



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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Ed: Glenys Clift

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Registering with myABF

The first step is to have all players at the session registered with myABF. If you have not already done so, then you can do this easily by clicking the link below and following the simple process. All you will need is your ABF number and an email address. The registration process should only take 2-3

minutes.  
*Register with MyABF by clicking on this link <https://www.myABF.com.au/accounts/register>*

If you do need any assistance with the process talk with Trevor, Dave, Tim Porter or Michael Kaiser or myself and we will help you complete the registration. For any members without an email address, we will be able to create your MyABF account through the use of the Club's email address. I would encourage you all to complete your MyABF registration as soon as possible. Happy Bridging, *Greg*

## THE FUNCTION & CATERING GROUP



Michael Kaiser, Eleanor Johnson Deb Archer Rosanne Munns Adrienne Montague with Eleanor & Deb

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2024



Table fees received in May were \$7164.10 + \$770 for Lessons. As at 31 May 2024 the club held \$85,379.57 in Term Deposit plus \$10,766.70 in the Working Account. ABF funds held were \$3,315. Statement of Cash Flow for April shows a net decrease of \$14,790.68 due to payment of the following:-

- Pianola subscription \$600
- Special Events Catering (food & drinks) \$1,484
- SAE Solar final payment \$17,088.50 – Refund of \$316 paid 20<sup>th</sup> June

June was a busy month with 3 Club events. The Winter Woolly Pairs generated table fees of \$880; with a net income of around \$300 due mainly to the generous support of members who contributed homemade soup for the lunch provided. Patrons Day generated table fees of \$610, and thanks to the \$1,000 sponsorship received from Clive Berghofer Developments the club was able to offer \$1,500 in prize money. Our Under 500 & Novice Teams congress generated table fees of \$2,160 which covered all expenses including prize money of \$1,600.

Enjoy your bridge!

*Marie*

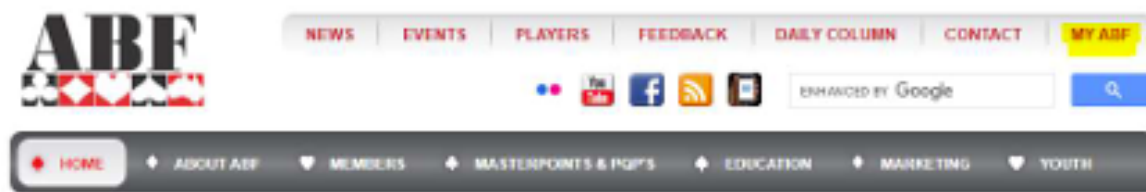
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT myABF

With our club transitioning to paying table fees through myABF, I thought it might be helpful to include the questions and answers from the myABF official site.

### How do I register?

Go to the My ABF page (most easily accessed from the main ABF website at the top right:



Select Sign Up along the top. Put in your ABF number (your name should then be added automatically). Add an email address and create a password. The system will send you an email with a link to activate your account. Find that email, click Activate and that's it. It usually takes less than a minute.

### What if I don't have an email address?

Your club can usually register for you using a generic email address. You won't be able to receive email notifications yourself then though so you would be recommended to use automatic top-up to make paying easier – see below

### What's "auto top-up"?

Auto top-up enables you to set your My ABF account up to operate a bit like a public transport card (Opal, Myki, Go, etc). If your account balance drops below \$20 it will automatically be topped up by the amount you specify (currently \$50, \$100, \$200 or \$300). It saves having to worry about topping your account up manually. But that manual option is always available as well. This option is particularly useful if you are playing club sessions regularly. There's not much point if you are only using the system occasionally to enter congresses. When you first set up auto top-up, if your account has less than \$20 in it an initial top-up will be charged to your card (\$50, \$100, \$200 or \$300 depending on what you specify



### **Is it secure?**

Yes. The ABF never sees or stores your card details. They are all handled securely through our online payment provider (Stripe). Stripe is one of the largest online payment providers in the world, counting many of the world's top corporations amongst its customers. Stripe is perhaps not as well known in Australia as PayPal but it provides the same services. There are some more FAQs specifically about payments available on the players My ABF Resources page here: <https://www.abf.com.au/member-services/my-abf-resources/pla>

### **How do we get money out?**

Most players will never need to. Remember this is an Australia wide account with the ABF. You can use the money in it to pay for sessions or congresses anywhere so it's not like having money dedicated to your local club only which becomes useless if you move interstate. But it's your money so, if you stop playing bridge altogether, or move overseas, simply contact My ABF support and a refund can be provided. Usually this will be in the form of partially or fully reversing a card payment you have previously made but, in exceptional circumstances, it can also be done as a bank transfer

### **Can we buy other things with bridge credits?**

Yes, but again up to the club. The system does accommodate "Extras" so players can pay for additional items besides session table money with bridge credits as well. Common examples are bridge books or perhaps even coffees. It's totally up to the club what they want to set up. You can also choose to pay your table fees one way and extras another way if you wish.

### **So will players have to enter and pay for club sessions in advance now?**

No. You can turn up and play just as usual. A list of player names on the day is uploaded into My ABF. The list of names is usually provided by the scoring program after players have input their names/numbers to Bridgemates or equivalent devices. Payments are then able to be reconciled immediately during the session or later i.e. by the Treasurer if necessary and even remotely. For congresses, it is normal that entries and payment will occur in advance although it's still possible for clubs to accept both on the day if they wish to do so.

### **What if there's a mistake?**

Club administrators have the ability to make amendments to the player charges to correct mistakes which, with the best will in the world, will occasionally occur! If you are unsure about any transaction on your account or think you've been charged or credited the wrong amount you should, in the first instance, contact your club. ABF administrators also have an ability to amend accounts to correct mistakes if required.

### **Can I top up by doing a bank transfer to the ABF?**

No. Sorry but we cannot accept bank transfers. Online payments made can be automatically put straight into your account. Bank transfers cannot. Imagine if up to 30,000 bridge players were to transfer funds to the ABF bank account. Each would have to be checked manually and then manually added to your Account. It is administratively impossible, not to mention very error-prone.

