



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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November 2024

Ed: Glenys Clift

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Management Committee 2024-2025

President	Greg Munck
Secretary	Trevor Henderson
Treasurer	Marie Steger
Committee	Ken Orange
	Suzanne Brazier
	Ngairie Wills
	Michele Alroe
	Henry Eastment
	Kerry Brown

### Office Holders

Grounds Maint.	Margaret Tucker
Teaching Co-ord	David Roberts
MP Secretary	Chris Snook
Tenancy	Bruce Hinchliffe
Librarian	Gretchan Graf
Recorder	Ian Jesser
Chief Tournament	
Director	Chris Snook
Membership Sec	Ngairie Wills
Welfare Officer	Julie Pigdon
IT Officer	Trevor Henderson



The AGM has now been and gone for 2024 with a disappointing attendance of only 27 people which is less than 10% of our membership.

The 2025 Committee of nine is looking forward to the coming year. Michele Alroe, Henry Eastment and Kerry Brown are the “new” faces on the

Committee for this year – thanks for coming on board.

A few of the managerial positions are yet to be filled – so if you are looking for something to do this year then get in touch with me.

Happy bridging for 2025. Greg

The QBA October Bulletin can be downloaded from <https://qldbridge.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/QBAOct24.pdf>

## TOOWOOMBA 4-DAY KINGS BIRTHDAY CONGRESS



## COMMITTEE NOTES



While members can access Minutes of Committee Meetings via our website by opening Documents, scroll down to Toowoomba Bridge Club Minutes then follow the prompts, the following is simply an update since our October meeting.

- A camp stretcher has been purchased for medical emergencies at a cost of \$169.99. This is currently stored under the entrance table for convenience of accessibility.
  - The Committee is still working with the Council as far as possible regarding extending our parking facilities. Will keep you updated on this one.
- There is a new option for paying for badges, which our Membership Secretary has outlined in her report.
  - The committee is purchasing a new honour board for office holders – thank you Tim.
  - I would like to bring to member's attention that our sponsor for the 4-Day Kings Birthday Congress (\$1,000.00) was Tony Bembrose Insurance Brokers. They do offer very competitive rates for ABF members travel insurance particularly if you are travelling overseas, so check them out.
  - Members are reminded that session fees will be increasing to \$6 as from the beginning of 2025. Considering that table fees have not increased since 2003, the club has done particularly well to keep them at \$5 for 20+ years. However, it is important for the future of the club that there will always be sufficient funds in our sinking fund, to keep maintenance updated.

*Thanks Trevor Henderson (Sec).*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



### New Members:

Since my last report in June, we have welcomed the following new players to the club: Morgan Tullock, Anna Michaels, Jenny Bridge, Patricia Kelly, and Vicki Hyland. We wish them lots of fun and good bridge!

### How to Order a New Name Badge:

One of the duties of the Membership Secretary is to order name badges. The procedure for anyone wanting a badge is simple:

1. Write your name on the Badge Order Form on the Members Noticeboard (on the Eastern side of the club) and indicate which colour, type of badge and method of attachment you would prefer (ie metal or plastic, magnet or pin).
2. Pay the appropriate fee. As the club is mostly cashless, it is preferable that you do this by eftpos. Pay the amount to the TBC account: BSB-638-070. Acc No: 10157956. Indicate your family name and club player number (eg. mine would read Wills, 1166). Please Note that you will need to have the correct change if you wish to pay by cash as we do not keep change on the premises.
3. Once your badge is ready, it will be placed on the noticeboard under the Badge Order Form. This usually takes 7-10 days.

*Cheers Ngairé*

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



As you may well be aware, I am continuing as Treasurer for another year. The focus for 2024/25 will be to put aside funds for future capital expenditure plus ongoing maintenance & repairs so our building, equipment and grounds are kept in top condition.

Table fees received in September were \$6,483 + \$80 for Lessons.

As at 30 September 2024 the club held \$70,379.57 in Term Deposit plus \$9,968.81 in the Working Account.

ABF funds held as at 30 September were \$20,932.50, which included Congress Entry fees. Total Entry fees collected from the King's Birthday Long weekend Congress were \$16,187.50. We also received sponsorship of \$1,000 for the event from Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers (TBIB). After payment of congress expenses there was a net profit of approximately \$600.

During the month we incurred plumbing costs of 1,992.84 to replace complete zip urinal sensor, latching valve and power pack, and install tap in disabled bathroom. We also purchased a Stretcher Bed for \$170 which is kept under the table in the foyer.

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

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### PROFILE OF MICHELE ALROE



Originally from Adelaide, I moved with friends to Noosa for work. Initially I was employed as a Girl Friday in an architectural practice before taking on that role in a legal office where I went on to be office and financial manager. An unexpected move to Toowoomba resulted in me looking for a new interest. The opportunity to own my own café resulted in me purchasing the Aroma Coffee House franchise, adding art, music and poetry to the coffee experience. My time at the café saw the birth of Bon Amici, a name with a mix of French and Italian meaning "Good Friends". After an exhausting but fun-filled five years it was time for a change.

