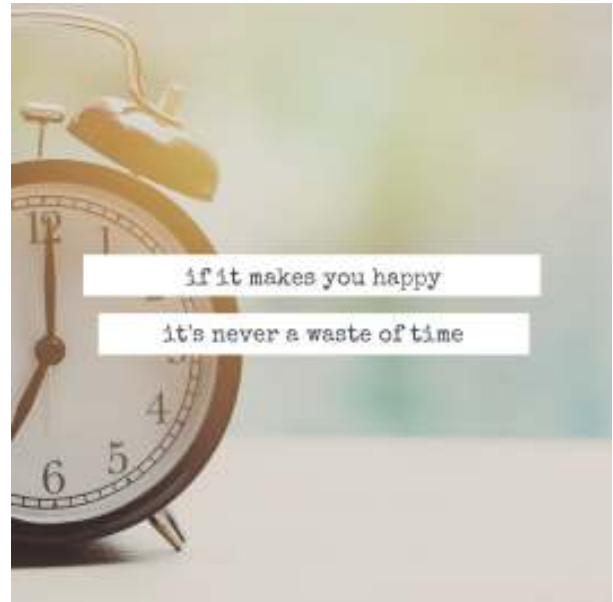




CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB CAPERS

October, 2023

www.cairnsbridgeclub.org.au



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- Secretary - Klarika Tortely`**
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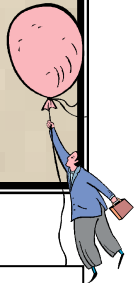
Andrew Hooper & Julie Duncan

Zonal Delegates

Jan Cluff & Michael Byrne

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

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| Joan Norrie | Silver Local Master |
| Melissa Pressley | Silver Local Master |
| Yana Kappel | Local Master |
| Ruth Halpin | Local Master |



Annual Subscriptions for 2023/2024 are now due:

\$70

See Peerapan Maslen OR
a Committee member OR pay online:

BSB: 633000

A/C No: 153586227

Ref: (use your ABF or Club No.)

*You must be a financial member to participate
in the club championships*



President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

We are approaching the last quarter of the year and this means we will be holding our club championship events over the next two months. They are also known as the 'gold paint' events.

We start with the Club Teams event on Sunday 29th October at 9.30am followed by the Novice Pairs Championships on Sunday 5th November. To be eligible for the Novice Pairs event you must have less than 100MPS on 1st August 2023. Two weeks later we have the Club Pairs Championships for which every financial member is eligible.

Then we are trying a new event – Mixed Pairs Championships. As the title suggests, it is for mixed pairs. However, if you are unable to find an available male (we have around 60) then you can still play – just not win the Mixed Pair title. We had already purchased the board before covid, but due to circumstances the event was not run. I know it has created some discussion, but it is quite a common event at most bridge clubs. It is not in our book, but the event will be run on Saturday, 25th November commencing at 1.30pm.

As was discussed at our AGM, the vacant block of land between us and the Serbian Club will become the home of the Cairns Big Band within the next 12 months. They have recently provided us with building plans for their proposed building. The plans are available for perusal at the club for interested members, including a feedback sheet.

The club recently received several boxes of bridge books from the Estate of Ev Turner. Our librarian, Cobie van Kruistum, indicated that many of the books are duplicates and recommended that we give them to interested members. Thus, you will see a table at the club with free bridge books. Please help yourself.

Just a reminder that if you are not feeling well, including dizzy spells, it is best to take extra precautions and stay home. While the popular press

has tended not to publish statistics any more, Covid19 is still within our community and when you sneeze etc., please use the sanitizer around the club. If in doubt take the cautious approach.

Congratulations to all our members for their efforts at the various congresses, especially Joan Campbell and Joy Trigg for winning the Ingham Pairs. Well done everybody.

We are holding supervised play on a Thursday morning from 10am to just after noon for any member who is interested. No partner is needed, just turn up.

On Tuesday, 28th November at 1.30pm Ron Klinger will be conducting a workshop at our club. Ron is a renowned bridge teacher with around a dozen published books (we have them in our library). The cost will be \$20.00 per attendee.

