

March Newsletter

I have often wondered if bridge is a game of chance or skill, so decided to do some research. I discovered that skill far outweighs chance. Although the shuffling and dealing of cards introduces an element of chance, it is not a game of luck. However, a good contract could fail because of a combination of vile distribution, and clever defence.

Paul Marsden recently commented that the Gold Coast congress has long been one of the best bridge events in the world. This year it was back to its pre covid best with 2,500 contestants, many from overseas.

Two members from our club attended this year, and they came third in the under 500 Monday Butler Swiss Pairs. Congratulations go to Sonja and Kate



Lessons for Kids

In May, with ABF support, Paul Marsden and Nevena Djurovic are putting on an online course for Kids aged 14-24. By the end of the course, they will master all the important basics of Bridge, and it is free. All the information is on abf.com.au. For registration, follow link <https://bridgelounge.online/learn-bridge-registration/>

Several of our Members logged into a QBA zoom workshop for New directors on Saturday 2nd March. It consisted of basic laws, getting started, and table rulings. The general consensus was that it was well worth it. On Saturday 23rd March, there will be another workshop dedicated to Movements, scoring, and other matters.



Congratulations go to Netta Stringer, who was the recipient of an Australia Day Award, for her contribution to equestrian sport. Netta is a great horsewoman, and she travels Australia judging equestrian events.



Coming Events

TBC gnot qualifying	Saturday 16 March	8.45am start
Malanda Interclub	Monday 25 March	8.45am start
Cairns Easter Congress	29March - 1 April	
Malanda Easter Party	Monday 1 April	
TBC Red Point	Saturday 13 April	
Cairns Gnot Qualifying 1	Sunday 14 April	
Malanda Red Point	Monday 22 April	
Cairns Zonal Teams	Sunday 28 April	



Vale Lena

Sadly, we lost one of our founding Members on 22/02/24. As well as being a competitive bridge player, Lena was also a very competitive sports person, namely tennis. In the days when you had to make your own entertainment, Lena also played other card games. She and her husband, Joe, had bought a farm at Tarzali, and soon became involved in local activities. This involved meeting regularly in each others homes, and playing various card games, followed by a delicious supper.

She and Pamela Bramich then learned to play bridge, playing first at Tarzali, and finally in Malanda. They both held various positions in the bridge club, and after the move to Malanda, they were both made life members.

Lena and Pamela also joined the local CWA, and would drive regularly to outback branches to attend annual meetings and international days.

I am sure that those who remember her, will miss her friendly smiling face .

(thank you Pam for your memories of Lena)