### **Can bridge credits be transferred to other players?**

Yes- you can transfer bridge credits to any other player. You might do this if you owe them money for something. Perhaps they paid for your entry to an event? In fact, it doesn't even have to be bridge related.

Clubs can also transfer bridge credits to players. Some might do this if you win a prize at a Tournament (but make sure you tell the organizer if you do NOT want credits). All these transactions are visible on your statement.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

We ask members to be aware that the Annual General Meeting is planned for mid- October. Traditionally, that is the time where volunteers put their hand up for the committee. Some of our current committee members have indicated that they will not be able to continue.

Accordingly, there may be an opportunity for you to contribute. If you feel there is a role that you would like to take on, please make yourself known to any member of the committee. Any of us would be pleased to facilitate your having some “work experience” on the committee or to being better informed about the role.

As the club runs on volunteers’ effort, please give serious consideration to increasing your levels of participation. There are a variety of jobs and contributions that you can make. They don’t have to be onerous or particularly time consuming. Any level of contribution is very welcome.

*Tim Porter*

## **PARKING ON WEDNESDAYS**

As you know, there has been some difficulty with traffic clearing the parking area at lunchtime on Wednesdays. Last week and the week before, we had a “parking officer” attending the entrance and guiding people to parking spaces. As well, there were announcements which made people aware of the need to avoid the worst time period – 1215 to 1250. On Wednesday this week, there did not seem to be as much of a problem. The Management Committee has discussed various options.

Having someone do the parking officer job on regular basis was thought probably unnecessary. We have opted to trial some signage to remind people of the issues. Initially we will have some corflutes made. If these seem to have a desired effect, more permanent versions will need to be acquired later.

In the meantime, I would ask that you be mindful of the need to minimise traffic in the 1215 to 1250 window on Wednesdays. It seems to help to turn left only - into and out of the driveway – noting that this may mean you have to vary your route of arrival or departure slightly.

Finally, I would ask that you keep to a strict 5 km speed limit in the car park as I think there is some danger for pedestrians during this period when people can be distracted by other traffic

Also, those who have tried to help with the parking problem by parking down the hill to the west, should be aware that council has only given permission for us to use the land to the immediate west of our current footprint. We do not have permission to park under the trees to the south, known as “the dell”. Parking there will attract adverse attention from the council and probably objection from other park users.

*Tim Porter*

## CATCHING UP WITH MARY



It has been 5 months since we saw Mary McConachy at the club after she was admitted to St Andrews and when I asked her how was she going – her answer: - “I have been sick, sick, sick and now I am getting better, better and better”. Plus being back in her unit is like a tonic and even better, when I rang, she was on her way home having been taken out to lunch by her son Greg who lives in Perth.

While still not strong enough to come back to the club yet, Mary is playing bridge online keeping her hand in as she begins to re-build her strength again.

For newer members who may not know her, Mary joined the club 24 years ago, was elected to Committee in 2004 and in charge of the Catering Sub-Committee and part of the Fund-Raising Sub-Committee for the new club house in Stuart Street. On Opening Day Mary and her team catered lunch for 130 people as if it was something they did every day. Mary was also a qualified Bridge Director and ran Monday afternoon Restricted making herself available to play with anyone without a partner from 2007 until about 2014.

Prior to retiring, Mary had been a teacher – teaching the scholarship class in Roma, taught maths & geography at Mt Lofty and worked with Col Martin who in her opinion, was one of the best teachers she had ever worked with and taught for 25 years at St Ursula’s College.

Mary is also one of the most delightful and giving women you could possibly meet and let’s hope we see her back at the club playing with one of her regular partners, Joyce Zeisemer, Bruce Hinchliffe or Fay Short. Although I can appreciate given what she has been through the last few months, that is not her first priority – just being home surrounded by her own things and seeing her family is enough right now.



Fay Short, Shirley Hooper, Mary and Joyce Zeisemer

Mary with her sister, Eileen Josey

## VALE JULIE OCONNOR 14/4/1930 – 29/6/2024



It is with great sadness I announce the passing of Julie O’Connor who died in St Vincents Hospital. Julie joined the original Toowoomba Bridge Club in the early 1960’s and effectively has been the longest continuous playing member of our club. This year Julie’s regular partner was Fleur Hopkins with an occasional game with her son Thomas – the last time being 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. Her funeral details are: Requiem mass at St Theresa’s Church, 55 Curzon Street Toowoomba on Thursday 18th July, at 10am.



## THE FUNCTION & CATERING REPORT



### Winter Woolly Pairs

I would like to thank Carmel Barrett, Diana Bryant, Eleanor Johnson, Jill Young, Joan Brownlie and Kim Nalder who were responsible for the wonderful selection of soups available for members to choose from. (Ed Adrienne also cooked 2 soups)



Pea & Ham Soup  
Vegetable Soup  
Italian Soup  
Chicken Soup  
Moroccan Soup  
Spicy Carrot Kuma Soup

Members were spoilt for choice and they were all equally delicious.

I would also like to thank Deb Archer, Fleur Hopkins, Pauline Lutton, Rosanne Munns and once again, Eleanor who gave up their time to help with the preparations and the clean-up.



### Patrons Day

Once again Deb Archer and Eleanor gave up most of their day to look after the kitchen, make sandwiches and heat up the food for the end of the day for the drinks and nibbles. Thank you both for the time you give and your support.

### Under 500 & Novice Congress

My thanks to Maree Neale and Deb Archer for looking after the kitchen and helping to make Congress so successful.