The Melbourne Cup is only a month away and as usual we will play bridge till 1pm and then share food before the Cup is run at 2pm. There is a Melbourne Club list in the club requesting you print your name and if you are bringing savoury or sweets. A Melbourne Cup sweep will be conducted.

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday, 9th December commencing at 12.30pm with savoury dishes; then during the break in bridge, sweets will be served. The bridge playing format will be like last year. An attendance list is in the club for you to register your attendance. The day is limited to 120 members – please ensure if you register that you attend.

Happy bridging

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, 5th October (19)
Saturday, 21st October (20)
Saturday, 4th November (21)
Saturday, 18th November (22)

CLUB LADDER

There is just one more chance to get a place in the Club Ladder this year. You need to have at least 4 different partners out of the 6 to stay in the competition. If you don't qualify for the Club Ladder at this late stage of the year, no problem – you still have a chance to score some **RED POINTS** on the day.

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

13th Oct: The Amazing Moysian
(NB: Oct will be on the 2nd Friday)

TEAMS

Thursday, 14th December
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE BOOK

SWINGING TEAMS

GREEN POINT EVENT

Saturdays, 7th & 14th October
NO REGULAR SATURDAY PLAY

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
1 Session event @ 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!

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, 2nd November
Come and join in the cup festivities after the bridge session.
Get a ticket in the sweep & bring along a plate of food to share at lunch - then stay to watch the race.

Please write your name on the event list & state if you are bringing a savoury or sweet.



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, 9th December @ 12:30pm
Limited to 120 people
Put your name on the list if you wish to attend

FURTHER AFIELD

COMBINED CLUBS ATHERTON

RED POINTS

Saturday, 2nd December
2 sessions **8:30am** for 9am start
Come & enjoy the fine hospitality of the Tablelands club

2023 GOLD COAST

62nd International Bridge Congress



GOLD COAST
congress

GOLD POINTS

18th – 23rd February, 2024
Venue: The Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Broadbeach
Entry to this Congress is OPEN – go onto MYABF to enter.

RESULTS FOR LAST MONTH

SATURDAY PAIRS

RED POINTS

Saturdays 9th & 16th September

1. Pippa Hooper & Andrew Hooper
2. Frances Winkworth & Robyn O'Reilly
3. Sandrine Taillardat & Harry Graepel

HINCHINBROOK CHALLENGE PAIRS INGHAM

16th – 17th September

1. Joy Trigg & Joan Campbell
2. Stephen Vigh & Danny Benedetto (Ingham)
3. Simon van Kruistum & Cobie van Kruistum

COMBINED CLUBS MALANDA

Monday, 2nd October

1. Rick Gryg & Paul Jansen
2. Camilla Nicholson & Klarika Tortely
3. Pat Bruce & Brian Tierney

Nationwide Pairs Event (17)

Saturday 31st August – **NO RESULT RECORDED**

Nationwide Pairs Event (18)

Thursday 14th September – 337 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
21	Gryg, Pollock	62.499	0.300
28	Nicholson, Tortely	60.962	0.300
50	Tierney, Horseman	58.389	0.300
51	Driver, Byrne	58.368	0.300
66	Firth, Firth	56.564	0.300
99	Litzow, Bowden	54.144	0.200
102	Van Bakel, Azar	54.027	0.200
117	Read, Read	53.287	0.200
120	Ruderman, Sparkes	52.998	0.100
135	McCarthy, Flanagan	51.864	0.100
145	Dickson, Jones	51.213	0.100
168	Kik-Kemp, Clarke	49.849	0.100
188	Chapman, Turner	48.428	0.000
196	Conlan, van Kruistum	48.181	0.000
200	Sutherland, Howard	48.010	0.000
202	Thomas, Rial	47.916	0.000
211	Bruce, Zoia	47.355	0.000
216	Ryan, Nykamp	47.102	0.000
252	Frost, O'Gorman	44.932	0.000
262	Gilbert, O'Brien	44.454	0.000
283	Mathieson, Winkworth	42.658	0.000
303	Salu, Salu	39.810	0.000
306	Van Kruistum, Wurzel	39.630	0.000
320	Pressley, De Rooy	37.864	0.000



The Hinchinbrook Challenge Ingham's Bridge Congress was won by our own Joan & Joy!



