

Tweed Heads Bridge Club Newsletter

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Hi all T.B.C. members,

Winter has arrived and a few changes have been implemented for this season. The air conditioners are not being turned on, however doors and windows are to remain open to ensure good air circulation in these COVID times. If you feel the cold make sure you wear warm clothes. Also there are shawls and lap rugs available if you need. I recently added 2 good pashminas to the 'winter warmers' collection for people to use if they felt cold and one has disappeared and another was recovered. This is disappointing. These are for members to use and return to the provided container.

Welfare: It is with much sadness I announce the passing of Myrna Hughes. Myrna was a regular player at our club for many years who loved her bridge. I first met Myrna at the Links Bridge club at the golf club and enjoyed her company, sense of humour and thoughtful comments. We will miss her presences. A memorial service is being held on Sunday 13th June from 2-5 at Piggabeen Banksia Community Hall. All are invited.

Brett Crabtree has had a hip replacement but has quickly returned to bridge and Dot Crabtree has also been in hospital and we hope to see her again soon. It's a good while since Marion and Tony Slater have played and I hope Tony's health will allow him to return to bridge. It was also good to welcome Lyn Walsh back after her accident.

Unfortunately Mary-Anne Cumming has retired from playing bridge. Ruth Hordern has been Marry-Anne's partner for many years and has done a very gracious job of picking up, taking home and looking after Mary-Anne's needs at bridge. Thank you Ruth for your care and concern for other members. At bridge the value of friendship can't be underestimated.

Our grant application to the NSW Office of Sport was successful for a defibrillator. A defibrillator is used to restore normal heart rhythm by means of electric shock to a person who has sudden cardiac arrest. This grant provides for 50% of the cost being \$1,300 of \$2,695. We will have to pay \$1,395. Training will be provided for the defibrillator use and we invite all interested members to attend. The time and date has yet to be decided.

The health and well being of our members is of top priority and we ask anyone who is unwell not to attend bridge for fear of colds, flu etc being spread amongst other members.

Attendance: I have been recording the attendance at bridge to keep a track of win ticket distribution and to see who are our regular winners. This is displayed on the white board inside the northern door. Those who are our main ticket winners are also our members with the most regular attendance. Graham Carson is our most frequent ticket winner. He comes to bridge most days and also helps organise supervised bridge and is a new member to the Tournament Committee. Thanks Graham for being such a dedicated member- you deserve your wins. Ray Payne is also a most regular player who wins many tickets. As well as winning Ray also works very efficiently in ensuring all win tickets are distributed to the winners and runs our Melbourne Cup sweeps. He has shown great consideration to newer players and will often player with them. Thanks Ray for being another good club member. Our attendance is set out on the table below:

	February	March	April	May
total attendance	978	1126	908	1032
win ticket given	199	228	194	215
distributed among	94	107	92	94

Maintenance:

Since last newsletter we have installed a new urn and replaced the screen mesh in the northern door. The leaking roof and cage is still an ongoing problem we are trying to solve with the council. Ean Quested once again has helped out and replaced the screen mesh after Anne bought the mesh. This year Ean has plastered around our new air conditioner, attached the plastic to our tables with wood stays, installed our new water fountain, reduced the size of our large board boxes and replaced the fly wire door mesh as well as directing regularly. How grateful we are to have you as a member.

New members:

Our new members, Pri Hawley and Roselyne Chedel have come from the lessons Paul Rose held. They are now attending Supervised bridge on Saturday mornings along with about 15 others. Richard Harman and Megan Leslie came to Supervised bridge once and decided to brave the waters to join Wednesday's northern group. Megan and Richard reported everyone was helpful and friendly which is great feedback to hear. The best way to encourage and keep new members is to be helpful, encouraging and friendly. However table teaching is not advised unless asked for.

VAM (Venerable Aged Members) Club:

Its wonderful our VAM club keeps growing with Patty Wallace and David Read joining the ranks.

Special Events:

The Thelma Morris Restricted pairs has been finalised. The novice winners were Keith and Jenny Sanders while the restricted winners were Bill Lawson and Roger Kael. Congratulations to these winners. Roger and Bill have been asked to move up to the southern section on Wednesdays as they are winning by a good margin each week .

The President's Cup is under way now and I'm sure will be hotly contested by our noted high ranking players. Good luck to all who compete. The State Of Origin team event is also coming up on Wednesday 23rd June. Get your team ready for a fun day. Although our first Unders & Overs Teams day had a few hick ups with a couple of team members not turning up, (thanks so much Nita for a quick fill in) the computer causing problems and a mistake with the manual score entry we will definitely try to iron out these problems. These days are fun, very beneficial to new players and a way to get members to know each other better. Our next Unders & Overs is on Saturday 31st July. We have invited Howard Jefferies to attend to help with training Anne more with team event computer management. Howard is a very knowledgeable director and lovely man. He and his wife are going to also join us for the State of Origin day and again help with the computer.

The GNOTS (Grand National Open Teams) is scheduled for Tuesday 6th and 13th July. In this event the winners must be prepared to travel further afield to represent our club.

Etiquette:

Reports from the Thelma Morris restricted pair expressed a concern about etiquette. Although the following infringements seem minor when they are consistently overlooked they create a situation of unfair advantage/disadvantage to players. These breaches include dummy directing selection to declarer. Gathering cards up at conclusion of a hand before tricks won are agreed upon, talking about hands before, during and after play. The time to discuss hands with your partner is away from the table. A member asked "why can't we talk about the hands at the table". Three reasons come to mind;

- * It creates unwanted noise while others are still playing
- * It could pass information onto surrounding players who haven't played the hands yet.

* Usually it is done between 2 partners elaborating upon what they should of/could of done and excludes the other 2 players at the table. This is rude to the 2 players who are not involved in the discussion and they are left sitting there listening to this conversation. Your hand discussion is no more important than any other players and others should not be held captive audience to your hand play discussions. If there is need for discussion make a note of the board number and do this at a later time.

Another note on etiquette involves bridgemate use. If you are on first lead in north seat could you please make your lead first before attending to bridgemate entries. This has the effect of speeding up play.

Lastly and most importantly our directors give of their time freely, they have their play constantly interrupted and need to be spoken to with respect at all times. Their direction is to be accepted gracefully with no argument. If you disagree with their decision, within 20 minutes following the session further adjudication can be made.

Happy Bridging everyone

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