



CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB CAPERS

August, 2023

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- President - William van Bakel**
- Vice President - Joan Campbell**
- Secretary - Klarika Tortely`**
- Treasurer - Peerapan Maslen**
- Committee Members**

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| Lesley Fraser | Julie Duncan |
| Anna O'Brien | Gidi Azar |
| Rick Gryg | Cheryl Parks |

Other Key Club Personnel

Card Dealing

Jenny Crawl, Cheryl Parks,
Dave Mathieson & Bruce Frost (NWP)

Directors' Roster

Josephina Burrie

Library

Cobie van Kruistum & Ruth Bartlett

Events Management

Joan Campbell, Heather Thomas & Anna O'Brien

Facilities Manager

Gidi Azar

Lessons

Rebecca Delaney, Lesley Fraser,
& Brian Tierney

Cards & Flowers

Ann Sutherland & Helen Rial

Master Point Secretaries

Jan Cluff & Elaine Dickson

Partners / Newsletter

Andy Mathieson

Webmaster

Andrew Hooper & Julie Duncan

Zonal Delegates

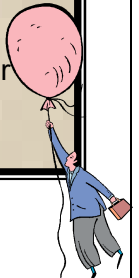
Jan Cluff & Michael Byrne



Unknown

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Lyn Dempster | National Master |
| Ursula Thiessen | Bronze Local Master |
| Bea Navon | Club Master |



YOUNGEST LIFEMASTER

The record for the youngest player to achieve the rank of Lifemaster is held by Danny Hirschman of Southfield, Michigan, USA. He was 10 years and 2 months old when he accumulated the necessary 300 masterpoints in November 1988. Some 20 per cent of the membership of the American Contract Bridge League are ranked as a Lifemaster or higher and they take an average of 20 years playing bridge to reach this level. Danny Hirschman achieved it in only 15 months.

(From "Learn to Play Winning Bridge" by David Bird



President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to August newsletter. I would like to start by repeating the following:

Currently we are in our winter period and during this time some members may get the flu or feel unwell. As with any symptoms (Covid or flu) club policy requests that you stay home until you are fully recovered.

It is possible that when you have recovered, that you have a symptomatic but non-contagious condition, especially a persistent cough. Medical advice indicates that this cough can continue for up to 10 weeks. To avoid putting our directors in a difficult position, we request you obtain a medical certificate indicating you are not infectious.

If you arrive at the club with a persistent cough and without a medical certificate indicating that you are non-infectious, the director of the day must decide about your participation on the day. Considering the age range of our members and some with medical issues, the director is likely to rule on the cautious side and request you to leave.

A medical certificate will not require a decision to be made by the director. Any member then refusing to play against this member, will be awarded an average minus.

On Tuesday 28th November at 1.30pm, Ron Klinger will be attending the club and conducting a workshop for our members. The cost of the workshop will be \$20.00 per participant. The topic has not been finalised; thus, any suggestions would be appreciated.

Last month I thanked numerous members who helped with the past players morning tea.

Somehow, I forgot Jenny Crowth who supplied an excellent zucchini slice. Thanks Jenny.

Our Show Congress has finished and thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. Congratulations to the winners Josephina Burrie and Gidi Azar – well done. We are fast approaching the Cassowary Coast Congress and if you haven't entered as yet, it is not too late to do so.

We also have the FNQ Tropical Spring Pairs from the 1st – 3rd September. The club has joined forces with Malanda Bridge Club and the Tableland Bridge Club to try something new and get all our members involved in this unique FNQ event. The event will be held at the Atherton International Club, 60 Kennedy Highway in Atherton. The format will be the same as the Cassowary Coast Congress. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Our AGM will be held on the 26th of August 2023. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other members of the club.

Pippa and Andrew Hooper will be leaving Cairns soon, so the committee has decided to have a BBQ lunch after the meeting. This will give everyone the opportunity to say goodbye to them in a social environment. Both have done a great deal of work for the club over numerous years. In fact, Pippa was partner coordinator at the recent successful Barrier Reef Congress. Also, Andrew is a Life Member of our Club. Please put your name down on the attendance list in the club.

