

July Newsletter

Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players, and who were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day. (Warren Buffett)

Many games provide fun, but bridge grips you. It exercises your mind. Your mind can rust, you know, but bridge prevents the rust from forming. (Martina Navratilova)

Tully Bridge Club

The Tully Bridge Club extended an invitation to the Malanda Club to join them in a friendly game at their club house. Ten members from Malanda duly drove down to Tully on Friday, 27 June. After doing some shopping, and having an enjoyable lunch at one of the Cafes, we all adjourned to the Club house for bridge. The visitors all sat E/W for the game. Debbie and Maralyn won, with 57.50% and Leonora and Sandi won N/S with 59.50%. It was a very enjoyable afternoon of bridge.



Player Profile



Veronica English

Q. You have led a very busy life, working on the Family dairy farm, and raising a large family. Why did you decide to play bridge?

A. I attended a Lions Dinner with Leon one Saturday evening, and she told me she was learning to play bridge on Monday, and asked me to come. I didn't respond, but Monday was not a happy day in the dairy, with things going wrong, and tempers being tested. After breakfast, I thought some time out would be helpful, so I rang Leon, and here I am, still taking time out.

Q. How long have you been playing Bridge?

A. I have been playing for 18 years now, how time flies.

Q. Given your busy work schedule, how did you find time to play bridge?

A. By this time, all the children had either flown the coop, or finished school, freeing me up to some degree. I was able to arrange Monday afternoons off, and we would finish work in time on Thursday mornings for me to play with the Tablelands Club in Atherton.

Q. Have you always lived on the Tablelands?

A. I was born in Babinda. Dad and his Father had a cane farm at Bartle Frere. When I was five, Mum and Dad moved to Freshwater, on the outskirts of Cairns. We stayed there for ten years, then Dad thought he'd try dairy farming. Couldn't be harder than cane farming, could it?? From there, I married my dairy farmer husband and moved on to English road, where we still live.

Q. Do you still run the dairy farm?

A. Our Son and his Family took over the running of the farm in 2020, leaving me without a job. I am having the time of my life.

Q. Do you have any other hobbies?

A. Much of my spare time is taken up keeping up with Family, some of whom live locally, and others who have moved South. I have plenty of Grandchildren keep up with. The locals are in and out regularly, so I never get lonely.



Coming Events

Cairns Show Congress. July 18 & 19

Malanda FNQ GNOT Regional Final July 27, 8.45am start.

Cassowary Coast Congress. August 8 - 10.

TBC Interclub. August 14 & 21

Malanda Windy Red Point August 27

TBC Club Championship red point September 4 & 11

Malanda Springtime Red September 8 & 15

Malanda AGM. September 15

ABF Foundation Fund Raiser September 23. 12.45pm.



Vale



Sue Holme

Janet Mensinga

Sadly, we recently lost two of our long term players. Both were competitive bridge players, and members of both the Tableland Bridge Club, and Malanda Bridge Club. Sue taught some bridge classes at TBC. They will both be sadly missed.

