to be dealt with.

### House Manager

Libby Thorne did this job for a number of years – it involves changing the table covers when there is a Congress & making sure all washing is available for volunteers to take home to wash & bring back to the club.

## A LITTLE BIT OF BRIDGE HISTORY

### The Yarborough



**Charles Anderson Worsley Anderson-Pelham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Yarborough** (12 April 1809 – 7 January 1862) was a British nobleman who succeeded to the Earldom of Yarborough in 1846.

Before his accession, he was the Member of Parliament (MP) for Newtown 1830-1831, Lincolnshire 1831-1832 and North Lincolnshire 1835-1846.

Lord Yarborough gave his name to a hand of cards dealt in contract bridge that has no card higher than a nine. The probability of getting a Yarborough is :

$$\frac{\binom{32}{13}}{\binom{52}{13}} \text{ which is } \frac{347,373,600}{635,013,559,600} \text{ or about } \frac{1}{1828} .!$$

The Earl offered £1,000 to anyone who achieved a “Yarborough” on condition they paid him £1 each time they did not succeed.

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### The Beer Card

In trick-taking card games such as bridge, the beer card is a name informally given to the seven of diamonds (7♦). Players may agree that if a player wins the last trick of a hand with the 7♦, their partner must buy them a beer. This is not considered as part of the rules, but is an optional and informal side-bet between players. This practice likely originates from Danish Tarok or Skat in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In most decks, the 7♦ is the only diamond number card that lacks rotational symmetry.

For declarer, the requirements are generally that:

- He must make the contract (exceptions may be made for a successful sacrifice)
- Diamonds must not be trumps (though some people play that only diamond part-scores, and not games or slams, are excluded)
- He must take a justifiable line to win as many tricks as possible

For a defender, the requirements are generally that:

- The contract must be defeated
- Diamonds must not be trumps (though some people play that doubled contracts are excluded)
- She and her partner must try to win as many tricks as possible

Additional Rules:

The beer card may be won on the first trick; if that does occur, a case of beer is owed to the declarer/defender who won said trick.

## Club Prize for First Yarborough

Here's a suggestion for the Committee – what about putting up \$100 (cash) as a prize for the first member to recognize they have a yarborough hand. And let's test the odds. I thought I had one on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, when South's hand on board 19 was the following:

♠ 9765

♥ T83

♦ T73

♣ 654

However, I didn't realise that 10's were counted as minor honour cards. And given that the hands rotate around the room, it would be the first person who recognizes the board for what it is.

However, someone may have a better suggestion – over to you.

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### CONGRESS CONVENOR'S REPORT

#### **Under 500 and Novice Pairs Congress Sunday 19 January 2025**

A total of 46 pairs took part in the Congress; 22 pairs in the Novice section, and 24 in the Under 500. Players were represented from the following clubs: Ipswich, Airlie Beach, QCBC, Broadwater, Kenmore, Toowong, Goondiwindi, Warwick, Dalby, Lockyer, and Darling Downs as well as a large contingent from our club.

Unfortunately, at the last minute, one pair were unable to play. Thank you to Kerry Brown and Don Adsett, the house players on standby, who were able to play in the Novice section, and to Tim Porter and Roger Green who very graciously agreed to play up in the Under 500 section. This meant that both sections had even numbers, and prevented a redraw of the first round, and a triangle arrangement in the Under 500 section for the rest of the competition.

Winners for the day were:

#### **Under 500**

1<sup>st</sup>: Hema De Zoysa and Chanaal De Zoysa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Duke and Julie Pigdon  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Dianne Hiles and Richard Booth

#### **Novice**

1<sup>st</sup>: Teena Haslam and Alison Banks  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Yvonne Mallory and Trevor Mallory  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Kerry Brown and Don Adsett

**Encouragement Award:** Judy Bodkin and Jenni Darlington.

The raffle was very well supported with ticket sales over \$250.

The Congress ran very smoothly as usual under Chris's direction, and comments received from players have been favourable. A special thanks Deb Archer, Michele Alroe, Melanie Simmons, Pauline Lutton and Michael Kaiser for ensuring plenty of food and after play drinks were available. Many of our members also helped with caddying, catering, cleaning and tidying activities during and at the end of play and this contributed so much to the success of the day.

Ngairie Wills  
21 January 2025.



