



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report



I suppose it had to happen; winter has arrived with temperatures much lower than we are used to.

On Saturday 4th July we celebrated our 8th Birthday at Stuart Street. We had a very good rollup with everyone enjoying the day.

On a sad note, we lost one of our longtime members, Enid Busch, who passed away recently.

With regard to Congresses, etc congratulations are in order for the following members of our Club:

Sunday 3 May 2015 - **Toowoomba Novice Pairs:**

- 2nd A Grade - Ann Klibbe & Jeff Aitchison
- 2nd C Grade - Noela Cribb & Philip Atkinson

Saturday 9/16/23 May - **Clive Berghofer Pairs:**

- 1st - Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

Sunday 31 May - **Darling Downs Novice Pairs:**

- 2nd A Grade - Barbara Powers & Diana Drummond
- 2nd B Grade - John and Margaret Vines
- 3rd C Grade - Lavinia Minchin & Val Witenden

Saturday/Sunday 27/28 June - **Goondiwindi:**

- 2nd A Grade - Liz Zeller & Pat Larsen

Sunday 19 July - **Darling Downs Swiss Pairs:**

- 1st A Grade - Will Higgins & Mohan Trada
- 1st C Grade - Roger Ley & Reen Grayson

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 24th

October. Anyone who is wanting to nominate for any position please feel free as I believe a number of current incumbents will not be standing for re-election.

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.

Session Rules Reminder

- Players should be **seated** 10 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.
- The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements and on playing arrangements in the room (eg windows, airconditioning).
- 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.
- No notices are permitted on the noticeboards unless approval is given from the club Executive.
- No trading is permitted on the club premises unless written permission is given via the Management Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Keith Jenkin
VICE PRESIDENT	Adrian Mayers
SECRETARY	Glenys Clift
TREASURER	Chris Snook
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Peter Cory Robbie Fulton Pam Gebbett Anne Klibbe Roger Ley Diana McDougall Leonie Spence

OFFICE HOLDERS

CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	Chris Snook
CONGRESS CONVENOR	Robbie Fulton
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY	Chris Snook
PROVIDORE	Keith Jenkin
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Diana McDougall
QBA DELEGATES	Chris Snook Keith Jenkin Roger Ley
ZONAL DELEGATES	Chris Snook Adrian Mayers
PRESS OFFICER	Kim Nicoll
TEACHING COORDINATOR	Glenys Clift
LIBRARIAN	Jean Moetara
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Floyd Wilson
HOUSEKEEPER	Bette Flamsteed
SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR	Peter Cory
WELFARE OFFICER	Glenda Filbee
FIRST AID KIT	Roger Ley
TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR	Bruce Hinchliffe
INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY	Chris Snook Peter Cory
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Adrian Mayers
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	Trevor Glasby
WEBMASTER	Peter Cory
BOARD DEALING COORDINATOR	Roger Ley
BIRTHDAY CLUB	Pam Gebbett
RECORDER/CONCILIATION	Henry Eastment
PARTNERSHIP ARRANGER	Pam Gebbett

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

TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

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

Trainee Directors: Peter Cory, Gabrielle Elich, 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



Please make the following new members feel welcome. The majority have just completed lessons and will be looking for encouragement from everyone. Also, it is lovely seeing Helen Walsh back in Toowoomba again.

Bill Barrett
Gordon Blair
Karin Browne
Kathleen Carey
Barbara Collings
Dan Daley
Pam Davey
Gail Donovan
Julie Dunn
Amanda Edwards
Patricia Ford
Christine Gilshenan
Avril Herdon
George Kristafon
Frances Kristafon
Ann Lebsanft
Keith Lebsanft
Dianne Marler
Mary Murphy
Lynda Oxenham
Mike Power
Geni Russ
Heather Smith
Brent Stuart
Lydia Stuart
Helen Walsh
Evan Williams
Jan Williams

On behalf of all our members, welcome to the Toowoomba Bridge Club and the world of bridge.

