



CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB CAPERS

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MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Gidi Azar	Life Master
Vince Agius	Silver Local Master
Sonja de Rooy	Bronze Local Master
Wayne Lyons	Local Master



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

A beginner had just started playing duplicate and was very, very nervous. On an early hand when her partner called 4 No-trumps, she knew just what she was supposed to do, so she confidently replied: 'Five... five... uh... aces!'



President's Corner

February is upon us already and January was so busy for me, I forgot about the newsletter report. Andy had to remind me this morning.

Australia Day Inter-club event was successful with 19.5 tables, our largest attendance since Covid19. Thanks to everyone for their participation and contribution of food/nibbles. Special thanks to Joan Campbell for her multiple cheesecakes; they are always a hit. Just a reminder that if you put your name on the list in the club; it is expected you will turn up. If you are unable to attend, then please remove your name from the list. Our apologies to those members who were unable to play.

We have paid our deposit for the kitchen renovations and are waiting on a start day. The hot water system must have known that something was going on because it decided to stop working, hence the urns. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Our trainee directors: Cheryl, Elaine and Marjan, are enjoying the experience and doing well. If a decision takes longer than normal, your patience is appreciated. Huge thanks to Josephina Burrie for her teaching and guidance, you should be proud of your output.

Our lessons for 2024 have started and from what I saw yesterday, we had an excellent turn out for the morning classes with 4.5 tables. Lesley Fraser tells me they are happy with the night group; they had 9 students and they all seem switched on and keen.

Supervised play has started again on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am. The format is that we discuss bidding issues that you have experienced; then we play boards that have been played at the club during the previous week. When issues arise with bidding and play, they are discussed.

There is no more news on the vacant block next door regarding a start date of their building as yet.

Our first Congress in 2024 is our Easter Congress; ALL entries are to be on myABF (including walk-ins) and if you need help, please ask Cheryl Parks on 0407 770 114. Julie Duncan works full time so please do not contact her during working hours. Thanks to those members who have already entered. Form a team and have an enjoyable weekend; or just enjoy the pairs.

All those members going to the Gold Coast this month, do well but enjoy the experience.

Happy bridging

William van Bakel



RANGE OF AGES

Amongst all the games and sports, bridge surely has the biggest age gap between the oldest and youngest players. Florence Chadwick of Yorkshire in England followed the tournament circuit at the age of 103. Meanwhile, players as young as 7 have competed in duplicate events.

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

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.

As these dates do not appear in our club program, this is the list of dates we have so far – please add them to your calendar...

- (3) Thurs 1st February
- (4) Sat 17th February
- (5) Thurs 29th February
- (6) Sat 16th March
- (7) Sat 6th April
- (8) Sat 20 April
- (9) Thurs 2nd May
- (10) Sat 18th May
- (11) Thurs 30th May
- (12) Sat 15th June
- (13) Thurs 4th July
- (14) Thurs 18th July
- (15) Sat 3rd August
- (16) Thurs 15 August
- (17) Thurs 5th September
- (18) Thurs 19th September
- (19) Thurs 3rd October
- (20) Thurs 17th October

FRIDAY FORUM

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

2nd Feb: Bid Reverse? – Go Forward!



CLUB LADDER

Now is the time to start planning for 2024! To stay in the competition, you need to have at least 4 different partners out of the 6 sessions.

2024 dates are:

1. 20th January
2. **2nd March**
3. 25th May
4. 6th July
5. 21st September
6. 9th November



TEAMS

Tuesday, 12th March

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE BOOK

JOYCE ATKINSON MEMORIAL CUP PAIRS

2 Session **RED** Point Event
Saturdays, 3rd & 10th February
@ 1:30pm

Play in both sessions with the same partner to win overall red points



THURSDAY PAIRS

RED POINTS

Thursday 14th March

A one session event

with the chance for some red points.

CAIRNS EASTER CONGRESS

MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS
& SWISS TEAMS

RED POINT EVENT

29th March – 1st April

6 Session Event

Director: Julie Jeffries

BYO Lunch

Friday @ 1:30pm **Walk-in Pairs**

Saturday @ 9:30am & 1:30pm **Pairs**

Sunday @ 9:30am & 1:30pm **Teams**

Monday @ 9:30am **Teams**

All Entries on MyABF – including Walk-in Pairs

FURTHER AFIELD

2023 GOLD COAST

62nd International Bridge Congress



GOLD COAST
congress

GOLD POINTS

18th – 23rd February, 2024

Venue: The Gold Coast Convention &
Exhibition Centre, Broadbeach

Go onto MYABF to enter.

INTERCLUB Malanda

RED POINTS

Monday, 4th March @ 9am & 1pm

Enjoy the Tableland hospitality with this
combined clubs event.

GNOT QUALIFYING HEAT

ATHERTON

GOLD POINTS – 2 Sessions

Saturday, 16th March

@ 9am & 1pm

There will be an entry form for this teams event.



