

June Newsletter

What is Bridge?

Bridge is the ultimate trick-taking card game. It is easily the greatest source of enjoyment that four people can have with a pack of cards.

Bridge is also a sport. The World Bridge Federation is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

Meanwhile our little club in Malanda continues to power on. beginner lessons are starting soon, with at least four people interested.

Coming Events

Cairns - Zonal Pairs.	Sunday, July 2, 2023
TBC - Red Point	Saturday, July 8, 2023
Malanda - Club Championship Pairs	Monday, July 17 & 24, 2023
Cairns - Show Congress	Friday, July 21, 2023
Malanda - GNOT Regional Final	Sunday, July 30, 2023

Reminder:

FNQ Tropical Spring Pairs Congress, Friday 1 - Sunday 3 September.



Tableland players are regular competitors in away games. Here are a few enjoying a night out at the Cairns barrier Reef Congress.

Player Profile

Melissa and Herold



Q You have been residing on the Tablelands for the last twelve months, and playing bridge with the Malanda Club. I understand that you will be leaving soon. Have you enjoyed your time up here, and will you be returning sometime in the future?

A Melissa and I have enjoyed our time on the Tablelands. We have played bridge at Malanda, and Atherton, and have particularly felt the welcoming atmosphere in both clubs. You may see us again at some bridge congress in the future.

Q Where do you both hail from?

A Melissa and I are both from the Redcliffe area. Melissa is a native, and I grew up in Canada. We have both played most of our bridge in the Redcliffe Club.

Q Was there a particular reason for your stay up here?

A Our stay here was prompted by a two day visit during Covid times. We decided it would be a great place to live for a year, and it has turned out to be just that.

Q You quickly established yourselves as very good players of the game of bridge. How long have you both been playing?

A Melissa has been playing for 11 years, and I have played for over 50 years, having started when at university in Canada. We have played quite a few congresses together, some as far afield as Launceston and Perth.

Q Do you recall any memorable bridge hands that you have played?

A My memorable hands are ones that I did poorly on. I remember one particular hand where I opened 2NT (20-22)balanced, and my left hand opponent doubled - I went off for about 1100. Melissa's memory is of a more positive nature. She remembers a hand at the Tablelands Club where she and Debbie Peters reached a 7 NT contract, making , but relying on a number of finesses, with all 3 missing queens being in the one hand.

Q Will you continue playing bridge when you return home?

A We both will likely continue playing the wonderful game of bridge' till our senility truly sets in - mine is well on the way.

Q Do you play other card games?

A We occasionally play other card games with Family, but nothing compares to bridge. It's hard to find other card games stimulating once you've played duplicate bridge.

Q Do you have anything else to add to your story?

A We will miss the warmth and hospitality of the Tableland players.

Reminder There will be a farewell get together for Melissa and Herold This Friday (30th) at the Malanda Bowls/Bridge Club.

Malanda Club members are also very social

Here are some photos of an afternoon tea hosted by Lynn Viegel at her new residence near Malanda.