In 2000 I stood for a seat on the Toowoomba Council. I was elected and served two four-year terms. In 2008 forced amalgamation resulted in seven country Councils joining with the Toowoomba Council to form the new Toowoomba Regional Council. As a result of this amalgamation the 2008 election saw most of the Toowoomba Councilors defeated, replaced by country candidates mainly mayors or deputy mayors. Toowoomba Deputy Mayor Joe Ramia was the only Toowoomba elected councilor to survive that election.

Looking for a new career I returned to the full-time role of office and financial manager, adding conveyancing manager to my duties. I continued in that role until my retirement in 2021. During those years I also gained a Diploma in Management. It was while I was at the Sunshine Coast, I was introduced to bridge becoming actively involved in the Noosa Bridge Club.

After moving to Toowoomba a casual invite by then Bridge President, the late Pam Gebbett, reignited the flame. After the Council defeat and looking for a challenge, I again took up bridge and formed a bridge partnership with Hugh Robinson which continued until his passing last year. Since retiring I continued in my role as mentor at the Flexi school, undertook volunteer work at the Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre and continued in my position as President of the Toowoomba Jazz Society.

*Ed: Michele Alroe is one of the new members of the Toowoomba Bridge Club Management Committee.*

## TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB LIBRARY REPORT



Barbara Davies handing over to Gretchen Graf

Prior to my becoming Club Librarian in 2017, the library collection was in two sections on high shelves in a back corner of the western room, requiring a stepping stool to access some books. With those difficulties in mind, I submitted a request for an upgrade to the housing of the collection. The Committee incorporated my suggestion in their plans and came up with our present Club Library which houses our collection on one easily accessible level, provides a display area for new items and allows the display of the Club's trophies as well as providing additional storage for the Club's miscellanea.

The library collection at that time was listed on computer but could not be accessed by anyone but the Librarian. Many of the items were long overdue or missing and many were in a poor state of repair requiring culling and updating of the collection. We also lost a number of items during Covid as some borrowers did not return to the Club.

At the suggestion of the Club Secretary at that time, Pam Steel, and with the expertise of our computer guru Trev Henderson, we were able to make the collection accessible to borrowers for perusal at home via the Club's website. Consideration was given at that time to introducing electronic borrowing but that would have required the purchase of a library programme, introduction of barcodes, a controlled borrowing period and more supervision by the Librarian. Overall, the practicality did not warrant the expense.

The library now has a fund for the purchase of new items plus access to the Club's credit facility for such things as stationery, book ends etc. By my choice, for practical reasons, I use the Club's computer for cataloguing books, but should a new Librarian prefer, this can be done remotely.

The present system is running smoothly with only 3 items unaccounted for at last stocktake. These are not written off as often long overdue items do turn up. To date I have not been able to come up with a satisfactory neat system of printing the library borrowing cards, apart from by hand. I would like to thank Gretchen Graf for volunteering to take over this position.

Barbara Davies  
Oct 2024



Julie Pigdon & Libby Thorne

## WELFARE OFFICER

The Toowoomba Bridge Club's Welfare Officer is responsible for sending "get-well" cards to members who are in hospital or unable to come to the Club due to illness as well as sending sympathy cards to members who have lost a partner. And of course, keeping the Committee updated at Committee meetings. Libby Thorne has been the club's Welfare Officer since 2021 and is handing over to Julie Pigdon.

As Julie only joined the club in February 2024, she will be relying on members to keep her updated about their partners who may fall into this category.

Julie's contact details are as follows:

email : [yakkaj@hotmail.com](mailto:yakkaj@hotmail.com) or 0450 423 084

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## HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE GARDENING GROUP



Margaret Tucker, Melanie Simmons, Tony Pattison

This is basically a repeat of what was in the AGM report – but with Tony and Libby Thorne leaving the group due to health issues, the gardening group would really appreciate some more members joining them. Be it general gardening or to help with the mowing (the mower is self-propelled). You are not expected to turn up every week, there is a roster and members attend to chores at their convenience. They generally meet on a Tuesday mornings, followed by a coffee and a chat. If you have some spare time and can help, contact Margaret, Melanie or Tony Pattison. They will be delighted to hear from you.



## **OFFICE BEARERS POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Our club is very fortunate to have had so many members in the past willing to put up their hands and help with the running of our club, be it on Committee or taking on the position of an office bearer. However, if our club is to continue to offer the amenities we now provide, we do need some more people to come on board.

While our membership is predominately retirees who have commitments to family members, have travel plans etc., I can assure you being an office holder will not interfere with that, as others can fill in when you are not available.

### **Building Maintenance**

Since the Stuart Street clubrooms opened in 2007, this position has been held by 5 members – Will Higgins, John Clift, Adrian Mayers, Greg Munck and for the last 6 years by Tim Porter, who put his hand up the year he joined the club.

