



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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### Presidents Report



**The AGM will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016.**

In the last Newsletter, I asked members to consider what they could do for the club as a volunteer. Well now it is "crunch time". I will not be

standing as President for 2016/17 for personal reasons. I think that all Committee members have served the club well during the year and thank them for their contributions to the club. I would also like to thank the many volunteers that have made the club a good place to be in 2015/16. A listing of current Management Committee members and Office Bearers is in this newsletter. Please do not be shy about nominating or expressing an interest in any of these positions.

All Committee positions become vacant at the AGM and nomination forms will soon be available in the Club rooms and are attached to this Newsletter. Nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by 5.00pm on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Duties associated with each position will also soon be on a notice board in the club rooms.

Sadly, I have received no responses to my previous request for help in developing a club marketing plan but again I ask that if you have experience or an interest in marketing, please consider using this for the benefit of the club.

The Toowoomba Regional Council has reviewed our lease and offered to renew it for a further 10 years with a yearly rental of 1% of the unimproved value of the land resulting in an increase of the rent to \$790 plus GST for the twelve months from next year. The Management Committee accepted this offer on behalf of the club at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Please take the time to read the reports and other items in this Newsletter so that you are informed

of recent happenings, coming events and the ways in which you can assist our club to improve.

Congratulations to all the winners of the various events over the last few weeks and I hope everybody enjoyed their games during that time.

Many thanks to every volunteer who helps inside or outside the clubrooms. The Club can only operate effectively with your support.

Enjoy your Bridge  
Henry Eastment  
President

### AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**The AGM will be held in the clubrooms on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 starting at 10.00am. Nomination and Proxy Forms are to be found on Pages 8 & 9 of this Newsletter.**

### Coming Events

#### MELBOURNE CUP PARTY

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

10.00 am for 10.30 am start

Entry Fee: \$15 per person

Includes Lunch, Drinks and Table fees

### Thanks

Just a short note from the dealing room to thank the following people for all the work that they do to help making sure that there are enough boards ready for the Bridge Club. They are David Lynch, Kerry Brown, Ann Klibbe, and Patti Baker. Thank you all so much.

Roger Ley.

## **Welfare Officer**

Please contact Desley Hanrahan on (0416136779) or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a bereavement and Desley will respond suitably on behalf of the Club.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Henry Eastment
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Adrian Mayers
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Margaret Tucker
<b>TREASURER</b>	Chris Snook
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	John Churchett Desley Hanrahan Jean Moetara David Roberts Lyn Vary

## **OFFICE HOLDERS**

<b>CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR</b>	Chris Snook
<b>CONGRESS CONVENOR</b>	David Roberts
<b>MASTERPOINT SECRETARY</b>	Chris Snook
<b>PROVIDOR</b>	Keith Jenkin
<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>	Glenys Clift
<b>QBA DELEGATES</b>	Chris Snook Lyn Vary David Roberts Roger Ley
<b>ZONAL DELEGATES</b>	Chris Snook Adrian Mayers Kim Nicoll
<b>PRESS OFFICER</b>	Kim Nicoll
<b>TEACHING COORDINATOR</b>	Glenys Clift
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	Jean Moetara
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>	John Churchett
<b>HOUSEKEEPER</b>	Lyn Vary
<b>SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR</b>	Henry Eastment
<b>WELFARE OFFICER</b>	Desley Hanrahan
<b>FIRST AID KIT, WH&amp;S</b>	Roger Ley
<b>TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Bruce Hinchliffe
<b>INFORMATION &amp; TECHNOLOGY &amp; WEBMASTER</b>	Chris Snook David Roberts
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	Adrian Mayers
<b>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>	Trevor Glasby
<b>BOARD DEALING COORDINATOR</b>	Roger Ley
<b>BIRTHDAY CLUB</b>	Pam Gebbett
<b>RECORDER/CONCILIATION</b>	Margaret Wyche
<b>PARTNERSHIP ARRANGER</b>	Pam Gebbett

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

### **TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:**

**Tournament Directors:** Chris Snook (Chair), Val Buchanan, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Gabrielle Elich, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Ray Moore, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller

**Trainee Directors:** Trudy Dunne, Keith Jenkin

### **FUNCTION and CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Leonie Spence (Chair), Desley Hanrahan, the Providor (ex-officio) and the President (ex officio), Depending on the function, additional members will be the Congress Convenor, the Director of the session involved and the Chief Tournament Director or their nominees.