**Chris Snook Congress Director**



**Ngaire Wills Congress Convenor**

### UNDER 500 MATCHPOINT PAIRS



**1<sup>st</sup> Shanaal De Zoysa/Hema de Zoysa**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Pigdon/ Kathy Duke**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Dianne Hiles/Richard Booth**



**Tim Porter & Roger Green**



**Congress Director Chris Snook**

# NOVICE PAIRS RESULTS



1<sup>st</sup> Alison Banks/Teena Haslam



2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Mallory / Yvonne Mallory



3<sup>rd</sup> Kerry Brown & Don Adsett



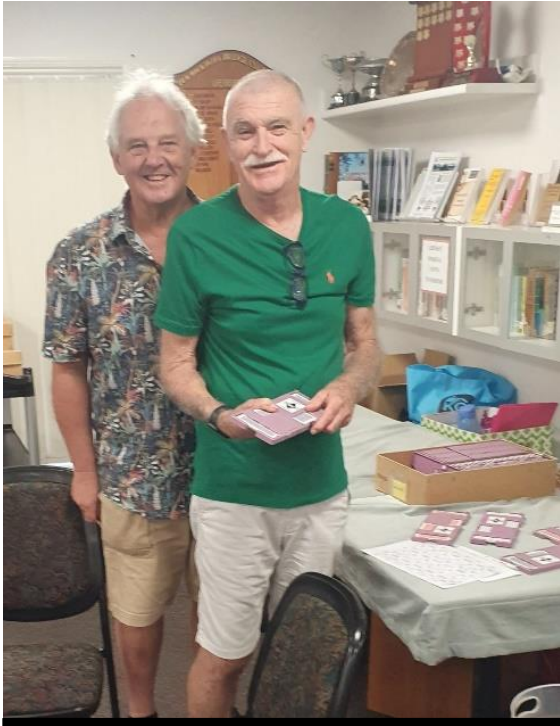
B section: Judy Bodkin & Jenni Darlington



Raffle Seller – Bernie Wills



Winners: Carol Edwards, Pam Steele, Kerry Brown



John Churchett & Murray Pietsch



Michelle Alroe & Bernie Wills



Desley Hanrahan, Roz Wright & Lyn Vary





## 6 MONTHS USAGE OF SOLAR PANELS AND BATTERY

We have received an Ergon account for the period 28/11/24 to 28/12/24. It shows that we imported from the grid 604 kwh and exported 2047.74 for the same period. For this usage, we were billed \$221, while the solar feed in earned \$253. Our bill was not quite in overall credit due to the Service charge of \$49.43, but it was a pretty good result.

Both the panels (Enphase) and the battery (Tesla) come with software which meters the power flows both in and out, but not with quite the same accuracy as the Ergon meter. Both the apps show the figures of 561 and 2154 for the same period, which are reasonably concordant with the Ergon figures. The software shows we **used** a total of 2271.4 over the same period which means we did not have to pay for 1709.9 kwh which came direct from the solar system.

Our savings for one month, therefore, are  $1709.9 \times 0.33264$  (current tariff 11) = \$568.79 +  $2047 \times 0.12377$  (current feed-in) = \$253.35 = Total \$822.31. Say \$750 approximately.

The same calculation for the last 6 months using the app shows a saving of \$3976. Even assuming a 10% inaccuracy in our favour, the figures show a saving of approximately \$7150 per year which seems a very acceptable number. Our actual Ergon bill for the last 6 months was close to \$1400. We earned \$1200 from feed in and paid \$351 as service charge, leaving a nett cost for electricity of \$550 - down from close to \$11,000 in 2018. If looking for these figures in the club financial reports, you will find the feed-in income reported separately from the consumption.

I will continue to monitor their performance and look forward to providing an annual report.

Tim Porter

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### TEACHING REPORT

David Roberts.



Thank you to our members who invited guests to our Wednesday morning and Thursday evening sessions as an introduction to the World of Contract Bridge. All our member's guests had an enjoyable time, and we are looking forward to them starting lessons this week.

Apart from helping to ward off the dreaded dementia, one of the best benefits of playing bridge are all the friends you make which enlarge and enrich your social life. Plus pursuing an activity in air-conditioning, particularly given the weather we have been having this summer is simply a bonus. So if you know of people who might enjoy our club, particularly friends who may have lost a partner or are new to Toowoomba. Please encourage them to come. If it so happens they miss the first lesson, no problem – it is easy to catch up.

## WELCOME BACK CHERRY & SUE



I have lived all my life on the land out west, where my husband John and I ran sheep and cattle. It was a very busy life with four children to add to the mix. 9 years ago, we decided to sell up and retire here to Toowoomba and were looking for new interests. Fortunately, a dear friend introduced me to the game of Bridge, and to the Toowoomba Bridge Club.

