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CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Presidents Report September 2019

Hello to all members,

Well done to those involved in organising and playing in last week's Beryl Cramb competition.

Thanks must go to our outside Director Trevor Strickland who ran an excellent tournament, even though your President tried very hard to put him off with his introductory welcoming speech. Thanking Sarah, his assistant, for filling in with Margaret Courtney due to a Bribie pair being unavailable. But in introducing Sarah as his daughter-in-law (the look on Trevor's face). NO, it was his wife (she was smiling though). Congratulations must go to Annette Hyland and Nigel Cleminson convincing winners of this event. Congratulations also to David Bruce and Nigel Cleminson for winning the Gardner shield. The club was represented at the Coffs Harbour Congress (can highly recommend) in mid-August and were lucky enough to win the 300 Mpts in the Teams section. Well done Deb, Gary, Marg and Peter. Debby and Gary Gibbards also travelled to Alice Springs to play in The Territory Congress.

Well done to John Reiter who has won the M.I.T. event this year.

Welcome back to Norm Atkins and John Newton who have now permanently moved into our area from down South and to other new members also.

It is with sadness that members attended the recent funeral of past member Bill Trafford. Our thoughts go out to Jean.

Quotes were obtained for renovating the ladies' toilets and the committee has selected a contractor. Work will commence in this next quarter after the Stringfellows Teams depending on the contractor's availability. A grant may be available through our local Federal Member to pay for some of this cost and can be applied for on completion.

Thanks to Nigel in the purchase of a Defibrillator which is now on a shelf in the office above filing trays. Training video is available and can be shown for early arrivals at sessions. The club is also looking into a more involved training session for interested committee and members.

Thank you to the Directors Group with Noreen and Tony as Tournament Organisers and welcome back Geraldine Newbegin into this group.

Looking forward to the Stringfellows Teams and thank you to our volunteers in the recent Beryl Cramb event for assisting in making these events run more smoothly.

Peter Gruythuysen



Members' Corner

By Robyn Smith

Jenny and husband Bob have commenced their trip north in their campervan. They hope to get as far as Port Douglas. We wish them a safe journey.

Rhonda and husband Graeme will be heading to New Zealand next month. Their holiday is taking in both the North and South Islands with a combination of rail, coach and cruising. It sounds like a wonderful trip. Enjoy.

Julia has headed north to Weipa to see her new grandson and also do some "grandparenting duties".

Alison is going over to Western Australia to see her family and grandchildren.

A big welcome back to Kay Wrangell. Kay has been taking a break from bridge, so it is lovely to see her back at the Club.

Margaret Jennings is in Melbourne catching up with her three sisters. Two have come over from England. So, the girls will be having a lovely time together.

Kevin Thornton has headed down to the Gold Coast in his motorhome. Safe travels Kevin and we look forward to seeing you back at bridge.

Matilda has travelled to North Queensland to attend her granddaughter's wedding on the Atherton Tablelands. No doubt they will be doing some sightseeing while they are in that beautiful part of the world.

Pat Lyons has been enjoying some train travel on two of the most famous trains in Australia, The Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide and the Indian Pacific which travels from Sydney to Perth. A good time was enjoyed.

Ann and sister Susan will soon be heading down to South Australia to meet up with other family members. They are all travelling to Egypt on holidays. This is a land tour as well as a cruise down the mighty Nile River.

To all those travelling, we wish them a happy time and stay safe.

Like to share something with your fellow bridge players???

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Battered and Bruised from the Bridge Results but thoroughly enjoying the Alice Springs experience

We were outclassed, outwitted and outplayed but had a great week socialising!



Several of our home and associate members competed in the Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs event last Sunday. Sarah and Tim finished First in C Grade. Congratulations! Also a special mention to our Associate Member Maree Filippini who with her partner Melva won B Grade!



The Beryl Cramb Tournament between Moreton Bay Bribie and Caboolture Bridge Clubs was held Sunday 22nd September. It was a very enjoyable day; the food was plentiful and delicious and catching up with fellow Bridge Players was fun. The Bridge proved to be challenging, however not challenging enough for Annette and Nigel who went through the day undefeated and won the Beryl Cramb Pairs Competition for the Caboolture Club. Well done Annette and Nigel, well deserved. A big thank you to all who helped make the day a successful one.

A man was playing bridge with his father, who had not played bridge in years. On the first hand the father was the dealer and said: Pass. His son said: Dad, you must use the bidding box. His father picked up the box and whispered into the box: Pass.

SEENAGER

I just discovered my age group! I am a Seenager (senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have an ID that gets me into bars and the liquor store. (I like the liquor store best). The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything - they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? Plus, I don't have acne. Life is GOOD!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as the overload of information puts pressure on your inner ear!

Older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for....it is NOT a memory problem, it's nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

I have more friends I should send this to but right now I can't remember their names...so please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends too!

*I distrust camels, and anyone else
who can go a week without a drink.*



Last year I flew to the UK and did a half world cruise on the Sea Princess from Southampton back to Sydney. Iceland and Greenland were my favourite destinations and of course the amazing Panama Canal.

To complete my ambition to sail the rest of the world in May this year I once again travelled on the Sea Princess leaving from Brisbane this time and disembarking in Dover.

I saw some amazing places, the highlights being Petra in Jordan and St Petersburg in Russia.

