



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S (ACTING) REPORT

The Winter Woollies Pairs was a great success – in all respects. From the club's perspective, having 44 pairs turn out on a Tuesday was fantastic. It was not far short of capacity

The food – an eclectic choice of soups, which were all delicious, was so successful, many were seen lining up for seconds - and there may have been one or two spotted having thirds. Congratulations to Adrienne Montague and Michael Kaiser and their intrepid band of chefs - firstly for coming up with the idea and secondly for its execution. And of course, the bridge was fun too! Amazingly, despite being obviously busy and distracted by responsibility for the lunch, Adreienne and Michael managed to win the day too!

It is a near certainty for the calendar next year.

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THE PRESIDENTS CUP 1985 - 2024



Phil Dobney x4, Val Buchanan x3, Vi Vella x4, Jackie Henderson x4, Pam Gebbett x2, Marlene Stanley x2 Glenys Clift x3 Henry Eastment x2, Chris Snook x5, Floyd Wilson Keith Jenkins Denise Hartwig x2, David Roberts x2 Trevor Henderson x3 Greg Munck

PRESIDENT'S (ACTING) REPORT

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The club has been very busy with special events over the last 6 weeks. We have had Patrons Day – all day on Sat 12th June, U500 and Novice teams – all day Sunday 19th June, President's cup – over two Saturdays 13th and 20th July, and GNOT heats – 10th and 17th July in addition to the usual play sessions.

While all of that was going on, we have also successfully extended the application of the MyABF payments system to all the regular sessions. This has happened relatively smoothly and has been largely well received.

Looking ahead, we have our Butler pairs day on Sunday 4th August and of course our 3-day King's birthday congress over the October long weekend. It is followed closely by our AGM.

Happy bridging! *Tim Porter*

TEACHING REPORT

From
DAVID ROBERTS



The July classes have commenced. We have six people on Wednesday mornings and four people on Thursday nights. Those numbers might grow slightly.

All of the new people seem to be easily handling the lesson and are keen to attend the next lesson.

Trudy, Oliver and I will do our best to develop their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm to the point where they can join regular lessons. *Dave*

Treasurer's Report for June 2024



Statement of Cash Flow for June shows a net increase of \$250. Table fees collected were \$7,278 plus \$455 for lessons.

Current Assets Held: -

- Heritage Bank General Account - \$10,412.38
- Term Deposit I12 (12 months) 4.90% matures 27 November 2024 -\$85,379.57
- ABF funds held - \$4,483

This month we spent \$460 for the purchase of corduroy fabric - Dusty Pink/Cherry Red/Duck Egg Blue. A big thank you to Jan Flynn and Adrienne Montague who spent many hours washing, cutting and sewing to make 30 playing table covers. It will be wonderful to see these on the tables soon.

We are in the process of preparing for the audit of our accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024, plus working through new requirements from the Australian Taxation Office for Not-For-Profit organisations. Enjoy your bridge! *Marie Steger*

THE CARD GAME BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN YOUNG AND OLD PROBLEM-SOLVERS

Aadhi Hariharan was 10 years old when he first picked up cards to play bridge. Just three years later, he's competing in the Australian National Bridge Championships. [Read the full story](#)

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Contributor: Trevor Henderson

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP 2024



1st Pam Steele & Dennis Lincoln



2nd David Roberts & Ngaire Wills



3rd Terry Sheedy & Mark Hunt

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

The President's Cup has been running for 40 years, since 1985, with the exception of 2022. The first winner was ofcourse, Ivy Dahler and her partner, Enid Busch. Sometime after 2007 our constitution was changed to limit consecutive terms of the President to 3 years.

The downside of that is you can lose people with expertise, however, it is interesting that everyone who has been President has continued to contribute to the club. Our current President Greg Munck has been on Committee for 8 years, one year in charge of Building Maintenance, 6 years as Treasurer and now President. That is quite an achievement.

WHY BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER



The Bridge Club owes its existence to the efforts of generations of volunteers who have given freely of their time consistently since the 1950's. Among the older members of the club, it is hard to find anyone who has not served on the committee for years in various capacities, or run teaching classes, or been Directors, or given their time in some other way.

The Executive positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer can become quite significant workloads. Retiring from a busy job can be something of a culture shock. Putting your hand up for one of these jobs would certainly keep you busy and make good use of your skills while easing into an easier retirement lifestyle. Quite frequently over the years, people who did not feel they could commit to a formal committee or executive position have contributed by helping with components of the workload of these positions, tailoring their contributions to the time they have available. Some have helped out in teaching sessions – quite useful extra experience – or contributed to the many ad hoc tasks that come along.