### **TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Glenys Clift (Chair), Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Liz Zeller, Ann Klibbe.

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

The Toowoomba Bridge Club would like to welcome the following new members

Fiona Alexander  
Martin Carey  
John Barwick  
Viv Barwick

Happy bridging!!

As at the 19<sup>th</sup> September, our club membership totalled 449. A breakdown of what has happened over the last 12 months will be available in the AGM booklet.

## Winners are Grinnerers

The "Monthly Winner" awards are displayed on the noticeboard and on the club website. This is a good way to celebrate the high performing players in each session and also provide additional green masterpoints to those players who play regularly in club sessions.

### July Monthly Winners

Monday A David Lynch  
Monday B Pam & Steve Hosfield  
Monday C Ron & Marie Newbury  
Wednesday am Desley Hanrahan  
Wednesday pm Eileen Josey  
Thursday Night David Roberts  
Friday am Paul Matthews & David Roberts  
Friday pm Val Buchanan

### August Monthly Winners

Monday Del Clark & Judy Briggs  
Tuesday Ian Jesser  
Tuesday Night Will Higgins & Henry Eastment  
Wednesday am Paul Matthews & David Roberts  
Wednesday pm Henry Eastment  
Thursday Night David Edwards  
Friday am Lyn Vary  
Friday pm Glenys Clift & Chris Snook  
Saturday Adrian Mayers & Henry Eastment

In club competitions:

### Tuesday Night Pairs competition

John Churchett & Eileen Josey

### Tuesday Daytime Pairs competition

Adrian Mayers & Byron Longford

### Tuesday Night Teams competition

Chris Snook & Mohan Trada &  
Henry Eastment & Will Higgins

And on the Congress scene:

### Darling Downs Swiss Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Mayers & Byron Longford  
B 1<sup>st</sup> Charles & Melba Leicht  
B 2<sup>nd</sup> Rod Brilliant & Mearon Geldard  
C 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Aitchison & Ann Klibbe

### Toowoomba Novice Teams

1<sup>st</sup> Michele Alroe & Lawrence Price &  
Daria Williams & Teena Haslam  
C 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Lindau & Rhonda Duck &  
Ann Downs & Kathleen Beckwith

### QBA Teams Championship

B 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig &  
Mohan Trada & Glenys Clift  
(and 13<sup>th</sup> overall)

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers  
Chris

## In the Zone

### **Grand National Open Teams**

Congratulations to the Eastment team who won the right to represent the Darling Downs Zone at the National Final in November:

- Elizabeth Zeller, Patricia Larsen, Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment, Nonie McCay and Col Hutton

### **Queensland Open Teams**

The Darling Downs Zone sent two teams to the Queensland Open Teams Championship hosted by Toowong on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August. It is quite a strong field and the Snook team placed 13<sup>th</sup> with 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses; and the Eastment team placed 15<sup>th</sup> with 4 wins and 4 losses.

Chris Snook, Denise Hartwig, Glenys Clift and Mohan Trada  
Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment, Liz Zeller and Pat Larsen

### **Queensland Open Pairs**

The following three pairs are representing the Darling Downs Zone in the State Pairs Championship on 15/16 October. We wish them well:

John Churchett and Eileen Josey  
Noela Collins and Mavis Simpson (Warwick)  
John Rose and David Moran (Warwick)

Cheers  
Chris

## Masterpoint Secretary's Report

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

	Green	Red	Gold	Tables
July	122.14	9.54	35.84	352.5
August	147.15	28.96	---	385.5

It is easy to check your masterpoints (or your friends) on the ABF website. Simply visit:

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au>

and click on "Player – Masterpoints Lookup".