My lovely partner Sue and I had a break from the Club due to Covid, but now we are back and are keen to catch up and hopefully learn a lot of new tricks. I am so pleased to have found this avenue to make new friends and enjoy the game.

Cherry



I very recently rejoined the Bridge Club after being absent for the past 5 years. I had been an active Member for several years prior to Covid. I formerly worked in the Medical Field in an administration role for most of my working life. I have been retired for almost 20 years so have had plenty of time to become an expert Bridge player but sadly I haven't reached that point yet!!!

I have been married to my husband Gary for almost 54 years and we have two sons, their lovely wives and five beautiful grandsons. We live a fairly quiet life now after having been fortunate enough to have done lots of travel in the past. We are very lucky to have many great friends and enjoy spending time with them.

I plan to attend the Bridge Club as much as possible and look forward to meeting old and new friends who have been very welcoming since my return

*Ed: Sue originally joined the club in 2006*



### *From your Ed*

Sorry Trev, I appreciate all the benefits of modern technology – but sometimes, some of my age group think life was a lot simpler when you just talked to people.

Thank you once again to all our members who have shared a little about themselves - it continues to amaze me the incredible variety of talented and clever people who make up the membership of our club.

And once again, I would like to acknowledge and thank Susie Fraser who is responsible for most of the photos in the newsletter.

Cheers Glenys



## Masterpoint Secretary's Report

In December, I processed results for 34 sections from 26 sessions yielding 92.83 green and 14.12 red masterpoints.

In January, I processed results for 39 sections from 31 sessions yielding 122.73 green masterpoints. A further 11.16 red masterpoints and green masterpoints for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> will be processed in February.

### Master Rank Promotions for December and January

Joan Mladen	Promoted to <b>Silver National</b> master with 300 points, at least 150 red/gold
Suzanne Brazier	Promoted to <b>Bronze Regional</b> master with 100 masterpoints
Marie Steger	Promoted to <b>Regional</b> master with 50 masterpoints
Athol Kerridge	Promoted to <b>Graduate</b> master with 2 masterpoints
Ken Orange	Promoted to <b>State</b> master with 50 points, at least 25 red/gold
Ann Downs	Promoted to <b>Bronze Regional</b> master with 100 masterpoints
Kerry Brown	Promoted to <b>Bronze Regional</b> master with 100 masterpoints
Michael Kaiser	Promoted to <b>Regional</b> master with 50 masterpoints
Jim Harvey	Promoted to <b>Bronze Local</b> master with 25 masterpoints
Rosanne Munns	Promoted to <b>Bronze Local</b> master with 25 masterpoints
Stephan Nugent	Promoted to <b>Bronze Local</b> master with 25 masterpoints
Stewart Russ	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints
Terry Randall	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints
Inge Ganzel	Promoted to <b>Graduate</b> master with 2 masterpoints

Cheers Chris

## 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 might be counted (4/5). If there are two available sessions, then they are treated as an eclectic event (best 2/2). If there are five days in the month, then we usually combine two of these (see the bridge diary) as a "**Two-Weekly**" and additional masterpoints are awarded to the top half of those whose partnerships played both days. The remaining three days are scored as an eclectic with (2/3).

### December Monthly Winners

Wednesday AM Restricted	Eric Rudorfer & Stephan Nugent
Wednesday PM Open	Adrian Mayers & Will Higgins
Wednesday PM Novice	Gretchen Graf & Marie Steger
Thursday Night	David Edwards & Carol Edwards
Friday Morning	Robert Beaumont
Friday PM	Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood

### January Monthly Winners

Monday PM Open	Dennis Lincoln
Monday PM Novice	Judy King & Katherine Munt
Wednesday AM Restricted	Jim Harvey
Wednesday PM Open	Will Higgins & Adrian Mayers
Wednesday PM Novice	Debra Coward & Bruce Coward
Thursday Night	Desley Hanrahan & Rozalyn Wright
Friday Morning	Terry Sheedy
Friday PM	Jenni Buckley

And on the congress scene:

### Toowoomba Swiss Teams

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Wood & Jenni Buckley (playing with Brisbane pair June Glenn & Alan Hamilton)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Denise Hartwig & Mavis Simpson (playing with Sunshine Coast pair Fay Stanton & Gabrielle Elich)
B 1 <sup>st</sup>	Eileen Josey & David Roberts & Greg Munck & Ngaire Wills
C 1 <sup>st</sup>	Suzanne Brazier & Lyn Vary & Rozalyn Wright & Desley Hanrahan

### Toowoomba U500 Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanaal De Zoysa & Hema De Zoysa (repeat winners from 2024)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathy Duke & Julie Pigdon

### Toowoomba Novice Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alison Banks & Teena Haslam
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yvonne Mallory & Trevor Mallory
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kerry Brown & Don Adsett

Judy Bodkin & Jenni Darlington (Highest placed pair with fewer than 50 masterpoints)

### Gold Coast Congress – Sunday Butler Pairs Under 500

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shanaal De Zoysa & Hema De Zoysa (out of 66 pairs)
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Well done everyone.