Cobie & Simon came 3rd overall! Even though they were in the B section. Well done! Unfortunately, we had no one in the C & D sections! So come on Cairns players, it's a very friendly Congress with delicious Chinese Presentation Lunch. Hopefully, next year we'll have a bigger representation!



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

A few winters ago, power shortages in New South Wales led to blackouts rostered during the evenings in different areas. On one evening at the NSW Bridge Association, halfway through the session all the lights suddenly went out. The stunned silence was broken only by a solitary voice, obviously from a declarer faced with a hopeless contract:

"Thank you, Lord!"



ABF NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

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



The Penalty Double has Died and Gone to Heaven

Author: Larry Cohen

Date of publish: 07/07/2010

Level: Intermediate

Those were the words of my good friend, Bernie Chazen. Sadly, he is now in heaven with those penalty doubles, but his words still ring true here on planet Earth.

In 2008, Bernie and I gave a full 2-day seminar on doubles. To start things off, Bernie waddled up to the stage (only those who knew Bernie can picture him with his 300+ pounds, suspenders, confident attitude...) and uttered those words. Then, we spent hours and hours showing how rare it is for a double to actually mean: "I want to increase the penalty."

Without going into extreme detail, here is a wonderful guideline:

A double on the first round of bidding is never for penalty.

Here are some examples:

1)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4♥	Dbl		

North's double is NOT a penalty double. Is it really likely he will have been dealt hearts?

2)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4♣	Dbl		

North's double is NOT a penalty double. Why should this be different from #1?

3)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	4♣	Dbl	

East' double is NOT a penalty double. Is it likely he has spades? Negative doubles should be played on ALL levels (not through 3♣ or anything like that. In fact, the more they bid, the less likely you are to have their suit.)

4)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	4♣	Dbl

South's double is NOT a penalty double. One suit he does not have is spades.

5)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	Pass	2♥(weak)	Dbl

South's double is NOT a penalty double. Cater to takeout, not to penalty.

6)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	Pass	4♣	Dbl

South's double is NOT a penalty double. Same as #5.

All of these doubles are takeout/card showing. They say: "Partner, I have a good hand. I am interested in hearing from you." If the double is on the 4-level (as in 1,2,3,4,6), it will frequently be left in. Not because the partner of the doubler has good trumps (unlikely), but because he has nothing to take out to. If a 4-level bid is doubled for "takeout" you take it out with shape -- a long suit (usually 5+ cards). If the partner of the doubler is 4-3-3-3, he will typically leave it in and hope to beat them. But, don't lose the main point: THE DOUBLE IS NOT INTENDED FOR PENALTIES.

(From: www.larryco.com)

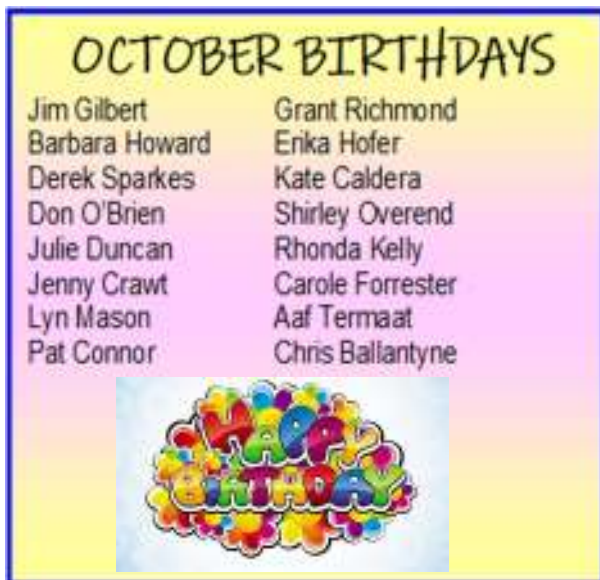


Our new website is now live thanks to many long hours put in by Julie Duncan. For any feedback, let Julie know.

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' November
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