This position mainly involves contacting and co-ordinating trades people when maintenance needs to be followed through.

### **Housekeeper**

This position has recently been fulfilled by Libby Thorne and prior to her Lyn Vary. The position involves liaising with the cleaners as needed, arranging the carpet cleaning, ensuring there are sufficient supplies of consumable items used for the toilets and arranging the cleaning and changing of table covers usually after a Congress, with other members helping with any washing that needs doing.

### **Function Manager & Catering Manager**

These positions have been held by Adrienne Montague and Michael Kaiser and prior to Adrienne, Maree Neale and Leonie Spence. The standard they have set is almost daunting to anyone considering taking on this position.

However, having spoken to both Adrienne and Michael – they are both willing to help with the handover.

### **Purchasing Officer**

This is a fairly new position held by Paul Barrett for the last 3 years. This involves ordering and arranging the delivery by providers of consumable items used in the office, toilets etc.

*If you can help, please contact Greg Munck*

*or if Greg is not available*

*a member of the committee.*

*Thanks*



EAST ROOM



WEST ROOM

The Springtime Teams of Three was a truly wonderful day and the club owes Adrienne Montague and Michael Kaiser a vote of thanks and appreciation for all the work they did, making it into the success it was. Adrienne made all the salads and Michael amongst other things ran the bar. Adrienne would like to acknowledge and thank Lynda & John Oxenham and Angela Worrall. Lynda and John for staying back on Friday helping to set up the room then arriving at 8.30am with tarts and hummingbird slice on Saturday to help with the kitchen preparations and stayed until 10.30 when they left to go to Brisbane. Angela for being her girl Friday, helping all day Saturday in the kitchen when they weren't playing. Adrienne said she was overwhelmed by the number of members who bought goodies, tarts and slices – and much to her embarrassment, when I asked her for names she said, "There were so many I honestly can't remember them all". But she would like to thank everyone involved because their contributions were part and parcel of what made the day such a success.

For the organisation and running of the bridge, thank you Denise Hartwig and Chris Snook. You both did a great job putting the teams together and ofcourse Chris running the movement and scoring.

*(all photographs: courtesy of Susie Fraser & Bev McCasker)*



**Springtime  
Teams of Three  
7th September 2024**



**Angela Worrall, Michael Kaiser, Adrienne Montague**



**Michael, Adrienne, Glenys Clift, Marie Steger**



**Stewart & Geni Russ, Shea Stanley and John Churchett**



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**A GRADE**

**Aino Jaatinen  
Pauline Curin  
Debra Coward**

**CAPTAIN  
David Edwards**

**B GRADE**

**Dianne Dwyer  
Ian Costin  
Shea Stanley**

**CAPTAIN  
Paul Matthews**



**C GRADE**

**Steven Lee  
Eric Rudorfer  
Tracey Collen**

**CAPTAIN  
Denise Hartwig**

## TEAMS OF THREE

### **Directors Report**



A successful event with 20 teams (60 players) who entered and were then sorted into three grades (Rookie <10, Novice <50 and intermediate <150) and assigned captains to suit their skill level and temperament. This takes a lot of work and thanks to Ngaire for helping to chase teams and Denise for chasing teams and chasing/organizing the captains. Thanks to Adrienne and Michael for the organization with lunch, and big thanks to all the captains for giving their time and expertise: Kathy Duke, Ian Jesser, David Edwards, Delma Clark, Trevor Henderson, Jim Wood, Glenys Clift, Ngaire Wills, Paul Matthews, Chris Snook, Laurie-Marie McRoberts, Joan Mladen, John Churchett, Lyn Vary, Rozalyn Wright, Denise Hartwig, Fleur Hopkins, Sandy Fraser, Susie Fraser and Oliver Dashwood.

It was a day for playing, not competing, nonetheless congratulations to:

- Intermediate: Pauline Curin - Debra Coward - Aino Jaatinen - David J Edwards
- Novice: Paul Matthews - Shea Stanley - Dianne Dwyer - Ian Costin
- Rookies: Tracy Collen - Steven Lee - Eric Rudorfer - Denise Hartwig

For interest, the QBA ran a Teams of Three (with me as Director) on 29 September with 38 teams, hosted by the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club. Running such events is hard work (especially when lunch is provided) but there does seem to be an appetite for them in the bridge community!

*Chris Snook*

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### DATE CLAIMERS

- **Club Pairs Championship:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November (2 sessions). The highest placed pair with win the Open Pairs Championship and the highest placed Novice (<100mp) pair will win the Novice Pairs Championship. If there are at least five tables in each then we will play in two separate sections. See entry form for further details.
- **Toowoomba Swiss Teams congress:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December See entry form for further details and enter via the events section on our website or direct to MyABF.
- **Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December (starts at 11:00).

