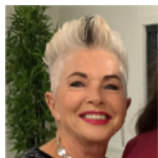


Byron Bay Bridge Club Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with club news



APRIL 2023 President's Report

Greetings,

We held our AGM on 24th March during our afternoon tea break. Two constitutional changes were approved by members and this will allow the new committee to work on your behalf without some unnecessary legal wording. Good changes for the years to come. Fee changes were also approved. You will find more detailed information from the AGM in this newsletter.

The new committee for 2023-24 were elected and we have some new committee members Eileen and Scarlett...welcome. We all look forward to working together for all our members.

There was also much discussion regarding a potential move to the Bowlo and the vote was close in favour of the Bowlo. The committee have decided that since the vote was relatively close, in favour of the move, to proceed cautiously. I have contacted the Bowlo asking approval for our previously discussed requests and once I have a reply I will be in touch with you all again.

I will attempt to provide a monthly newsletter but I'm also inviting members to contribute. If you come across anything of interest either to do with bridge or our community please pass it on to me.

I am also thrilled to have Neil McKenzie come on board to manage our webpage. Neil has also created a What's App group 'Byron bay bridge club' so members can be contacted easily as a group. Please take note of the spelling and please join the group if you haven't as yet been invited. We may also look at a FB page. Thanks Neil.

See you around the bridge table. Eda

We meet every Friday at the Cavanbah Centre
Ewingsdale Rd Byron Bay.
We ask that you be seated by 12.15pm for play to commence
at 12.30.
Join us for a social time afterwards BYO + glass

Directory

President Eda Bridgeman 0411 872 423/66930359
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Treasurer Greg Farrell
Committee Members: Helen Baker, Kay Milne, Patricia Ellis,
Scarlette Beaumont, Eileen Malabre & Edna D'Cruz
Masterpoints Helen Baker
Partner Co-ordinator Peter Roger 0421635305
Welfare Officers Kay Milne & Peter Kiernan
Afternoon Teas Patricia Ellis 66870441
Meet & Greet on Friday's Eric Bridgeman
Recorder Peter Brosnan 0411 121 281

APRIL REMINDERS

NO BRIDGE ON GOOD FRIDAY

WINE TASTING POSTPONED TILL 14TH
APRIL DUE TO EASTER TBC

S.H.I.F.T. Project recycled clothing sale
fundraiser. Donation date T.B.A

ADVANCED NOTICE "MCDERMOTT CUP"
ALL DAY EVENT SUNDAY 21ST MAY
(LISMORE BB)

4 PAIRS TO REPRESENT OUR CLUB
LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
NO FEES...ITS A GREAT DAY TO CATCH UP WITH OTHER
LOCAL CLUBS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR APRIL

Pete Keirnan 10th
Brian Sundstrom 13th
Dennis Prior 15th
Pete Brosnan 16th
Eileen Malabre 21st

and to all those we don't know about



BYRON BAY BRIDGE CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2022-MARCH 2023

Hello to all members of the Byron Bay Bridge Club. My first ever President's report.

Before looking back over the last 12 months I want to acknowledge and thank the commitment of the current committee members. Without their support my role as President would not have been nearly as easy nor as enjoyable.

I would also like to thank all the club members who came early to setup our room each Friday, Patricia Ellis and her commitment to our afternoon teas, Peter Roger as our partner co-ordinator, our club directors Leo Prendergast, Helen Baker (who also does our master points), Clive Klugman and Lin Hoult, Fay Bogg who faithfully tackles the boxes of cards and the dealing machine with support from Edna D'Cruz and Brad Hurst so that we have cards to hold each Friday. Running a bridge club requires giving up some personal time so I appreciate everyone's efforts. I would also like to thank Eric Bridgeman for being our meeter and greeter and Peter Kiernan for standing in for Eric when he was away. We also had Peter Brosnan as our recorder and thankfully he wasn't required to mediate any issues between players. We also introduced a ladies (Kay Milne) and men's (Peter Kiernan) as welfare officers to check on the "welfare" of our members if they were absent for a period of time. Thanks to these members also.

The year started with a member's brainstorming session and throughout the last 12 months most of the ideas from this session have been trialled. Some of the ideas were successful and others weren't. Monthly newsletters have been achieved this year and we have learnt more about the life away from bridge of some of our members via the efforts of Claudia Kiernan. Thank you Claudia.

A new club webpage was introduced with great success and has linked in successfully with the club's bridge scoring program. Club activities and members photos are easily uploaded for later viewing. Our club constitution will be able to be accessed via the webpage and our monthly newsletters are able to be read by all who browse our webpage. Monthly wine tasting has been a huge success and has continued over the last 12 months. Dress-up days were re introduced successfully.

