



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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The Bridge Year is rolling quickly along and May and June will provide our members with a couple of interesting events.

We have the "Teams of Three" on May 10 and the Winter Woolly Pairs on June 3 – these events are intended as "meet the other members" events

with some opportunity to get some play guidance.

So roll up for a good time. Also, we have the Under 500 Teams congress on June 8 so please consider this and get a team together – this includes a Novice section so all you "novices" roll up for a good chance to win!

Happy Bridging! El Presidente,

Greg

WEDNESDAY GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS C



Photographer: Susie Fraser



Treasurer's Report for March 2025

Current assets held as at 31 March 2025:-

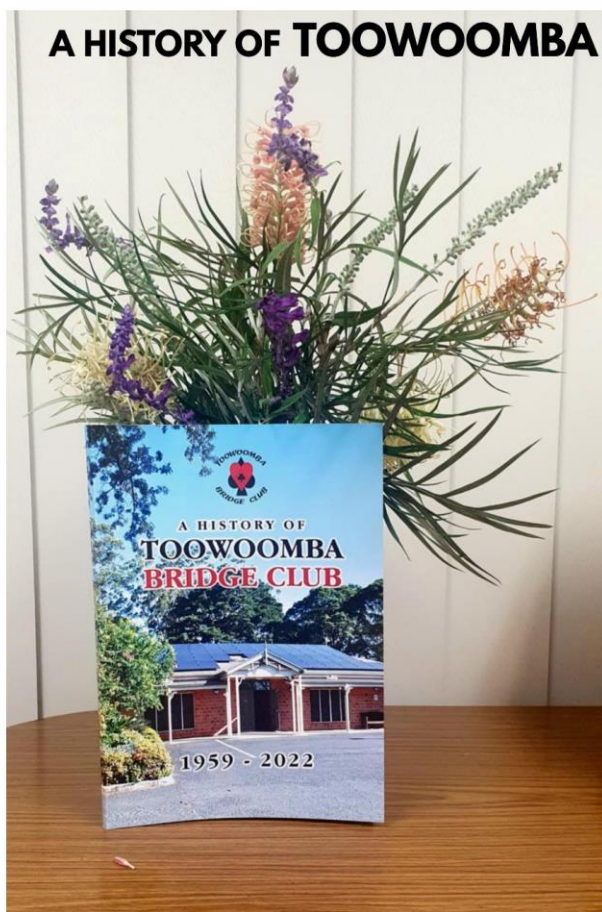
- Heritage Bank General Account - \$15,697.66
- Online Saver S26 Account - \$15,981.18
- Term Deposit I6 (6 months) 4.65% matures 27 May 2025 - \$70,000
- MyABF - \$9,938.50

Table fees collected in March were \$8,044 + \$690 cash from lessons.

We are monitoring our turnover for GST purposes. Gross Income for the 12-month period ended 31 March 2025 was \$146,000 approx.

Significant expenditure in April will include \$12,115 for annual capitation paid to ABF and QBA. A new RICOH photocopier has been ordered for \$5,998 ex GST from Downs Office Equipment, who will also include a Kyocera A4 monoprint for the dealing room, as a backup copier. A new Honda mower has been ordered from Motor Mecca for \$1,700.

Have fun while building excellence in bridge! Marie



BRIDGE CLUB

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SALE**

\$10.00

**Contact:-
Ken Orange**

Payment by EFT to
BSB: 638-070
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History Book

Dennis Lincoln



I learnt the art of card play well over 80 years ago; I was my father's banker and was allowed to keep every silver threepenny piece that was won. Brought up in rural Norfolk, took the tractor at age eight to feed the cattle. I was poacher, game keeper, and naturalist at heart. Failed everything at school, except maths! My first job and the only one for which I qualified - farm labourer at 4 pounds 15 a week.