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 😊 Chris

## WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

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

### September Monthly Winners

Monday PM Open	Kathy Duke
Monday PM Novice	Mark Hunt & Terry Sheedy
Tuesday Night	Chris Snook
Wednesday AM Restricted	Jim Harvey & Harold Coggan
Wednesday PM Open	Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig
Wednesday PM Novice	Debra Coward & Bruce Coward
Thursday Night	Lawrence Price
Friday Morning	Kerry Gibson & Pauline Curin
Friday PM	Dennis Lincoln & Pamela Steele

### October Monthly Winners

Monday PM Open	Desley Hanrahan
Monday PM Novice	Trevor Mallory
Tuesday Night	David Roberts & Ngaire Wills
Wednesday AM Restricted	Jim Harvey & Harold Coggan
Wednesday PM Open	Bill Redhead & Liz Zeller
Wednesday PM Novice	Adrienne Montague & Angela Worrall
Thursday Night	Lawrence Price & Greg Munck
Friday Morning	Ross & Beverley McCasker
Friday PM	John Churchett

## The Race

There is only one month to go before we calculate the ranking for our Awards and Christmas Party (coming up on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December). All these calculations are done based on the formal allocation of masterpoints as recorded on the ABF Masterpoint Centre website (<http://abfmasterpoints.com.au>).

Go to **Club Reports**, use the dropdown to get to “4-688 – Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc”, and then look at “Filtered McCutcheons” for a peek at who is in the running now. The McCutcheon’s are named after George McCutcheon (see the shield on the wall in our club) and are awarded to the player who earned the most masterpoints from those who started the year at a particular rank. Thus, there is one award for Nil master, one for Graduate master, one for Club master, etc. The QBA and ABF have similar awards.

### Tuesday Night Teams competition – September

1 <sup>st</sup>	Denise Hartwig – Mavis Simpson – Alison Banks – Rozalyn Wright
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Tucker – Kerry Gibson – Carol Edwards – David Edwards
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Snook – Mohan Trada – Tracy Collen – Steven Lee

### Dalby Pairs and Teams Congress

Pairs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Erlandson - Rhondda Dean
Pairs B 1 <sup>st</sup>	Laurie-Marie McRoberts – Kathy Duke
Teams 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Wippell - Kim Nicoll - Michael Doherty - Gus Govan

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers

Chris

## PLAYING NT - PROMOTING WINNERS:

After the opening lead and before you touch dummy, you need to count your winners, work out where you can get your extra tricks to make the contract and make sure you leave an entry to get to your tricks

### Hand 1 Contract 3NT BY S. Lead Q Hearts

♠73 Dummy

♥A85

♦J63

♣QJ1094

♠AK52

♥K43

♦A742

♣K7 (Declarer)

In Hand 1, there are a total of five sure tricks. Two spades; two hearts and one diamond. You need to find four extra tricks. The club suit provides the potential through promotion. Good defence will not take the King of Clubs on your first lead – particularly if you have taken the opening lead with the Ace of hearts. They will wait until you have no clubs to enter dummy to take your remaining winners.

### Hand 2 Contract 3NT by N. Lead K Spades

♠A75 Declarer

♥AK97

♦Q53

♣A108

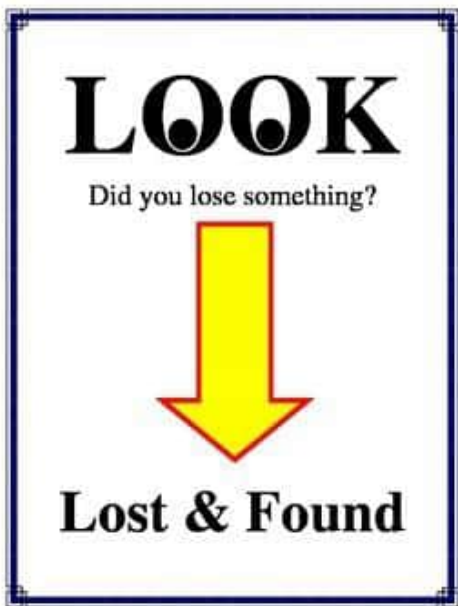
♠842 Dummy

♥Q64

♦AK76

♣862

In Hand 2 you have 8 quick tricks. 1 in Spades, 3 in Hearts, 3 in Diamonds and 1 in Clubs. Your only hope of making this contract is to work on your longest suits, Hearts and Diamonds. You are hoping for a 3:3 split in one of these suits so you can make the either the 7 Hearts or the 6 Diamonds. You would start with the diamonds, and as long as both responders follow suit with 3 rounds of diamonds, you are set. If not you, (you need to watch what has been discarded on the third round of diamonds – it could be a heart), then work on your hearts. If the split in both suits is 4:2 or worse which includes the J or the 10 in the long hand, well so be it. The one thing in your favour is that NS are balanced therefore there is a reasonable chance that your opponents are also balanced.



