



Toowong Bridge Club Newsletter

May 2019

From the President



Firstly I'd like to thank the committee for their work over the past year and, in particular, I want to thank Geoff Saxby for having faith in me by asking me to accept the presidency, for his solid support, his counsel during the year,

and providing me with a template for the smooth running of the club. I would also like to congratulate Karen Sweep on a remarkable job in her role as treasurer and her positive and powerful role on committee. Apart from her other major achievements Karen will be long remembered as Master Diviner of Mysterious Water Leaks. She will be sadly missed as she stands down from committee.

Fortunately, the club has many dedicated and hardworking volunteers who are our real club heroes. The club could never be the success that it is without their generous and dedicated help. Their numbers are too numerous for me to individually name here. Today however we vote to endorse the nomination of Sue Eix as an Honorary Life Member of our club. This is not an honour bestowed lightly, but it is very fitting that this honour goes to a club volunteer who doesn't operate on committee or as past president, but someone whose contribution to the club as a volunteer worker over many years has been outstanding.

The club's march to a more sustainable future continues with the introduction of the waste paper recycling programme, and more recently by gaining approval from council to install a large water tank to harvest our considerable roof water. This precious resource can then be used to flush toilets and provide water for our recently upgraded garden landscape.

The committee will seek grant money to assist paying for its introduction. The repainting of the interior of the club should be completed before the AGM. It too should add to the measures already undertaken, such as the table cloth replacements, in making the clubrooms a more modern and pleasant environment to spend your bridge day.

Apart from continuing with our established and successful teaching programmes, we have added a mentoring session which has been operating on a Thursday evening for the past nine months. This unique programme has been designed to provide a pathway for those members wanting to improve their bridge skills, and in many cases, to enter the wider world of congress bridge. Its undoubted success required the assistance of many elite bridge players, and it was generously supported by a host of mentors, many of those from sister clubs. We thank them all, and it is my hope that all local clubs support each other as has been the case here.

Finally, it has been my pleasure and privilege getting to know and enjoy the company of so many amazing people here at TBC. I wish the incoming President every success in taking over the reins of the of our great club and trust the new committee will provide all the positive support in executing the new agenda for the future of our club.

Good luck and as always, happy bridging all.

Larry Moses

Welcome to Our Newest Members

John Scrivens
Judy Robinson
Peter Robinson
Clare Gleeson
Merryl Moore
Jan Ewen
Theresa Robert
Richard Hemphill
Jane Watson-Brown
Chris Green
Fiona Balsillie
Ian Robertson
Yvonne Levien
Vivienne Van Rooyen
Caroline Frazer
Lynette Rose
Paul Murphy
Sue Rowan
Sandy Phillips
Emily Willy
Graeme Shiels
Colin Wolf
Margaret Varghese
Janice Little
John Burt
Lesleigh Rooney
Sally Mitchell
Dana Vanha
Mary Ryan
Barry Hewitt
Brian Davison
Janet Shackell

Welcome everyone. Happy bridging at TBC.



Masterpoint Promotions

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| Graduate | Marge Henry Jane Tagney |
| Club | Wes Assaad |
| Local | Alan Coulston |
| Local * | Robin Bishop Julie Mannion Judy Quick Barbara de Bont Sue English David Gibbs Terry Higgs |
| Local ** | Jill McAuley |
| Regional | Lyn Edeson |
| State | Rhonda Henry Karen Sweep Kerry Bates |
| State* | Chris Farr Pat Eather Aijun Yang |
| Life | Kay Goodwin |
| Silver Life | Margie Knox |
| Grand Master | Alan Hamilton Peter Nilsson |

Bridge Lessons

For intermediate and advancing players, Pam Schoen conducts free intermediate lessons on a Monday afternoon from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. The next dates and topics are –

30 May – Practice hands in Defence

3 June - Practice hands in Defence

Supervised Play

Monday - 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Tuesday - 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Saturday - 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Toowong Bridge Club will be held at –

10.30 am on Saturday 15 June 2019.

The meeting agenda will be posted on the notice board near the front door of the club house.