Many of us have grandparenting commitments. Helping at the club can be tailored to fit with the time you have available. In essence, any time you care to offer will be useful and greatly appreciated.

Taking on a committee position involves a meeting once a month for 2 – 3 hours – usually on a Thursday afternoon. If you come onto the committee, you are certain to find your understanding of the game of bridge improves. Yes, there is a risk you may find you can't help but volunteer for other jobs that come along intermittently, but those involvements introduce you to other members and increase your knowledge and enjoyment. While members may occasionally complain to you or draw some problem to your attention, they are overwhelmingly appreciative of what you do.

The AGM is scheduled for early October. We will be calling for nominations for positions in mid-September. Please give serious consideration to offering your services in some capacity.

Thanks *Tim Porter*

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FEATURE SHOW

Feature Show – bidding 2NT after your partner has opened a weak two, is one of the most popular methods for responding to a weak two opening.

WHAT DO YOU NEED:

At least 14HCP or 13HCP with a singleton and 3-4 of partner's suit.

With 14HCP you may be in game if the opener is maximum (9-10)

With 16HCP and a fit you definitely should be in game

With 18/19+ Check out slam.

OPENER'S REPLIES after a weak two opening & 2NT response:

Repeating their suit at the 3-level shows minimum points 6-8 and 5 tricks

Bidding another suit shows a King or Ace in that suit and 9-10 HCP

♠ K 9 7 5 4
3
♥ 2
♦ K 8 5
♣ 7 3 2



♠ A 2
♥ A 8 7
6
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ A Q 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	

♠ 3
♥ A J 8 7 5
4
♦ Q 7 2
♣ K 10 3



♠ J 7 5 2
♥ 10 6
♦ A K J
9
♣ A Q 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	

Bidding 3NT shows maximum and AKQ or AKJ in opener's suit†.

♠ 4 3
♥ A K J 10
9 8
♦ 8 2
♣ J 10 6



♠ 9 7 2
♥ 7 6 5
♦ A K 3
♣ A K 8
2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT		4 ♥	

Universal Rule

A player who makes a preemptive bid surrenders the captiancy. Only his partner may continue bidding for his side. In other words: Once you preempt, you do not bid again unless you are forced to by your partner.

Forcing Bids

There are only two forcing bids by your partner after you open a weak two where you must reply:

2NT 14+ using Feature Show Or

A change of suit showing 16+ and a long suit of their own

Why does feature show need 14 hcp

A weak 2 opening must have either two doubletons or a doubleton and a singleton or a singleton

AK9542-873-65-T4 AK9542-Q732-9-T5 AK9542-Q74-J75-4

If you Up until have a fit with your partner's weak two opening and 14HCP, you can add at least 2 points for the two doubletons in opener's hand.



A PROFILE OF KEN ORANGE

I grew up in Hobart where we would gather around an open fire and attempt to play auction bridge from an old book of my gracious grandmother's I still remember very vividly, as a ten year old, being told by her "that if I was going to play and enjoy cards then you don't cheat" Very wise words!

The year 1972 was very momentous as it saw me graduate as a poultry scientist from Gatton and marry one hell of a patient and gorgeous Ros. For the next twenty or so years I worked primarily in the Egg Industry (It is interesting to note that even back in the 70's the poultry industry was very active in Avian

Influenza disease management.) In 1994 we moved to Toowoomba and began quail farming where we bred, hatched, grew, processed and distributed around 3000 birds a week. This dream would not have possible without the great support of Ros and our 4 children I don't miss the long days but do miss the camaraderie of staff and the contact with the restaurants.

Thanks to Annica Sheppard I commenced bridge lessons in 2017(I think) with Denise on a Thursday night. It took two rounds of lessons before I was game enough to enter the "lion's den" on the western side. Lo and behold, I wasn't mauled, and the rest is history. TBC is a great group and one cannot express enough gratitude to the many members who have over the years contributed so much. Thank you

Apart from, naturally my family (dogs inc.) my other major interest is working with stained glass either by copper foiling or lead lighting. Glass is an amazing medium and like bridge can be very challenging. It is also very rewarding just as it is bidding and making that slam.

(Ed: Ken has been a Committee member 2018-19 -assisting with Congress's & 2023-24 where he has been in charge of distribution of the History & involved with Health & Safety)



A PROFILE OF TIM PORTER

I grew up in Brisbane and studied medicine at UQ. I then went to Sydney for my intern year and ended up training in surgery at the Royal North Shore Hospital. After seven years in Sydney, and married to Sydneysider Jan, we relocated to London for further training, spending two years there and another in Manchester before returning to Australia to practice in New South Wales - initially in Bowral and then Wagga Wagga for 10 years

When our two boys were due to go to high school, we decided that it was time to return to Queensland and both gained entry at Toowoomba Grammar School.