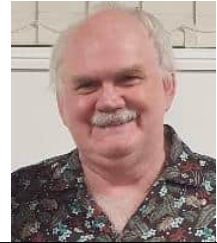
- Various Drink bottles
- Lunch bags
- Sunglasses – gold trim
- Reading Glasses – Xavier Garcia – purple/gold
- Safety glasses
- Pashmina shawl – Jendi - Grey
- Vest - Resort - Brown
- Jack Stone Jacket – Size 6XL - Brown
- Ladies Jacket – Vassalli - Size 10 – Navy
- Ladies Jacket – Millers – Size 12 – Denim
- Ladies Jacket – Millers – Size 22 – Black
- Mens V-Neck Jumper – Urban Supply – Size XXL – Black stripe
- Blue Rotary Bag w/- Sara Paretsky book & Lowes Jumper - Size L

*Items not claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> December  
will be donated or discarded.*



**Congress Convenor  
Tim Porter**

## **TOOWOOMBA 4-DAY KINGS BIRTHDAY CONGRESS**



**Tournament Director  
Chrs Snook**

### **Congress Convenor's Report**

The King's Birthday Weekend Congress was run over 4 days and by any standard was a great success. Entries opened in the second week of August and nearly sold out within 2 weeks. The field of 60 pairs and 29 teams was maintained to the last with only minimal turnover. In excess of half the field were from other clubs. Unfortunately, a thirtieth team did not materialise and at the last, it was necessary to put a house team together. I would like to again express my appreciation to the Dashwood team for their willingness to devote their time to being the last team.

The Match point pairs competition was conducted over eleven five-board matches. Prizes were awarded to the first three placegetters in each of 3 divisions. As well, minor prizes were awarded to the best novice pair and the best restricted pair not otherwise winning prizes.

In A division, the giant -killers (MP av 725) were Gilian Mason and Ann Mc Ghee from Maryborough, defeating 25 higher ranked pairs, including 15 whose team average exceeded 1000 MP's. They were also awarded the Nancy Penfold Memorial Shield for the highest placed ladies' pair, as well of course as the Pairs Championship shield. Second placed were Tony Hutton and Kim Morrison from the Gold Coast and Marjorie Askew and Bill Powell from Ballina were third.

Winning Division B and the shield for the best placed Toowoomba pair were John Churchett and Trevor Henderson. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed were Mavis Simpson and Denise Hartwig while Neil Strutton and Margaret Prentice from the Toowong club were third. Division C was won by Kenmore pair Jill Dunning and Sue Ziegenfuss, followed by Suzanne Brazier and Roz Wright (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Naureen Gearon and Rebecca Knight from Dalby (3<sup>rd</sup>). The best restricted pair not winning any other prize was Janine Budgeon and Helen Standfast from Bribie, while the best novice pair was Judy Bodkin and Jenni Darlington from Roma.

The Teams competition was a more demanding competition over two days and 8 fourteen-board matches. Prizes were awarded to the first three placegetters in the A division as well as to the first placed team in Divisions B and C. The Francis team from QCBC and averaging in excess of 5000 masterpoints took the lead late on Sunday and were not headed again. The Askew team from Ballina similarly occupied 2<sup>nd</sup> place from early on Sunday and were not further challenged. There was stiff competition for 3<sup>rd</sup> place but the Hutton team from the Gold Coast finally narrowly held out local hopefuls, the Kelley team (Rosemary Kelley, Desley Mundell, Hema and Shanaal de Zoysa) who took a blow from the leaders in the last round.

Division B was won by another out of town entrant from BBC and Sunnybank – the John Morris team – narrowly defeating the Kelley team who were also eligible for this division but fell from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> overall on the last round.

Division C was won by Dalby / Toowoomba combination of Rebecca Knight, Naureen Gearon, Suzanne Brazier and Roz Wright – a very successful weekend in both competitions! As always, Chris Snook’s contribution to the smooth running of the weekend cannot be overestimated. The players clearly appreciate his professionalism and he can rightly claim credit for a large measure of the success of all our congresses.

The Toowoomba Long Weekend Congress has always been the one attracting the largest following and the club has traditionally put a lot of effort into the catering and general preparations. This year was no exception. Adrienne Montague and Michael Kaiser harnessed a large team of volunteers and had every possibility covered. The food offering was very well received. We did have to keep within some budgetary restraint as many caterers are just not prepared to work on public holiday weekends- making anything bought in much more expensive than usual. The contribution of the membership baking slices, biscuits etc made for a veritable cornucopia of delicious snacks. The garden crew had the grounds looking pretty and were able to make the newly made tablecloths inside look all the better for the colourful flower decorations. A huge thank you to all the many volunteers who contributed.