New Master Rankings

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

Graduate

James Keaman
Muriel Cook

Club

Margaret Roberts
Juleen Cavanaugh
Colleen Wildman
Val Witenden
Neville Lutton
Glenda Downie
Roger Douglas
Shirley Cooley
Desley Hanrahan
Jane Lawson
Lawrence Price
Charlie Moore

Local

Beryl Clark
Judy Giesemann
Ann Downs

*Local

Paul Matthews
David Roberts
Judy Edwards

**Local

Sandra Parker
Jean Bendall
Kathleen Munt
Coral Apel
Annette Topp
Elizabeth Kavanagh
Lyn Vary
Jill Cory
Kath Phillips
Margaret Masters
Anne Arnold

Regional

David Edwards
John Hede
Barry Copley

*Regional

State

*State

Donella Ferrier
Jeff Aitchison
Justine Wlodarczyk
Rod Brilliant

National

*National

Gabrielle Elich
John Churchett
Sheryl Gardner

Silver Life

Grand

Ian Jesser
Patricia Larsen
Valma McClement

Congratulations!

Treasurer's Report

As at the end of June 2015, the club had a total of \$153,907.30 "cash at bank". Of course, there will always be some bills still in the pipeline. These funds are held in the following accounts:

\$27,725.66	General Account
\$ 7,605.10	Congress Account
\$56,159.35	Term Deposit – Sinking Fund
\$11,153.08	Term Deposit – Sinking Fund
\$51,264.11	Term Deposit – Sinking Fund

The three term deposits are a "sinking fund" to cover future major expenses such as repainting, replacing carpets, carpark repairs, replacing air-conditioners, etc. Our building is now eight years old and we are starting to have to expend money on minor repairs and updates. Fortunately we are in a good position to do so.

Significant expenses over the past few months have included:

ABF and QBA membership levies	\$10,818.19
Advertising for Open Day	\$2,874.31
Building Insurance	\$1,369.00
Electricity Bill	\$1,684.06
Water Rates	\$725.83
288 Queens Slipper playing cards	\$858.50
Honorariums	\$7,570.00
Masterpoints April-June	\$999.11
Fence on Southern boundary	\$1,534.00

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

Chris Snook

Treasurer

The Birthday Club

I remember writing in the Newsletter at the start of the year that there was always the possibility of Gremlins getting into the system. It has happened; unfortunately, instead of drawing the anomalies to my attention so that they can be rectified, the Club has received a complaint. Please, if your Birthday wishes arrive on the wrong day, or on your husband's birthday please tell me. It can be rectified. I offer my sincere apologies to those people who have been distressed by the aforementioned errors.

I am still available to find partners for members.

Cheers,
Pam

Masterpoint Secretary's Report

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

	Green	Red	Tables
April	152.76	45.40	379.5
May	127.92	38.64	387.0
June	141.40	58.54	372.0

So far this year, our top ten masterpoint earners are:

1	Zeller, Elizabeth	Silver Life	68.94
2	Jesser, Ian	Silver Life	61.12
3	Marler, Dianne	Grand	59.60
4	Mayers, Adrian	Silver Grand	50.61
5	Eastment, Henry	Silver Life	43.68
6	Longford, Byron	Silver Life	41.97
7	Wlodarczyk, Justine	*State	40.89
8	Larsen, Patricia	Grand	38.74
9	Elich, Gabrielle	National	32.85
10	Wilson, Carol	Bronze Life	30.27

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

Providore's Report

I would like to thank Helen Holmes, Barbara Wippell, Lesley Meyer and Glenys Clift, all of whom continue to provide goodies for our afternoon tea on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Anyone else interested in supplying sandwiches, cakes, etc should contact me as their help would be very much appreciated.

Happy bridging.

Keith Jenkin

Providore



WHY BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER?



Whilst our AGM is not scheduled until 24 October 2015, it is probably time for members to start thinking about nominations for Committee.

People come up with lots of reasons why they should not go on Committee; "Haven't got the time"; "I only come to play bridge"; "Don't need the agro"; "I would tell them what I thought of them"; "Too old"; "Can't be bothered with all that rubbish"; "Not interested" are some of the comments I get from people. But without a Committee there is no club.