I began the process of setting up a new practice at St Andrew's Hospital – and ended up working there , and at the Toowoomba Base and St Vincent's, for the next 22 years before retiring in 2019

My mother was a very keen Bridge Player and was heavily involved in setting up the Caloundra Bridge Club. She always encouraged me to play Bridge and having very much enjoyed it, I now understand why she played it at every opportunity for more than 30 years.

(Ed: Tim joined the TBC in 2018 and put his hand up for Committee at the 2018 AGM. Since then, he has continued to serve on Committee taking responsibility for the roles of Building Maintenance Office – 5 years, Health & Safety Officer, Congress Convenor and is also our current Vice President).

Winners are Griners

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). 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.

July Monthly Winners

Monday PM Open	Murray Pietsch & John Oxenham
Monday PM Novice	Mark Hunt & Terry Sheedy
Tuesday Night	Roger Green & Tim Porter
Wednesday AM Restricted	Jim Harvey & Harold Coggan
Wednesday PM Open	Gwen Francis
Wednesday PM Novice	Adrienne Montague
Thursday Night	Rhonda Duck & Lawrence Price
Friday Morning	David Roberts & Paul Matthews
Friday PM	John Churchett

President’s Cup

- 1st Pamela Steele – Dennis Lincoln
- 2nd Ngaire Wills – David Roberts
- 3rd Mark Hunt – Terry Sheedy

On the congress scene:

Lockyer Pairs

- B 1st Michelle Porter – *Susie Hooper*
- B 3rd Kerry Gibson – Pauline Curin

Well done everyone ☺

At the Australian National Championships (ANC) held at Orange last month:

Liz Zeller (playing with Alison Dawson – Toni Bardon – Yolanda Floris – Pele Rankin – Greer Tucker) placed 3rd in the Interstate Teams Qualifying Women’s event with the team winning 11 matches, and losing only 3 (these were 16-board matches, not for the light hearted). New South Wales narrowly beat South Australia in the final. NSW did pretty well (as always) also winning the Open Teams and the Seniors’ Teams.

Kathy Duke (playing with Shannon Queree) placed 12th out of 44 pairs in the Restricted section of the Australian Butler Pairs Championship. Liz (playing with Alison Dawson) placed 5th out of 40 pairs in the Open section of the Australian Butler Pairs Championship.

Cheers
Chris

Masterpoint Secretary's Report

In July I processed results for 43 sections from 34 sessions yielding 127.53 green, 19.90 red and 107.52 gold masterpoints.

Master Rank Promotions for May

Hema De Zoysa	Promoted to Life master with 300 points, at least 180 red/gold and at least 30 gold
Sandy Fraser	Promoted to Bronze State master with 50 points, at least 50 red
Michele Alroe	Promoted to State master with 50 points, at least 25 red
Mark Hunt	Promoted to Regional master with 50 points
Terry Sheedy	Promoted to Regional master with 50 points
Marion Hunt	Promoted to Regional master with 50 points
Barbara Davies	Promoted to Regional master with 50 points
Tony Pattison	Promoted to Silver Local master with 35 masterpoints
Robert Ramsay	Promoted to Bronze Local master with 25 masterpoints
Barbara Davage	Promoted to Local master with 15 masterpoints
Steven Lee	Promoted to Graduate master with 2 masterpoints
Tracey Collen	Promoted to Graduate master with 2 masterpoints

The master rank titles are a broad indication of your achievements and are an indicator of you could play against.

We are born into the bridge world with nil masterpoints (eg 0.00) and are given the esteemed ranking of **Nil** master. You earn points by placing in the top half of the field in a session and these are accumulated throughout your bridge career. By the time you get to **graduate** master you will normally be able to mix it in regular sessions (eg out of the supervised play-type sessions).

Local master and you can mix it with all the locals in your club. ... and its onwards and upwards from there.

The McCutcheon's

The McCutcheon Trophy is awarded by the ABF to the player winning the most masterpoints during a calendar year – as of 31 July the leaders are Ella Jacob, Paulin Gumby and Warren Lazer from the Sydney Bridge Centre. The ABF also presents awards for the highest masterpoints in each master ranking, and it tabulates these Australia-wide and for each state. In Queensland these also receive the James O'Sullivan award. Toowoomba folk who are doing well in the James O'Sullivan rankings are:

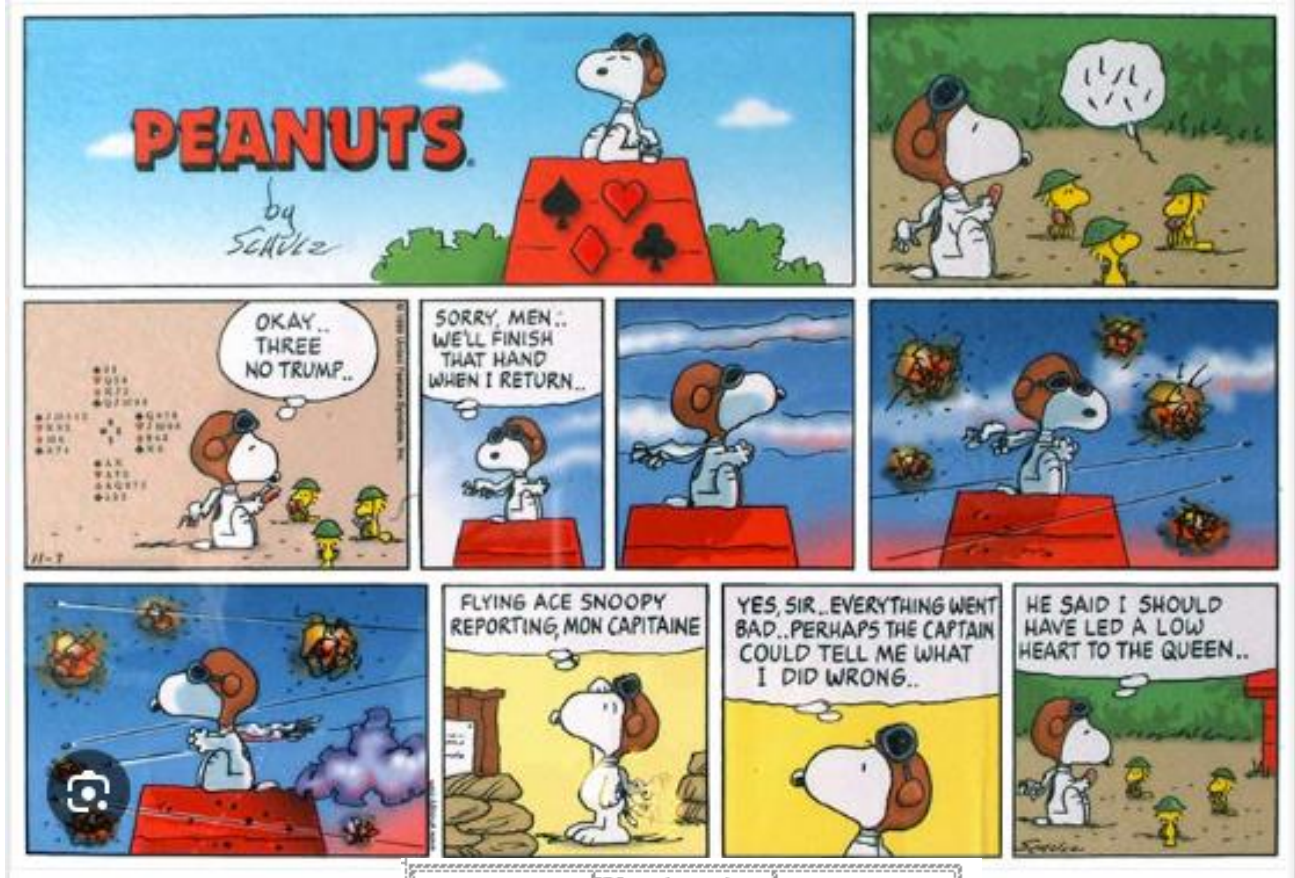
Player	2024	Place in O'Sullivan Award
Zeller, Liz	105.45	5 th in Grand
Hartwig, Denise	70.11	4 th in Gold Life
Curin, Pauline	34.57	1 st in Regional
Gibson, Kerry	28.87	3 rd in Regional

Cheers *Chris*

Date Claimers

- **Darling Downs Bridge Club congress:** Pairs on Saturday 24th August and Teams on Sunday 25th August.
- **Tuesday Night Teams competition:** 3rd & 10th September for red masterpoints – prior entry is required.
- **Springtime Event:** Social event for all members – Saturday 7th September format to be determined.
- **Dalby Bridge Club congress:** Pairs on Saturday 14th September and Teams on Sunday 15th September.

HOW WOULD YOU PLAY IT?



Woodstock		
♠ 83		
♥ Q54		
West	♦ KJ2	East
♠ JT542	♣ QJT98	♠ Q976
♥ K83		♥ JT96
♦ T6	Snoopy	♦ 843
♣ A74	♠ AK	♣ K6
	♥ A72	
	♦ AQ975	
	♣ 532	

Under the persona of the World War I flying ace, Snoopy played the above hand with Woodstock. The cartoon was first published in 1997.