*Adrienne*



Adrienne Montagné & Michel Kaiser



Maree Neale & Deb Archer



Ken Orange



Jenni Darlington

*(Ed: While Adrienne was appointed to the position of Function & Catering Officer at the last AGM, in actual fact Adrienne fulfilled this position for all of 2023 and I know that for each function, she spends at least a day shopping then another day, if not more cooking and preparing food. On behalf of the club thank you Adrienne and Michael.)*

## A TRIBUTE TO THE CATERING GROUP

This is a tribute to the kitchen catering group, Adrienne Montagne, Michael Kaiser and all the members who have given Michael their names to be called upon when and if needed. June has been an exceptional month, catering for 3 events over a 2-week period. I have also included Dale Bury (who is currently away) and Susie Fraser – mainly because Dale has become Adrienne’s right-hand girl. Adrienne said she couldn’t do the job without Dale, And Susie Fraser– if she is not working in the kitchen, she is taking photos.



Born and grew up in Melbourne where I worked for a company on the Stock Exchange during the Poision boom. Travelled to London for 6 months which became 6 years. Worked on the Times Newspaper with no typing skills – but they thought I was great.

On returning to Oz, married & had 2 children - moved to Brisbane when my husband was appointed Media Director for an advertising Co. After he died unexpectedly, I worked for channel 10 in protocol. I planned to stay with them but with 2 young children and long hours, it didn’t work. So then worked for Qld Hotel Association as their Training Co-ordinator.

My last job before retiring was as a Relocation Manager, relocating staff to Rio Tinto, Coles, Target, Kmart, Coca Cola & Worley Parsons interstate, intrastate & internationally.

After retiring, moved to Toowoomba in 2019 and joined the TBC which I have enjoyed and made many friends. *Adrienne*

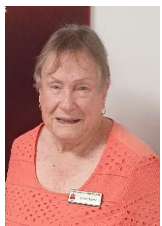


I was born in Germany and migrated to Australia with my parents at age 12. I attended school in Brisbane and then worked in education

secondary and tertiary settings in both state and independent schools. I met and married a local girl, Janette, soon after arriving in Toowoomba in the mid-80s.

We have three amazing sons and two grandsons so far. How quickly life has changed from full-time work to retirement filled with family life, travel, and new-found hobbies of stamp collecting, family ancestry research, golf, and of course, bridge.

*Michael Kaiser*



I grew up in the Mungindi district on the family property ‘Cramby’. After finishing school at St Catherines in Sydney, I moved to Melbourne

completed a hair-dressing apprenticeship. Hairdressing took me to Moree, northern NSW where I worked at Mavis’s Salon until I met & married local farmer and grazier, Robert Burey. Our whole family including our two children always loved playing cards mostly 500. After retiring off farm life Robert and I moved to Toowoomba where I eventually took up the great game of Bridge and joined the TBC.

Robert & I celebrated 60 years of marriage last year and this year I will be celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup>.

*Dale Bury*



I grew up in Melbourne. We moved to Toowoomba nearly 38 years ago. mainly for Sandy’s work as an Agricultural Rep. I have worked mostly in accounts and admin roles over the years.

Playing cards has been an enjoyable past time in the family for as long as I can remember so learning Bridge (well attempting to) was just a natural progression.

I enjoy the bottomless challenge of Bridge and the many interesting faces we meet not to mention it is supposed to be good for our brains too – fingers crossed and ever hopeful. *Susie Fraser*

## Winners are Grinners

### June Monthly Winners

Monday PM Open	David Roberts
Monday PM Novice	Terry Sheedy
Tuesday Night	Denise Hartwig & Rozalyn Wright
Wednesday AM Restricted	Stephan Nugent & Eric Rudorfer
Wednesday PM Open	Denise Hartwig & Chris Snook
Wednesday PM Novice	Helen Kemp
Thursday Night	Rhonda Duck
Friday Morning	Pauline Curin
Friday PM	Adrian Mayers

### Patron's Day

This event was played in three grades  
(Under 50, Under 200 and Open).

<b>Open</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ian Jesser & Henry Eastment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rod Brilliant & Eileen Josey 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa
<b>Under 200</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Porter & Lawrence Price 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aino Jaatinen & Pauline Curin 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sandy Fraser & Susie Fraser
<b>Under 50</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Brenda Quick & Jeanette Dalton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tracey Collen & Steve Lee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Terry Sheedy & Mark Hunt

### Winter Woolly Pairs (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June)

This session was played as a Swiss event over six 5-board rounds. This meant that masterpoints were awarded "per 5-board win" rather than to the top of the field, so the emphasis was on participation and "little wins" rather than being at the top of the tree at the end of the day. Nonetheless, we all like lists, so the top few were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Kaiser & Adrienne Montague with 6 wins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Curin & Debra Coward with 4 wins and a draw
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hema De Zoysa & Chris Snook with 5 wins

All 44 pairs earned at least 0.05 red masterpoints (the shiny ones) for a total of 26.40, an average of 0.30 each person.

### On the congress scene:

#### Toowoomba Under 500 Teams

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer McGowan - Vanessa Brewis - Marge Henry - Sally Hall (from QCBC in Brisbane)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Fulcher - Mavis Simpson - Joan Mladen - John Erlandson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne Brazier - Lyn Vary - Rozalyn Wright - Desley Hanrahan

#### Toowoomba Novice Teams

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Gibson - Andrew Mollison - Pauline Curin - Debra Coward
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gretchen Graf - Judy Bodkin - Jenni Darlington - Marie Steger
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Ferguson - Eve Sirigos - Peter Green - Sue Green (regular visitors from QCBC in Brisbane)

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers *Chris*



# Jacoby 2 Notrump

After a major suit one level opening bid by partner, the conventional response of 2 Notrump shows 4+ card trump support with an opening hand and possible interest in slam.