With Keith not running for President again, and my husband making me promise not to do the Secretary's job (because he knows I will keep doing everything else I do), we all need to start thinking about our next Committee.

While the President's job is notionally to run the meeting and make sure office bearers have the help they need, his or her main responsibility is to make sure the club abides by the Rules and By-Laws. Some members seem to have an unrealistic expectation that the President is there purely to hear their complaints and fix things. Well actually that is the job of the committee as a whole.

The Secretary's job now needs three people to make it manageable. If the Secretary did the minutes, correspondence outwards and preparation for the meetings, and had two assistants, one looking after recording the mail from the post box and emails; the second person taking on the role of office manager looking after stationery, notice boards and promotions, and both liaising with the Secretary – this would work. In fact it would even work with two people; problem is they all have to be on committee.

We have a great club with wonderful members and excellent amenities, but unfortunately, it doesn't run by itself.

Glenys Clift

AGM NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms for Committee positions are now available from the Secretary. All nomination forms will be displayed on the Notice Board near the dealing room.

- (a) Any 2 members of the association may nominate another member (the candidate) to serve as a member of the management committee;
- (b) the nomination must be:
 - (i) in writing;
 - (ii) signed by the candidate and the members who nominated him or her; and
 - (iii) given to the secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting at which the election is to be held.

Nominations close two weeks before the meeting. Each candidate must be nominated by two members, with all three signing the nomination form.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMITTEE

- (1) A person is not eligible to be elected as a member of an incorporated association's management committee if:
 - (a) the person has been convicted:
 - (i) on indictment; or
 - (ii) summarily and sentenced to imprisonment, other than in default of payment of a fine; and
 - (b) the rehabilitation period in relation to the conviction has not expired.
- (1A) Also, a person is not eligible to be elected as a member of an incorporated association's management committee if:
 - (a) under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (C'wlth) or the law of an external territory or another country, the person is an undischarged bankrupt; or
 - (b) the person has executed a deed of arrangement under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (C'wlth), part X or a corresponding law of an external territory or another country and the terms of the deed have not been fully complied with; or
 - (c) the person's creditors have accepted a composition under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (C'wlth), part X or a

corresponding law of an external territory or another country and a final payment has not been made under the composition.

- (2) In this section, rehabilitation period has the meaning given in the Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986.

In the Zone

Queensland Open Teams

Eight teams from Goondiwindi, Warwick, Dalby, Darling Downs and Toowoomba clubs competed in the Zone Qualifying Heat of the Queensland Open Teams hosted by Warwick Bridge Club on Sunday 21st June. The top two teams have qualified for support to play in the State Championship at Toowong on 22-23 August:

- 1st Stephen Price, Kerrie Hayes, Barbara Mailler, Michael Mailler
- 2nd Kent Taylor, Ian Jesser, Jennifer Buckley, Jim Wood

Queensland Open Pairs

Players from all zone clubs can play in the qualifying event to be held on Sunday 20th September hosted by the Toowoomba Bridge Club. The top two or three pairs will then be supported to play in the State Championship on 17-18 October.

Grand National Open Teams

The GNOT is an Australia-wide teams competition playing for glory and for gold master points. Each club runs a qualifying round early in the year to qualify a team(s) to play in a Zone/Regional Final. The winner from the Zone Final is then given some financial support by the ABF to play in the GNOT Final, which is held in Benowa Point at the end of November. Sixty-four teams from all around Australia play in the final.

Our Club Qualifier of the GNOT will be held on Sunday 6th September, and all players are welcome.

The Darling Downs Zone is comprised of the Dalby, Darling Downs, Goondiwindi, Lockyer, Roma, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba and Warwick Bridge Clubs. The Zone Final will be hosted by Dalby on Sunday 25th October.

Policy of Zero Tolerance of Poor Behaviour

Law 74 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge covers the very important area of Conduct and Etiquette.

[Law 74A] gives examples of **proper attitude**.

1. *A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.*
2. *A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.*
3. *Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.*

[Law 74B] gives guidance on **etiquette**.

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from:

1. *Paying insufficient attention to the game.*
2. *Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.*
3. *Detaching a card before it is his turn to play.*
4. *Prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.*
5. *Summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.*

[Law 74C] gives examples of **violations of procedure**.

