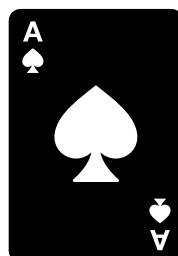


August Newsletter



This is so true, and we wouldn't be without any of them. It would be very boring if we were all the same.



The Cairns bridge club hosted the Show Congress last month. Five pairs from the Malanda Club participated. Bjorg and Dee took out the honours, whilst Irma and Chris won their section. Well done, everyone.



August 7 - 9 saw eight pairs from Malanda and Tableland clubs attend the Cassowary Coast Congress. This is always a very popular event, and was booked out early.

Marg and Sonja were in fourth place overall, with Debbie and Dee a close sixth. Upon looking at the percentages, it appears that everyone played well.



Player Profile



Netta's Story

"Go up yon fell and count yows int last field". Yowls are ewes in my Uncle's Lake District language. My Cousin and I would saddle up two ponies and off we would go, wandering the fells of Cumbria. Idyllic summers bringing the clydesdales in to work in the hay fields. No tractor on that farm.

I left England when I was 21 for warmer climes. Three years in Auckland, then returned to England to be married. Rodney was studying in Southampton, so we spent a year sailing around the Solent and Channel Islands. Next, we arrived in Sydney, then on to New Guinea. Eight fabulous years in Samari/Madang, where he was Harbourmaster/Pilot.

Whilst on leave, we were driving through Hamburg, and saw a poster "Dressur-Pferde" scheduled for the next day. It was the most mesmerising sight I had ever seen. Christine Stuckleberger (European/Olympic Dressage Rider) on Ganat won that day. I had no inkling that dressage would play such an important, obsessive,

competitive, addictive and demoralising activity to me. I knew nothing about dressage.

Loving the Tropics, we came to Cairns, which was a laid back, slow paced paradise. Rodney went back to sea, and I would bring our two sons over the Inlet by speedboat to go to school, and myself to Burns Philp. Three years later, we arrived in Atherton. I met Christine Doan through the farrier, while shoeing my horses, and made a lifelong friend. The serious dressage started then, she heading off to Europe on her way to the Barcelona Olympics, and I stayed home looking after and riding the horses. Each return, she taught me what she could, taking me to Germany for months. So started my dressage riding career, and also judging.

After Rodney passed away, I thought I needed some mental stimulation. I saw an advert to learn to play bridge. Little did I know that once again I chose another important, obsessive, competitive, addictive, and demoralising activity. But, what joy it gives me. To meet so many wonderful, cheerful, interesting, fascinating people each week is so therapeutic, and heart lifting. Thank you all so much.

Happy bridging everyone.



Coming Events

Malanda, Interclub.	Monday, 17 August, 2026.
Malanda,Windy Red.	Wednesday, 26 August, 2026.
Malanda, AGM. (11.30am)	Monday, 31 August, 2026.
Aust. wide open pairs, 12.45.	Monday, 31 August, 2026.
TBC - Club Championships Red pt.	Thursday 3&10 September,2026.
Cairns, Zonal Teams.	Sunday, 13 September, 2026.
Malanda, Springtime Red.	Monday 14 & 21 Sept, 2026.
Ingham Congress.	19 & 20 Sept, 2026.
Malanda, Interclub 8.45 start.	Monday, 5 October, 2026.
Tropical Spring FNQ Congress	Friday 16–Sunday 18 Oct., 2026
Malanda, Melbourne Cup Party.	Monday, 2 Nov. 2026.
Malanda, Club Championship Red Point.	Monday 9&16 November, 2026.
TBC, Red Point.	Thursday, 26 Nov., 2026.
TBC, Interclub, 8.45 start.	Saturday, 28 November, 2026.
TBC, Christmas party.	Thursday, 10 December, 2026.
Malanda, Christmas party.	Monday, 21 December, 2026.