We trialled a smaller room within the Cavanbah Centre and this has been a success. We also trialled an earlier start time in winter but was decided by our members that this was not necessary in the future.

Two fundraisers were held throughout the year with great support by club members. An afternoon tea was held for the Cancer Council of Australia and a Charity Day at the club with all donations going to the S.H.I.F.T. Project. Julie Wells from S.H.I.F.T. shared with the members about the program. A very informative talk indeed and inspired other bridge club's to support the program as well.

Our club held their Club Championship event over two Fridays and Helen Baker and Greg Farrell are our club champions for the year.

In October Helen Baker and Peter Quirke starting a six week course for 17 potential new bridge players. Two dropped off quickly, a few have stayed and some have entered the bridge world by playing online bridge. A huge thank you to both Helen and Peter for investing so much of their time into these lessons. Lesson support was provided by Edna D'Cruz, Graeme Carson and Eric Bridgeman.

Our Christmas Day luncheon held on December 9th was enjoyed by many with members providing a share plate and drinks provided by the club. Bridge was played afterwards. It was unanimously agreed by all in attendance to hold a similar event at the end of 2023. The Christmas Hat award went to Renia Gryc, a very worthy winner indeed.

Over the last 12 months the committee have worked on our constitution by removing clauses that tied us up in unnecessary legality, instated proxy voting for members unable to attend the AGM personally and have explored the possibility of relocating as a club.

Eda Bridgeman



Report on the Annual General meeting

Held at Cavanbah Centre

At 2.30pm 24th march 2023

There were 35 members present at the AGM.

- The minutes of the AGM for 2022 and the Special GM in Dec 2022 were approved.
- The President gave her report on the club's operations for the past year as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. The members approved the report.
- The Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Statement noting that the club had just over \$30,000 in the bank at the end of Dec 2022 and the club had operated at a loss of \$1,512 for the year. The AFS was approved by members.
- The club fees included membership and table fees for 2023 was approved.
- The Special Resolution to change the Constitution to bring Clause 11 Fees into line with the recommendations of the Dept Fair Trading was approved.
- The Committee for 2023 was elected with
 - President – Eda Bridgeman
 - Vice President Brian Sundstrom
 - Treasurer Greg Farrell
 - Secretary Leo Prendergast
 - Other Committee members
 - Kay Milne
 - Starlette Beaumont
 - Eileen Malerbe
 - Edna D'Cruz
 - Patricia Ellis
 - Helen Baker
- The Venue for play in 2023 was a lively discussion. Members had received a discussion paper that set out three options for venues. However, it was clear the choice for most members was between staying at Cavanbah or moving back to Bangalow Bowling Club. Issues raised included
 - The stability of staying at Cavanbah v the uncertainty of the longer term at the Bowlo with management being taken over and probable club premises renovatiuons
 - The lower cost of rental at the Bowlo v the higher cost of rent at Cavanbah
 - The fond memories of play at the club in the past v the current concern re lighting, toilets and noise at the club
 - The ability to purchase food and drinks before, during and after play at the Bowlo
 - The ease of play at Cavanbah with the room usually available as and when we need it v the need to start play a bit later at Bangalow given the band which uses the room on Friday mornings.



I hate
computer dealt hands...

How's that for a splinter bid...Jack?



A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws".

Know the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner? Answer: You can reason with the serial killer.



The Contested Auction

Mark Miller

We all know that a contested auction is when both pairs are bidding in the auction. But there is another type where one pair passes throughout and both players from the other pair are having a bidding battle.

Those playing Multi-Twos might open the North hand 2 (Spades and a minor) but this hand is way too strong for that action. 1 should be a standard opening bid. But always have in mind what your second bid is going to be. Simple enough if partner bids 1NT or 2 but what if they bid 2?

North	
♠ AQ9652	
♥ -	
♦ AJ10972	
♣ 2	
West	East
♠ 87	♠ J1043
♥ KS4	♥ J1082
♦ Q654	♦ K8
♣ K874	♣ 965
South	
♠ K	
♥ AQ9763	
♦ 3	
♣ AQJ103	

Dlr: N
Vul: N/S

Sitting North I decided that 3NT was probably not a good place to be due to the poor communication between the hands so overcalled 4. Partner wanted to be in game so suggested 4. With no Hearts I thought 4 would be a better chance. Given that I didn't think 3NT would make, partner was perhaps a bit ambitious in trying 4NT. Both of us got it wrong as 3NT does make, so does 4 and even 5. Tricky to work out who should give in. With that high spade honour and two red aces I think partner should have accepted 4 as the contract. Of course, Lorraine pointed out that 3NT would make. Hopefully we provided some bidding amusement to the opposition.