You can do this on the NEC computers in the club at any time. If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Cheers

Chris

## Percentages on Bridgemates

There is a lot of information that can be made available to players during and after their game of bridge.

In the days before Bridgemates, players would use "travelling score cards" (also known as travellers) that stayed with each board and on which you wrote the contract and declarer and the score you achieved. Thus, you could also see all the previous scores and thus you could estimate how well you were doing.

Now that we have Bridgemates, Toowoomba and most other clubs have a feature enabled that shows the scores from other tables – but it does not let you know which table earned which score. The scores are listed in order from highest NS score to lowest.

- All I need to see is where the little arrow is that signifies my score. If I am NS and it is high on the screen then we did well, if low then we did not. It only takes me a few seconds to look.
- However, some players pore over every result, and sometimes read them out loud for the rest of the room to hear (obviously not deliberately). *You should never exclaim "we got a top" because this obviously means your opponents got a bottom. You should never say to your partner "we only got a top because they led the XXX" because again the inference is your opponents made a big mistake. You should not announce the best making contract on the board ... you may as well tell the big guns that their next board contains a slam or similar.*
- Some players snatch up the Bridgemate so they can get a closer look, leaving everyone else at the table to twiddle their thumbs. *Best behaviour is to put the Bridgemate in the middle of the table so everyone can see. If your eyesight is not too good then perhaps take a second to see if the board was good or bad but then get it in the middle of the table for everyone else to see.*

An extra feature that the Bridgemates can show is the percentage that you have achieved at the point in time that you look.

- "Percentage for each board". This is turned off at the present time, but if enabled would show the percentage that you currently have for each board. *Remember, that if the board has only been played*

*once then you automatically get 50%. If played twice then you have a 100%, 50% or 0%. If there are three scores then the possibilities are 100%, 75%, 50%, 25% or 0%. As more scores are added (eg towards the end of the session) then the percentages get more accurate.*

- "Percentage for each round". This is enabled at present. At the end of the round you get a few seconds where the [Ranking] button is available and you can see an estimate of your session score at the present time. *Like above, the more rounds you have played then the more accurate the score. It means very little until the last few rounds.*
- "Percentage for the session". This is also enabled and gives your round percentage at the present time. *However, just because you have finished playing and stabbed [Ranking] it does not mean this is your final score. There may still be other tables in play and as their results are added it then scores do change. As well as this, the Director may be in the office checking if there are any anomalies in the scores – and if there are it is their duty to check with the players concerned and correct any scores as required. This will obviously change the results so your "Ranking" score might change.*

If the event is scored across more than one field (eg East and West room), then the ranking after each round and session must be turned off. This is because the Ranking would be based on only half the scores and will almost certainly change quite a bit when the other half of the field are added it.

I have a very strong commitment to seeing scores 100% correct, and make the following points to help this happen:

- The player in charge of the Bridgemate must concentrate on this important job and enter the information correctly. *Once this is done you can then start the highly improper post-mortem of the board you just played.*
- The person who is checking the Bridgemate should make sure the board number is correct, the contract and declarer is correct and then that the number of tricks and the score is correct. *You should not just stab [Accept] without reading the details first. Pressing [Accept] is like your signature – would you sign for a \$1000 withdrawal from the bank and walk out without counting it first????*
- If you play a board (say) as 4S N and yet you see on the traveller screen that everyone else played it as E – then check the board immediately. If you really did play it different to everyone else then you should call the Director because it is highly likely that the board has been fouled. If Director knows then they can fix it before the end of the session – if it is done later then obviously everyone's Ranking percentage will be incorrect.

The next place where we can see details is on our computer when we get home or on our ipad or iphone or google thingy whilst we are driving home ☺ So what happens if you leave at the end of the day and your Ranking says 1<sup>st</sup> with 59.1% but by the time you get home it now says 2<sup>nd</sup> with 55.2% ???? What might have happened is:

- Some later scores came in from tables still in play.
- A player reported a strange score to the Director; or the Director was still in the process of giving a ruling which changed a board results; or
- The Director fixed some anomalies and thus some board scores changed.