**Tim Porter**  
**Convenor**



**EAST ROOM**



**WEST ROOM**

WINNERS

# TOOWOOMBA SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS

SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> October 2024



**Pairs Congress Nancy Penfold Memorial Shield & Championship Shield**  
**Gillian Mason & Ann McGhee (Maryborough)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Hutton & Kim Morrison**  
(Brisbane)



**3<sup>rd</sup> Marjorie Askew & Bill Power**  
(Ballina)



**B: 1<sup>st</sup> Trevor Henderson & John Churchett**





**B 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Hartwig/ Mavis Simpson**



**C: 1<sup>st</sup> Jill Dunning & Sue Ziegenfuss (Brisbane)**



**C: 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Brazier & Roz Wright**

**Best Restricted**



**C: 3<sup>rd</sup> Naureen Gearon & Rebecca Knight  
(Dalby)**

**Best Novice**



**Paul Matthews & Kathy Duke**



**Judy Bodkin & Jenni Darlington**

***Congratulations to all placegetters***

WINNERS

# TOOWOOMBA SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> & MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> October 2024



**1<sup>ST</sup> A      MAGNUS MOREN - RALPH PARKER - NEVILLE FRANCIS -  
SANMUGARASA KAMALARASA (missing) with the Hiley-McCutcheon Shield**



**2<sup>ND</sup> A - MARJORIE ASKEW - BILL POWELL - A WINSTON GUYMER - PAUL SMITH**



**3<sup>RD</sup> A      KIM MORRISON - NIKOLAS MOORE - RACHEL LANGDON  
TONY HUTTON (missing)**



**1<sup>ST</sup> B LILLY JIA - JOHN MORRIS - JENNY MCGOWAN - VANESSA BREWIS**



**1<sup>ST</sup> C REBECCA KNIGHT - NAUREEN GEARON - SUZANNE BRAZIER - ROZALYN WRIGHT**

*All prizes were presented by Congress Convenor Tim Porter and President Greg Munck.*

*All photographs taken by Susie Fraser.*

While the successful running of the Congress must be attributed to both the Congress Convenor and the Congress Director, the success of any congress depends on the support they receive. And for this we have to thank Michael Kaiser and Adrienne Montague who between them organised more than 40+ of our members who put their names down to help. Be it setting up the venue, acting as greeters and car park attendants, organising raffles, working in the kitchen, acting as caddies, looking after drinks, keeping toilets stocked up and clean etc. etc.

On behalf of the club, a **BIG THANK YOU** to all volunteers, because without your contribution, the Congress would not have anywhere as successful as it was. The following photos unfortunately only depicts a small percentage of those who gave up their time over the long weekend.

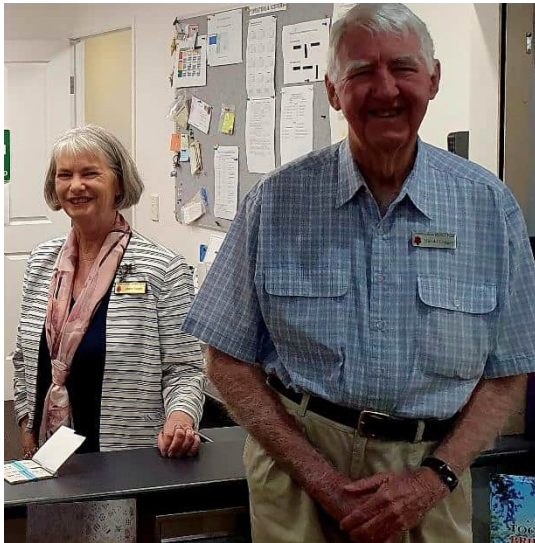
**VOLUNTEERS**



**Robert Ramsay & Maree Neale**



**Bernie Wills & Murray Pietsch**



**Marie Steger & Harold Cogan**



**Roger Green & Sandy Fraser**



**John Oxenham, Angela Worrall, Michael Kaiser  
Lynda Oxenham & Adrienne Montague**



**Judy Barkla & Sue Gregor**



**Mark Hunt**



**Tony Pattison**



**Susie Fraser**



**Bernie Wills Ken Orange**



**Glenys Clift Michell Alroe**



**Tracy Collen Steven Lee**

*Not shown*

*Margaret Tucker, Roey Kelly, Kath Mulherin, Aino Jaatinen, Kathy Duke, Genevieve Reeves, Jim Wood, Debra Coward, Diana Drummond, Ann Downs, Dave Mulherin, Deb Archer, Robyn Bell, Pauline Lutton, Barbara Davage, Pam Mackintosh, Jan Flynn, Gretchen Graf, Deb Archer, Ross McCasker, John Clift*

*Ed: My apologies to anyone not on Michael's list who also helped.*

## ROAD TRIP

I've been on the road a bit over the past two weeks, catching up on a few of mums old friends, and doing some bridge things – and the reason for this article is to share what I found.

I left Toowoomba on Thursday 24 October, heading for Hervey Bay for a congress over the weekend. Got to Kilkivan and stopped for a toilet break etc and was stuck there for an hour when the big storm arrived. They had 37mm rain in that period so even when I made it back to the car it was tough going! I arrived a day early so I could take it easy, do the beach visit and usual walk along Urangan Pier.

