

# March Newsletter

## Coming Events

Cairns Easter Red Point	April 7 -8	1.30 pm start each day.
TBC Red Point	April 8	
Malanda Easter PARTY	April 10	
Malanda GNOT Qualifying	April 17	8.45am start
Cairns GNOT Qualifying	April 23	8.45am start-Changed from May14
Cairns Barrier Reef Cong.	April 28	

There have been a few events so far this year. First was the Malanda Interclub which was conducted over two Wednesdays, 8 and 15 February. This was won by Dee Jierasak and Bjorg Rislá

The second was an All Day Interclub on Monday 6 March. This was well attended, with 14 pairs. The winners were Mary Horseman and Terry Conlan from Cairns Club.

The next event was the gnots Atherton. Once again, this was well attended by the Tableland clubs, and Cairns. The winning team, from Cairns, was the Van Bakel team. A close second was the Azar team.



All day Interclub.

Winners, Mary Horseman and Terry Conlan.





Kate, Trish, Margaret,  
Sonja. (The Azar Team)

Dealer South, E/W vulnerable

North		East	
♠ KQ9643		♠ 10	
♥ 9		♥ KQ108742	
♦ Q93		♦ 65	
♣ A72		♣ QJ3	
West		South	
♠ J852		♠ A7	
♥ 63		♥ AJ5	
♦ 8742		♦ AKJ10	
♣ 1098		♣ K654	

Figure 1

This week's hand is in the column mainly because of the superb play by declarer, but the bidding to get to the Grand Slam was a work of art in terms of system and communication, and is well worth looking at. The hand was reported by the excellent Tim Bourke who resides in Canberra, the capital of Australia. See Figures 1 and 2.

1. 20-21 points
2. Transfer to spades
3. Promises the ace of hearts – a 4 Spade bid would deny it
4. Roman Key Card Blackwood asking for Aces and the trump King
5. 0 or 3 key cards
6. Grand-slam try; asks for specific kings
7. King of clubs
8. Asks for king of diamonds
9. I have it!

Unbelievably accurate bidding and it must have taken this pair countless hours of practice to refine and learn their system – just look at that redouble which caters beautifully for just this situation.

This bridge hand was posted in The Royal Gazette. The bidding is explained here. How would you play to reach grand slam.

South	West	North	East
2NT(1)	Pass	4H(2)	DBL
RDBL(3)	Pass	4NT(4)	Pass
5D(5)	Pass	5NT(6)	Pass
6C(7)	Pass	6D(8)	Pass
7S(9)			