Night school and agricultural college followed, where my visual memory got me my first bit of silver ware, because I still had to overcome my dyslexia and learn to write. I had escaped from the tyranny of the land and was now the first of the family to ever set foot in a University. In 1960 entered the University of Nottingham as a "mature student" and set out to specialise in animal physiology, where, within the college fraternity, I learnt the elements of bridge. Then on to Cambridge to study for a PhD in neuroscience in the Veterinary Faculty. I was shell shocked by what I found, everyone had a public school education. I had no education, yet nothing to lose.

Two years later I had not only survived but achieved the rare distinction of winning a Fellowship to Corpus Christi College - a Cambridge Don - eating at high table with the world's elite, allowed to walk on the hallowed turf, and gifted a Master of Arts degree. So, for the third year of my PhD I had a salary, sported a large US research grant and employed my own Australian secretary. And played bridge in the Masters Lodge with Sir Frank and Lady Lee. That taught one to count, because the Master had been one of the Heads of the UK Treasury in the post war years.

To cut a very long story short which include 25 years heading up medical research from Scotland to Australia. I was not an academic in the normal sense. Research was a voyage of discovery, a business, set in the medical world of women's health. (I cherish my Scottish title "Honorary Professor of Medicine" University of Edinburgh, and its 250 years of medical history). Retirement to the Garden City in 2006.

Pam and I joined the Toowoomba Bridge Club in 2018. You don't need lessons, just a partner who is a good player of the cards and a common hymn sheet. Though I have been told when I add something of my own creation, it makes our system a Brown Sticker. Current ambition goal - "Life master" with a small m. Still active as I now head for 90. Still going to the gym three times a week and four hours of garden graft every day, the big stuff, tree work and landscaping. Still a valued tradie: carpenter, bricklayer, plumber, electrician and cook, though not so hot on the latest phones, internet streaming and security, and the use of apps. *Dennis Lincoln*

PROFILES

The reason I started doing profiles was early in 2024, I would arrive for Wed PM bridge and didn't have a clue who all the people were leaving from the morning session. And while you meet a lot of people, how much do you actually know about them. So, I have been fascinated at the incredible variety of backgrounds and achievements of our members. And our generation has been particularly fortunate in that while some might have been given a leg up so to speak, most of us once we finished school were simply expected to get on with it. Being on the dole was not an option, any job was better than none.

Some of our members were profiled in the History of the Bridge Club and not everyone felt comfortable doing one about themselves. Some where I left messages or emailed, I didn't hear back from – which is ok. But all up, I have done 205 and the profiles in this issue will be the last for this year.

The following page gives a breakdown of all the occupations our members have pursued with Health and Education being the biggest groups. Bearing in mind that it is probably incomplete, given that many members didn't mention their jobs, preferring to talk about their interests or family. *Glenys*

OCCUPATIONS|

HEALTH

Nurses
Medical
Surgical
Paediatric
Nurse Educator
Psychiatric
Midwife
ICU
Practice Nurse
Neonatal
Medical & Surgical Drs.
General Practitioners
General Surgeon
Paediatricians
Anaesthetist
Orthopaedic Surgeon
Dentists
Paediatric Speech Therapy
Physiotherapists
Occupational Therapist
Optometrist
Pharmacists

EDUCATION

Child-care Managers
Pre-School Teachers
Primary School Teachers
High School Teachers
Special Ed Teacher
School Counsellor
Drama Teachers
Music Teachers
University Lecturers
Ag. College Lecturer
Pottery Teacher
Contract Bridge Trainer

FARMING & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Livestock breeding
Crop farming/Crop
management
Veterinarians
Wool Broker

COMPUTERS/IT

Computer Analyst
Computer Programming
Desk Top Publishing
Project Manager

HORTICULTURE

Garden design
Apiarist
Floriculture -Flower farming
Horticulturists

LEGISLATORS

Councillors

FINANCIAL

Auditors
Accountants
Financial Planning
Mortgage Broker
Tax Agent
Economic Advisor
Economist

