

## **TWEED BRIDGE CLUB (INC)**

**NEWSLETTER 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2020**

**Another month has passed and we are still in lockdown!**

**I have considered many ways we could possibly get back to face to face play, e.g. putting 4 tables together so that each player is at least 1.5 m from another, but how would we see the cards played. Apparently the ABF has produced large bidding sheets but this would not solve the problem of not being able to see the cards played. The NSW Bridge Federation conducted a zoom meeting to discuss the matter of social distancing and came up with the idea of everyone having a laptop. After discussion they decided that this would not be feasible. Their final decision was that Bridge Clubs would not be able to recommence play until Stage 3 of the code. As we are just starting Stage 2 today, I believe that we are at least a month away from Stage 3.**

**The ABF's Public Liability insurer has advised that Clubs would not be covered should they decide to flaunt the ABF's advice.**

**Last month I suggested members have a look at the website of Stepbridge with a view to playing on-line. I have been playing with Mary Knight a couple of times a week and we are enjoying it. Several of our other members are playing and we can identify who they are by their user name, e.g. AnneDow. We have actually played against some of our Tweed players. Each session consists of 24 boards and lasts for 2 and a half hours. Mary and I can talk to each other on-line using the text box and we can also talk to our opponents.**

**When one joins one gets 5 free games (250 points) and when those points expire it costs \$5 to join as an away member and \$3 per session with a minimum of \$30 (10 sessions). Stepbridge is a non-profit bridge club affiliated with the ABF and based in South Australia, so I am more than happy to use their site.**

**If you are feeling deprived of bridge I urge you to have a look at the Stepbridge website. Go into Help and read through the steps required to join and play. If you need more help give me a call and I may be able to assist you by playing a session with you. After that you could get one of your regular partners to join and you could play as a pair.**

**Some sad news - Bruce Gibson died early in May.**

**Now to the June Birthdays – Happy June Birthday to the following:-**

**Neville Peters (2/6); John Masters (3<sup>rd</sup>); Rexon Wolny (4<sup>th</sup>); Jill Smith (6<sup>th</sup>); Mary Ware (11<sup>th</sup>); Raphaela Carroll (12<sup>th</sup>); Deborah Haley (14<sup>th</sup>); Hugh Gilberg (16<sup>th</sup>); Carol Connelly (17<sup>th</sup>); Ian Bishop (19<sup>th</sup>); Mary Daniel (22<sup>nd</sup>); Patricia McGrath (23<sup>rd</sup>); Julie Navruk (23<sup>rd</sup>); Ginny Hewlett (26<sup>th</sup>); Sally Gorman (27<sup>th</sup>); Dinah Morgan (27<sup>th</sup>); Eddie Farrell (29<sup>th</sup>); Krystyna Homik (29<sup>th</sup>); Wendy Reid (29<sup>th</sup>); Paul Rose (29<sup>th</sup>) and Desley Quested (30<sup>th</sup>)**

**Until we can get together again, on behalf of the committee, I say stay safe and well,**

**Anne Downes, President**