Law 74A covers all facets of **unacceptable behaviour** at the table. It might be where an opponent gloats over “scoring a top against you”, making a disparaging remark if you make a mistake at the table, cursing at you if you “dare to call the Director”, etc. The Toowoomba Bridge Club also has local By-Laws that give further examples of poor behaviour:

1. Criticising partner or opponents.
2. Badgering, rudeness, insinuation, profanity, threats of violence, violence.
3. Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
4. Discussing hands after the round is called.
5. Objecting to a call for the director.
6. Disputing a Director's ruling during the game.

If poor behaviour occurs at your table and it interferes with your enjoyment of the game, then you should quietly but firmly call the Director immediately. The best time to address such problems is while all parties are present.

- (1) If the Director is satisfied that a breach of the policy has occurred during session time, then the offending player will be fined (eg their score for the session reduced) by 25% of a top on a board. This non-discretionary penalty equates to approximately 1% in the session. These penalties are a part of bridge and are covered by Laws 74 and 91. If a player commits a third offence at the same session then the player will be removed from the session and sent home. Any decision of the Director may be appealed (Law 92) but an appeals committee may not overturn a disciplinary penalty. They can, however, suggest that the Director change his ruling. We hope it never comes to this, but our policy covers the situation just in case.
- (2) If the issue cannot be resolved to either party's satisfaction during or at the end of the session, the Director will inform them that they have 48 hours after the end of the session to put their allegations in writing to the Secretary. The Director will provide them with a copy of a Conduct Report Form to assist them to do so.
- (3) If one or more members wish to make an allegation about the conduct of one or more other members regarding offences that are not directly related to a session of play, then that allegation shall be made in writing to the Secretary within 7 days of the incident occurring.

In both of these cases, the Secretary, acting on behalf of the Management Committee may initiate a review concerning the conduct of any member of the Club. See By-Law 5 for further details.

“Writing a letter” after you get home is rarely a good idea – so please call the Director and let the club procedures take care of the situation.

Please enjoy your bridge, and “play nice”.

Regards
Chris



Winners are Grinners

April Monthly Winners

Monday	Pam Mackintosh
Tuesday	Floyd Wilson
Tuesday N	Chris Snook & Mohan Trada
Wednesday	Ian Jesser
Thursday AM	Jill Cory
Thursday PM	Lee Hore & Val McClement
Thursday N	John & Gabrielle Elich
Friday	Trudy & Tony Dunne

May Monthly Winners

Monday	Pam & Steve Hosfield
Tuesday	Byron Longford
Thursday AM	Desley Hanrahan
Thursday N	John Elich
Friday	Lee Hore & Val Buchanan
Saturday	Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

June Monthly Winners

Monday	John Burnett
Tuesday	Liz Cavanagh & Gail Blencoe
Thursday AM	Desley Hanrahan & Lyn Vary
Thursday N	Dave Edwards & Geoff Buckham
Friday	Glenys Clift
Saturday	Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

Tuesday Night Singles

Mohan Trada

Clive Berghofer Pairs

Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers

President's Cups

Edwin Willey & Harvey Billing

Joyce Benson Cup

Ian Jesser & Kent Taylor

Well done everyone!

Cheers,

Chris

Hand Evaluation

by Edwin Willey

South passes, and as West you hold **SJT9764, H6, DKJ72, CJ8**. Spades are short of top honours, but they are solid, and you just love your side suit. So despite being vulnerable to non-vulnerable, you bid **2S** (weak); it describes your values well, and

you steal two levels of auction. Regardless, you do have the minimum values your partner expects, and if partner has values they will mostly over the opponents best hand (North).

North bids **3D**. Well! You have/had(?) a surprise in store! And partner now raises you to **6S**!!

The hand was:

Bd: 35	AQ		
Dlr: S	985		
Vul: EW	AQ963		
	JT9764	T74	K82
	6		AKJT
	KJ72		void
	J8	53	AKQ953
		Q7432	
		T854	
		62	

The Actual Auction:

S	W	N	E
nb	2S	3D	6S end.