MEDIA & PUBLISHING

Book publishing
Newspaper Editors
Journalist
Children's Author

BUILDING/ENGINEERING

Electrical Engineers
Mechanical Engineers
Civil Engineers
Aeronautical Engineers
Surveyors
Wood Patternmakers
Stained Glass Designer
Metal Workers
Architectural Lighting Tech
Landscape Architecture
Manager Brickworks

SCIENTIFIC

Medical Anthropology
Professor Physical Chemistry
Medical Research
Analytical Chemist
Agriculture Scientist
Poultry Scientist
Animal Physiology
/neuroscience
Mechanical Compliance
Environmental Scientist
Primary Industry

ENTERTAINMENT

Musicians
Singers

HOSPITALITY

Moteliers
Publican
Café
B& B

SMALL BUSINESS

Retail outlets
Supermarkets
Deli
Hospitality
Catering
Dressmaking
Upholsterer
Windscreens
Butcher

ADMINISTRATIVE

Financial Controller
HR Training Co-ord
General Admin
Human Resource Management
Secretary/ Office workers
Legal Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Librarians
Hairdressers
Sports Coach
Public Service

TRANSPORT

Railway Driver
Railway Maintenance
Courier services
Taxi Owner/drivers
Driving Instructor

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Real Estate

SECURITY

Australian Defence Force
Police
Prison Officer
Aviation Security
Security/Risk Management
Marine Rescue

Gardening Sub-Committee Report



All is going and growing well in the garden. Many thanks to the Management Committee for the purchase of a new hedge trimmer. It is much more comfortable for the operator and gives a much cleaner cut to the plants.

Gardening crew generally meets at the Club on Tuesday mornings, 8am-ish. We have recently welcomed **Bruce Coward** to the mowing/hedging roster. If anyone else would

like to join in, please let me or Tony Pattison know, or just turn up on Tuesday mornings. *Margaret Tucker.*

Building Maintenance Report



Not much has gone wrong over the last couple of months, so not a lot to report.

The north western most fan in the western room had developed a slight, but annoying noise during operation, causing some distraction to some players. Quite possibly a bit of an accidental knock causing a small alteration to a blade shape. The resulting alteration caused a small wobble, and combined with the way ceiling fans are hung in conjunction with a suspended ceiling the most probable cause of the noise.

Anyway, we now have a new fan installed.

The 3 monthly routine cleaning of the air con filters is due in a couple of weeks.

The southern wall mounted hot water urn has developed a random tap leak, usually most evident after a weekend of no activity. We have a new tap on order, so hopefully by the time you all receive this newsletter, that small problem will have been rectified.

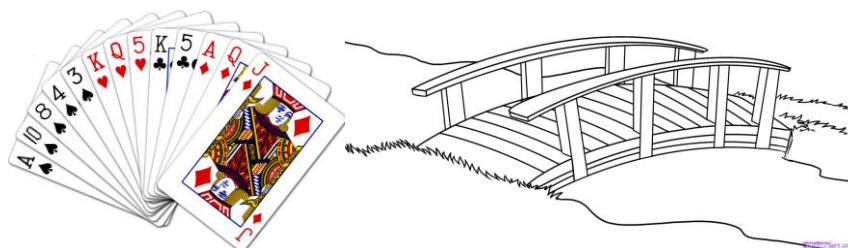
I decided to scrap from my shed an old office chair that had seen better days. In so doing, I saved the castors, and one is now fitted in place of the broken castor on Chris's bucking dealing room chair. The chair is still located in the store room, and is now far less exciting to be sat on.