I will be away the first 18 days of August and during this time Anna O'Brien has agreed to act as President. Please give Anna your support. Happy bridging!

William van Bakel



Clubhouse Session times

+Monday afternoon (new) - 1:30pm
Tuesday morning - 9:30am
*Wednesday afternoon - 1:30pm
Wednesday evening - 7:15pm
Thursday afternoon - 1:30pm
**Friday afternoon - 1:30pm
Saturday afternoon - 1:30pm
+There is now a standby player for every Monday afternoon session. Come along with or without a partner.

*over 50 points only play with a partner under 50 points.

**Players with between 50 & 400 points must have a partner with fewer than 50 points. Players with more than 400 points must partner someone with fewer than 10 points.

COMING CAIRNS EVENTS

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

Red points online & *Green* points in the club.

Saturday, 5th August (15)
Thursday, 17th August (16)
Thursday, 31st August (17)
Thursday, 14th September (18)

CLUB LADDER

Club Ladder is well underway and each session is for **RED POINTS**. Here's the list of the dates. Remember, you need to have at least 4 different partners out of the 6 to stay in the competition.

2023 dates are:

1. 21st January
2. 4th March
3. 27th May
4. 8th July
5. **30th September**
6. 11th November



FRIDAY FORUM

1st Friday of the month @ 12:45pm
with Sandy Long

4th August: Light Openings
First in? Best dressed!

TEAMS

Thursday, 21st September
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE BOOK

ESME DODDS MEMORIAL PAIRS

RED POINTS

Saturdays, 19th & 26th August @ 1:30pm
Play in one or both

Esme Dodds was a club member whose husband donated a \$5000 trust, the interest from which is awarded as prize money for a two session pairs event. You can play just one session, but to be eligible for the overall award, you must play both sessions with the same partner.

SATURDAY PAIRS

RED POINTS

Saturdays 9th & 16th September
Play in both events **with the same partner**
to win overall red points.

SWINGING TEAMS

GREEN POINT EVENT

Saturdays, 7th & 14th October
3 Session Event
Saturday 7th @ 1:30pm
Saturday 14th @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
Teams of 4.

Play a session with each of your team mates.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 26th August 2023

To be held in the Club Rooms
commencing at 11:00am

MOTIONS to be included on the Agenda
to be emailed to the Secretary, Klarika Tortely,
no later than **Saturday 5th August 2023**.

info@cairnsbridgeclub.org.au

**Only financial members of the Cairns Bridge
Club will be entitled to vote.**

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

By Gidi Azar

2nd Saturday of each month

@ 11:30am

August: No lesson

(due to Cassowary Coast Congress)

9th Sept: Doubles Part 2

Other doubles (negative, support, re-opening, balancing, lead direction)

HINCHINBROOK CHALLENGE PAIRS INGHAM

16th – 17th September

Venue: Royal Hotel, Lannercost St, Ingham

<http://www.ingham.bridgeaustralia.org>

QBA FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

7th – 9th October

Venue: QLD Contract Bridge Club,

67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba

(more info on MyABF)

FURTHER AFIELD

CASSOWARY COAST CONGRESS

11th – 13th August, 2023

RED POINTS

Venue: The Mission Beach Resort,
Wongaling Beach

Director: Julie Jeffries

Friday @ 7pm - Walk-in Pairs

Saturday @ 10am – Session 1

Saturday @ 2:30pm – Session 2

Sunday @ 9am – Session 3

Cost: Swiss Pairs - \$130 per pair

(Includes sandwiches on Saturday)

(pay at table for walk-in pairs-\$10 each)

Enquiries: Gidi - 0448 480 200

OR William – 0414 430 145

Entries on Entry Form (Limit of 30 tables)