Lead: DA

Had North passed, an auction with Bruce Meakins would have continued as follows:

S	W	N	E
nb	2S ¹	nb	3C ²
nb	3S ³	nb	3NT ⁴
nb	4H ⁵	nb	5C ⁶
nb	5D ⁷	nb	5H ⁸
nb	5S ⁹	nb	6S end.

¹ Weak two 6-carder, 6-10 points.

² Agrees spades, commences cue bidding, and shows first round control in Clubs.

³ No first round control.

⁴ Second round control in Trumps.

⁵ Second round control in Hearts.

⁶ Second round control in Clubs.

⁷ Second round control in Diamonds

⁸ First round control in Hearts.

⁹ No more controls

East now know that West has a singleton Heart and, unless also holding a singleton Diamond (which is doubtful), has a useless DK. So 12 tricks will depend on finding the SQ with North.

Returning to the actual auction: in this case, East has extra information about the position of outstanding points. West guaranteed SIX points, East has TWENTY; so North must have most the remainder. West could have asked for controls, but did not, going confidently to 6S. The grand slam only depends on West holding SAQ; in which event, West should bid 7S, as East has SK.

NOTES FROM COMMITTEE

This is an update on some of the issues dealt with by your Committee and office holders since our last newsletter in April.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Roger Ley was given responsibility for producing a Risk Assessment for the club and as a result of his recommendations the following tasks have now been completed:

- Fencing has now been extended along the southern boundary to minimize the risk of a car going over the edge.
- An evacuation plan is being arranged by Ann Klibbe.
- Safety glasses, dust and chemical goggles, eye wash saline and masks have been purchased for use with the garden maintenance.
- No smoking signs have been put on the verandas thanks to Trevor Glasby who put the signs up (not without some frustrating moments).
- A Chemical Register has now been set up thanks to Chris Snook. This was another involved job that took a lot of time.
- A new first aid box has been purchased, and attached to a wall in the office, with the old one now in the kitchen.
- The Club is waiting for guidelines from the QBA regarding protocols relating to a defibrillator.

GRANT APPLICATION

An application was put in for a Community Grant for hand dryers for the rest rooms and a shed. As we were the recipients of a grant last year, it was not unexpected when this was knocked back. Total cost for two hand dryers is \$3,400 and the cost of a shed is \$4,000 plus.

The Committee will be looking at purchasing these items in the very near future.

REPORTS FROM OFFICE HOLDERS FOR AGM

Please note the deadline for reports to be published in our AGM booklet is the 14th September 2015

GARDENING MAINTENANCE

Most members are not aware of the hours that Trevor Glasby has put into the garden, mostly working by himself or with Ralph Geddes who

looks after the hedges on the weekends. Since April the following jobs have been completed:

- Blockwork around the avocados has been repaired.
- 1 cubic metre of pine chips has been spread around the avocados.
- The gutters have been cleaned.
- A number of the older shrubs have either been removed or relocated.
- General tidying and weeding continues each week.
- The archway has been repositioned to a more prominent position.

Trevor would like to thank members who have donated their council vouchers and these will be used in September. He has also asked that should people use the hoses, could they put them back into the cages please.

LIBRARY

Our librarian, Jean Moetara, has been give five new additions for our library:

To open, or not to open – featuring the rule of 29 by Marty Bergen,
5 Card Major Stayman for Standard American players by Ron Klinger,
The Power of Shape by Ron Klinger,
Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand by Barbara Seagram and David Bird, and
‘Mastering Weak Two Bids’ Marty Bergen.

After discussion with Jean, it was decided that two weeks should be the limit for members to borrow new books.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Members of the Strategic Planning Sub Committee are:

Lorraine Sutton, Ann Klibbe, Robbie Fulton, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Henry Eastment and Keith Jenkin.

This was set up in March with the purpose of evaluating any inherent risks and also growth opportunities for our club, thus enabling the sub-committee to draw conclusions and formulate recommendations, which may be useful for the club in planning for the next five to ten years.

They are following the format of the QBA Strategic Plan and will be looking at the key elements of: Membership, Financials, Directing,

Teaching and beginners, Management, and Relationships.