Snoopy is declaring 3NT and it can be inferred that West has led a low spade. Declarer is confronted with a basic timing problem. Does he have time to establish clubs to make his contract? The answer of course, on a spade opening lead, is – No, he doesn't.

According to Alan Truscott, the deal was copied from Ely Culbertson's "Gold Book" (1936). There is a photo of Ely Culbertson in The History of the Toowoomba Bridge Club.

(Ed: Alan Truscott was a British-American bridge player, writer and editor. He wrote the daily bridge column for The New York Times for 41 years, from 1964-2005 and served as Executive Editor for the first six editions of The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge from 1964-2002 – source Wikipedia)

WHAT AN INTERESTING GROUP OF PEOPLE, BRIDGE PLAYERS ARE....

Some people might think that bridge players must have a masochistic streak, but in fact, it is quite the opposite. We are all full of hope – hope the trumps will break, hope the opposition doesn't lead a certain suit and hope for that perfect hand. Because in reality, the majority of us simply play bridge as a social exercise – to give our brains a bit of workout and as an opportunity to meet new people.

And what an interesting group of people we have who make up the members of our club. Initially I was only going to focus on members who joined the club after our last newsletter in 2022. But when I realised that we might meet a lot of people after you join a club, but in actual fact we know nothing about them, I decided to keep going. And the second reason, when I did the history, so many people contributed to the club in the past who were never recognized for what they did. I think we can do better than that. The following are two stories told to me many years ago,

SCORING A TOP WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF PARTNER'S BIDDING

My partner playing East, opened with 2 Spades. The opposition enquired "Weak or strong?" Not having discussed this with my partner, I replied (full of hope) "Strong" and bid 4 Clubs (Ace asking). My panic-stricken partner tried to discourage me by replying 4 Diamonds.

Rather than being discouraged, I immediately took the positive view and interpreted this as three Aces. 4 Diamonds meaning 0 or 3. When I asked for kings with a 5 Club bid, my partner replied 5 Diamonds which I read as no kings. "Oh well, we are missing two kings, but we do have all the aces (or so I thought) and I do have a void, so we'll give it a go.

The hands were as follows:

RESULT: 6 Spades, bid and making

(Editor's Note: This came from a period when there were still a fair number of Acol player in the club who played Strong Two's – all opening bids at two level were strong (forcing for one round). with 2C being game force.)

EAST	WEST
♠ AQJ765	♠ K1093
♥ 976	♥ --
♦ 9	♦ QJ1082
♣ Q42	♣ AK96

LEAD: Heart King

The following story was told to me by Greta Mahoney (*photo below*) in 2001:



Greta Mahoney who continued playing at the TBC until she was 94, was playing at the Surfers Paradise Congress in the 1970s/80's and at one table found themselves playing against bridge guru Dennis Priest and partner. On picking up her hand, Greta counted 30 points and could hardly believe it.

She opened game force 2C – pass on her left and her partner, who must have been in a world of her own passed as well. With a smile on his face Dennis Priest couldn't pass fast enough. When her partner put down her hand, even though she did not have a point, she did have five small clubs so Greta managed to make her 2C but felt very sad on missing out on what should have been a laid down game. Surprise, surprise!!!! Everyone else in the room had bid 3NT going off and they were the only pair who had a plus score.

**GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS (C)
WEST ROOM**



EAST ROOM



TOP THREE PLACEGETTERS (non-contenders for Round C)

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
Lee Hore, Henry Eastment, John Churchett & Ian Jesser	Jim Wood, Jenni Buckey Denise Hartwig & Chris Snook	Judy Geisemann, Isabella Geldard, Peter Taylor, Robyn Jackson, Camilla Croft

ROUND C - TOP FOUR QUALIFIERS

Ruth Hanson, Marian Hunt, Glenys Clift, Marilyn Oakroot, Ken Orange	Judy Morgan, Sue Crook, Kim Nicoll, Barbara Wippell	Kerry Gibson, Andrew Mollison, Pauline Curin, Helen Fitzgerald	Edwina Willis, Rhondda Dean Desley Mundell Rosemary Kelley
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THE BRIDGE MURDER CASE

The Bridge Murder case, also known as the Bridge Table Murder case, was the trial of Myrtle Adkins Bennett (born March 20, 1895, in Tillar, Arkansas), a Kansas City housewife, for the murder of her husband John G. Bennett over a game of contract bridge in September 1929.