After responder's 2 Notrump call, opener's rebids to Jacoby 2 Notrump show strength and/or shape

## Standard replies to Jacoby 2NT

The most commonly used standard replies by the Opener to Jacoby 2NT are :

Bidding	Description	Example hand
1♥ - 2NT - 4♥	Minimum Opening, 12-14 pts, no singleton or void	♠ A 9    ♥ K Q 9 7 4    ♣ Q J 5 4    ♦ 9 8
1♥ - 2NT - 3NT	Strong Opening, 15+ pts no singleton or void <b>Weak</b> trump suit*	♠ A 9    ♥ K J 9 7 4    ♣ K Q 5 4    ♦ K 8
1♥ - 2NT - 3♥	Strong Opening, 15+ pts no singleton or void <b>Strong</b> trump suit*	♠ A 9    ♥ K Q 9 7 4    ♣ K J 5 4    ♦ A 8
1♥ - 2NT - 3♠	New suit at the <b>3 level</b> singleton or void in the suit bid	♠ 6    ♥ K J 9 6 5    ♣ A 9 8    ♦ K Q 10 5
1♥ - 2NT - 4♣	New suit at the <b>4 level</b> 2nd 5-card suit with at least 2 of the 3 top Honours in the suit bid	♠ A 9    ♥ K J 9 6 5    ♣ K Q 10 5 3    ♦ 6

**Note:** The first two years you are playing bridge, it is recommended to focus on the basics taught in lessons. You can play a perfectly good game of bridge without adding extra conventions. Some players never do. Most conventions only come up occasionally, but once you have the basics under control, adding conventions can make your game more interesting and of course, keep the brain active.



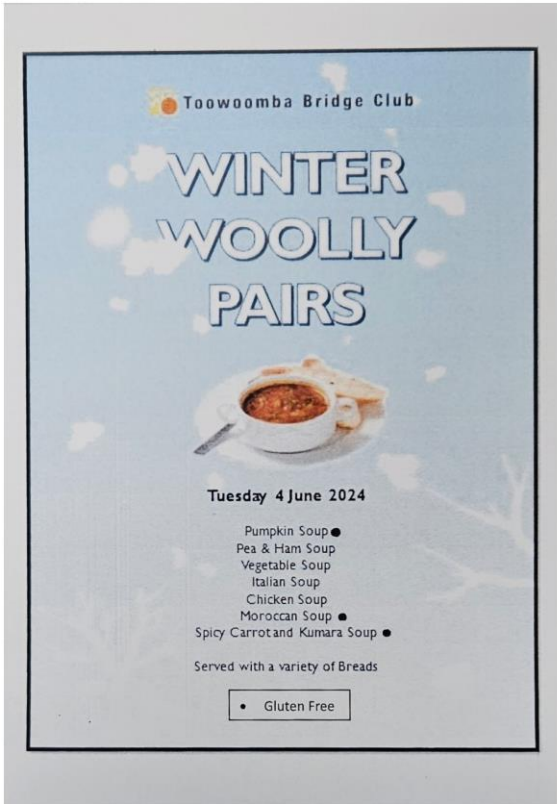
# WINTER WOOLLY PAIRS



1<sup>ST</sup> Michael Kaiser & Adrienne Montague  
with President Greg Munck



2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Curin & Debra Coward



Michael Kaiser, Eleanor Johnson, Deb Archer,  
Rosanne Munns & Adrienne Montague



Eleanor Johnson & Pauline Lutton







**WEST ROOM**



**Trevor Mallory Roger Green**



**EAST ROOM**



**Joan Mladen Maurice Josey**



**Ngaire Wills, Ruth Hanson, Julie Pigdon**



**Brenda Quick, Don Adsett, Robert Ramsay**



**Yvonne Mallory, Barbara Davage, Brenda Quick, Helen Rutlidge**

*(photographer for all photos taken at the Winter Woolly Pairs - Marie Steger)*  
 Thank you, Marie



## TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO KEPT US SAFE DURING COVID

Most of us would prefer to forget the COVID years between March lockdown in 2020 and February 2022 – but perhaps it is overdue, that all the people who gave up so much of their time, be acknowledged. By April 2020, with the assistance of Liz Zeller, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Trevor Henderson and David Roberts BBO sessions had been arranged for members to play bridge online. The first sessions at the club reopened in July 2020 with large tabletops and rubber mats, reduced table numbers, stringent Covid cleaning conditions, verbal bidding and the dealers who dealt a multitude of boards for each session to minimise hand contact.

However, while a number of people helped with the entry protocols, Libby Thorne and Joan Mladen were available for nearly every Monday and Wednesday session. Taking everyone's temp, ensuring members sanitised their hands and wiping down every surface in the playing area and the toilets prior and after each session as well as monitoring the kitchen safeguards.



I grew up in the Lockyer Valley and went to Brisbane for High School and University. Tony and I met there and married in our final Medicine year. We worked in various places and finally came to Toowoomba in 1988.

I have enjoyed working and bringing up our 2 children here. Travelling, hiking and reading are my hobbies and now also bridge.

Grandchildren are also a new “hobby”. Since I retired in Mid-2019, I've had a lot more time for bridge and now feel as if I've just begun to understand it 😊 *Libby*

*Note: Libby Thorne was and is on Committee taking the role of Welfare Officer 2021-2024*

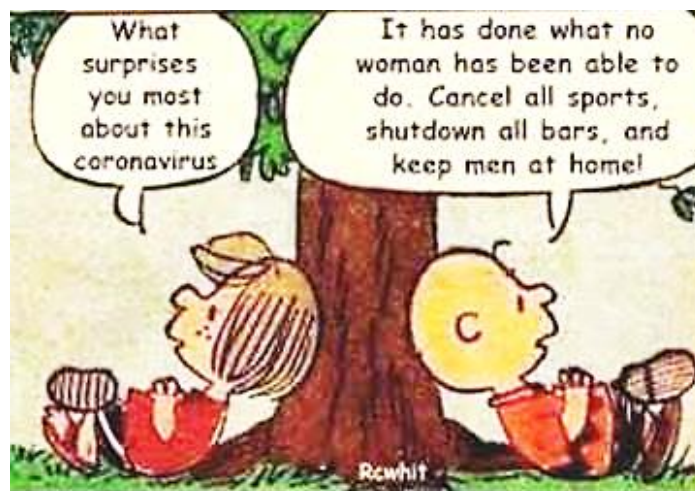


After schooling, travelled to Charleville to teach Music and Art and later married a grazier from "Aqua Downs", 87 miles S of Charleville. Moved back to T'mba in 1971 with a daughter and twin boys. Difficult few years rearing 3 children and working at 3 jobs - teaching Art & Music and Collating at TAB Head Office.