Terry Sheedy

TEAMS OF THREE

Saturday 10th May 2025

**A FUN SOCIAL EVENT FOR
NEW AND DEVELOPING PLAYERS**



- For “**Rookie or New**” players (less than 10 masterpoints) and “**Developing**” players (less than 150 masterpoints). The room will be divided into two or three grades depending on the number of entries.
- Your action -- Gather 3 friends/players of a similar standard to play in a team, come and have fun, get tips on playing bridge and playing teams.
- The club -- will assign a nice “**experienced player**” to each team as their “**captain**”.
- The captain will play one match with each other team member and will play their system. We will play three matches in the afternoon.
- Your captain will explain how teams work and give some useful teams tactics at the end of each match.
- This is a good opportunity to meet other club members in a friendly “fun” event.
- Get to experience playing in a teams event.
- Nibbles and drinks at close of play.

Date: Saturday Afternoon 10th May
Play Starts: 1:00pm, please arrive to discuss tactics at 12:30pm.
Director and Convenor: Chris Snook
Tel: 04 1313 6435
E-mail: chris@snook.id.au

- We encourage you to enter as a team of **three**
- You may also enter as an **individual** or as a **pair** and we will try to arrange a team for you. Speak with Chris, Denise, Ngaire or Kathy if you need help organizing team-mates.
- **Entry Fee:** \$6 fee applies per player payable when you register.
- Please bring your normal system card with you if you have one
- **Entries by 4:00pm Wednesday 7th May please**, to give time to work out who sits where and with whom ☺

Entry via MyABF : <https://myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/2655>

Please enter via the “events” section of the club website (which will lead you to the MyABF system where you will enter and pay in advance). If you need assistance with your entry please speak with Trevor Henderson or David Roberts.

Grand National Open Teams

GNOT Heat B

The Grand National Open Teams B was run on a Tuesday night over two sessions. The best contending team was the Munck Team.

Congratulations!



This event was held over two sessions with twenty teams competing. The Snook and Wood team took out first and second place. However, these teams have already qualified to play in the zonal playoffs, and the best contending team was the Buckley Team comprising:

Jenni Buckley, Ian Jesser, John Churchett & Mohan Trada

Congratulations!!

Director Chris Snook

Balancing on a Seat?"

I have mentioned previously that the Laws of Duplicate Bridge prescribe the initial seating arrangement of players. See my newsletter articles from March and April 2024 for the consequences of unbalanced seating arrangements.

Law 3 states that "Four players play at each table, and tables are numbered in a sequence established by the Director. He designates one direction as North; other compass directions assume the normal relationship to North." We see this happen as the Director (or their assistant under instruction) puts the numbers out on each table. You all know that I prefer tables to be in rows so that it is easier for players to follow, and some Directors prefer other arrangements to make board movement easier. Either way, the Director is choosing the numbering, not the players.

Law 5.A states that "The Director assigns an initial position to each contestant (individual, pair or team) at the start of a session. Unless otherwise directed, the members of each pair or team may select seats among those assigned to them by mutual agreement." In congresses and similar major events, the initial seating is predetermined and displayed, and players follow the Director's instruction. For social/duplicate bridge sessions, the Director will often allow the players to choose their own seating but reserve the right to move players if necessary. These movements may be to relocate the tables/table numbers or may be to distribute the playing strength between NS and EW.

Whatever the reason, if the Director tells you to move then you must follow the Directors instruction with good grace (the nice behaviour, not the restaurant in Kenmore). The few minutes before the start of a session are usually hectic, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays, which is why we ask that all players arrive and be seated 15-minutes before start time. This give the Director time to determine the most appropriate movement, and to scan the room to make sure that the field strength is reasonably distributed. What we want is a similar number of strong players sitting NS and EW, same for mid-strength players and same for relative beginners. On average this works out well, but not always. If you arrive late, then you'll probably end up getting whatever seat is left-over.

It is a general trend in all bridge clubs that stronger players tend to sit NS, sometimes because that is where they prefer, sometimes because they are the Director, sometimes because they have been playing a long time and have limited mobility, sometimes because the other people at the table want to avoid using the bridgemates, and sometimes to avoid having a sit out.

