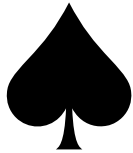


March Newsletter



why play bridge



INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGE: The game acts as a complex, never ending, and addictive logic puzzle. It requires deductive reasoning to deduce cards, analyse probabilities, and outwit opponents, with every hand being unique.

LOW-COST ENGAGEMENT: Bridge requires minimal equipment (just cards), making it an accessible, inexpensive, and rewarding hobby.

THRILLING COMPETITION: Despite having a degree of luck, bridge is designed to reward skill, allowing players to compete, improve, and experience the “high” of successful, strategic play.

Beyond these, some players enjoy the game for its psychological aspect (bluffing) or as a way to travel to tournaments, which keeps the experience fresh and engaging.

BRIDGE is played in just about every country in the world. To allow the game to proceed smoothly, there is a universally accepted code of behaviour. You should always be courteous to everyone.



Two teams from the Tablelands region competed in the GNOT heats in Cairns. Sonja's team from the malanda club acquitted themselves very well, coming in Second place. Dee's team from the Tableland club came fifth. Well done everyone.

Player Profile



Leon Lorensen

Q. I understand that you are a true Tableland Local, having been born in Atherton. Where did you attend School?

A. I attended Tolga Primary School, then Atherton High School until year 10. I then attended Blackheath College in Charters Towers for years 11 and 12. I then went to Kelvin Grove Teachers College in Brisbane.

Q. Where was your first posting as a teacher?

A. I taught first at Tolga Primary for one year, then Kairi primary for three years. I then taught at Malanda Primary, and then Jaggan Primary.

Q. During this time, you met and married Fred Lorensen.

A. I married Fred in 1960, and we had one Daughter born in 1965.

Q. When you married, it was compulsory to resign. Did you consider going back teaching when those restrictions were lifted?

A. yes. In 1966, I went back to Malanda Primary, and taught there for the next 26 years.

Q. You retired in 1994. After such a busy time, how did you fill in your days?

A. Fred and I travelled overseas and as well, I did some supply teaching, and private tutoring. I was also involved in Malanda Lioness for 30 years. I also played a lot of golf.

Q. Why bridge?

A. One of my golfing friends, Rose Sperling, suggested it, and she also taught me. I started lessons in 2008. There were quite a few of us having lessons then. Like a lot of others, I now have a love/hate relationship with the game, but I am still playing.

Q. Do you have any other hobbies now?

A. I enjoy cryptic crosswords, and playing mahjong. I also attend water aerobics classes.



Coming Events

TBC - GNOT Qualifying	Saturday, 14 march	8.45am
TBC - Autumn Red Point	Thursday, 26 March	
CAIRNS - Easter Congress	Saturday, 4 April(3 days)	
MALANDA - Easter Party	Monday, 6 April	
MALANDA - GNOT Qualifying.	Monday20, April	8.45am
TBC - Red Point	Thursday, 23 April	
MALANDA - Red Point	Monday, 27 April	
MALANDA - Interclub	Saturday, 2 May	8.45am
TOWNSVILLE - barrier Reef Congress.	Monday, 11 may (5 days)	
TBC - Red Points	Thursday, 21 & 28 May	
CAIRNS - GNOT Qualifying 2	Sunday, 24 May	
MALANDA - mayday Red Point	Monday, 25 may	



Malanda Interclub

A full day of competition in Malanda was played on Monday 2 March, resulting in a win for William Van Bakel and Michael Byrne from Cairns. John Sainsbury and Bjorg Risla came a close second, with Jenny Crowth and Joan Campbell(from Cairns) third.