28th BARRIER REEF CONGRESS 2024 - Mackay

GOLD POINTS

3rd - 6th May

Venue: Mackay Showgrounds, Milton St

Walk-in Pairs: Fri @ 9:30am (\$30/pair at session)

Swiss Pairs (Open, Restricted & Novice):

Friday @ 2pm & Sat @ 9:30am

Swiss Teams (Open & BRC 300):

Saturday @ 1:30pm;

Sunday @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

& Monday @ 9am

Farewell Luncheon: Monday after play

Chief Tournament Director: Jan Peach

Senior Director: Peter Busch

*Entry to this Congress is OPEN –
go onto MYABF to enter.*

RESULTS FOR LAST MONTH

AUSTRALIA DAY CAIRNS INTERCLUB

Friday, 26th January

1. Tony Lusk & Sandy Long
2. Sue Hosie & Margaret Azar
3. Sonja Ramsund & Kate Gargan



Nationwide Pairs Event (1)

Saturday 6th January – 288 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
18	Lusk, Maslen	61.453	0.300
44	Delaney, Fraser	57.402	0.300
61	Tierney, Bruce	55.613	0.200
80	Tortely, Crawl	53.766	0.200
85	Firth, Firth	53.598	0.200
96	Gryg, Gryg	52.919	0.200
99	Van Kruistum, van Kruistum	52.868	0.200
107	Thomas, Rial	52.003	0.100
109	Pollock, Ladner	51.955	0.100
140	Nicholson, Knobel	50.711	0.100
152	Dickson, Jones	49.888	0.000
171	Winkworth, Trigg	48.432	0.000
177	Howard, Dempster	47.969	0.000
179	Azar, van Bakel	47.812	0.000
191	Sutherland, McCarthy	47.134	0.000
197	Mathieson, Mathieson	47.000	0.000
225	O'Reilly, Campbell	44.887	0.000
233	Frost, O'Gorman	43.830	0.000
240	Zoia, Horseman	43.406	0.000
275	Waters, Cluff	37.354	0.000

Nationwide Pairs Event (2)

Thursday, 18th January – 431 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
16	Lusk, Long	61.466	0.333
97	Clarke, Lyons	55.335	0.200
102	Brooker, Howard	55.111	0.200
112	Van Bakel, Azar	54.766	0.200
128	Horseman, Thomas	53.959	0.200
129	Bruce, Card	53.871	0.200
140	Byrne, Tierney	53.421	0.200
155	Firth, Firth	52.513	0.100
161	Jones, Dickson	52.384	0.100
166	De Rooy, Pressley	52.341	0.100
180	Nicholson, Tortely	51.675	0.100
216	Sutherland, Campbell	49.972	0.000
291	O'Gorman, Zoia	46.776	0.000
304	Frost, van Basel	46.407	0.000
370	Gilbert, Houghton	43.011	0.000
380	Winkworth, Mathieson	42.001	0.000
397	Chapman, Turner	40.046	0.000
424	Martin, Bastow	34.947	0.000



LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE!

Are you looking for a challenging, rewarding & interesting pastime to exercise the mind and find new friends?

Why not learn to play bridge - it's fun, it's social and it's stimulating!

Lessons begin on: THURSDAY 1st February, 2024 at 10am or 7pm at CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB, 85-91 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill.

For more information, call: Brian - 0401 261 899 (for am classes) OR Lesley - 0404 427 857 (for pm classes)

The full course is \$75 which includes 10+ weekly 2 hour lessons, learning literature, and follow up supervised play.

THE FIRST LESSON IS FREE - SO WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO!



The Beginners Classes have now begun with a great turnout of enthusiastic participants. Thank you to everyone who helped to spread the word of our great club and our excellent teachers!



Unauthorised Information

The Director's Corner is back in 2024. We will cover topics that players are aware of but may not be aware on how they impact the play. If you have suggestions for topics, please contact Jan or Gidi.

This month's topic is unauthorised information, or UI. While we don't refer to it much at the club, it comes up regularly in congresses and competitions.

Where is it coming from?

UI may come from:

1. Partner, eg. remarks, failure to alert, unexpected alert, mannerism (we have all been guilty of this) and hesitation. Note that, while information from your partner is unauthorised to you, it is authorised to your opponents.
2. Withdrawn call or play, eg. Insufficient bid, call or play out of turn.
3. Other sources, eg. overhearing discussion at another table or seeing another player's cards.

What to do about it?

For type 1 UI, call the director If you suspect that one of your opponents has received UI.

Type 2 UI would have triggered a director call anyway. The director will give instructions on how to proceed including addressing UI.

If you receive type 3 UI, it is your obligation to call the director and notify them.

The director would typically:

1. Direct the receiver of the UI to disregard it, and/or
2. Adjust the score if they consider that the UI affected the play or the results.

Examples

1. After a competitive bidding you arrived at 4S, and your opponents called 5C. Your partner hesitated and then passed. Your partner's hesitation is UI and you may not double based on this. Suppose you double and the contract goes 2 down. The opponents would likely claim that your double was based on UI (your partner's hesitation). If the director agrees, they may adjust the score from +500 to your side (2 down doubled vulnerable) to +200 (2 down undoubled).

2. While sorting the cards, your partner mumbles to herself: "so much red..." but everyone hears it. At the end of the auction, you are on lead against a 4S contract. You may not lead a club expecting to find your partner short or void in clubs as this was UI. You must choose a logical alternative play. However, this information is authorised to declarer who may conclude that the spades will likely break badly and play accordingly.

Take home messages

1. Avoid remarks and body language, as they are likely to help your opponents. Keep poker face (bridge face?).
2. Call the director if you think that a player has received UI.



"Unauthorized information, surely??"

(From 'Out of Hand and Off the Fairway' by Bill Buttle)



NEW MEMBERS

We have 2 new associate members to the Club this month: **Mohan Chinnappan** and returning member, **Carol Shelton**. A hearty welcome to you both!

SUPERVISED PLAY

**Every Wednesday morning
10:30am to 12:30pm**

No partner is necessary. Come along to gain some practice and have the chance to ask questions to experienced players about anything you are unsure of.

If you need help finding a partner for other sessions, please don't hesitate to give me call – contact details below. ↓

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alan Kelly	Ceda Nikolic
Claire Souter	Cobie van Kruistum
Rob Grace	Sue Clarke
Thomas Kik	Veronica Cullen
Yvonne Pearson	



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