Coming Events

15 & 22 May – Wednesday Night Pairs

20 & 27 May – Grace McDonald Pairs, Monday

28 May – Australia Wide Novice Pairs <50 MP, Tuesday afternoon

30 May & 6 June & 13 June – Thursday Night Gold Point Teams

4 & 11 June – Tuesday Morning Pairs

7 & 14 June – Friday Morning Restricted Pairs <300MP

19 & 26 June – Wednesday Afternoon Pairs

30 June - Toowong Imp Pairs, with restricted <150MP

25 July - Thursday Afternoon Pairs

29 July - Monday Pairs

3 September - Toowong Charity (morning & afternoon)

4 & 11 September - Wednesday Morning Teams

21 September - Toowong Open Pairs & Novice Pairs Championship (TBC members only)

Honour Board

Every year the James O’Sullivan Award is given by the Australian Bridge Association to the player, in each of the masterpoint categories, who achieves the most masterpoints for the year. It is a nationwide award, recognising players from across Australia.

The winner of the 2018 James O’Sullivan Award, for gaining the most masterpoints in the Club Masters category, was TBC member Aijun Yang.

Aijun hasn’t stopped there and is continuing to successfully accrue masterpoints. She was recently promoted to State* Master.



TBC members also achieving good results in their Bridge were Ming Shu Yang and Gill Phillippo, who teamed with Eugene Pereira and Rex Meadowcroft, to win the Restricted Teams event at the gold point Barrier Reef Congress held in Cairns.

The team were the lowest ranked team in the event but went on to win seven, and draw one match, of the eight match contest.

A Birthday Celebration



Club members recently took the opportunity to extend their congratulations and good wishes to long time member, Alleyne Witney, when he celebrated his 90th birthday with his friends at the club. Alleyne has been a member of TBC since before the current club rooms were built. No doubt quietly outplaying many Bridge opponents in that time.

Happy birthday Alleyne, from everyone at TBC.

happy 90 birthday

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Club House

As part of the club's 'green drive' to become more sustainable, investigations are underway to assess the feasibility of installing a large water storage tank on the south wall of the club, to collect and recycle rainwater from the roof catchment. This would reduce reliance on mains water for toilet flushing. The proposal to install a tank raised some issues regarding the club's lease with the Brisbane City Council that required Council co-operation before proceeding.

Cr Peter Matic recently visited the club and expressed support for the club's application for collecting roof water for the toilet flushing and garden watering. Cr Matic visited the club a second time with member of a Brisbane City Council committee involved in the move to make community clubs more sustainable, provided advice and assistance to TBC in lodging the application to install a rain water tank.

Brisbane City Council has now given written approval to proceed with the installation of the rainwater tank. The TBC committee is now seeking a grant to assist fund the installation.

The installation of a water tank for recycling water, along with the solar panels, and our waste recycling programme, makes TBC a highly sustainable club.

Club Rooms

An internal paint job for the club has been given the go ahead. An interior decorator friend of club member Yolande Coroneo inspected the rooms and recommended a colour scheme. After wide discussion and feedback from members, a new internal paint colour scheme has now been agreed.

The work will get underway shortly. It will take about ten days to complete. The plan is to have the work organised in such a way as to avoid disruption to the busy operation of the club. Nevertheless, members will need to be a little patient during the process.

The club should look pretty spruce when it is completed.

Vale

It is with sadness to note the passing of long time TBC member Jane Bowles. Jane's indomitable spirit and good cheer made it a joy to play at her table. Jane is missed by her many friends at the club. Our deepest sympathy to her daughter Helen Clayton and family.

It is also with sadness to note the passing of Eva Popper. Eva was a charming but formidable Bridge opponent with her regular partner Caroline Drummond. Besides her Bridge career, Eva was Queensland's first female obstetrician, delivering more than 5000 babies in her medical career; and going on to deliver the children of children she had delivered, in her long and illustrious career. She is remembered fondly by the women whose babies she delivered, and by all her friends at TBC.

touch and go whether we could have pushed to 3H either going one off, or bluffing the opponents into bidding on to 4D (they shouldn't!).

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| Dealer N Nil Vul | North ♠ 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ 8 5 | 3D by W 9S lead |
| West ♠ A Q T ♥ Q T ♦ J 8 6 5 4 ♣ K 6 4 | | East ♠ K 7 6 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ K T 3 ♣ A 7 3 2 |
| | South ♠ J ♥ J 9 8 7 6 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ Q J T 9 | |

Success of Mentoring

By Richard Fox



Bridge is a partnership game, but it's in defence that your partnership cooperation is really put to the test, and rewarded when it works. It's surprising how much your scores improve if you get good at maximising your tricks on defence; it's half the game after all.

Hopefully the Thursday evening mentoring programme will help many of our improving players with these skills. These hands show how you can figure out who has what, provided that your partnership follows the rules.