Myrtle and John spent much of Sunday, September 29, 1929, with their upstairs neighbors, Charles and Myrna Hofman. The husbands played a round of golf at the Indian Hills Country Club that morning, and then went back to the links that afternoon with their wives joining them. At dusk, they returned to the Bennett apartment at 902 Ward Parkway in the Country Club District of Kansas City. After sharing dinner, they sat down to a game of bridge in the Bennett living room, the couples playing as partners, the Hofmans versus the Bennetts. After midnight, as the Hofmans began to pull ahead, the Bennetts began to bicker. In the ultimate hand, John failed to make his four spades contract and Myrtle, frustrated by the failure, called him "a bum bridge player". He stood and slapped her in the face several times, and announced he was leaving. He said he would spend the night in a motel in Saint Joseph, Missouri. As he packed his bag, and moved from room to room, he mocked his wife. Myrtle told the Hofmans, "Only a cur would strike a woman in front of guests."

After an ongoing argument, John Bennett went to pack a suitcase as he told Myrtle to retrieve the handgun he typically carried on the road for protection. Myrtle walked down the hall to the bedroom of her mother, Alice Adkins. Still sobbing, Myrtle reached into a drawer with linens and pulled out his .32 Colt semi-automatic and walked into the den. There, she brushed past Charles Hofman, and shot at John's back twice in the bathroom of the apartment. John escaped into the hallway but fell to the floor in their living room.

Myrtle Bennett was tried by Judge Ralph S. Latshaw. The trial began on February 23, 1931, and lasted eleven days. Her defence was James A. Reed, former three-term U.S. Senator and onetime Democratic presidential candidate. Reed showed jurors that John Bennett had been previously violent and abusive, and attempted to explain that Mrs Bennett was either insane or acted in self-defence. The judge disallowed the prosecution, James R. Page, to submit John Bennett's nephew Byrd Rice, as he was not on the original list of witnesses. After an eight-hour deliberation, the jury returned a not guilty verdict. The prosecution's assistant, John Hill, said, "It looks like an open season on husbands.

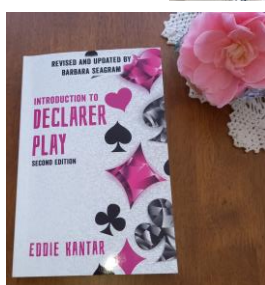
The case caught the public imagination and was subject to press attention by the *New York Journal*, not for the trial itself, but for the bridge game. The case was a media sensation and a flashpoint in the bridge craze sweeping the nation. The *Journal* invited speculation from bridge experts, including Sidney Lenz, on the game, what hands had been played, and whether different play, or alternative hands, would have prevented the murder. None of the people present in the apartment at the time later recalled exactly what the hands were.

Ely Culbertson wrote about the killing and trial in his new magazine, *The Bridge World*. In lectures, Culbertson suggested that if only the Bennetts had been playing the Culbertson System of bidding, then 36-year-old John Bennett might still have been alive.

Only 35 years old at the time of her acquittal, Myrtle Bennett lived for another 61 years, dying at the age of 96. At the time of her 1992 death, Myrtle Bennett's estate was valued at more than \$1 million. With no direct descendants, she left most of the money to family members of John Bennett, the husband she had killed more than six decades before.

(Editor's note: The story going around in bridge circles 40+ years ago was made slightly more dramatic than this – inferring that Myrtle shot her husband at the bridge table and when the judge, who was a bridge player, saw John's hand, he agreed with Myrtle – her husband deserved to be shot.)

NOTES FROM OUR LIBRARIAN - BARBARA DAVIES



The latest book to be added to our library collection is “Introduction to Declarer Play” by Eddie Kantor. This book has excellent reviews and is highly recommended for beginners. It is well written and easy to follow plus it has good examples which support each lesson. This book only covers the basics. The library has also been given a copy of “Bridge for Dummies” -also by Eddie Kantor which walks you through the intricacies of the game and arms you with tried-and-true tips and strategies for being a better player. *Barbara*

POINTS SCHMOINTS

Is there any other card game that has as many points as Duplicate Bridge? Let’s see, there are:

High Card Points	Matchpoints	Total Points	Shape Points	Length Points
Part Score Points	Green Points	Red Points	Gold Points	Doubled Points
Re-doubled Points	Game Points	International Match Points	Master Points	
Shortage Points	Penalty Points	Vulnerable Points	Non-vulnerable Points	
	Distribution Points			

So, to help make it a little clearer –

We count our high card points and when we have a fit with partner add our distribution points which are shortage points, length points and/or shape points to arrive at our total points. If our total points are less than game points, we will opt for part score points which vary depending on whether we earn vulnerable points or non-vulnerable points which have been doubled or re-doubled. Whereas our opposition hope to stop us and thereby earn penalty points which vary in value depending on vulnerability and the number of tricks short. The object of course is to earn enough match points to hopefully increase our masterpoints which as we progress, will need not only green points, but red and gold points. And as far as International Match Points are concerned - well hello- unless you have thousands of points forget about them.