TERRITORY GOLD BRIDGE FESTIVAL – ALICE SPRINGS

GOLD POINTS

6th - 10th September 2023

Venue: Alice Springs Convention Centre

Chief Tournament Director: Matthew McManus

3 Events:

Matchpoint Pairs; Swiss Teams & Swiss Pairs

Matchpoint Pairs - Sept 6th 9.30am & 2.15 pm &
Sept 7th 9.30am

Swiss Teams - Sept 7th 2.15pm, Sept 8th 9.30am &
2.15pm

Swiss Pairs - Sept 9th & 10th at 9.30am & 2.15 pm

ALL WITH GOLD MASTERPOINTS & CASH PRIZES

Pay by Monday 7-8-23 to receive discount

For any queries, contact Eileen: 0409 677 356



FNQ TROPICAL SPRING PAIRS CONGRESS

RED POINTS

1st to 3rd September

Venue: Atherton International Club,
60 Kennedy Highway, Atherton

Friday 1st – 7pm – Walk-in Pairs

Saturday 2nd – 10am & 2pm – Pairs

Sunday 3rd – 10am – Pairs

Email: malandabridgeclub@gmail.com

for information, accommodation &
restaurants



RESULTS FOR LAST MONTH

CLUB LADDER

Results so far...

After 4 sessions, the top 3 players
according to total scores are:

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Terry Conlan | 228.76 |
| 2. Klarika Tortely | 217.61 |
| 3. Joy Trigg | 211.02 |



TUESDAY PAIRS

Tuesdays 4th & 11th July

1. Derek Sparkes & Michael Byrne
2. William van Bakel & Danny Bowden
3. Lois Pollock & Liz Litzow

CAIRNS SHOW CONGRESS

21st & 22nd July

CATEGORY A:

1. Gidi Azar & Josephina Burrie
2. Sandy Long & Tony Lusk

CATEGORY B:

1. Patricia Ottone & Kate Gargan

CATEGORY C:

1. Sonja de Rooy & Annemarie Stevenson

FNQ GNOT REGIONAL FINAL

MALANDA

Sunday, 30th July

1. William van Bakel, Michael Byrne,
Sandy Long & Tony Lusk
2. Margaret Azar, Sonja Ramsund,
Kate Gargan & Patricia Ottone
3. Jenny Cawt, Joy Trigg,
Joan Campbell & Pat Bruce

Nationwide Pairs Event (13)

Saturday 1st July – 374 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
24	Lusk, Long	62.173	0.300
25	Byrne, van Bakel	61.897	0.300
32	Dennis, Litzow	61.234	0.300
62	Navon, Ballantyne	57.269	0.300
79	Horseman, Conlan	55.767	0.200
84	Bruce, Tierney	55.473	0.200
141	Van Kruistum, van Kruistum	52.277	0.100
160	Gryg, Gryg	51.213	0.100
168	Maslen, Duncan	50.730	0.100
172	Thomas, Rial	50.567	0.100
175	Ingielewicz, Sleat	50.209	0.100
180	Kik-Kemp, Fleming	49.981	0.100
209	Winkworth, Trigg	48.283	0.000
214	Campbell, Cawt	47.913	0.000
215	Howard, Dempster	47.900	0.000
221	Mathieson, Mathieson	47.532	0.000
258	Manthey, Herbert	46.019	0.000
260	Sutherland, McCarthy	45.934	0.000
273	O'Brien, Flanagan	45.194	0.000
283	Bell, Peters	44.681	0.000
303	Van Basel, Wurzel	43.697	0.000
322	Frost, O'Gorman	42.359	0.000
372	Spurrier, Spurrier	31.155	0.000

Nationwide Pairs Event (14)

Saturday 15th July – Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
35	Van Kruistum, van Kruistum	58.952	0.300
61	Mathieson, Mathieson	56.436	0.300
90	Tierney, Bruce	54.911	0.200
93	Lusk, Long	54.649	0.200
109	Maslen, Conlan	53.752	0.200
120	Pollock, Ladner	52.860	0.200
121	Litzow, Margitta	52.849	0.200
142	Smith, van Basel	51.694	0.100
150	Burrie, Azar	51.133	0.100
154	Fraser, Delaney	50.876	0.100
167	Tortely, Trigg	50.324	0.100
171	McMahon, Zoia	50.284	0.100
173	Navon, Ballantyne	50.122	0.100
174	Manthey, Herbert	50.118	0.100
192	Dennis, Rial	48.989	0.000
194	Bell, Peters	48.933	0.000
201	Winkworth, O'Reilly	48.687	0.000
207	Thomas, Sutherland	48.360	0.000
227	McCarthy, Flanagan	47.599	0.000
237	Campbell, Cawt	47.157	0.000
253	Byrne, van Bakel	46.430	0.000
277	Spurrier, Spurrier	45.553	0.000
295	Firth, Firth	44.433	0.000
298	O'Brien, Clarke	44.378	0.000
333	Gryg, Gryg	41.280	0.000