The development of a Strategic Plan will identify strengths and weaknesses, how well our club manages these key elements and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

MAINTENANCE

With Adrian and Corry Mayers travelling around Australia, Peter Cory has been fulfilling the duties of Maintenance Co-ordinator in Adrian's absence. This is in addition to helping the Secretary look after the office needs and looking after our sponsors.

Since the end of June, Peter has:

- Organised the Fire Extinguisher inspection.
- Had the plumber up for the men's urinal.
- Had the emergency exit light fixed and bulbs replaced in the emergency lights after arranging three quotes.
- Had 2 meetings with the air-conditioning guys which lasted a total of 5 hours.

When he volunteered to fill in for Adrian, he didn't realise it was going to be almost a part-time unpaid job!

Thanks Peter from all of us.

PROTOCOLS FOR REGULATING AIR CONDITIONING

The Director of the Day is the one and only person to regulate the Air Conditioner.

All Directors are to use the sign already in place on the wall adjacent to the switches near the front door, which explains how to set the system correctly. (System should be on manual according to the operating manual)

Unfortunately we are waiting on parts for the East room air-conditioner, which means it is now out of action until the parts arrive. With only one air conditioner working for both rooms, please do not open the windows when it is on as this lessens the effectiveness of the system.

The following are the recommendations given to Peter by a representative of BNR Refrigeration & Air Conditioning regarding the optimal operation of the two (East & West rooms) air conditioning units. Based on 30 years experience, he recommended:

1. Both units should be operated on **Manual** settings. On **Automatic** settings, the air conditioning units are fighting each other and/or draughts when windows are opened while the units are running.
2. To obtain the most stable control of air temperature across the clubrooms, both East and West units should have a sensor installed in the return units (ceiling intake units). This is the usual practice undertaken at the time of the AC units' installation, however, these sensors were apparently not installed.
3. Both units should have their control units repositioned to be within the Office, so there is minimal risk of adjustment to optimal settings, other than by the sessions' Director, or a Committee member. Currently the Eastern control unit's sensor is adversely influenced by its very poor position in an area that receives minimal airflow, and/or it is hidden under a "half-metre of coats", as is often the case in the Eastern Entrance area. While the control unit in the Western room is in a less than favourable position, being close to a corner with "relatively restricted" airflow, that is not an accurate sample of the room's average temperature, it is significantly better than the Eastern room's control unit very poor placement.
4. Airflow should be re-balanced across clubrooms if/when installation of sensors, and repositioning of control units is undertaken.

WORKING BEE

A big thank you to the following people:

Daphne Kuhn, Jan Flynn, Kath Phillips, Pam Mackintosh, Corry Mayers, Bob Cheesman, Terry Randall, Paul Barrett, Nev Lutton, Ralph Geddes, Henry Eastment, John Clift & Committee Members: Keith Jenkin, Glenys Clift, Pam Gebbett, Adrian Mayers and Chris Snook.

As well as cleaning the verandas, kitchen, store-room, washing marks off doors etc. etc. we also had a professional window cleaner do the windows inside and out. Starting at 8am, with so many people, we were on our way home by 9.30.

And thank you Pam for the lovely soup you brought for morning tea.

WORKSHOP ON MULTIS

I would be like to hear from members who would be interested in doing a workshop on Multis later

in the year and what day would be the most suitable. This is normally run over five weeks (once a week) and each session last 2 hours. You need to have been playing bridge at least 2-3 years before tackling Multis.

Glenys Clift

TENANCY NEWS

Bruce Hinchliffe is the Liaison Officer for our tenants and also deals with enquiries from the public about outside use of the club.

He has recently been involved with a request by the Carnival of Flowers Committee to use our power and water for a concert to be held on the 29th September.

The Committee have agreed to this request (they will compensate us with \$1000) but it will depend on whether there is enough capacity from our building. The council will be sending electricians to check this out.

We have agreed that the performers can use our car park but it will not be used by the general public.

OUTCOME OF SPECIAL MEETING

30th May 2015

Topic: Goods and Services Tax (GST)/Membership subs

- (a) When does GST become a liability for an organisation?

