



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate
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September 2020

TBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

This will be held in the Club House on Saturday 19 September starting at 10.30.

Part of the business will be a proposed special resolution to amend the Club rules. Members should have received a copy of this by mail. If you have not please, contact the Secretary. If you are unable to attend please fill out the Proxy form and give your vote to someone who will be at the meeting.

COMING EVENTS

GNOT Teams - Cleveland Bay event at Townsville Bridge Club - Sept 12/13, Sat p.m. 12 Sept and Sun a.m. Sept 13

Monday teams 7,14,21 September

Magnetic Teams Congress 11,12,13 September

Mackay Matchpoint Pairs and Teams Congress - Oct 2-5 (register on QBA website, max 17 tables, bring own food, coffee cup)

Wednesday Teams (Restricted Conventions) 7,14 October

Friday Pairs (Keith Ramsbotham Memorial Pairs) 9,16,23 October

Notice The events below are cancelled

Cairns Congress Oct

Spring National, Oct, Sydney

QBA Open Pairs - Oct 10/11

Gold Coast Congress Feb, 2021

PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHIVES – CONGRESSES PAST



June 1984

Under State Teams (Townsville Congress)

Doris Mann, Del Ward, Pat Back (President), Pat Crowd, Vilma Laws

TBC Congress held at PCYC for the first time 1990

Keith Ramsbotham Lynn Richardson
Brian Davies Lief Manestrале



First Cairns Gold Point Congress

Bill Golding Leigh Owens Pat Easton Beth
Whebell Jan Smith Lyn Richardson

SO WE DON'T GET COMPLACENT

Here is an extract from the *New York Times* April 29, 2020

DENVER — It had already been a grim day. The governor of Colorado had just announced the state's first coronavirus death, an 83-year-old woman, when public health investigators discovered where she had spent some of her final days: a bridge club.

Leon Kelly, the county coroner in Colorado Springs, felt his stomach drop. "It was full-throttle, worst-case scenario," he said.

That evening on March 13, Dr. Kelly hurriedly called an aunt and asked her: Tell me everything you can about bridge. How do players sit? How many cards do they touch? He could already picture the virus spreading as players moved from table to table, passing cards from hand to hand, seeding an invisible course of infection.

Four of the bridge center's members are now dead and at least 25 others have spent the past month fighting symptoms of the virus. The clubhouse is empty.

Or this one

Extract from azcentral news site (Arizona) April, 2020

Positive coronavirus test reported after Tucson bridge tournament; another player's death under investigation

Hundreds of members of a Tucson bridge-players group have been notified that a man tested positive for the new coronavirus after participating in a local tournament in early March.

Another person who attended the tournament, a 79-year-old woman, died of pneumonia less than a week after the event ended, according to several people who knew her. Asked about her death late Wednesday, a state official said only that Arizona has not had any COVID-19 deaths, but the governor's office later said it was investigating the report.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday also to anyone with a birthday this month who has been missed.

Fay Blower
Jennifer Mullen
Mike Reynolds
Nathan Van Jole
Angela Hall
Barry Lehmann
Dawn Beale
Jan Woollett
Goeff Eales

NOVELS ABOUT BRIDGE

If you are stuck at home and wondering what to read next, try searching 'contract bridge fiction' and you come up with a lot of suggestions. Here are a few that caught my eye with their publishers' blurbs.

Bridge at the Enigma Club

by Peter Winkler

Robert Tischman is just looking for a game of bridge, but when a mysterious woman persuades him to partner her in a two-session event at the Enigma Club, he gets much more than that.

Richelieu Plays Bridge

By Robert F. MacKinnon

Through the medium of fictional bridge games, we see the politics and intrigue of the French court play out, and follow Cardinal Richelieu's career as he becomes the Queen's confidant and the real power behind the throne.

Death in Duplicate

By Carole Coplea

A mysterious illness ... two dead bridge players ... what's going on at Kensington College? On the surface Kensington is a typical small college. But when two players collapse and die during a duplicate bridge game at the faculty club, it soon becomes clear that there is more going on at Kensington than meets the eye.

Deadly Endplay

By Ken Allan

If Miss Marple's village had boasted a bridge club, it might have been very like the one in Pemberton, the North Ontario setting for this Canadian mystery novel. The story unfolds at the slow pace of life in a small rural town, and whether there even was a murder is part of the mystery. The game of bridge is closely interwoven with the lives of the people in Pemberton -- we meet the characters partly through bridge columns from the local paper, and in many cases, get to see how their personae at the bridge table differ from those in their everyday lives

Samurai Bridge

By Robert F. MacKinnon

Undoubtedly the most unusual piece of bridge fiction ever published, *Samurai Bridge* takes the reader to a remote village in early 19th century Japan. At first, the characters may seem familiar - the heroic masterless samurai (a ronin), the evil town magistrate, the downtrodden peasants, the tea-house madam with a heart of gold, and so forth. But soon we realize that these people are different - they are all fanatical bridge players, and the climactic battle between the forces of good and evil will take place not in the dojo, but at the card table.

EDITORIAL – THE LAST WORD

This is my last edition as editor of the TBC newsletter. I would like to say a big thank you to

- Those who have submitted articles and tolerated my editing
- Those who have submitted photographs and tolerated my selection, cropping, etc.
- The directors who have done my final proof reading and saved me from typos and faux pas
- Those who have commented positively on past newsletters

Thank you!! See you in the Club

Jean

