



CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB CAPERS

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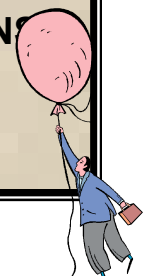
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**Annual Subscriptions for
2023/2024 are now due:
\$70**

See Peerapan Maslen OR
a Committee member OR pay online:
BSB: 633000
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President's Corner

William is now in Alice Springs with Michael Byrne competing in the Territory Gold Bridge Festival. We wish them all the best – below is Williams's report for the recent AGM:

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for the last 12 months.

It has been an interesting year with the highlight being the Barrier Reef Congress in April/May. We initially started work on the BRC with a garage sale as a fund raiser. The event, after 18 months of planning, proved to be popular and successful. Our most challenging task in running this event was finding a suitable venue. Four years ago when we last ran the BRC, we held the event at the Casino. Then they charged us \$2,500 per day – which was just within our budget. When we contacted the Casino again, they told us the price was now \$7,500 per day which would come to \$30,000. Furthermore, we were required to have a luncheon on the last day which would bring the total cost to \$36,000. Our correspondence asking them to review the hire rate was ignored. Eight years ago when we ran the BRC, we were at the Hilton and they even sponsored us. They wanted \$9,500 per day; thus, over a 3-month period we looked at every venue between Cairns and Port Douglas. At one stage we thought we had found a venue at Tank 3 in the Botanical Gardens. However, add-ons and facility issues ruled that out. We had to settle on The Colonial Club and while it wasn't ideal due to lack of disability access, it proved to be acceptable. The other issue was the limited space as we could only fit in sixty-four tables. We filled this quite quickly, and we ended up stretching that to sixty-six tables as players had booked airfares and accommodation but had not put in their entry.

Financially the BRC and activities were successful. The Garage Sale made \$1,825.10; the

Raffle made \$2,009.00. This brought the net figure for the BRC to \$21,539.37.

The committee has decided to use these funds for improvements around the club. We have recently purchased twenty new bridgemates from the funds. Our electrical switchboard desperately needs work and an update. The club room has not been painted for 15 years and needs to be refreshed. Our air-conditioning system is proving troublesome and needs to be reviewed. While we will apply for grants, they are not always available.

Our congresses were all successful and for the first time in quite a while, we made a profit. Thanks to Julie Jeffries for directing our Show Congress and the Cassowary Coast Congress 2023 and for giving us a generous discount. Thanks as well to Rick Gryg who also did not charge for directing the Novice Congress.

After the cancellation of our September Congress last year, we decided to try something different this year. After discussion with Malanda Bridge Club and Tablelands Bridge Club, we decided to combine our resources and have the Congress at the International Club in Atherton. The event will be run next week and so far, we have nineteen tables. In the future, all our congresses will be run through myABF. The current system is cumbersome and difficult to negotiate.

We stopped our involvement with BBO on 1st August after 3 plus years due to the low local uptake. The numbers had dwindled, and some players preferred robots for which we received no return. Huge thanks to everyone involved, especially Michael Byrne who was the instigator also Andrew Hooper, Jan Cluff, Grant Richmond, and Rick Gryg.

Julie Duncan is retiring from the committee. Personally, I am sad to see Julie leave as she has been a valuable member and contributor

to the club. She spent numerous years as our secretary and for the last 12 months she has been involved with our website. While not on the committee, Julie will continue with the website, especially ensuring all our players are aware of and enrolled with myABF. My personal thanks for her contribution and support.

Cheryl Parks is leaving the committee also. A huge thanks for Cheryl's contribution as the dealer of the BRC boards – without one mistake. The job took months, and the effort was appreciated by the BRC organizing committee.

All the other committee members: Joan, Klarika, Peerapan, Rick, Lesley and Gidi are returning, and I thank them for their past contribution and future workload.

No club can be successful without support and contribution from its members – my thanks to our Directors, card dealers, teachers, Friday and Saturday content presenters; partners and newsletter; kitchen helpers; supervised play presenters; cup collectors; money collectors; bottle and cans disposal, TV slides and garden maintenance. Saying just thank you seems inadequate, but your contribution is acknowledged and appreciated.

On a confusing and frustrating note, we have had someone rearrange cards after they have been dealt through moving cards from one box to another thus causing confusion during play. We have started a forensic review of the last few weeks' footage to provide a further explanation.

As our treasurer will explain to you, we have made a gain of \$29,409.22 for the year. However, we need to remove all the income we received from non-core contributions. The figure is \$25,675.76 thus giving us a gain of \$3,733.46 for the year. Plus, if we remove BBO, then the gain is \$1,053.20. We have been notified by the ABF and QBA that the yearly subscription will increase to \$20 a member; an increase of around

23%. The committee, having examined next year's budget, is requesting approval to increase the membership fee from \$60 to \$70 and I seek your support with that recommendation.

