

April Newsletter

We are approaching "travel season", when many Australians hit the road, or planes, or ships, to explore our vast planet. Members of the Malanda Bridge Club are no exception. During the next few months, there will be gaps in everyone's monthly planners, and new partners will be sought to fill in the gaps. This change of partners makes for some interesting play, and maybe some new ideas will improve our games.

Recently, the club arranged a "draw for Partners" afternoon. this was quite successful, and another afternoon like this has been arranged for Wednesday 29 May.

Reminder

The second Monday of each month, the tables need to be put back , as long tables are required for seniors the following Tuesday.

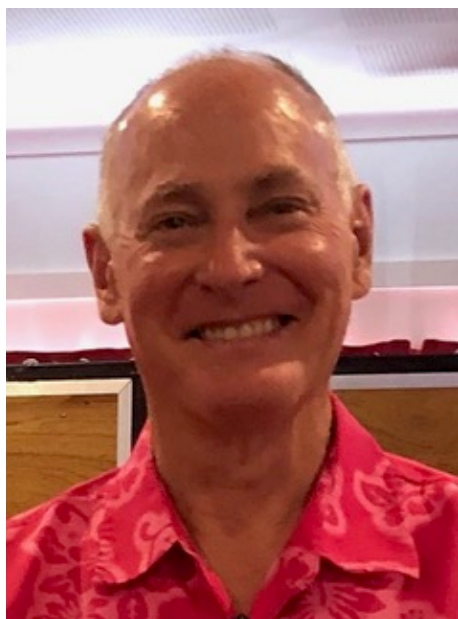
Upcoming Events

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| Malanda | Red Point | Monday 22 April 2024. |
| Cairns | Zonal Teams | Sunday 28 April 2024. |
| Mackay | Barrier Reef congress | Friday 3 May - Monday 6 May 2024. |
| TBC | Red Point | Thursday 16 May & Thursday 23 May 2024. |
| Cairns | Gnot Qualifying2 | Sunday 19 May 2024. |
| Malanda | Mayday Red Point | Monday 27 May 2024. |
| TBC | Interclub | Saturday 1 June 2024 (8.45am Start) |
| Malanda | Gnot Qualifying | Monday 17 June 2024 (8.45am Start) |
| Cairns | Zonal Pairs | Sunday 23 June 2024. |
| Malanda | Interclub | Monday 1 July 2024. (8.45am Start) |



Player Profile

Tony Sanders



Q. You describe yourself as “a burned out air traffic controller”. What made you decide to learn to play bridge?

A. I was an air traffic controller for 33 years, working in Darwin, Brisbane, and Cairns, eventually becoming a middle manager. I took voluntary redundancy in 2007, and decided that work was a dirty four letter word. However, I needed to keep the brain active, and decided that bridge was the way to do that. I have since learned that that I will never master the game, but I still keep trying.

Q. How long have you been playing this game?

A. My first lesson was in February 2014.

Q. You visit your Son in London for extended stays. Have you ever been tempted to play bridge there?

A. I would have played in Scotland when my Daughter in Law's Grandmother was alive. She was an avid bridge player. Unfortunately, she is no longer with us. Other than that, I have never considered playing in the UK. However, I once had a game on a cruise ship on the way to Alaska.

Q. Do you have any other hobbies besides bridge?

A. I play pickle ball, generally twice a week, and table tennis. I also go bushwalking with the Tableland Bushwalking Club.

I own a 1944 Willys Jeep, and am a member of the Military Vehicle Club. This keeps me busy.

Q. Where were you born, and where did you go to school?

A. I was born in Gympie, and started Primary School there, before the family moved to Nambour, where I completed Primary, then Secondary School. I met my Wife at school, and here we are , still together.

Q. Other than ATC. what other jobs did you have?

A. I've always had an interest in aviation, and wanted to be a pilot. During my final years at secondary school, I was a member of the Air Training Corp. I won a scholarship to learn to fly. I completed my licence at Maroochy Aerodrome, before I had my driving licence. I then applied to join the RAAF as a pilot, but due to childhood asthma, was deemed medically unfit.

I then Worked as a clerk in the Qld Public Service until I was old enough to apply for ATC.