After second marriage, worked as chief designer and stained-glass artist for Classic Stained Glass, winning 3 T'mba Business Awards. Major works at U of Qld (Emmanuel, King's and Women's College), plus St Stephen's Church, Our Sacred Heart Church, Glennie School and St Mark's Church, Warwick.

I have also been involved with Rotary and was President of the first Rotary club to admit women. I joined the Bridge Club after coming to an Open Day and would like to thank my wonderful teachers, Trudy, Ian and Glenys.

*Note: Joan served on the Committee as Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer 2019 – 2021*



# PATRONS DAY



Convenor &  
Scorer  
Chris Snook



Clive Berghofer AM



Director  
Glenys Clift



## SECTION A

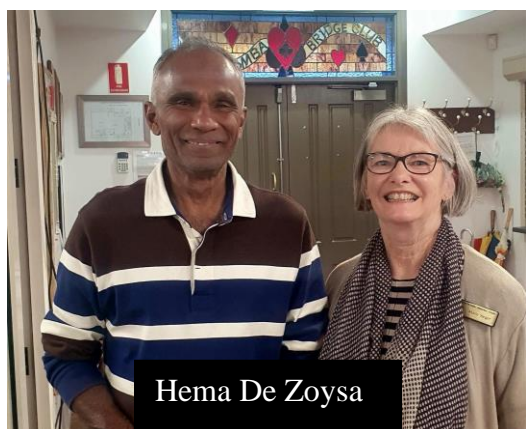
### A GRADE WINNERS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Ian Jesser & Henry Eastment
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Rod Brilliant & Eileen Josey
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa

All prizes presented by our  
Treasurer - Marie Steiger.



Ian Jesser & Henry Eastment



Hema De Zoysa



Rod Brilliant & Eileen Josey



**SECTION B**



**1<sup>ST</sup> Lawrence Price & Tim Porter    2<sup>ND</sup> Aino Jaatinn & Pauline Curin    3<sup>RD</sup> Susie & Sandy Fraser**

**SECTION C**



**1<sup>ST</sup> Brenda Quick & Jeanette Dalton**



**2<sup>ND</sup> Tracy Collen & Steven Lee**



**3<sup>RD</sup> Mark John Hunt & Terry Sheedy**



# EVERYTHING OLD BECOMES NEW AGAIN

## THE HISTORY OF WEAK & STRONG TWOS

### Origin of Weak Twos.

The evidence is that players were opening weak twos at the two level in the UK well before the first World War, during the early evolution of Auction Bridge. This was then picked up in America by Harold Vanderbilt and incorporated into his system when he published the first Contract Bridge system.

### Origin of Strong Twos

In the 1930's, the Acol system began to be evolved in a bridge club in Acol Street, London and was the system mostly played by English Bridge players and by extension, the British Empire which included Australia. This was the system taught by George McCutcheon who immigrated from Scotland and established the bridge clubs in Toowoomba, Dalby and Gatton. For those who remember Gloria Collins and Ralph Geddes – this was the system they were taught and played all their lives.

### Benjamin Twos

When the club in Water Street was first established, whilst the majority of players played Acol Ivy Dahler was teaching all new players Benjamin Two's and Standard American. This was a system devised by a Scotsman – Albert Benjamin, where:

- 2♣ strong is either 21+ HCP or one trick short of game
- 2♦ strong – game in hand in something.
- 2♥ weak – 6-card suit 6-10
- 2♠ weak – 6-card suit 6-10

This was the system taught in our bridge club until 2016. I loved Benjamin Twos because you rarely missed game.

This was replaced in 2017 when the club adopted the QBA approved teaching plan by Joan Butts and Weak Twos were reintroduced.

### Multi-Twos

Originally devised by an English player – Terence Reese in the 1970's where an opening bid of 2♦ shows one of the following hands:

1. A weak two-bid in hearts
2. A weak two-bid in spades
3. Any 4-4-4-1 with 16/17+ HCP

Ivy taught this as part of Precision, which I adapted to Standard American with the help of Ron Klinger when opening strong 2♣ and for rebids to differentiate between game force and a hand looking for one trick.

However, it doesn't matter what system you play, as long as you and your partner are playing the same system. *Glenys*



**Congress Convenor  
Tim Porter**

## **Toowoomba Under 500 & Novice Teams Congress**

The under 500 and novice teams Congress was held on Sunday, 16th of June. Attendance was a little less than we had hoped for (eight and 10 tables respectively, while capacity is 28 tables. 4 teams came from other clubs. Another pair from Dalby teamed up with locals Carol and David Edwards.



**Tournament Director  
Chrs Snook**

The room was looking very smart in its livery of pink tablecloths. A very big thank you to Libby Thorn who took command of the preparations.

The competition for the Under 500 group over 7 rounds commenced on time after the usual welcoming remarks and a short talk by Eve Sirigos from QCBC – the newly appointed Novice Coordinator for the QBA.

After winning the first match, the Simpson team of Mavis Simpson (frequent visitor from the Warwick club and Away member of our club) together with John Erlandson, Joan Mladen, and Rob Fulcher held second position throughout the day. The McGowan team from BBC (Jennifer McGowan, Vanessa Brewis, Marge Henry, and Sally Hall) won the day with the local team of Suzanne Brazier, Lyn Vary, Rozalyn Wright, and Desley Hanrahan bringing up third position.