Whilst I am very keen that results are accurate, please don't phone me at 6:00am to complain that your results changed. If there was an error in result then you need to speak to the Director of your session as soon as possible, but the change in results might have been as a consequence of the above.

Cheers  
Chris

## Treasurer's Report

As at the end of July 2016, the club had  
\$ 44,846.54 in the General account  
\$ 7,635.10 in the Congress account  
\$ 57,961.25 in Term Deposit 1  
\$ 11,510.53 in Term Deposit 2  
\$ 52,699.96 in Term Deposit 3  
For a total of \$174,653.38 "in the bank".

Significant expenses in July were:

Remove old and install new dishwasher	\$832.88
ABF membership levy x 19 new players	\$272.00
ABF masterpoints Apr-Jun 2016	\$1216.99
Defibrillator (paid by grant)	\$2845.00

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

Cheers  
Chris

### POSITION VACANT

I really do need someone to take over the role as Treasurer at the AGM. Perhaps two people could consider the role ... one as "Treasurer" and one to look after Quickbooks. Please consider helping and have a chat with me if you would like more details. Then I can focus on stuff I like and am reasonably good at, such as Directing ☺

Thanks  
Chris

At its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September the Management Committee

1. accepted Toowoomba Regional Council's offer to renew the lease until 31/1/2027 for an annual rental of 1% of the unimproved value of the lease area plus GST. The rent for 2017 is \$869 inc GST.
2. re-affirmed the previous MC's decision that donation boxes not be used to recoup costs associated with extra cups of coffee etc.
3. determined that, as from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016, no re-imburements will be given for food brought to the club by members. It is the Provider's responsibility to purchase consumables for the club sessions although donations of food will be received with thanks.
4. accepted a quote from Instant Alarms to upgrade the existing internal alarm system which, together with three nightly patrols by Garden City Security Service, will increase the internal and external security of the building and grounds.
5. noted that it appears that, provided windows on the North-west corner are closed, our designated smoking area to the west of the building is not in contravention of the new Qld Government Regulations. Smokers are asked to use this area rather than other outside areas which may be in contravention of the regulations.
6. approved the cost per member for the Melbourne Cup Party to be \$15 including food, drink and play.
7. recognised with thanks the donation by Val Buchanan of a large Elkhorn which has been located in the Jacaranda near the front gate.
8. agreed to replace the seats in the ladies' toilets.



## Function and Catering Sub-Committee

Firstly, allow me to thank all the volunteers who have willingly given up their weekend time to help work in the kitchen so that others including myself can play in our congresses. Your efforts allow congresses to run smoothly, and you really are our unsung heroes. Thank you from all of us.

It would be remiss of me, not to also thank those who also provide those nibbles we all like.

Whether you have provided nuts, fruit, a cheese dip or those yummy cakes and muffins it has all been well received.

Thank you.

I believe having a caterer who just organises catering for special events and congresses has improved the running of these events. Personally, I found that this position can be challenging when trying to get staff, but it is so rewarding.

Serving others is always a blessing.

Leonie



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## First Aid Kits & Safety

Both the First Aid Kits have been done and are up to the new standard.

There are two First Aid Kits in the club with the more comprehensive kit in the office. The second kit in the kitchen is mainly a Burns Kit. This kitchen kit also has the Blue Band-Aids in it. Anyone doing the work in the kitchen and has either a Band-Aid on, or needs to put a Band-Aid on, MUST use a BLUE BAND-AID while they are handling any food.

As Safety Officer, it was reported to me that there is a ceiling square in the western side of the club that has a very small edge broken off, and was told that this is a fire danger for the club. Having followed this up, I was told that there is no Fire danger for the club because of this.

Opposite the entrance to the club there is now a sign between the car park and the park saying "Emergency Assembly Point". If at any time the club has to be evacuated, that is the place for all to go to.

Roger Ley

## Hygiene

Hand sanitiser is available for use for all at the club. Bottles are located at the front door and in the kitchen area. Please use it before handling food or cards.