Chris stated that as far as our club is concerned, the trigger for our club paying GST is when the club's income reaches \$150,000 taking into account all income from the previous 11 months plus the current month or the next 11 months plus the current month.

- (b) Total amount payable:

Once the club is registered for GST, the total GST payable equals 1/11 of all income from subscriptions, table monies, sponsorship, bridge club related activities. Only donations made at arm's length are not included. Credits can be claimed on GST already paid on expenses.

- (c) How much do we spend on members entitlements?

It was calculated that we spend approximately the following amounts on all members irrespective of how many times they come to the club:

AGM Booklet \$5
Newsletters \$5

Birthday Club \$6 (free game, card & postage)

It was moved and carried that the Committee will make a recommendation at the AGM for our membership fee to revert to what it has been for the previous 10 years, namely \$20.

BIRTHDAYS

There have been complaints that some people have received their birthday card on the wrong month. The dates that Pam is given are taken from our membership records.

If this has happened to you, please let the Secretary know so the records can be corrected, not only in our database but the ABF data base.

The reason the ABF require your day/month (year is optional) is when there are members with the same name, they identify them by their birthdays.

I would like to thank Trevor Henderson for the help he has given creating the cards.

CHANGES TO EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please notify the Secretary if you change your email address so we can update our records. Thanks, Glenys Clift (Sec)

INTERMEDIATE SUPERVISED PLAY

with Ian Jesser

Wednesday morning 8.45 for 9am start

The following program is for players wishing to improve their bidding and knowledge of the most popular conventions used by most bridge players. Hand records are available at the end of play. **NO PARTNER NEEDED.**

5/8	2 Club Checkback	A method to find out a more exact point count when the Opener rebids 1NT
12/8	Michael's Cue Bid	Shows a 2-suiter hand, may be weak or strong
19/8	Roman Keycard	Used when you are playing in a suit contract to determine whether you should be in slam
26/8 and 2/9	Hamilton 2 weeks	A defence against NT
9/9	Transfers 2 Weeks	A popular convention used after partner opens 1NT to keep the strong hand hidden

16/9	Transfers	
23/9	Jacoby	After a major suit one level opening bid by partner, the conventional response of 2 Notrump shows 4+ trump card support with an opening hand and interest in slam.
30/9	Shape Showing	How to bid two-suiter hands.
7/10	The Rule of 24	The Losing Trick Count (LTC) only applies after a trump fit has been located and is a tool to work out the number of tricks you should win
14/10	The Losing Trick Count	Counting losers is a sound way of estimating the playing strength of a hand, particularly a hand which contains one or two very long suits.
21/10	Weak Jump Calls at the Two Level & Vulnerability	Why Vulnerability is important with weak jump overcalls.
28/10	Opening light	When do you open with less than 12 HCP.
4/11	Splinter bids	Showing a singleton with slam intentions after establishing a fit in a suit.
11/11	Drury	The Drury Convention is an artificial 2C response that's used by a passed hand after partner opens 1H or 1S in third or fourth seat asking how strong he is.

TOPIC FOR WEDNESDAY SUPERVISED PLAY (LESS THAN 5 MP) NO PARTNER NEEDED

5/8	GLENYS	Bidding with a fit in the Majors (Include Rule of 20).
12/8	TRUDY	The Barrier Principle.
19/8	TRUDY	Playing a suit contract.
26/8	TRUDY	When to draw trumps.
2/9	TRUDY	Take out Doubles and Overcalls.
9/9	GLENYS	Bidding after suit interference. Forcing bids vs free negative bids
16/9	GLENYS	Negative Doubles.
23/9	BYRON	Signals.
30/9	GLENYS	Opening strong balanced hands 21+.
7/10	GLENYS	Opening with strong unbalanced hands.
14/10	GLENYS	Weak Twos - opening 2H, 2S & Feature Show.
21/10	GLENYS	Coping with Pre empts.
28/10	TRUDY	Gerber & Blackwood.
4/11	TRUDY	Discards – McKenney.
11/11	TRUDY	Doubling 1NT.



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