The novice competition was over six rounds. Debra Coward, Andrew Mollison, Kerry Gibson, and Pauline Curin won the day from Marie Steger, Gretchen Graf, Judy Bodkin, and Jenni Darlington. The QCBC combination of Eve Sirigos, Chris Ferguson, and Sue and Peter Green secured third spot. Several recently formed combinations performed creditably in their first outing in the Congress arena. Well done those teams! Congratulations for your courage.

The day was directed by Chris Snook and ran very smoothly as expected. We owe Chris a great debt of gratitude, not only for the conduct of the day, but also for the hours of time and effort he puts in in the days leading up to each congress. My thanks to the caddies whose quiet input made a great contribution to the smooth running of the day.

The players enjoyed a period of social interaction after the results announcement and the prize presentations. Despite playing in the competition themselves, Adrienne Montague and Michael Kaiser, put together a very generous and tasty repast and appropriate liquid accompaniment. It was greatly appreciated. Again, we say a big thank you for their time and effort in preparation. For the first time, all the prizes have been paid via the myABF system. *Tim Porter*

### **WINNERS OF THE UNDER 500 MP**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Jennifer McGowan, Vanessa Brewis  
Marg Henry, Sally Hall**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Robert Fulcher, Mavis Simpson.  
Joan Mladen, John Erlandson**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Suzanne Brazier. Lyn Vary  
Rozalyn Wright, Desley Hanrahan**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

### **WINNERS OF THE NOVICE UNDER 100**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Kerry Gibson, Andrew Mollison  
Pauline Curin, Debra Coward**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Gretchen Graf, Judy Bodkin  
Jenni Darlington, Marie Steger**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Chris Ferguson, Eve Sirigos  
Peter Green. Sue Green**



**CONGRATULATIONS**





**Under 500 MP**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Fulcher,**  
**Mavis Simpson.**  
**Joan Mladen,**  
**John Erlandson**

**ALL PRIZES PRESENTED**  
**BY**  
**CONGRESS CONVENOR**  
**TIM PORTER**

**Under 500 MP**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne Brazier.**  
**Lyn Vary**  
**Rozalyn Wright,**  
**Desley Hanrahan**



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**UNDER 100 MP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Gibson,**  
**Andrew Mollison**  
**Pauline Curin,**  
**Debra Coward**

**UNDER 100 MP**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Gretchen**  
**Graf,**  
**Judy Bodkin**  
**Jenni Darlington,**  
**Marie Steger**





## QQP : Queensland Qualifying Points

Each year, each state selects an Open team, Senior's team, Women's team and Youth team to play in the Australian National Championships. Hosting rights cycles through the states and this year it is New South Wales turn in Orange, and 2025 it is Queensland's turn in Brisbane. Playing for your state is a big honour and you certainly get to play against the best of the best.

From our current members, our main claim to fame is Adrian Mayers who was a member of the Open team in 1997/98/99; and Liz Zeller who is a member of the Women's team to play in Orange later this month.

The method of selecting the Open team has changed for next year. The "top" 16 pairs from around Queensland will play in a Selection Trial playing 15x14-board matches in February/March next year: comprised of two pairs via a Direct Entry Process (eg win Canberra, Gold Coast or Barrier Reef or similar events); 12 pairs who earn the most QQP points during 2024; and 2 pairs via a panel selection process.

The process generating the most interest is how to earn QQPs. QQPs are based on the masterpoints you and partner earn from the top (approx. 6 places) in open congresses or A-grade for graded congresses. Full details are available on the QBA Website.

Of interest to us is the leader board as of the end of June:

Leaders :	48.76	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Martin & Lyn Martin (from Sunshine Coast)
	22.30	18 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Dawson & Liz Zeller
	12.18	35 <sup>th</sup>	Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood
	9.68	49 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Wood & Joan Mladen
	7.03	64 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Wood & Oliver Dashwood
	6.38	69 <sup>th</sup>	Mavis Simpson & Noela Collins
	5.98	72 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Snook & Denise Harwig
	5.60	75 <sup>th</sup>	John Churchett & Trevor Henderson
	5.00	85 <sup>th</sup>	John Erlandson & Rhondda Dean
	4.99	86 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Mladen & Julie Pigdon
	4.94	87 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Harwig & Gabrielle Elich
	3.90	93 <sup>rd</sup>	Hema De Zoysa & Shanaal De Zoysa

Of course, not everyone on the list will request a place in the Trials so interest extends beyond the top 12.

Well done for those club members on the list so far!

Entry to the Senior's is restricted to players who have turned 64 (or older) in the year of the ANC; and Youth is restricted to players born after 1/1/1999. There are not as many entrants in these fields so the selection process is simpler.

Cheers *Chris*

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## Date Claimers

- **GNOT Qualifier** Wednesday Afternoons 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July.  
Teams event for gold masterpoints. Be part of a national competition (the only one where you can play in your own clubrooms). The top (contending) teams will advance to the Zone Final on 11<sup>th</sup> August competing against all the other clubs in our zone. The top two contending teams from our zone final advance to play online in the GNOT 64 Team Knockout in September. The top four teams nationally, plus the eight highest placed non-metropolitan teams play in the national final in November. "Non-contending" means that you are eligible to play and earn masterpoints in a stage of the event but will not be advancing to the next stage (because of other commitments, disinterest in the next stage, already qualified via another mechanism).
- **Presidents Cup** Two Saturday afternoons 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Toowoomba Butler Pairs Congress** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

## Masterpoint Secretary's Report

In June I processed results for 43 sections from 31 sessions yielding 114.88 green and 52.92 red masterpoints.

The number of red masterpoint sessions that we are awarded is based on the total number of green masterpoints our players earned in the previous year October-September (what I call the ABF Census year). So far this year (October to June) you have earned 1135.78 green points. Comparing earlier years reveals:

Period	Green	Red Sessions at year end
Oct 23 to Jun 24	1135.78	28
Oct 22 to Jun 23	956.62	26
Oct 21 to Jun 22	913.18	24*
Oct 20 to Jun 21	898.53	24*
Oct 19 to Jun 20	1045.86	22*
Oct 18 to Jun 19	1402.37	36
Oct 17 to Jun 18	1267.80	33

\* We were granted 36 session in each of these years “grandfathering” the amount from the allocation based on the year just before all the Covid-19 shutdowns.