We can all make it easier for Directors to "**balance**" the field, by not setting up camp in the same seat each week. Sometimes sit NS, sometimes sit EW, sometimes sit in the corner, sometimes against the window, etc. Even better, is if you start at a table with players of similar strength as yourself (because this then makes the NS and EW fields a similar strength).

Directors will be encouraging you to do this over the coming weeks. Cheers *Chris*

Catching up with Members

Robbie Fulton



Robbie joined the TBC in 2002. Qualified as a Director in 2008 and has served on numerous Management Committees, Sub-Committees as well as fulfilling the role of Congress Director. Robbie was also part of the Open Day Planning Committees in 2015 and 2016. For many years he played with Lorraine Sutton who was a wonderful treasurer during the three years Lorraine held the position.

I gave Robbie a ring because we haven't seen him since January this year just to see if he was ok. He has had some "interesting" news from his doctor which he is dealing with at the moment – and that has a slightly higher priority than bridge. Robbie has done a lot for our club over the years and that needs to be acknowledged. The good news is, he is very happy with where he is living and knows if he needs help in the future, it is available. But let's hope we see him with that lovely Scottish brogue of his, back at the club.

Tony & Elizabeth Thorne



Tony and Libby who joined the TBC in 2012, are having a break from bridge whilst they deal with a few personal issues.

They both have been involved with the Garden Group since 2016 where Tony became one of the main grass cutters for the group and ofcourse Libby was on several Management Committees where she took over the position of Housekeeper.

They are one of the few married couples who can actually play bridge together and retain a civil marital relationship compared to others, like say John & Glenys Clift who have a standing arrangement for once a year at the Xmas Party – John saying that is as much as he is willing to put up with.

We wish Libby and Tony all the best and hope to see them both sometime in the future.

4-Mar-25 The ABF Board have decided to stop issuing the physical paper registration cards and ranking certificates. Instead, the Board will investigate a digital solution instead.

The Centre will continue to issue the paper ranking certificates whilst stock lasts. But the registration cards will immediately cease being printed and mailed to clubs.

In the March update when we normally print the 30000+ registration cards that will not happen this year. We hope to have a digital solution in place by then, but it is possible there might be a short delay. Rest assured we are progressing a solution as fast as possible.

Masterpoint Secretary's Report

In April, I processed results for 37 sections from 29 sessions yielding 101.96 green and 24.00 gold masterpoints. There are a further 98.40 gold points from the Wednesday GNOT heat that have been submitted and are awaiting approval (the cutoff is the end of the month, so we might have to wait).

Winners are Grinners

The "Monthly Winners" are recognised as the "individual" winner of eclectic multi-session events. These events combine of all the green masterpoint sessions in a month that have not already counted toward a competition. If there are three available sessions then your best two scores are counted (shows as 2/3), if there are four available sessions then your best three scores are counted (3/4) and if there are five available sessions then your best four scores might be counted (4/5). If there are two available sessions, then they are treated as an eclectic event (best 2/2). If there are five days in the month, then we usually combine two of these (see the bridge diary) as a "Two-Weekly" and additional masterpoints are awarded to the top half of those whose partnerships played both days. The remaining three days are scored as an eclectic with (2/3).

Cheers *Chris*

March Monthly Winners

Monday PM Open	Paul Matthews & Kathy Duke
Monday PM Novice	Debra Coward & Bruce Coward
Wednesday AM Restricted	Chris Keating
Wednesday PM Open	Will Higgins & Adrian Mayer
Wednesday PM Novice	Debra Coward & Bruce Coward
Thursday Night	Andrew Mollison

On the Congress Scene

Dalby Swiss Pairs

1st Joan Mladen & Jim Wood
3rd Trevor Henderson & John Churchett
C 1st Mark Hunt & Terry Sheedy

Dalby Teams

1st Joan Mladen - Jim Wood - Oliver Dashwood - Delma Clark
2nd Laurie-Marie McRoberts - Kathy Duke - Sandy Fraser - Susie Fraser