The Cairns Bridge Club has 210+ members with various degrees of expectation of the club and committee. Various players are competitive and play in Congresses etc. However, there are an ever-increasing number of members who enjoy bridge in a more social environment and thus choose to play on Wednesdays and Fridays only. This does not mean that those days are not competitive, just in a different environment.

26/08/23

William van Bakel



Clubhouse Session times

Monday afternoon - 1:30pm
(a standby is available for every Monday session)
Tuesday morning - 9:30am
*Wednesday afternoon - 1:30pm
Wednesday evening - 7:15pm
Thursday afternoon - 1:30pm
**Friday afternoon - 1:30pm
Saturday afternoon - 1:30pm

*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.

Thursday, 14th September (18)

Thursday, 5th October (19)

Saturday, 21st October (20)

Saturday, 4th November (21)

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**

8th Sept: Our Question, Your Answer

13th Oct: The Amazing Moysian

(NB: both Sept & Oct will be 2nd Fridays)

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

By Gidi Azar

2nd Saturday of each month

*These lessons are **cancelled** for the moment.*

TEAMS

Thursday, 21st September

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE BOOK

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.

THURSDAY PAIRS

RED POINTS

Thursdays 12th & 19th October

Play in both events **with the same partner** to win overall red points.

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

RED POINTS

Sunday, 29th October

2 Session event @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

Nominate teams of up to 6 players
in the Club Event List

for your chance to get your name in **gold**
Free event for all club members!





CLUB NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, 5th November
2 Session event @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

Overall winners get their names up in **gold paint** on the championship board!!

Please write your name on the list in the folder

Free event for all club members!

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, 19th November

2 Session event @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

Nominate in the Club Event Book

for your chance to get your name in **gold**.

Free event for all club members!



CLUB MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, 25th November

2 Session event @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

This is our first mixed pairs event & your chance to get your

name on our newest Honour Board.

Find your partner now

Free event for all club members!

FURTHER AFIELD

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)

RESULTS FOR LAST MONTH

CASSOWARY COAST CONGRESS

11th – 13th August, 2023

OPEN:

1. Bill Redhead & Pat Leighton
2. Peerapan Maslen & Tony Lusk
3. Margaret Azar & Sonja Ramsund

INTERMEDIATE:

1. Patricia Ottone & Kate Gargan
2. Sue Hosie & Lynn Viegel

RESTRICTED:

1. Sandrine Taillardat & Harry Graepel
2. Jo Gillis & Andree Galeano

NOVICE:

1. Melissa Pressley & Robyn Boase
2. Deb Morison & Bridget Findley

(See photos from page 7)



ESME DODDS MEMORIAL PAIRS

Saturdays, 19th & 26th August

1. Tony Lusk & Sandy Long
2. Pippa Hooper & Andrew Hooper
3. Carol Dennis & Helen Rial

FNQ TROPICAL SPRING PAIRS CONGRESS

1st to 3rd September

OPEN

1. Tony Lusk & Peerapan Maslen
2. Angela Little & Robyn Nolan
3. Rebecca Delaney & Lesley Fraser

INTERMEDIATE

1. Kate Gargan & Patricia Ottone
2. Andy Mathieson & Dave Mathieson

RESTRICTED

1. Doris Cooper & Savvy Francis
2. John Sainsbury & Patricia Alderton

NOVICE

1. Ursula Thiessen & Melissa Pressley
2. Donna Ward & Elizabeth Davis



Nationwide Pairs Event (15)

Saturday 5th August – 368 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
21	Delaney, Fraser	62.323	0.300
27	Lusk, Maslen	61.841	0.300
35	Taillardat, Graepel	60.495	0.300
66	Firth, Firth	57.996	0.300
77	Thomas, Rial	57.221	0.200
97	Hooper, Hooper	55.614	0.200
105	Litzow, Byrne	54.706	0.200
111	Burrie, Azar	54.350	0.200
126	Brown, Margitta	53.128	0.200
139	Bruce, Tierney	52.422	0.100
171	Bundesen, Kearney	50.489	0.100
183	Manthey, Herbert	49.981	0.100
203	Sutherland, McCarthy	49.113	0.000
209	Winkworth, Trigg	49.013	0.000
224	Waters, Cluff	48.209	0.000
235	Mathieson, Mathieson	47.610	0.000
238	Donoghue, Nikolic	47.440	0.000
246	Flanagan, O'Brien	46.997	0.000
251	Peters, Bell	46.825	0.000
261	Dempster, Howard	45.805	0.000
282	Magill, Bowden	44.539	0.000
306	Ingielewicz, Sleat	42.528	0.000
308	Conlan, Norrie	42.306	0.000
314	Frost, O'Gorman	41.796	0.000
337	Spurrier, Spurrier	39.343	0.000
344	Wurzel, Van Basel	37.912	0.000