## Master Rank Promotions for May

Susie Fraser	Promoted to <b>Bronze State</b> master with 100 points at least 50 red
Andrew Mollison	Promoted to <b>State</b> master with 50 points at least 25 red and gold
Debra Coward	Promoted to <b>Regional</b> master with 50 points
Jim Harvey	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 points
Diana Bryant	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 points
Jeanette Dalton	Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints
Bruce Coward	Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints
Chris Keating	Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints
Grant Phillips	Promoted to <b>Graduate</b> master with 2 masterpoints
Thea Hayes	Promoted to <b>Graduate</b> master with 2 masterpoints

Cheers *Chris*



## Directors Corner

Following on from the photograph and item on “Directors for the Future” in last month's newsletter, it is timely to look at our full list of Directors.

### Accredited Directors

Chris Snook	I'm a National Director who works at the Gold Coast Congress each February, and I run about 20 congresses each year at other clubs around South-East Queensland. Here in Toowoomba, I run the Wednesday Morning Restricted and Thursday night session, and am involved in most club competitions. I also direct four sessions a week online on StepBridge. You might not realise but there are about a dozen Toowoomba folk who play regularly on this platform!
Glenys Clift	Glenys has been Directing since 2004 and is now on the roster for both Monday and Wednesday afternoons.
Henry Eastment	Henry has been an accredited Director since 2011 but devoted many years before this helping with scoring and directing many club sessions. Henry mainly Directs on Mondays and Wednesdays.
Denise Hartwig	Denise passed her exams in 2019, looks after the Tuesday Night session, and helps in competitions.
Will Higgins	Will passed his exams in 2022 and is on the roster for Mondays and Wednesdays.
Ian Jesser	Ian has been a club Director since 2009, used to Direct with Floyd on Tuesdays, Wednesday mornings, and continues to run the Friday Afternoon session with John. Ian also fills the important role of Recorder for the club.
David Roberts	David passed his exams (and after leaving university he thought his exam days were over!) in 2022, looks after the Friday Morning session and helps on Mondays.
Floyd Wilson	Floyd was a regular contributor to Tuesday daytime sessions. He now mainly directs at the Darling Downs club but stays on our lists too to help when required.
Liz Zeller	Liz passed her exams in 2011 and helps when needed.

... and a big welcome to Kathy Duke who has just passed her QBA Laws and Movements exams.

### Trainee Directors

We also have two “trainee’s” although both are regular contributors to the club’s bridge activities.

John Churchett	John mainly looks after Friday Afternoons with Ian, but also helps in other sessions as required.
Trevor Henderson	Trevor mainly helps with Wednesday Afternoons and with scoring of some competitions.

I have just finished a series of online and face-to-face Director training courses in my capacity of Chairman Director Accreditation for the QBA. There will a new series early next year but speak to me if you'd like to know what this involves and if you would like to start earlier.

The first step in the journey is a short online Director Proficiency exam (focused on running a single session). Have a look here if you are interested : <https://qldbridge.com.au/director-proficiency>

## Things I hear

Often if something odd happens at the table, over the next week or so I am asked about that situation many times (but often the story is slightly different based on peoples different perspectives and recall ability).

One that caught my ear (with the actual calls and compass positions changed to protect the innocent):

*I am sitting South. My partner (North) opens the bidding with 1S and East overcalls 1H. Almost immediately North points out that the 1H was insufficient. The opposition said that my partner was not allowed to bring this to my attention. Is this right?*

This is interesting because it depends on your perspective. I'll jump to the end and then go back to the beginning. I suspect that East-West were concerned because they were focusing on what happens after an insufficient bid is made. Law 27 covers Insufficient Bids, and the relevant section says 'any insufficient bid may be accepted (treated as legal) at the option of offenders LHO. It is accepted if that player calls.

Offender is East, and the LHO is South. So once the Director is on the scene, they will ascertain whether South has accepted the call, and if they have play continues. If South has not yet accepted the call the Director will offer for them to do so. If they have not and do not accept the call, then the rest of Law 27 is applied. You will note that North has no role in this process .... This is why East-West think that North should not have said anything. But ....

Law 9.A.1 says "Unless prohibited by Law, **any player** may draw attention to an irregularity during the auction period, whether or not it is his turn to call". Making an insufficient bid is an irregularity so any player may draw attention to it – they don't have any choices at this stage, they just say "hey that's not big enough, or that's insufficient, or similar".

Law 9.B.1.(a and b) says that "the Director **should** be summonsed at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity; and that any player, including dummy may do so". So, when North points out the irregularity the obligation is on everyone at the table to call the Director, and when the Director arrives, they will start applying Law 27 as above.

Happy bridging  
Chris



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



**Yvonne Blakeney**

I was an Arts Graduate from Uni QLD & worked as a journalist with the Courier Mail. My husband, Greg, & I & our 3 children spent 20 years on an agricultural property in Fiji, experiencing coups, cyclones & floods. I love gardening & art, holding exhibitions in Fiji & Australia. I have written & illustrated 2 children's books & recently published an illustrated book of my garden to raise money for Blush Cancer Care.

*Yvonne*



**Robyn Jackson**

Because my father was a Station Manager, lived in various places in Qld ending up in Mungindi. After Boarding School at Glennie, trained at Royal Brisbane Hospital then Royal Melbourne for Midwifery. After I married, we returned to Toowoomba & I was in charge of Casualty at the Base for 20 yrs, then 35 years at St Andrews. Never once regretted being a nurse, *Robyn*

Grew up in Trangie in Western NSW & attended boarding school in Sydney. After finishing Teachers College, taught in Cobar, Trangie, Narramine & Northmead. Married Ian who was a Stock agent, we had 3 boys and lived in Narramine for 16 years before moving to Toowoomba in 1989. Since 2011, we have taken over the fulltime care for our adult son Angus who was born handicapped.