**Hervey Bay** is a nice little congress. They have two congresses a year (each comprised of a one-day pairs and a one-day teams) – with highly original names of Hervey Bay Autumn Congress and Hervey Bay Spring Congress. It is a small clubroom and their congresses to be crowded out and entries closed to limit to 22-24 tables (man it would have been crowded!!). The covid epoch changed that and whilst they have recovered (a bit like us) they now regularly get 14-16 tables. They get people from Mackay, Yeppoon, Sunshine Coast and even a few from Brisbane. I always get taken out for dinner on Saturday night so there is a nice social feel to it. The club regularly has a bar (and they applied for a liquor license).

Their regular schedule is four sessions per week with about 6-8 tables per session. They play on Saturdays, which has me envious.

On the Monday, I ran a Director training session for their experienced and new Directors.

Wednesday was a visit to the **Mackay Bridge Club**, and another Director Training session for their Directors and those who came in from Bowen. Eighteen participants was a good outcome for them. The regular playing schedule for Mackay is seven sessions per week with an average of 4-6 tables, and they regularly get 10 tables on Saturdays! This is a lucky club because it also has a Terry Sheedy (he is a grand master) although he has started calling himself Tex, partly to stop his congress team mates accidentally giving his masterpoints away to our Terry (who is doing well without such bonuses). Bowen Bridge Club has two sessions per week with around 6-8 tables at each.

Finally, to **Yeppoon Bridge Club**, where I ran a small Director Training session, and where I got to fill in and play in one session of a teams event on the Friday. I played with stalwart Doctor Malcolm Allan. Everyone said he plays “60's bridge”. It was sufficiently familiar so there weren't any major problems except my occasional defence boo-boos. Yeppoon are now back to three sessions per week with about 5-6 tables per session, although the competition I played in had 10 teams. They often have players drive in from Rockhampton and many players are members of both clubs. They hire a Masonic Lodge Hall so usually must pack away tables and bridge paraphernalia after each session.

We are so lucky to own our own premises.

I also visited St Ursula's School to check their main hall which will be the venue of the **Barrier Reef congress** in May next year. If you want a bridge holiday, why not give this one a go.

Back to Toowoomba, and it is nice when we have visitors to our congresses (and even to regular duplicate sessions). The best way to have this continue is for us to go and play in other clubs congresses so we can “talk ours up”, and to glean fresh ideas for how we do things.

Cheers Chris

## MASTERPOINT SECRETARY'S REPORT

In September, I processed results for 46 sections from 34 sessions yielding 144.06 green and 22.52 red masterpoints.

In October, I processed results for 42 sections from 34 sessions yielding 128.22 green and 2.54 red masterpoints

### How many red masterpoint sessions do we get?

The ABF and QBA run major events for gold and red masterpoints (eg National and State events, and congresses). In addition, clubs are granted the right to run some red masterpoint sessions (called B4c events). B means red masterpoints, B4 means congresses and “special club events” (but these may only be run and approved by the state body), and B4c which are club red masterpoint sessions, awarded by the club (but still checked by the State Masterpoint Secretary before processing).

The number of red masterpoint sessions granted to a club is based on the total number of green masterpoints that the club award in the previous year. Green points are a good indicator of the amount of bridge being played in a club. The census period is 1 October – 30 September. The formula for calculating this is:

6 sessions – for being a registered club, plus

3 sessions – if a club is more than 40km from their nearest neighbour (we don't get these)

1 session – for the first 35 green masterpoints awarded in the census period, plus

1 session – for each additional 65 green points

You all earned 1541.05 green masterpoints last year, so this means we have been allocated 30 red masterpoint sessions for 2025 (an improvement on the 26 for this year 😊).

### Master Rank Promotions for September and October

Grace Ireland	Promoted to <b>Bronze State</b> master with 100 points, at least 50 red/gold
Roger Green	Promoted to <b>State</b> master with 50 points, at least 25 red/gold
Beverley McCasker	Promoted to <b>Bronze Regional</b> master with 100 points
Dave Mulherin	Promoted to <b>Bronze Regional</b> master with 100 points
Gretchen Graf	Promoted to <b>Silver Local</b> master with 35 masterpoints
Gail Donovan	Promoted to <b>Silver Local</b> master with 35 masterpoints
Judy Barkla	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints
Harold Coggan	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints
Diane Dwyer	Promoted to <b>Local</b> master with 15 masterpoints
Joan Brownlie	Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints
Heather Geitz	Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints
Deb Archer	Promoted to <b>Club</b> master with 5 masterpoints
Bernie Wills	Promoted to <b>Graduate</b> master with 2 masterpoints
Necia Bach	Promoted to <b>Graduate</b> master with 2 masterpoints

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



**Barbara Davies**

Grew up in the Western Downs and initially worked for an Insurance Co. After marrying, my husband's job took us to Cairns, Mackay and Townsville where I did a Library Degree. We returned to Toowoomba on retiring. We have 3 children, 3 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren. What I love about bridge are the social interactions.

