

August Newsletter

Million Dollar Hobby

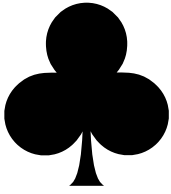
In 2022, the League of Legends World Bridge championship, which took place in the United States and Mexico, had a prize pool of just under 2.23 million U.S. dollars.

What are we waiting for??

Our Club Championship was held over two Mondays this month. Ten pairs competed, and the overall winning pair was Sonja Ramsund and Kate Gargan. They were closely followed by Margaret Azar and Debra Peters in second place, and Sue Hosie and Lynn Viegel in third place. Well done everyone.

The GNOT region final was held at the Malanda club on Sunday, July 30th. This was won by the Van Bakel team, with the Azar team in second place. Well done, Margaret, Sonja, Kate, and Trish.





Coming Events

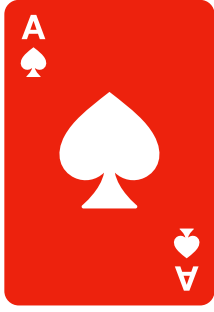
TBC Interclub	10th & 17th August
Cassowary Coast Congress	11th - 13th August
Malanda AGM	Monday 21 August
Tropical Spring FNQ Congress (being held at the Atherton International Club)	1st - 3rd September
TBC Club championships	7th & 14th September.
Ingham Congress	16th - 17th September
Malanda Springtime Red	18th & 25th September



August Birthdays Savoy Dianne Felicity

Here is a hand to test your skills. The big challenge is to see the problem.

NORTH			
♠ 63			
♥ AJ64			
♦ AKJ105			
♣ 82			
WEST	South deals, both sides vulnerable		EAST
♠ AQ1097		♠ J42	
♥ 5		♥ Q98	
♦ 8743		♦ 96	
♣ KQ6		♣ J10953	
SOUTH			
♠ K85			
♥ K10732			
♦ Q2			
♣ A74			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♠	pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	all pass	



Player Profile

Pamela Bramich



Q. You have lived on the Tablelands all your life, having been born into the well known Stockman Family. You had a career in nursing at the Ather-ton Hospital. After marrying Norm, you settled onto one of his properties in Tarzali, raised two Children, and became involved in the cattle industry.

A. We also became involved in the poultry industry, and for about 40 years, had a quota for 5000 poultry. we had some help from my Family in Kairi, who have been in the industry for many years.

Q. When did you become involved with the game of bridge.

A. Tarzali was then a small friendly country town, and we soon became involved with all the locals. All these small country areas were quite self sufficient, with a local school, a railway service to most of the Tableland areas, and then on to Cairns. There was a post office, a dance hall, and all the necessary local shops. Some of the locals played card games at the regular dances, and we soon started running sessions of 500 every Friday night. this became very popular with people all over the Tablelands.

Then in the 70's one of the players, an American, suggested we learn to play bridge.

Q. Where did you play, and who was your teacher.

A. As the local school had closed in 1969, we had the use of two school rooms as a community centre for the locals. The American man, and a friend taught all those interested the basics of bridge, which soon became very popular. We always had thirty or so people attending from all over the Tablelands to play social bridge. He used the old school blackboards to demonstrate how to play the game.

We usually had 6-8 tables playing, and were playing three times a week. We had visits from other prominent players to give lessons, and even had Paul Marston visit.

Q. Where did you establish the first bridge club, and what was it named?

A. During that time, the Atherton Club was also playing social bridge and some members played regularly in both clubs. Our club was always known as the Tarzali Club, but some time later, we changed the name to Eacham, as that represented all our members.

Then, both clubs had a visit from Helen Thompson from the Cairns bridge Club, and she persuaded us to become official members of the QBA, and also be affiliated with the ABF. By becoming members, all our games were then officially recorded by the QBA, and the ABF, and that way we could gain master points for all our game results. We became officially affiliated in the early 80's.

Q. Eventually, you moved the club to Malanda. Did you keep the same name?

A. After moving the club to Malanda, we changed the name to Malanda Club. We tried many venues, and finally settled in the new RSL premises for many years. I became a bridge teacher, and helped many new members to learn the game of bridge. In 2010, I gave lessons in intermediate bridge, to follow on from the basics. I was president for about 16 years, and then encouraged others to take office.

Q. What do you enjoy most about the game of bridge?

A. I really enjoy the challenge of the game. No two hands are ever the same. I also enjoy the social side, when we have our tea breaks. The food

provided by the country cooks is always very good, and a chance to swap recipes.

Q. Do you still play 500?

A. Unfortunately, bridge marked the end of our 500 nights. We lost some regular players, as they felt that bridge was a little too hard, and did not have the time to give to learning during working hours. I really miss the regular home evenings we all had together to play other card games.



Some flashback photos

