



TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB

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PROGRAM for 2021

Name of member

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The ABF Registration Number for the
TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB is 4-572

VISION STATEMENT

The Toowong Bridge Club is a leader in facilitating benefits to our stakeholders (members, volunteers, governments, suppliers, sponsors and the wider community) through the playing of bridge. Our success will be driven through the adoption of best practice approaches and the empowerment of its members to innovatively add value to our relationships with all our stakeholders.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Toowong Bridge Club fosters and promotes enjoyment, participation and excellence in bridge.

WEEKLY SESSIONS

unless affected
by Covid19

All players should be seated 15 minutes prior to start of play so that the Director can determine and set out the appropriate movements.

Normal Duplicate Sessions

Monday Day - 10:30 am

Tuesday Morning - 9:15 am Afternoon - 1:15 pm*

Wednesday Morning - 10.30 am Afternoon - 12:30 pm Evening - 6:00 pm

Thursday Morning - 9:15 am Afternoon - 1:15 pm* Evening - 7:00 pm

Friday Day - 10:30 am Afternoon - 12:30 pm†

Saturday Afternoon - 1:00 pm

* Players coming by car to these sessions are asked to arrive no earlier than 12:45 pm.

† Twice a month, this session is dedicated to Nationwide Pairs with red points across the field.

Supervised Play

Supervised play is held regularly at the club. People interested in attending these sessions should check our website or enquire about times from the Education Coordinator on 3201 0058 or email education@toowongbridgeclub.com.

Mentoring Sessions

These sessions are held on the second and fourth Mondays each month at 2:45pm. If you need further information, please contact Larry Moses on 0402 106 952 or email larrygmoses@gmail.com

WALK-INS

At any day session (excluding Saturday), individual members and visitors are welcome to walk in and are guaranteed a partner for that game.

Players coming without a partner should arrive 25 minutes prior to the scheduled time for start of play.

PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Members are asked to arrange their own partners if possible using the List of Members booklet. Alternatively members can use Pianola to find a partner.

Contact Chris Farr on 0417 736 024 or email partnerfinder10@gmail.com if you have any queries.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Beginners: A series of beginners' classes will be offered at arranged times through the year. For enquiries or registration, please phone the Education Coordinator on 3201 0058 or email education@toowongbridgeclub.com.

Intermediate: Classes will be offered through the year. Please check our website for details.

ADMINISTRATION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the clubrooms on Saturday morning June 12.

Nominations for all positions on the Management Committee must be in the hands of the Secretary by April 30. Nomination forms will be available at the clubrooms from April 1.

Motions on notice should be in the hands of the Secretary by April 30. Completed nomination forms and any motion on notice may be placed in the Secretary's box at the clubrooms or mailed to the Secretary.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions become due on January 1 each year.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER

Details of any change should be notified promptly in writing to the Membership Secretary.

Please email to membership@toowongbridgeclub.com or place your letter in the Secretary's box near the main entrance.

LIBRARY

The library is available to members only. Books and DVDs may be borrowed free of charge. Limits on borrowing: two items, four weeks.

To borrow an item, please ask the library assistant on duty or if unavailable, ask the Director for assistance. Fill in ALL details as required in the Borrowing Register.

To return a book or DVD, please deposit in the BOOK RETURNS cabinet. Please return borrowed items on time.

REDPOINT EVENTS AND SPECIAL GREENPOINT EVENTS AT TOOWONG

- **Thursday Morning Pairs** – January 28, February 4
- **TOOWONG IMP PAIRS CONGRESS** - Sunday January 31
- **Tuesday Afternoon Pairs** – February 2, 9
- **Thursday Afternoon Novice Pairs** – February 25, March 4
- **TOOWONG NOVICE MATCHPOINT PAIRS CONGRESS** – Sunday March 7
- **Tuesday Afternoon Teams** – March 16, 23
- **Thursday Night Pairs** – March 25, April 1
- Good Friday, April 2 – **CLUB CLOSED (no bridge)**
- **Wednesday Morning Pairs** – April 21, 28
- Bridge for Brain Research – Thursday Morning May 6
- **Wednesday Night Pairs** – May 12, 19
- **QUEENSLAND MIXED MATCHPOINT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP** – Saturday - Sunday May 15 -16
- **TOOWONG NOVICE MATCHPOINT PAIRS CONGRESS** – Sunday May 16
- **Grace McDonald Pairs Trophy** – Monday May 17, 24 (Restricted to Toowong members)
- Australia-Wide Novice Pairs <100 MP – Tuesday Afternoon May 25
- **Friday Morning Restricted <300 Pairs** – June 4, 11
- **Tuesday Morning Pairs** – June 8, 15
- Toowong Annual General Meeting – Saturday Morning June 12
- **TOOWONG IMP PAIRS CONGRESS, Open and <150 MP** – Sunday June 27
- **Monday Pairs** – July 19, 26
- **Thursday Afternoon Pairs** – July 22, 29
- **Toowong Teams Championship** – Saturday Morning & Afternoon August 7 (Restricted to Toowong members)
- **Thursday Morning Pairs** – August 19, 26
- **QUEENSLAND GRADED TEAMS CONGRESS** – Sunday August 22
- Australia-Wide Open Pairs – Friday Morning August 27
- Toowong Charity Day – Tuesday Morning & Afternoon September 7
- **Wednesday Morning Teams** – September 8, 15
- **Toowong Open Pairs & Novice Pairs Championships** – Saturday Morning & Afternoon September 18 (Restricted to Toowong members)
- **Wednesday Afternoon Restricted Pairs <300 MP** – October 6, 13
- **Tuesday Morning Pairs** – October 12, 19
- **Friday Morning Pairs** – October 22, 29

