

MALANDA BRIDGE CLUB



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SESSION TIMES

MONDAY	1PM TO 5PM
WEDNESDAY	1PM TO 5PM

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2022

Another year has passed and we are still experiencing the effects of Covid 19. Fortunately Malanda Bridge Club hasn't suffered too much, as we have been able to continue with our bridge sessions on Monday & Wednesday.

Some of our "travelling members" have set off in their caravans and explored the countryside, so occasionally our numbers have been down, but still getting 7-8 tables on Monday and 3-5 on Wednesday, but I think they are all home now.

We have had a few new members join our Club which is great, so welcome to Janet, Melissa & Herold (hope you decide to stay on the Tablelands) and to William.

Well a lot has happened since my last President's Report of 2021.

We left the RSL building after it was sold to private owners, and we got the feeling that they were happy to see us go, then the job was on to find other premises. There was nothing on the horizon so I offered to use my shed as the 'clubhouse' in the interim, till something permanent was found. So after lots of work, thanks to Rod, Col, Sonja, myself and others, we moved in in September 2021. It turned out to be a 'very happy' time in the 'shed', but in March we contacted the Bowls Club again, and with a new President, within a week we had moved in there. We are very happy here, and I think they are happy to have us, as we have boosted their numbers and their bank balance. We received a grant of over \$12,000 in July, so after getting a 5 year lease agreement from the Bowls Club and varying the grant conditions with the GCBF, we hope to install air conditioning, blinds, and new flooring in the toilets. This will all happen hopefully before summer.

Our Interclub on March 14th, we had 7 tables, a bit down as we coincided with Cairns 50th Anniversary celebrations. A Cairns pair won N/S, Sonja & Lynn V won E/W.

Barrier Reef Congress 9-13th May was held in Townsville only Dee & Bjorg entered in this event and played with 2 Cairns members. They had a great time.

May 22 TBC held the Zonal Teams, there were 8 teams and won by Cairns teams.

May 30th MBC held the GNOT qualifying teams, Ramsund team won & Wyburn 2nd

June 3rd Zonal Pairs held in Cairns 3 pairs went from MBC.

Interclub 13/20th June won by Linda & Trish

Club Championships were held in July over 2 weeks and were won by our new members Melissa & Herold. Well done.

The Cassowary Coast congress in July, was very well attended by the Tableland Clubs. 4 pairs from Atherton and 5 from Malanda. It was great to see some of the newer players attending.

Debbie & May got 1st in B grade and Sonja & I came 6th overall out of 56 pairs.

The GNOT finals were held by Malanda but had to be played in Atherton club rooms, and there were 8 teams competing, 4 from Cairns and 4 from the Tablelands. A Cairns team won and Debbie, May, Mary & Stewart came 2nd. Was a great day, William from Cairns offered to Direct which was fantastic, and all went very smoothly.

The Ingham Congress is on 17 & 18th September, should be a nice time, so get your partner booked up and let's go and support them.

I would like to thank all the committee members and club members for their help and support during our moves over the past year. You are all great how you get stuck in and get the jobs done, so thank you. But I just want to specially thank Sonja who does lots of jobs behind the scenes that we just take for granted, Netta who does an excellent job setting up and cleaning up after tea times, Trish who has taken over the players bookings and all the other jobs she does, so a big thank you to you all.

The 'happy hour' after our bridge sessions is a very happy time to get together and swap stories, so if you can, try and join us, it isn't just for the alcoholics!!! Once again, I would like to thank all our members and associate members for their support of the MBC, and I hope we continue to prosper and grow, and spend many happy hours playing good bridge.
Marg Azar President



The winners Deb & May - B grade at Cassowary Coast Congress



Pizza & Wine after the game, CCC.



MEMBERS ENJOYING A GLASS OF WINE AT THE SHED

UPCOMING EVENTS: INGHAM CONGRESS: 17-18th September

SPRINGTIME RED: 19 & 26th Sept

INTERCLUB: MALANDA 1st October

BIRTHDAY CORNER:

August: Savvy, Di, Felicity

September: Wendy, Pam J, Pam B, Dee.

36		♠ AKQ652	Dir: W
		♥ 4	Vul: Both
		♦ J1074	
		♣ 43	
♠ 73		♠ J94	
♥ AJ98763		♥ K52	
♦ Q2		♦ 653	
♣ 76		♣ QJ108	
	♠ 108		
10	♥ Q10		
7	♦ AK98		
16	♣ AK952		

Figure 1: How would you bid this hand? And what contract do you end up in?