I know you will have a good laugh at my expense with this photo taken in Dubai !

President Pete's Central Australian Visit

Deb and Peter recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to the center of our wonderful country to participate in a 5-day pack free walk over sections of the Larapinta Trail in Northern Territory, with the company Life's an Adventure.

Their walk commenced and finished in Alice Springs and covered some amazing country.

In February of this year the whole area was devastated with bush fires that started with a dry lightning strike so a lot of the country that the walk was through had been affected by fire and was badly burnt out. This certainly gave the country a different look, it was also very dry but the vastness and the beauty still shone through. It was truly an amazing trip and to be able to see sections of this part of the country on foot was very special.

The first stop on day 1 was at Standley Chasm where a local guide gave an excellent tour followed by a 45-minute talk. The guide Kevin, being part of the stolen generation, gave an incredible insight into not only his own history but also the history of the Aboriginal People and their culture going back 45000 years. Both Deb and Pete learnt a lot more about our first Australians and left this sacred place with much more empathy.



The first two nights stay was in a camp site at Ormiston Gorge which included a walk from the gorge through to Ormiston Pound. The gorge has permanent water, amazing rock formations and the walk through the pound afforded some stunning views across the planes. From Ormiston Gorge their walk went through to Glen Helen Lodge where they spent the next two nights. This area was very busy with lots of tourists and hotel style accommodation.

One of the longest days was over the Heavitree Range which was an 18 kilometer walk over 10 hours. This included pretty tough walking over very rocky, steep and rough terrain but the views from the top of the range were worth all the hardship to get there. The guides were extremely professional and gave regular stops for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, giving plenty of chances to rest before setting off again on the next stage of the walk.



Some of the other areas that the walk included were to see the Ochre Pits which are still used for ceremonial purposes; the Serpentine Gorge and Chalet; The Inarlinga Pass which was unaffected by the fires and had some massive old cycads, huge ghost gums and ancient rock formations (above center). Our last stop and lunch break was the Ellery Gap Big hole (above right) with a large permanent water supply which only the bravest swam in as the water temperature was very cold. All the gorges with permanent water were at a much lower level due to lack of rain. The 5 days ended with their first helicopter flight over Alice Springs, the take-off however shot Peter's heart rate up into a high spike until they were safely in the air and he was able to relax and enjoy the sights. This walk was truly a wonderful way to see and learn about this very small section of the center of our country.

Uluru and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) was also a highlight of the trip with two days touring – but that's another story.

Masterpoint Notes

Congratulations to the following players on their promotion:

Finn Nielsen	promoted to *State
Nigel Cleminson	promoted to **National
Julia Moran	promoted to Local
Ann Thomson	promoted to **Local
Gary Gibbards	promoted to National

Lessons

This group have finished their lessons and are now coming to Thursday afternoon for supervised play. Hopefully we will see some of them coming to play 'real' bridge shortly.

New Members

We have quite a number of new members. Hopefully I have managed to list them all. A big welcome to them and I hope they enjoy their games of bridge.

Please continue to check the board for new members (including associates) and their numbers for you to add to your diary.

Peter & Irene Goldsmith and Karen Jorin

Events outside the club

We have a number of members (too many to print) who are making their mark outside the club in competitions including (but not restricted to)

- GNOT sunshine coast regional final
- GNOT Moreton Bribie
- GNOT Redcliffe heat
- GNOT Caloundra
- Caloundra Congress
- Barrier Reef Congress
- Redland novice/ restricted teams
- Sunshine coast pairs
- Coffs Coast Congress
- Bribie Congress
- Territory Teams

Congratulations to all those who took part.

BRIDGE TRIVIA

1 This tennis star uses bridge games as opportunities for relaxation. When she travels, she likes to find nearby bridge clubs and join in. She once said, 'No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table.'

2 This heart-throb actor is perhaps better known as a bridge player than as a thespian. Author of many bridge books, he also wrote a popular newspaper column of bridge problems.

3 This basketball star was called 'the biggest, tallest bridge player I have ever seen' by Jeff Goldsmith, a Caltech professor, who faced him at his first bridge tournament.

4 Which American multi-millionaire transformed the game from Auction Bridge to Contract Bridge in 1925 - the game we play today?

5 Which world champion lent his name to important bidding concepts such as transfer bids and a game-forcing major-suit raise?

6 What former showgirl and partner of "Mr. Bridge" was the first woman to play in the world championships of bridge (the Bermuda Bowl), and is regarded as the greatest female player of all time?

7 What US President and former five-star general of the US Army "liked" to play golf and contract bridge in his spare time?

8 Who invented probably the most popular bridge convention in the world, the ace-asking bid of 4NT that bears his name?

9 Which founder and former CEO of Microsoft, when not engaged in philanthropic activities, spends the little free time he has playing bridge?

Harold Vanderbilt, the grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt, was sailing through the Panama Canal when one of his guests infuriated him with her wacky scoring system for a system of auction bridge. He invented the scoring system for contract bridge that night, and it has remained almost unchanged to this day.

1. Martina Navratilova 2. Omar Sharif 3. Wilt Chamberlain
4. Harold Vanderbilt 5. Oswald Jacoby 6. Helen Sobel Smith
7. Dwight Eisenhower 8. Easley Blackwood 9. Bill Gates

ANSWERS.