So, my point is, not to put too fine a point on it... couldn’t the creators and masters of bridge have come up with a few more descriptive nouns other than just ‘POINTS’ to describe our wonderful game? Now that is duplicate bridge! **Contributor: Anon.**

A CONTACT SPORT

By Monica Pritchard

Although I love the game just as it is
I'm sometimes seduced by the thought
Of how indescribably good it would be
If Bridge were a contact sport

I know this contravenes all that we know
Of the spirit and laws of the game
And if we made such a radical change
The game would not be the same

But remember that feeling of rage you had
When he trumped your beautiful Ace
Then sat with a loathsome detestable
smirk
On his loathsome detestable face

And remember your helpless frustration
When the play of the truly inept
Robbed you of what you know you deserved
Then they gloated while you sat and wept

Now imagine the rush of euphoric glee
If at the end of each round
you could legally target these creatures
And pummel them into the ground.

I know that it doesn't sound gracious
It doesn't sound terribly nice
But let's get a grip, if you're playing Bridge
You're closely acquainted with vice.

The game involves dealing and scoring
The laws describe turning of tricks
I ask you, who in the world could object
To occasional headbutts and kicks?

But quite a few players are gentle or
frail
And not really up to a tussle
So in the interests of equity
We'd allow them some substitute
muscle

A number of players spring to my mind
Who are perfect for playing a sub
They're cranky, they're bulky, they're
up for a fight
There are dozens in every club

I know that this concept is brilliant
But its time is not yet at hand
And I probably have to resign myself
To behaviour that's proper and bland

But if we should meet at the table
And my eyes have a gleam quite insane
You'll know that I'm off in some
fantasy world
Inflicting incredible pain.



TRIVIA

Graeme Ryan wouldn't give me his profile until I sent him one of me, which I did – but I didn't tell him about the most interesting job I had.

When I was 18 backpacking around Australia with a mate, we worked in an illegal nightclub in St Kilda's redlight district as waitresses for 4 weeks. The clientele consisted of politicians, gangsters, off-duty cops, businessmen, ladies of the night etc, etc, and as you can imagine, the tips were great. When the boss was given notice there was a raid planned, we served coffee, the bar wouldn't open until after they left, then everything would open up and on with the floorshow. This job was great preparation for when I was a politician's Secretary in the Whitlam era!! *Glenys*

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED 2024

WELCOME TO THE TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

All these members have joined this year and what an interesting and talented group of people they are.

Most are playing on Wednesday and/or Monday mornings, some on Thursday night. So when members come for the afternoon sessions, if you see any of these people, introduce yourself and make them welcome.



Jane O'Sullivan

I lived in the Thallon Dirranbandi district all my life. Travelled extensively in my youth then married 57 yrs ago. Retired to Toowoomba in December 2023 and left behind 4 properties, 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Judy Watts introduced me to the bridge club (we share 3 grandchildren) and everyone has been very welcoming Thank you.

Jane

I started playing Bridge in my early 20's after my Mum bought me lessons so we could play together and give my Dad some peace. Went to Uni and qualified as a data analyst. Met Steven in 2016 and after marrying in 2019 we left NZ in January and are happily settling into life in beautiful Toowoomba. We joined the TBC not long after we moved, everyone has been extra welcoming, and we both enjoy playing together at this club.

Tracy



Tracey Collen

Grew up in Brisbane & met my husband George while teaching in Normanton. We came to Toowoomba 47 years ago. Our daughter teaches at an International School in Japan & our son, also a teacher lives with his family here.

Playing cards has always been part of my life and now my sister Ann has joined me as my partner playing bridge. We are still at the beginner level but enjoy learning more every time we play. *Rosemary*



Rosemary Goodsell



Steven Lee

Started playing bridge in high school back in 1993 (Wellington, NZ). but life got in the way. After Uni I became an architectural lighting tech. Worked in NZ then Canada, before heading back to NZ to teach maths.

Married the amazing Tracy Collen & we jumped the ditch, landing in Toowoomba. I am excited to see what this city and the bridge scene have in store! *Steven*



Ann Williams

Grew up in Brisbane and attended Mt Alvernia College, Kedron. Then spent 3+ years working and back-packing thru UK, Europe and Israel. I have worked mainly in Admin, the last 30 years in Aviation Security at Brisbane Domestic and International Terminals. and have my Diploma in Security, Risk Management. Moved to Toowoomba 3 yrs ago. My sister, Rosemary invited me to be her partner at bridge and we continue to play together and never stop learning the art of bidding. *Ann*

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED 2024



Julie Pigdon

Born in Melbourne, I had no choice but to be an Essendon supporter. Worked well up to 2000—but it's been down-hill since then. Moved to Brisbane late 60's & onto Uni to study psychology & history. Then an MBA, a medley of HR positions. 2 great kids & now 2 grandchildren. Eventually bought a shack in Toowoomba and here I am. Looking forward to living here and improving my bridge. Life is pretty good. *Julie*