Selection Trials for Queensland Women's Team

1st Elizabeth Zeller & Julie Pigdon
Who now play for Queensland in the Australian National Championships
(with Greer Tucker – Toni Bardon & Annette Corkhill – Wendy Gibson)

Date Claimers

Joyce Benson Pairs:

- **Wednesday Afternoons 7th, 14th & 21st May for red masterpoints.**
Played in two sections (Open and Novice) over three weeks. First week is a qualifying session, and the top 12 pairs will advance into the Final that runs over weeks two and three. Those not in the final will play in regular walkin sessions over weeks two and three.
- **Teams of Three: Saturday afternoon 10th May.**
- **Australia-Wide Novice Pairs: Monday Afternoon 26th May.** Play the same boards as about 500 pairs around Australia – receive a detailed commemorative booklet discussing the hands that you play. We will also be running our regular Open section.
- **Zone Pairs Qualifier: Sunday 1st June.**
- **Winter Wooly Pairs: 10:00am Tuesday 3rd June.**
- **Toowoomba Under 500 & Novice Teams congress: Sunday 8th June.**

All these events are listed on our website in the “Calendar” area, are usually listed on the website front page, often have a flyer on display in the clubrooms, and are announced by the Directors (should be at the start of each session).

They are also mentioned on the TV announcements when these TV’s are switched on. Despite this, word of mouth remains the best way to get people involved, so always make sure you gee-up your friends to play 😊

Thanks *Chris*

The following article is a repeat of one from the April 2024 newsletter. You can claim to win the remaining tricks or to concede them. But there is a process, and players do need to give their opposition time, to evaluate their line of play.

Plus if you concede, your partner does have some rights if he/she doesn’t agree.

HOW TO CLAIM OR CONCEDE TRICKS CORRECTLY

How many times have you found yourself in the following situation. The opposition claim the rest of the tricks saying “the rest are mine” and they wave their cards in the air. You are hardly given time to look at their hand and if you query their claim, you are made to feel stupid because you couldn’t work out their line of play in two seconds. And unfortunately, it is not the beginners who do this, but the more experienced players who should know better.

It is not being clever or showing off when someone claims. It is a courtesy to the other players when you know you have the rest of the tricks. This saves the opposition the anguish of trying to determine what cards they should keep when really, it is not going to make any difference what they keep and speeds the game up

Anyone can claim. Declarer or either one of the opposition. When a player claims, it is illegal for play to continue. The person claiming must face their cards on the table and state the proposed line of play. If one of the opposition dispute their ability to win the remaining tricks – the Director must be called and the person claiming cannot now add anything or change his original statement.

- There is a sound reason for this: once a player hears his claim queried, he realises that there may be a problem and will adjust his play accordingly. When the Director is called to the table on a disputed claim, the Director will first require the claimer to re-state his statement of claim and will then have all four hands faced. The director then hears opponents’ objections to the claim.
- For example, If there is an outstanding trump and it seems likely that claimant has forgotten about it, then he will lose a trick to that trump if he can do so by any careless play, eg. cashing side suit winners without drawing the last trump. The Director would need to be convinced that the claimant knew there were trumps outstanding before allowing trumps to be drawn.
- If only trumps are left, they must be led from the top down. If cross trumping, claimer is required to trump from the bottom up. Claimer may over-ruff if the opposition have ruffed prior to his turn.

When you claim, the opposition must be given time to see your cards and evaluate your line of play. This is particularly important when you are playing against newer players

.CONCEDING

There are similar rules when a player concedes the rest of the tricks to the opposition. Once again play must cease. However, if you are defending and your partner concedes the rest of the tricks, you have the right to say that you are not agreeing to the concession if you feel you have a trick in your hand. Unfortunately, in this situation you have alerted Declarer to the fact that there is a possible loser still outstanding.