Nationwide Pairs Event (16)

Thursday 17th August – 408 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
13	Lusk, Long	63.995	0.417
69	Frost, van Kruistum	57.247	0.300
89	Howard, Conlan	56.010	0.200
91	Litzow, Tortely	55.867	0.200
101	Hooper, Hooper	55.533	0.200
128	Flanagan, McCarthy	53.913	0.200
134	Tierney, Byrne	53.224	0.200
149	Jones, Jones	52.487	0.100
156	Bruce, Card	52.182	0.100
193	Thomas, Horseman	50.802	0.100
201	Rial, Bowden	50.213	0.100
230	Silman, Czarny	48.753	0.000
264	Wurzel, van Kruistum	47.078	0.000
294	Chapman, Turner	45.901	0.000
305	Martin, Bastow	44.892	0.000
311	Gilbert, O'Brien	44.506	0.000
321	Winkworth, Mathieson	44.007	0.000
339	Morison, Norrie	42.939	0.000
343	Zoia, O'Gorman	42.585	0.000
383	Ryan, Taylor	37.867	0.000

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

A group of bridge players was relaxing poolside before the afternoon duplicate. One gentleman decided to impress the ladies with his diving 'expertise' but as he bounced up and down on the board, he slipped off and fell into the pool.

Being no great swimmer, he sank. As he struggled to the surface, he panicked. 'Give me a hand,' he shouted, then sank again and struggled up again. 'Give me a hand!'

Just as he was going down for the third time, a helpful bridge player obliged: 'You hold ace-king to four, singleton heart, king doubleton in diamonds and ...'

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





A Bridge game at the Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club in Devon. *(Posted by Rick Gryg 9-8-23)*

The Cassowary Coast Congress is well underway. The winners of last night's Walk-in Pairs was Pat Leighton & Bill Redhead from Townsville (N/S) & our very own Cobie & Simon van Kruistum (E/W). *(Posted 12-8-23)*



Sunrise over Wongaling Beach thanks to earlybird Barbara Howard. *(Posted 13-8-23)*



The Cassowary Coast Congress has come to a successful end. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it so, in particular Josephina & John, & Gidi, also our fabulous director, Julie Jeffries & our ever cheerful caddy, Josie!

Winners are:

OPEN:

1. Bill Redhead & Pat Leighton
2. Peerapan Maslen & Tony Lusk
3. Margaret Azar & Sonja Ramsund

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Well done to everyone and in particular to all the novices!

Drive home safely & hope to see you all again soon at the FNQ Tropical Spring Pairs Congress on 1st September 🌴





We had our AGM today. Most committee members are staying on another year with the exception of Julie Duncan & Cheryl Parks Thank you all for all the hard work and time you have put into keeping the club ticking and particularly for the massive effort required to make the BRC the success it was! We know our club continues to be in excellent hands.

The new committee are the remaining members:

President: William van Bakel

Vice President: Joan Campbell

Treasurer: Peerapan Maslen

Secretary: Klarika Tortely

Committee: Lesley Fraser, Rick Gryg, Anna O'Brien & Gidi Azar

This leaves 2 positions open. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let one of them know. So subscription fees are now due for everyone. This is now \$70 for the year due to the large increase to ABF/QBA annual fees. *(Posted 26-8-23)*

The AGM was followed by a BBQ lunch & afternoon tea to farewell Andrew and Pippa who will be moving south in a few weeks. For sure they will both be sorely missed as they are both very long-standing and hardworking members of the club. In fact Andrew is a life member. We hope you will both be back to visit us!!!

All the best Andrew & Pippa and thank you for the many years of service you have put into our club! *(Posted 26-8-23)*



The **FNQ Tropical Spring Congress** is well underway under director Steven Murray. 🌞 🌊

Results for last night's Walk-In Pairs:
N/S Reg Burton & Charlie Georgees (T'ville)
E/W John Sainsbury & William van Bakel
(Tablelands & Cairns)

After one session, Lesley & Rebecca are leading the way. Can they keep their spot or have they peaked too early?? Stay tuned!!!



FNQ Tropical Swiss Pairs Congress has come to an end. Many thanks to William, Malcolm & Margaret for their hard work & collaborative effort to make this a success. Steven Murray was a very calm & patient Director & of course everyone loves our brilliant caddy, Josie!! 😊

So, the results are:.....