Making Deductions

Raelene Clark and I were putting our mentor/mentee teamwork into practice. In the following hand I was North with Raelene sitting South, and our opposition reached 3D by West after we'd overcalled and raised hearts. It was

Although hearts were partner's suit, I avoided leading the unsupported ace in case there was a king on my right. Instead I led the 8S and the trick went small, jack, queen. Declarer tried a trump to the king and Raelene's ace. She duly sent me a heart, which I won. What could I tell about the spades? I saw four in dummy and five in my hand, and the J and Q had gone. Who had the 10? The ace?

A well-behaved mentee holding the 10 and jack would have followed with the 10. When following you should play the lowest of equal cards that can do the job. Therefore I confidently concluded declarer had the 10. The ace is trickier to place - partner could have risked "finessing dummy", playing the jack in order to keep the ace sitting over the king. It didn't matter though, leading another spade was safe either way, and on the day it got us a ruff, to partner's mild surprise.

We'd done the best we could, holding the bad guys to 9 tricks, and the key was that I "knew" what partner had denied holding in the spades.

BRIDGE CROSSWORD No.1

Set by GRAMSCI

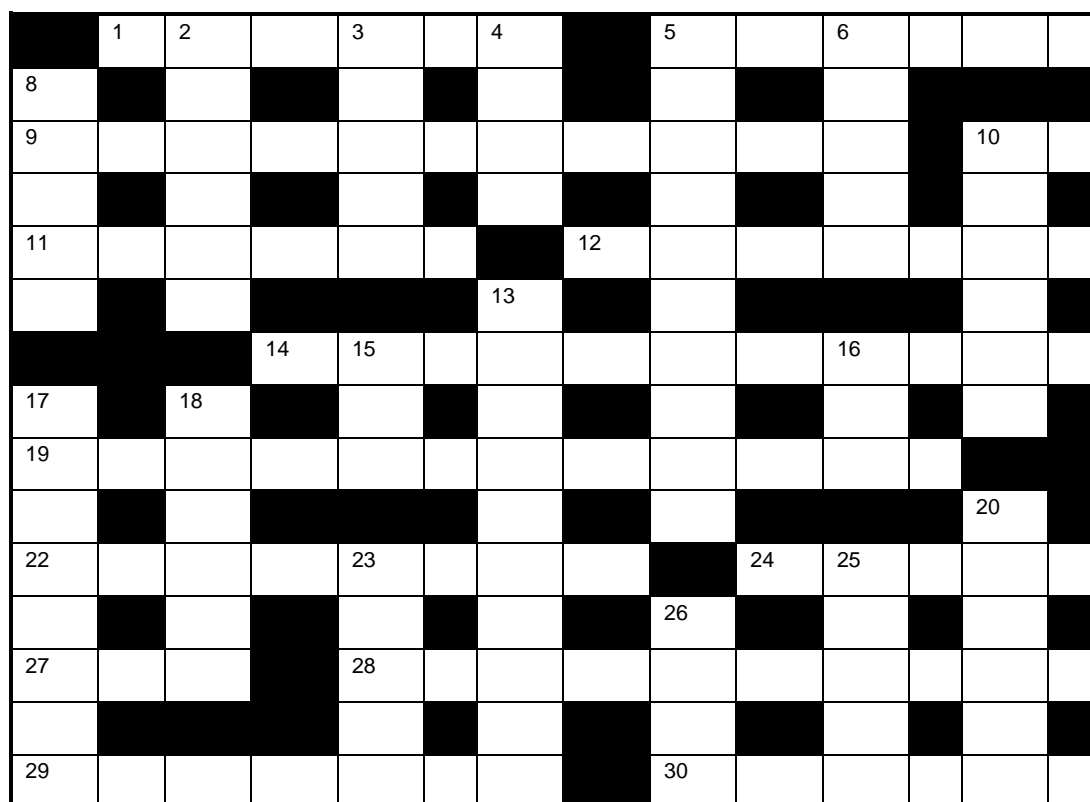
Bridge players have many talents beyond playing Bridge, most of which we are unaware of when we have our heads down concentrating on making the best lead, deciding when to duck, making sure we unblock, and trying to remember whether we have promised partner to do high or low encourage.

Outside of Bridge, TBC member Adrian Pollock enjoys the process of writing cryptic crosswords. He has written the crossword below, and being a Bridge player, as well as a crossword writer, he has given it a Bridge theme.