August Birthdays

Terry Conlan	Margaret Sapwell
Klarika Torely	Bev Cooke
Pam Birkett	Josephina Burrie
Margo Chapman	Graham Harris
Patricia Bruce	Sue Barnard
Jan Cluff	Helen McCarthy
Annette Myers	Sonja de Rooy
Marg Jackson	Lynne Taylor
Brian Tierney	Bernie Mason
Harry Graepel	Collis Chinsee
Ann Kerr	Bridget Findley
Pamela Flanagan	Robyn Brettell
Tony Lusk	Dan Bowden
Annemarie Stevenson	





The Cairns Show Congress has concluded. Many thanks to our visiting Director, Julie Jeffries & to William and Joan for dealing all the boards plus all the other work they did to make this a success. And thanks to everyone who contributed to the morning and afternoon teas and also for participating! Here are the winners!

Category A:

1st. Josephina Burrie & Gidi Azar

2nd. Sandy Long & Tony Lusk

Category B:

1st. Patricia Ottone & Kate Gargan

Category C:

1st. Sonja de Rooy & Annemarie Stevenson

Well done to you all!!



Does Bergen Play Bergen?

Author: Larry Cohen

Date of publish: 03/22/2020

Level: General Interest

Conception: "Even Bergen Doesn't play Bergen Raises."

The Truth: FALSE

"I've heard that Marty Bergen doesn't play Bergen Raises."

What?

Why do I hear that so often?

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Bergen swears by Bergen Raises. He is the biggest proponent in the world of his convention.

When we were partners in the 1980's, Marty first invented (and sometimes modified) this convention. At the time, we were very successful with it.

Over the years, more and more people learned it and got used to playing against it. Some of the positive effect has worn off.

In my opinion, it is a fine convention, but it requires lots of partnership study and work. There are several variations--and partners need to agree on which version they are using. It is also essential (like with any convention) to know if Bergen Raises are on over interference (overcalls and/or doubles) and if they are on by a passed hand. Unless you want to study, work and memorize, don't use this (or any) convention.

But, please, let's not ask anymore if Bergen plays Bergen. The answer is a resounding: YES

(From: www.larryco.com)

Going to the **Gold Coast Congress** in February 2024 but haven't organised your accommodation yet?

How about **sharing a 2 bedroom & 2 bathroom apartment** at Markham Court (36 Australia Ave, Broadbeach), just a **5 minute walk to the Convention Centre**? 1 Queen bedroom with ensuite (\$700.00) or 2 singles with bathroom in laundry across the hallway (\$600.00), swimming pool, own underground carpark, close to restaurants, cafes and shops for 6 nights (check-in Saturday 17th February, check-out Friday 23rd February. The stay can be lengthened depending on availability).



For more photos or information, please contact Josephina on 0408 283 540.

AND NOW FOR A FEW WORDS FROM RON KLINGER'S BOOK, "THE BRIDGE PLAYER WHO LAUGHED"

A bridge student was telling his former teacher how his partner had passed his strong jump-shift response. The teacher offered sympathy and then added: 'Well, he's still learning. He'll do better as time goes by.'

But the resourceful student had found a solution:

'Oh, everything turned out all right,' he explained. 'I just took my own bid out to 3 No-trumps.'



All members who are not already registered for MyABF will be receiving an email inviting them to register.

It is not compulsory but we are encouraging it.

If you are having any difficulties registering you are welcome to call Julie Duncan (0419 711 578) and she will assist you.

til' September
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(From 'Go Ahead, Laugh' by Jude Goodwin)