*Barbara*



**Lawrence Price**

I grew up in Melbourne, have a degree in Ag Science and am married to Vivienne. We have lived in Toowoomba since 1988. We have 3 kids and 4.5 grandkids, oldest is 3. After bridge lessons in 2016, cajoled friend Greg Muncuk to be my partner. Have cut back work to 3 days a week and am learning to be a bridge director. My other loves are Aussie Rules football and gardening.

*Lawrence*

I grew up in Warwick and after qualifying as a teacher, spent the 70's working in London and travelling Europe. Joined the TBC after retiring but during COVID became more involved with the Town & Country Club & grandchildren. Love all forms of live theatre + ballet & opera. Hoping now to improve my bridge and value the time the volunteers at the club spend helping us do this.

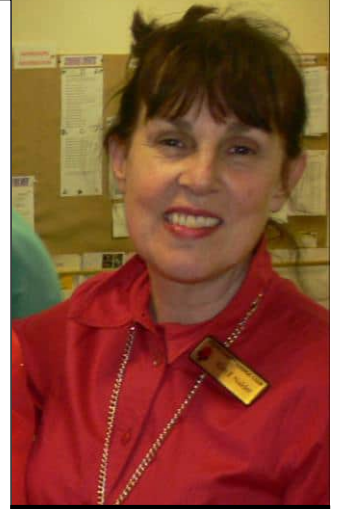
*Pam*



**Pam Gillespie**

My early years were spent in the Wimmera district of Victoria surrounded by lots of family. Moved to Moree, trained as a teacher and taught in the local schools. After marrying, we moved to Toowoomba with our 2 children where I obtained a BEd from USQ & finally retired from Fairholme in 2011. I enjoy my bridge and am grateful for my ever-tolerant partners and I look forward to playing for many years to come.

*Kim*



**Kim Nalder**



**Sharyn Gierke**

I grew up in the Longreach area & attended boarding school in Yeppoon. I then moved to Toowoomba where I was secretary at Baillie Henderson Hospital until I married in 1973. My husband & I had Market Gardens in Toowoomba & the Lockyer Valley. We have 2 children, 5 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild. I enjoy playing golf & love the social side of bridge & companionship at the Toowoomba Bridge Club.

*Sharyn*



**Marion Hunt**

Grew up in Maleny, spent 2 yrs at Teachers College then upgraded to a BEd. I met my husband in the NT where I went for my first teaching position. After marriage, worked in many locations, ACT, NSW & the UK when my husband was posted to the Australian High Commission. We have 2 sons, 4 lovely granddaughters & I love to travel, play golf, sewing & theatre. The most challenging interest is this amazing game of bridge. Thank you to all who make the club a wonderful place to spend some time.

*Marion*



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**Jill Cory**

Bridge is the most frustrating game I have ever played but it provides a challenge and I have met the nicest people. As an old physio my goal is to keep moving, stay vertical and independent. I enjoy catching up with family and old friends in various locations. I love any form of travel, reading, writing and swimming. My favorites quote is from Mahatma Gandhi: *Live as if you were to die tomorrow; learn as if you were to live forever.* *Jill*



**Jan Flynn**

I grew up on a farm near Kogan on the Western Downs Trained as a nurse at the PA, worked in Chinchilla where I met my husband and we lived on a farm. When we came to Toowoomba my husband ran a butcher's shop for 20 yrs then set up an Apiary for the production of honey while I worked part time nursing. We have 2 lovely children and when I could no longer play tennis, I took up bridge which I love for the social interactions and the people I have met. *Jan*

Grew up at Cecil Plains – went to boarding school then did my nursing at the Mater in Brisbane and my Mid at St Vincents. One of the nuns encouraged us to go to the St Vincents ball where I met Dave. We had 4 children – all girls. which was interesting as we moved around with our expanding family. In Toowoomba I mainly did Community & school nursing and my interests, include mahjong, caravanning, walking and playing bridge at the TBC.

*Kath*



**Kathleen Mulherin**

Grew up in Casino. NSW. Initially joined the ESA Bank then in 1967, joined the RAAF, married Kath and my job took us to Malaysia, Melbourne, Dubbo, Canberra and Toowoomba where I worked for the Defense Dept. Then I worked for CES and owned a taxi. I enjoy golf, birdwatching, walking, am a member of the Art Society and of course enjoy my bridge.

*Dave*



**Dave Mulherin**



**Anne Hall**

My husband & I came to Oz from across the ditch for 2 yrs and have stayed for 47. In '89 we became Pacific gypsies working in PNG, Tonga & the Solomons where I worked for the NZ High Commissioner. Retired back to Toowoomba in 2013 to live the dream in our caravan. Love patchwork & quilting and of course bridge. I think after 47 yrs we can call ourselves honorary Aussies. *Anne*



**Ann Downs**

I grew up in Toowoomba and after marrying, we had two daughters and one son. I am very fortunate that two of them live close by. I always put family first, but I love line dancing and of course bridge which saved me after my husband passed. I have also been blessed with 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. *Ann*



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