Bernie Wills

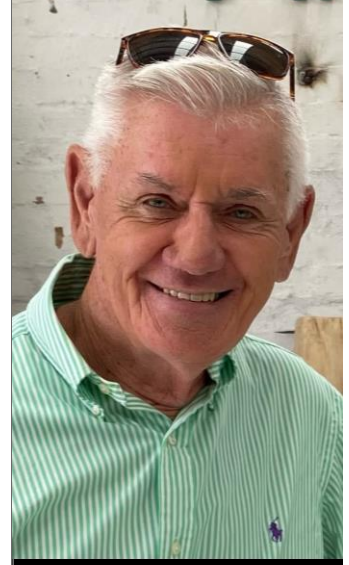
Born in Brisbane, grew up in Tweed Heads. Studied Metallurgy and tutored in Chemistry at UNSW. Left Sydney 1976; 30 years at QAC/UQ Gatton with Chemistry classes. Retired 2007, moved to Northern NSW 10 years as a volunteer radio operator with Marine Rescue in Ballina. Returned to Qld in 2020 to be near family. Attended Trudy's 2023 & 2024 lessons. Banned from historic motorcycles; amateur radios gone. Now enjoying the challenges and friendship at TBC. *Bernie*

I grew up in Highfields on a small dairy farm. Would ride my horse around the district when the only 2 bitumen roads were the New England Highway and Highfields Road was single bitumen. Worked at BMS for 35 years until end 2010. Spent 2011 in and out of prison. (Worked at Westbrook Correctional Centre). Currently a train driver with Aurizon. *Graeme*



Graeme Ryan

As a Mah Jong player, I needed to take up something totally different, a lot more demanding, totally difficult, and at times terrifying – bridge seems to meet all those criteria. To succeed in learning bridge you need a sympathetic tutor (Trudy Dunne) and a more sympathetic partner (Megan Twine). As an avid horticulturalist I am also involved with local garden clubs, the Carnival of Flowers and I run a boutique garden design studio, Botanica Design which keeps me very busy. *John*



John Randall



Steven Foley

Grew up in Sydney, went to Uni (BA). By the time I was 40 and met my lovely wife in Russia, I had worked in Japan, Russia, Germany, UK, the Philippines & the USA in different jobs – teaching English, Co-Pilot Ozark Airlines, installing satellite TVs, diving instructor etc. My work history in Oz is just as diverse. Our daughter who suggested I join the Bridge Club, is currently studying Graphic Design at USQ. *. Steven*



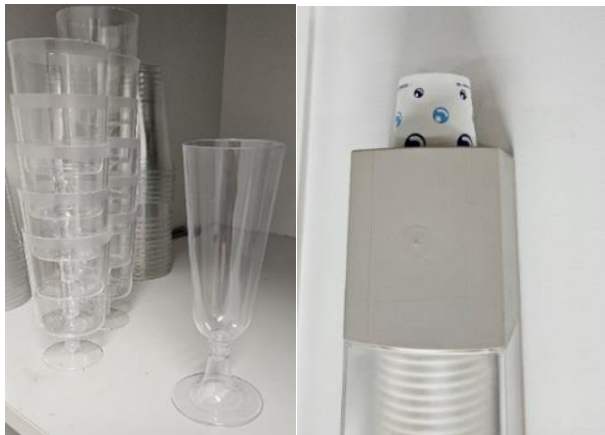
Megan Twine

Grew up in Mackay, trained as a nurse, a profession I have practiced all my life. Married Malcom and we have lived in many places, mainly rural Qld – first when he was with the bank then when he became an Anglican priest and was transferred to different parishes. We came to Toowoomba when Malcolm was appointed the Police Chaplain. We have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and I am an expert at re-constructing lego. *Megan*

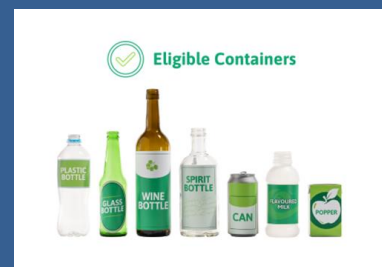


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The recycle bin is clearly labeled for your reference.

✓ WATER CUPS ✓ WINE
GOBLETS ✓ CARDBOARD



Please place glass bottles (including wine bottles), plastic water bottles and drink cans in the bin outside the west back door.



- ✗ NO Biscuit Wrappers
- ✗ NO Tissues
- ✗ NO Cheese Wrappers
- ✗ NO Food Scraps



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.