## The Birthday Club

I have relinquished the job of sending birthday greetings and vouchers. Desley Hanrahan has kindly taken over from me. I urge members to let Desley know if the date is incorrect or if you have been forgotten.

I have enjoyed doing this task and wish Desley all good wishes.

Pam

## Be Kind to our Cards

The provision of cards is an obvious and expensive outlay for the club. Could you please follow these suggestions, in an effort to make the cards last longer:

- Do not bend or snap the cards as they are played onto the table.
- When replacing cards into the boards, make sure they are completely in the correct space.
- Please make sure your hands are clean before touching the cards. There is hand cleaner on the entrance table, and on each of the servery benches.

## *Session Rules Reminder*

Players should be **seated** 10 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.

The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements and on playing arrangements in the room (eg windows, airconditioning).

Only **green** and **blue** systems are permitted in club events.

System cards are compulsory for competitions and red master point events and strongly recommended for all other sessions.

No notices are permitted on the noticeboards unless approval is given from the club Executive.

## *When leaving the club rooms make sure that*

- All bins are emptied.
- Each table is tidied ready for the next session.
- Close and lock all windows
- Close the blinds.
- Check the back doors are locked.
- Make sure no one is in the toilets or offices
- Find the cat and put it outside
- Lights off and alarm on
- Check the front door latches properly.



**Election Nomination and**

**Acceptance Form**

The Annual General Meeting for the

Toowoomba Bridge Club is to

be held on October 22nd 2016 at 10.00am in the Toowoomba Bridge Club Rooms.

Nominations for all positions on the Management Committee are now open for the 2016 – 2017 term of office.

I (Proposer): ..... (Name) .....  
(Club No.)

And I (Secunder) ..... (Name) .....  
(Club No.)

being financial members of the Toowoomba Bridge Club nominate the following member for election to office for the 2016/17 year.

Name of nominee: .....

- for the position of
- President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Committee Member  
(up to 8 positions)

Signature of Proposer: ..... Date: .....

Signature of Secunder: ..... Date: .....

**Nominations are to be lodged in the Secretary’s Box inside the front door and will close at 5pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

The Association has Public Liability Insurance cover of \$20,000,000.

**Acceptance**

I (Nominee) ..... (Name) ..... (Club No.)  
being an ordinary member of the Toowoomba Bridge Club accept nomination for the 2016 – 2017 year

for the position of: .....

I am aware of the responsibilities of this position under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc Rules and By-Laws and consent to the above nomination:

I have read, and am not in breach of, Section 61(a) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981

(please see over page).

Signature of Nominee: ..... Date: .....



61A Eligibility for election to a management committee

(1) A person is not eligible to be elected as a member of an incorporated association's management committee if— (a) the person has been convicted— (i) on indictment; or (ii) summarily and sentenced to imprisonment, other than in defAssociations Incorporation Act 1981 Part 7 Management committee Page 50 Current as at 23 September 2013 revised version (b) the rehabilitation period in relation to the conviction has not expired.

(1A) Also, a person is not eligible to be elected as a member of an incorporated association's management committee if— (a) under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cwlth) or the law of an external territory or another country, the person is an undischarged bankrupt; or (b) the person has executed a deed of arrangement under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cwlth), part X or a corresponding law of an external territory or another country and the terms of the deed have not been fully complied with; or (c) the person's creditors have accepted a composition under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cwlth), part X or a corresponding law of an external territory or another country and a final payment has not been made under the composition.

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

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**Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc: PROXY FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_,

being a member of the association, appoint

\_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_,

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual) general

meeting of the association, to be held on the \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ .

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

## *Thanks to Our Sponsors*

A reminder to members that we enjoy sponsorship support from the following companies:

**My Personal Travel Planner**  
**Freedom Aged Care**  
**Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers**

For contact details and other information provided by these companies, please refer to the sponsorship noticeboard in the club rooms.

Please support the companies that support us.



Contact Ainslie Hardie  
Owner at My Personal Travel  
Planner  
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