Cheers Chris

## Date Claimers

- **Club Teams Championship:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February (two sessions). There will be an Open and a Restricted/Novice section. Also, we are going to try a new event specifically for our Rookies (new players, those straight out of lessons and up to 10 masterpoints). It will be a one session event (eg just the afternoon) and I have called it a **Perfect Teams** event, where four friends nominate as a team and they will play three matches in the afternoon, playing one match with each team member. We will make sure there is plenty of support onsite to help you, but you will be playing normal bridge with your peers and will be gaining some experience in a teams environment. Please support this new initiative.
- **GNOT (Grand National Open Teams):** Friday afternoons 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February.  
Nominate a team of four, five or six players to play in this club event. If someone can't play both weeks you may use other people/or pairs provided you do not exceed six in total. The GNOT is run by the ABF for members of clubs all around Australia and is the only event where you can earn gold masterpoints playing in your own club against your peers. There are about 1700 teams (7000 players) that start this event – making it one of the largest in the world.  
The winners of this club heat earn the right to advance to the Zone Final (against top teams from the other participating clubs in our zone – Darling Downs, Dalby, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Roma, Lockyer, Goondiwindi). The top two teams from our zone final earn the right to advance to the “Round of 64” in September and the top 4 teams after that play in the national final in Sydney in November.
- **Patron's Day:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March.  
This is a two-session event for all club members. It is divided into three grades with prize recognition for the winners in each grade. Details follow soon.  
The winners of the Open section are also recognised as the winners of the Clive Berghofer Pairs.
- **Ivy Dahler Cup:** Three Monday afternoons 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March for red masterpoints. The field will be divided into two grades (Open and Novice). Actual format depends on the number of entries but will involve on session of qualifying. The top 12 pairs in each grade then play in a two-session final whilst the remaining pairs play regular bridge (still for red masterpoints).
- **Tuesday Night Pairs Competition:** 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March for red masterpoints.
- **Toowoomba Butler Pairs congress:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

All these events are listed on our website in the “Calendar” area, are usually listed on the website front page, often have a flyer on display in the clubrooms, and are announced by the Directors (should be at the start of each session). They are also mentioned on the TV announcements when these TV's are switched on. Despite this, word of mouth remains the best way to get people involved, so always make sure you gee-up your friends to play 😊

Thanks  
Chris

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



**Kaye Fisher**

Raised on a cattle property & rode a horse to school. My husband worked with Nat. Parks – one time lived on an island where our 4 children were home-schooled. Managed a motel, husband managed a gannet colony which led to us dining with David Attenborough. Moved to Toowoomba where I learnt to play bridge - which proved a blessing due to making so many wonderful friends. Early mornings you will find me in the garden which I enjoy.

*Kaye*



**Coral Apel**

I began my married life on a remote cattle property. We shifted to the Condamine District some years later to expand our cattle interests and for better schooling for our three boys. Arrived in Toowoomba in 2005 and not knowing many people, I was delighted to find many new friends at the bridge club. I have had some lovely and interesting partners and hope to keep playing for some time yet.

*Coral*

I have lived a remarkably unremarkable life. I have filled my life with simple pleasures. I have a real love for the land and so still operate a small farming enterprise south of Toowoomba. I enjoy the company of others and have a wonderful outing when playing bridge.

I live alone but with animals, trees, birds and the openness. I can easily enjoy my own company.

*Sandy*



**Sandy McNally**

Grew up in Chinchilla. For 30 years loved being a hairdresser. Only just retired. Married 35 yrs to my wonderful husband with 2 children - both married. Love travel - Europe, US & NZ but best part is caravanning around our stunning Australia. Had a wake-up call 2 yrs ago with breast cancer – a gift in disguise leading to a more healthier lifestyle. Another passion is my love of bridge. It not only sharpens your mind but introduced me to a community of friendships I truly treasure. Cheers

*Lesley*



**Lesley Meyer**



**John Hede**

Early schooling, Ipswich, then a border at Downlands. MBBS at Uni of Qld & Sydney Uni. Studied overseas, surgical degrees in Ireland, Edinburgh & London. Early days, worked in Brisbane Townsville, Bowen Beaudesert, Charters Towers Tully Ingham. Married Martine, an English nurse from Scotland 1974. Senior lecturer at UQ. Examiner of foreign medical graduates. Travelled 80 countries. Still registered, about to pull the plug. Left with a marriage 4 children & 8 grandchildren.