*Judy*



**Judy Morgan**

Grew up in rural Qld (no TV) so played cards from a very young age. After boarding school in Toowoomba, spent a year working in Canada. My husband and I have lived in the Surat region for 35 yrs. and in 2020 started bridge lessons at the Roma Club.

Bridge is very rewarding with the challenge of defeating the opponent's contract or making our own. I have made many new friends since joining the Toowoomba Bridge Club community. *Jen*



**Jen Darlington**



**Sandy Fraser**

I grew up on a farm in Auchnagatt, Scotland. Later worked as an Ag Rep & came to Australia to escape Maggie Thatcher and the 'dreich' weather in the UK. Over the years I have run several small businesses in both Oz and NZ. We grew up playing cards and I really like playing Bridge (most of the time!!) and enjoy the camaraderie all of the time – thanks to everyone.

*Sandy*



**Jenny Speziali**

I learnt bridge when Enid Busch came to Dalby to run bridge lessons – once a week for 6 weeks. After which we thought we were bridge players. Little did know I would be still trying years later. In 2018 I moved to Toowoomba and joined both bridge clubs being an office bearer for the DDBC. Bridge is a wonderful card game, especially for those retired. *Jenny*



## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



**Eleanor Johnson**

Grew up in Scotland, saw the movie Smiley - was terrified by the snake & Oz was too scary for me. But here I have been for 50 yrs via NG (a few snakes) Brisbane (some) & Inverell (lost count). Came to Toowoomba in 2017 – close to family. Teaching career – mainly State Schools & pre-schools – still work one day a week in Highfields. I love the company of my own age group at bridge as well as the bridge itself. Many, many thanks. *Eleanor*



**Angela Worrall**

Grew up in Brisbane, went to QIT and qualified as an optometrist. Practiced in Brisbane, Yeppoon, Gold Coast, Townsville, Darwin and Melbourne due to my husband's job in the Building Industry. Coached juniors and competed in Outrigger Racing for 10 years, winning 2x at Hamilton Island. Came to Toowoomba in 2018 whilst working in Kingaroy. Retired in 2022. We have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren who with cooking (which I love) and bridge are now part of my life. *Angela*

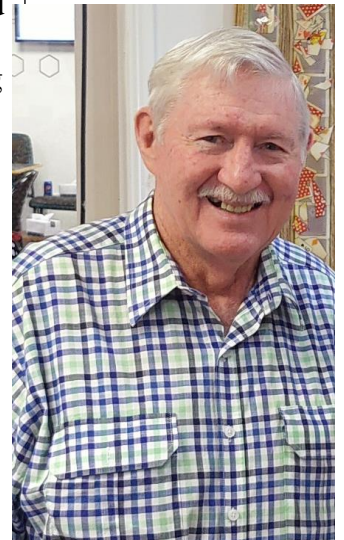
Born and grew up in Roma & worked for Divisional Engineers in the Accounting Dept. Married Mike who had been transferred to Roma as a teacher and we moved to Toowoomba. Went back to work at the TAB when the children were older becoming a TAB Agent. On retiring, I was treasurer for U3A and after I lost Mike, came to bridge lessons.

I really enjoy the game and all the challenges it poses but mostly I enjoy the many great people I have met there. *Helen*



**Helen Fitzgerald**

Was born in Nanango and milked cows on our family farm after boarding at Downlands. During the Vietnam conflict I was called up – blown up – sewn up – then married Tess. Together we had two daughters and two sons. I served as clerk of the scales at Nanango Race Club and as a director of the local Coop before became hooked on Bridge while cruising into retirement in Toowoomba. *Michael*



**Michael Walsh**



**Bob Dodman**

Grew up in SA where I went to Uni & completed a BA Sc. After post-doctoral studies in the USA, I moved to Toowoomba in 1971 & worked in the DPI until 1995. Then spent some years running a desktop publishing business. Started lessons with Trudy in 2017- an excellent teacher who could read faces and knew when to explain things in a different way. Michael Walsh & I started lessons together and have played together ever since. I enjoy the challenge to my brain & mixing with the friendly members at the club. *Bob*



**Helen Kemp**

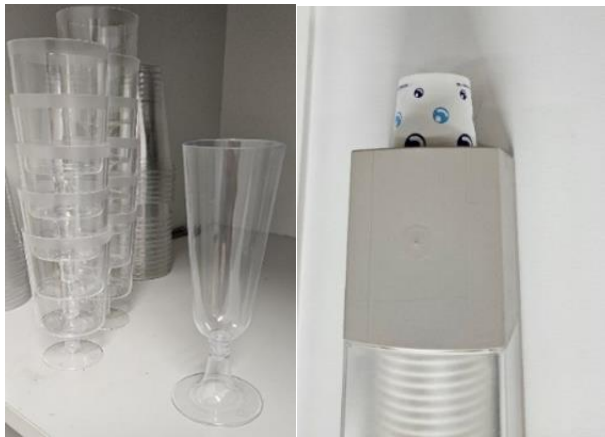
Grew up on a mixed farm on the Downs, educated at Glennie Prep, "Big Glennie" & graduated from U of Q with a B.Pharm. Worked in London for 5 yrs, Melbourne for 2 yrs then returned home and did locums where I met my husband at the Gatton pharmacy. My mother introduced me to bridge & I enjoy the mental stimulation & challenges of playing and companionship at the club. *Helen*



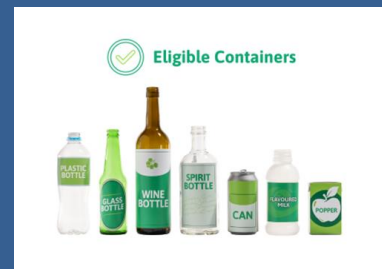


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