OPEN

1. Tony Lusk & Peerapan Maslen
2. Angela Little & Robyn Nolan
3. Rebecca Delaney & Lesley Fraser

INTERMEDIATE

1. Kate Gargan & Patricia Ottone
2. Andy Mathieson & Dave Mathieson

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1. Doris Cooper & Savvy Francis
2. John Sainsbury & Patricia Alderton

NOVICE

1. Ursula Thiessen & Melissa Pressley
2. Donna Ward & Elizabeth Davis

Once again our novice players are punching well above their weight!

Well done everyone & enjoy the next congress in Ingham in 2 weeks time 😊







Should I Transfer (with a minor)?

Author: Larry Cohen

Date of publish: 04/02/2017

Level: Beginner to Intermediate

In this article, we assume partner opened 1NT (15-17).

As responder, with a five-card (or longer) **MAJOR**, I *always* recommend transferring. But, with a five-card (or longer) minor, it is a completely different ballgame.

With the major, transferring allows you to play on the two-level. But, with a minor, a transfer puts you on the three level. Why would you want to play in 3♣ instead of 1NT if you held, say:

♠ Q6 ♥ J76 ♦ 765 ♣ Q8765?

Just because you can transfer to a minor, doesn't mean you should transfer to the minor.

What if you held:

♠ KJ ♥ 542 ♦ AQ875 ♣ Q54?

Why bother showing the diamonds? You want to be in 3NT, so bid 3NT.

Just because you can transfer to a minor, doesn't mean you should transfer to the minor.

Even with a six-card minor, why show it if you want to be in 3NT no matter what? Raise 1NT to 3NT with:

♠ J4 ♥ J3 ♦ K32 ♣ KQJ765.

Just because you can transfer to a minor, doesn't mean you should transfer to the minor.

Why is this different from the handling of a five-plus card major? Because minors pay only 20 points a trick. To bid game in a minor, you need to be on the five level! When partner opens 1NT, I'd guess that five-of-a-minor is the right contract less than 2% of the time. If there is a game, it is "always" in 3NT or a major.

Furthermore, with a bad hand and a major, you can let partner play it on the 2 level. With a bad hand and a minor, you'd have to reach the 3 level (not something you want to do with only a 5-card minor).

If you have a decent hand with a four-card major and a longer minor, you can start with Stayman and then show the minor. For example, responder to 1NT has:

♠ Q832 ♥ -- ♦ J76 ♣ AQ8652.

He starts with 2♣. If partner bids spades, life is easy (raise to game). If partner doesn't bid 2♠, then the minor can be shown--3♣ (assuming the partnership plays this as forcing). In this case, responder doesn't want to insist on 3NT. But, with flat hands (as in the earlier examples), responder should insist on no trump instead of looking for greener pastures.

When would you transfer?

When would responder actually start with a transfer to a minor?

- o If she wants to play in three-of-a-minor! Why would she want to? She has at least a six-card minor and thinks that 3♣ (or 3♦) would have a better chance than 1NT. As examples, I'd prefer to play in three-of-my-minor with either of these hands:

♠ 3 ♥ 654 ♦ QJ10965 ♣ 543 or
♠ 6 ♥ 765 ♦ 43 ♣ J765432.

In fact, when you have a weak hand and a 6+ card minor, I recommend always playing in 3 of the minor instead of 1NT (in 1NT, your minor will often produce 0 tricks!).

- o If she has slam interest. Transferring to a minor and then bidding 3NT shows mild slam interest. With each of these hands, you can transfer and then bid 3NT to invite slam:

♠ K2 ♥ AJ7 ♦ KJ9765 ♣ K3 or
♠ Q5 ♥ KQ8 ♦ K2 ♣ AJ10765.

Start with a transfer and next bid 3NT. How will partner know you have slam interest? Because if you didn't, you would have just raised 1NT to 3NT. That is why it would be a big mistake to start with a transfer with something like:

♠ 54 ♥ 32 ♦ 65 ♣ AKJ9765— you are always going to play in 3NT, so just bid it!

- o She has an unbalanced hand where she isn't sure she wants to be in 3NT. (In some methods, you can transfer to the minor and then show your shortness). For example, start with a transfer with:

♠- ♥J6 ♦Q1076 ♣AKJ7654 or
♠K42 ♥5 ♦AJ9654 ♣A93

SUMMARY

If you have no interest in playing in the minor, then don't transfer! If you might end up with your minor as the trump suit, then show it. It is as simple as that.

Just because you can transfer to a minor, doesn't mean you should transfer to the minor.

(From: www.larryco.com)



Our new website is now live thanks to many long hours put in by Julie Duncan. For any feedback, let Julie know.

Also if you need help joining up with MyABF, Julie will be happy to assist (0419 711 578).

If you are needing help finding a partner, let me know – Andy Mathieson – details below.

And remember, there is always a standby available for Monday afternoons, so you can come along with or without a partner.

til' October
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