*John*



**Brenda Parry**

Grew up outside Pittsworth, boarded at Ipswich Girls Grammar then Teachers College. Taught at Cecil Plains, Charleville School of the Air Gowrie Junction & Rangeville. Had some memory tests early 2000 - not good, told to learn bridge -with a lousy memory and concentration span of a gnat? What could be easier. Judy Glasby nursed me through the worst of my erratic play, now play with Jill Young – we play for fun, we enjoy our bridge – don't care where we come, and enjoy the people we have met, and the friends we have made at the club.

*Brenda*

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



**Marie Newbury**

Born in Quirindi, boarding school in Tamworth. Moved to Newcastle where I met Ron. Moved to New England to a sheep & cattle property RIMBANDA. 10 wonderful years. I managed a Dorset Stud & 7 children. Then cotton at Moree & Bourke for 10 yrs. Then to Old Gowrie & planted grapes. Another 10 yrs and retired to Toowoomba. As well as bridge I enjoy mahjong, patchwork, jigsaws and my wonderful large family. *Marie*



**Isabella Geldard**

Grew up in Nth Dulacca on a property, youngest of 6 children. Boarding School in Brisbane. Worked at the telephone exchange in Miles, married, 3 children who have given me 9 grandies aged from 5 mths to 18. In Toowoomba I have owned a corner store, leased a school canteen & run the wedgwood store in Myers. Travelled for 6 weeks to the UK, Spain & Europe. I am now retired and keeping busy with my family and bridge. *Isabella*

Hello All. Nev & I came to Toowoomba 41 yrs ago for educational opportunities for our children and Nev to try his hand as a solo practitioner. Friends invited us to join a bridge group to give our males the opportunity to learn the basics – as most of the women played social bridge. The fee playing classes were given by Neville Francis who, we later learnt was a ‘bridge guru’. Since retiring from my nursing career in 2019, I have been able to spend more time around the bridge table trying to improve. *Pauline*



**Pauline Lutton**

Grew up in Jerilderie. Vet Science at Sydney Uni 1964. Vet practices in Riverina District together with farming sheep & rice. Moved to Qld 1986, continued to practice as a Vet Scarborough & Clontarf together with farms at Kumbia – cattle, peanuts. Moved to Toowoomba in 2004 with sheep property at Inglewood. Retired in 2006 to play golf, tennis and bridge as well as travel with Desiree. Very fortunate to join the TBC in 2006 & have my late wife try to teach me bridge. *Pat*



**Pat Fenaughty**



**Helen Walsh**

Formerly from Chinchilla where we had a supermarket and raised our 3 children. Now have 11 grandkids and 2 great grandies. I started bridge in 2008 but have played intermittently, mainly because of working and long holidays.

I play golf and tennis and love fishing. Playing bridge has introduced me to a great group of people which I am thankful for. *Helen*



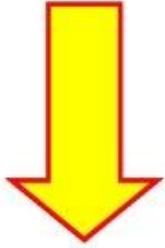
**Fleur Hopkins**

Nursing training at Royal Bris. Hospital, 60 yrs married to my gorgeous man, 4 fantastic children, 7 grandchildren. Retired to Buderim in 1986, returned to Toowoomba in 2002. Was in charge of the Spinal Unit at P A Hospital. A farmer, business owner, high jump coach, a, swimming & hockey coach. Great fisher woman. Have amazing friends.

So why, oh why, can I not get my head around BRIDGE. *Fleur*

# LOOK

Did you lose something?



## Lost & Found



- Various Drink bottles
- Ladies Reading Glasses – Xavier Garcia – purple/gold
- Men’s Reading Glasses
- Vest - Resort - Brown
- Jack Stone Jacket – Size 6XL - Brown
- Ladies Jacket – Vassalli - Size 10 – Navy
- Ladies Jacket – Millers – Size 12 – Denim
- Men’s V-Neck Jumper – Urban Supply – Size XXL – Black stripe
- Blue Rotary Bag w/- Lowes Jumper - Size L

**Items not claimed by 15<sup>th</sup> February will be disposed of.**



### *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.