- **Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs <300 MP** (Afternoon) - October 28
- Melbourne Cup Pairs & Lunch – Tuesday November 2
- **Tuesday Afternoon Novice Pairs** – November 9, 16
- **Thursday Night Christmas Teams** – November 18, 25
- Queensland Wide Pairs – Wednesday Morning November 24
- **TOOWONG GRADED MATCHPOINT PAIRS CONGRESS** – Sunday November 28
- Christmas Parties each session from Saturday December 4 to Friday December 10
(Please bring a plate to share)
- Christmas Day, Saturday December 25 – **CLUB CLOSED (no bridge)**

MASTERPOINT AWARDS

Green and red masterpoints for club sessions are submitted using our computerised scoring program and player records are updated by the ABF Masterpoint Centre at the end of each month.

Your ABF number (on your ABF Registration Card) must be quoted always on entry forms for competitions and congresses.

MASTERPOINT RANKINGS

Masterpoints (MPs) won by players over their lifetime are used to determine their master ranking. There are currently twenty-one different ranks of masters, ranging from Nil Master up to Diamond Grand Master. Players receive an official certificate with each rank promotion.

RANK	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS		
	TOTAL	RED & GOLD	GOLD
Graduate	2		
Club	5		
Local	15		
Local*	25		
Local**	35		
Regional	50		
Regional*	100		
State	50	25	
State*	100	50	
National	150	75	
National*	200	100	
National**	300	150	
Life	300	180	30
Bronze Life	400	240	40
Silver Life	500	300	50
Gold Life	750	450	75
Grand	1000	700	200
Silver Grand	2500	1900	600
Gold Grand	5000	4000	1400
Emerald Grand	10000	8500	3000
Diamond Grand	15000	13000	5000

RULES OF BEHAVIOUR AT BRIDGE

Much of the wide popularity of contract bridge is attributed to the high standards of both ethics and etiquette observed by players. There are many points which are important to know and observe.

The 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge deal with proper behaviour at bridge under Law 72 General Principles, Law 73 Communication, Tempo and Deception, and Law 74 Conduct and Etiquette.

Ethics: relates to the rules of conduct aimed at avoiding all unfair practices which fall short of deliberate cheating. Unethical conduct is illegal (Laws 72, 73, 75).

Etiquette: relates to the requirements of good-mannered behaviour (Law 74).

Understandably, infringements of ethics or etiquette are not uncommon from inexperienced players either through inadvertence or insufficient knowledge.

ETHICS

- Always play in strict accordance with the Laws.
- If an irregularity (i.e. departure from correct procedure) occurs, the Director should be called immediately. Players should not attempt to correct the irregularity or determine rectification.
- The responsibility for rectifying irregularities and redressing damage rests solely upon the Director and the Laws, not upon the players themselves.
- Communication between partners during the auction and play should be effected only by means of proper calls and plays. Avoid communication by eye contact.
- Calls and play should be made without special emphasis, mannerism or inflection and without undue hesitation or haste. Bid and play as nearly as possible in an even tempo.
- Ask about alerted or self-alerting calls only on a 'need to know basis' when it is your turn to bid.
- In responding to an opponent's enquiry regarding the significance of a partner's call or play, a player should at all times provide full information of their understanding as related to partnership agreement or partnership experience.
- It is highly unethical to attempt to mislead an opponent by means of haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as in hesitating or fumbling before playing a singleton or a card from a worthless doubleton) or by the manner in which a call or play is made.
- Until the session ends, discuss scores and hands only with your partner and the opponents for the hands just played and in a way not audible to any other player.

ETIQUETTE

- Always be courteous to partner and opponents.
- Always be courteous to, and co-operative with, the Director.
- The following actions are considered breaches of good manners:-
 - a) Continuing conversation while sorting a hand or during the auction.
 - b) Using different designations for the same call.
 - c) Looking intently at another player during the auction or play.
 - d) Commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
 - e) Indicating that you expect to win or lose a trick before the trick is complete.
 - f) Volunteering information that should be given only in response to a question.
 - g) Asking for information when it is not your turn to call or play.
 - h) Indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
 - i) Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
 - j) Looking at a player's hand for the purpose of seeing the cards or observing from where the card is drawn.
 - k) Detaching a card before it is your turn to play.
 - l) Tapping the table to signify 'alert'. The correct procedure is to say 'alert' and to circle the alerted call.
 - m) As dummy, touching a card in the open hand before receiving instruction from declarer.
 - n) Leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.
 - o) Showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one's cards).
 - p) Criticism of an opponent's bidding or any implication of bad faith on the part of the opponents without having previously called the Director to the table.
 - q) Looking at another player's hand after it has been put back in the board.
 - r) Taking offence at inadvertent breaches of etiquette by other players, especially inexperienced ones.
 - s) Discussion between partners of a board just played when there is another board to play. Discussion should be postponed until the round or session has been completed.