I was taught a very valuable lesson by Ivy Dahler years ago about claiming. I was playing a Small Slam against her, put my cards down and said, “the rest are mine” and didn’t state my line of play.

Well, according to Ivy, because I didn’t say how I was going to play my hand, Ivy said “***I will tell you how you are going to play the hand***”.

Whether this was strictly legal, is a moot point – but of course I ended up going off big time. *Glenys*





Grew up in Brisbane where I finished my Primary School Teaching Degree. My love of rural Australia was due to my father's involvement with fishing & Clay Target Shooting – which was also where I met my husband, Richard Dean.

On marrying we moved to the family property at Muckadilla west of Roma. With the busy property life and 3 young children, it was there that my passion for gardening grew. After several years we sold and moved to Hodgsonvale and then Westbrook into intensive farming. Sadly, Richard died soon after and I moved with my children to Toowoomba to complete their schooling. I then completed a horticultural course, ventured into garden design, opened up a gift shop, have enjoyed many garden expeditions and was a selector for the Australian Open Garden Scheme. I began taking bridge lessons nearly 25 years ago and it now certainly fills my days. My children have all married and my family has grown now to include 9 grandchildren and with my 100-year-old father I lead a busy life. *Rhondda Dean*



Born in Warwick where I was schooled at PGC. Won a C'wealth scholarship to UQ. After 1 year doing a science degree returned to PGC to teach junior science. (Wouldn't happen today), After marrying Brian, we moved to

St George where Brian had grown up to start another pharmacy. We had a wonderful 35 yrs there – our children loved the life but had to be sent to boarding school in Toowoomba. My love of fashion & sewing prompted me to open a "Bush Boutique" next to the pharmacy. Our shops were destroyed by fire in 1979 and we took a big gamble to rebuild when interest rates were 20%, Sold up and moved to Toowoomba in 1999 where Brian became a relieving pharmacist & I focused on my wedding sewing. After retiring our annual holidays became overseas trips and we did several cruises. We joined the TBC after our friends the Goodsons convinced us to learn bridge with lessons via Enid Busch. I have 5 grandchildren who are doing well and after Brian's death moved to Sea Change 2 years ago.

Barbara Wippell



I was born in Sydney but grew up in Melbourne where I completed hairdressing and then worked at the Elizabeth Arden Salon in David Jones in Sydney. When I was 23 I did a trip to Cobar with a friend who needed to go there and it was where I met my husband, Bruce.

We ran a sheep and cattle property for Bruce's uncle but moved when Bruce was offered a position with a pharmaceutical company in Dubbo. After 4 years the company transferred us to Launceston and then after 4 years, to Adelaide for the next 4 years. Our next posting was to Brisbane where I bought a Hairdressing Salon which I ran for the next 20 years. When we retired, we bought 2 ½ acres at Moggill.

After Bruce died at age 63, my three children convinced me to relocate to Toowoomba where my 2 sons lived and my daughter at Ipswich. Since moving here, I am now living in my 4th residence with instructions from all of them to stop moving!! I now have 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren who give me a great deal of enjoyment. *Fay Short*



Grew up and schooled in Brisbane then worked for Slazenger and attended all tennis tournaments in Qld. I was also the Qld Womens Squash Champion for 3 years while my brother was the Aust Champion Table tennis player. We came from a very sporting family.

Met my husband, Peter in St George at a tournament and we lived 100kms out on his cattle & sheep property. I home-schooled our three children until such time a school was set up in Bollon where children stayed overnight Monday to Friday then came home for the weekend. Once they finished primary school, the boys boarded at Toowoomba Grammar and our daughter went to Brisbane. I relocated to Toowoomba after Peter died in 1995 and a friend told me about Joyce Benson's bridge classes which Joyce ran from her home. Joyce was a wonderful teacher, and it is through bridge, I have met so many people and catching up with friends is one of the main reasons I go to bridge Plus I also go to the gym twice a week. I now have 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. *Zara Clemesha*

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.