Take time out from going over the recorded Bridge hands and give Adrian's crossword a go. He has provide both cryptic and quick, normal synonym clues. The Bridge related clues are in italics.

The crossword set by Gramsci ? Adrian said he wrote the crossword. The reason for the pseudonym Gramsci is that Adrian used to do the Guardian Crossword in the Courier Mail. The Guardian crossword setters all use pseudonyms. So Adrian followed suit and adopted Gramsci. Gramsci stands for Antonio Gramsci, the founder of the Italian Communist Party. Why use the founder of the Italian Communist Party ? You will have to ask Adrian.

The answers to the crossword are on the back page of the newsletter. But no peeking before giving it a go.



Cryptic Clues

Across

1. A large conflict was back in this city (6)
5. A young seal meets swimmer – a small swimmer (7)
9. Make all ling ease into Club Moss, for example (11)
10. *Offer to abide no extremes* (3)
11. *See 24 across* (2,4)
12. White colt makes pain loom... (8)
14. ...ominously after flooding by Red River (driverless tempest) (12)
19. *Type of 10 across is not enough to avoid penalties* (12)
- 22,10 Down. *This game will shrink and span* (8,6)
- 24,11. *BIFOD – it results in penalties* (3,3,2,4)
27. A good appendage is a side issue (3)
28. Cleverly a swimmer and one worker lay gutless (11)
29. *The final performance is a throw-in* (6)
30. It sounds like the sage and the General ate this for breakfast (6)

Down

2. Parcels out spring onions. Quiet, drop it. (6)
3. Sweetie, the cane will give it to you (5)
4. Secure weight for board entrance (4)
5. Multivalent Cold War superpower, for instance (10)
6. Is Pi a non-zero number inside a music maker? (5)
7. Compound radical made of water and half xylene (8)
8. Old bar smashes e-post (5)
10. *See 22 across* (6)
13. The averageness of the medico I try to organise... (10)
15. ...is into loafing about, the fool (3)
16. Popular name for watering hole (3)
17. It may be mixed by bulimics taking E but not uranium (8)
18. Foreign payment time can use some reshuffling (6)
20. The Spanish compere sleeps here (6)
21. Remains behind the wires (5)
23. Revolt against inner fire below (5)
25. The heartless rebels are first to get angry (5)
26. *Mal's up to all his tricks* (4)

Quick Clues

Across

1. European capital city (6)
5. A small fish (7)
9. Genus of club mosses (11)
10. *An offer in bridge* (3)
11. *See 24 across* (2,4)
12. White Arabian horse (8)
14. Ominously (12)
19. *Not enough* (12)
- 22,10 Down. *Modern card game* (8,6)
- 24,11. *Offer in bridge not made in the correct sequence* (3,3,2,4)
27. A day off in play (3)
28. Cleverly (11)
29. *A throw-in in bridge* (6)
30. Breakfast food (6)

Down

2. Parcels out (6)
 3. Sweet substance (5)
 4. It helps to keep a plane up (4)
 5. Multivalent (10)
 6. A musical instrument (5)
 7. Compound radical (8)
 8. Legal bar (5)
 10. *See 22 across* (6)
 13. Averageness (10)
 15. A fool (3)
 16. Place to get accommodation (3)
 17. It may be mixed (8)
 18. Time allowed for payment of foreign bills of exchange (6)
 20. A place to sleep (6)
 21. Remains (5)
 23. Revolt (5)
 25. Angry (5)
 26. *A play for 12 or 13 tricks in bridge* (4)
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Note:

The contact details for members mentioned in the newsletter can be found in the TBC List of Members 2018 booklet.

News and stories from members, for inclusion in the newsletter, would be greatly appreciated. Particularly nice would be member stories about how and why they got into Bridge, different places they have played, etc.

Answers.

Across: 1. Warsaw 5. Pupfish 9. Selaginella
10. Bid 11. See 24 Across 12. Palomino 14.
Forebodingly 19. Insufficient 22,10 Down.
Contract Bridge 24,11. Bid Out Of Turn 27.
Bye 28. Brilliantly 29. Endplay 30. Muesli.

Down: 2. Allots 3. Sugar 4. Wing 5.
Polyatomic 6. Piano 7. Hydroxyl 8. Estop
10. See 22 Across 13. Mediocrity 15. Oaf 16.
Inn 17. Miscible 18. Usance 20. Hostel 21.
Stays 23. Rebel 25 Irate 26 Slam.