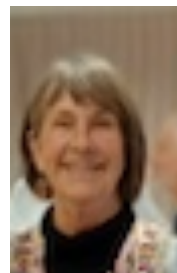
Perhaps my second bid of 3 overstates the strength of my hand. Bidding directly to 4 would strongly suggest game in Spades or Hearts. Again, perhaps too strong an action given partner has only promised 10 HCPs.

Maybe my second bid should only be 2. My hand is not that strong unless I find a suit fit with partner. Over partner's 3 response I have options of 3NT or 4 (to bid Diamonds now would be looking for a Diamond stopper from South). This is probably how a few pairs ended up in NT by North. But I would still think this is a gamble with the mis-fitting hands.

Many NS pairs matched our result of one off but there was a variety of contracts. Well done to those who stopped in 4 or 3NT.

If you don't know what a ruffing-finesse is then play the hand with bridge solver. The trick is not to finesse the club but to rise with the Ace on the first play of that suit. Then continue to lead Club honours from South. You are hoping the K is in the West hand so will discard losers unless it appears in which case you ruff.

MEET FAY BOGG



Fay's Story

Now living on a macadamia farm without any outside responsibilities ... how good is that!

Born in Goulburn decades ago into a sporty family (one brother), I enjoyed a wonderful early life full of the outdoors ... hunting rabbits, gathering mushrooms in season, cycling along dusty roads to picnic. From years 4-12 I was also hooked on the ballet school that encompassed grade exams, concerts, and eisteddfods around the state. My mother enjoyed this as much as I did – she with her machine and imagination conjured up some fantastic costumes for me to wear. No Saturday afternoons at the picture theatre for me – just dancing.

However at high school I became obsessed with hockey, made awkward speeches as school captain and headed off to the big smoke to study science and qualify as a teacher. Not that that career lasted much more than 12 months.

A few years in New Zealand saw me running the Ag Dept office of meat exports to the US. You might remember Rachael Carson's *Silent Spring* 1962 (precursor of environmental movement). Its conclusions that DDT travelled up the food chain moved the US to demand meat imports needed to test zero for DDT. So data from NZ abattoirs sent test results to the office via "ticky tape" (i.e. inch wide tape with perforations) that would be interpreted by a program operated by ones and zeros notation on cardboard cards ... IT in 1967 Wow!

I mention this because in 2000 I enrolled in a F/T course in Multimedia where the ones and zeros were replaced with English commands, keyboards and screens ... a far cry from the 60's.

Surrey and I were married in London on the horse's birthday 1969. Before the betrothal we were in East twittering with friends looking out to sea with the moon shining on it. The TV inside was showing Neil Armstrong landing on the moon. Epic.

I have been employed by state and federal Education then federal Overseas Aid.

We have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Such a joy.

We bought the farm *Kerogen* in 1980 and the following year set up home here with the children settling in to Newrybar primary school, Surrey setting up the oil exploration company in Brisbane and beginning the establishment of maccas, avocados and kiwi fruit on the farm. The latter two for early cash flow, now extinct.

Along the way I became editor of Bangalow's monthly paper (then *Heartbeat*, now *Herald*) for 5 years; became marketing manager for Jojoba Australia for 7 years (we established a jojoba farm near Forbes NSW and recently sold it to a farmer who pulled out all the trees to sow potatoes ... he had a big contract with Smiths chips ... heartbreaking stuff). I developed the first website for Heartbeat and after recently updating Bangalow Garden Club website I handed it over to younger folk.

I'm not fond of cooking but absolutely love gardens & renovating them. I've always wanted to design a new home ... but the *Gunyah* by the dam is about as close as I'll get.

Bridge, well, I was initiated in NZ in the 60's, encouraged by work lunchtime breaks in the 70's and enjoyed games with a friend at Toowong Bridge Club in the 90's. Then Brian Sundstrom relocated to Bangalow, joined *Heartbeat* & thought I should take one day off editorial matters ... maybe 2004? And bridge has been a weekly joy since then. Thanks Brian.

**BYRON BAY BRIDGE CLUB MEMBERS
AT THE
2023-2024 AGM**



MARCH WINE TASTING SELECTION



A final note for April. Please let a committee member know if the information below doesn't make any sense.

We have received this email from Peter Busch who designs the Altosoft webpage for our club

Hi,

I have arranged with my web hosts to add a layer of security to the websites that are sub-domains of bridgeaustralia.org. This has involved adding a SSL certificate to the domain name.

Without a SSL certificate, many web browsers like Firefox, Chrome and Safari display warnings suggesting that the site is not safe, and this is becoming more and more common as web browsers bring out new versions.

One minor downside of this is that your web site won't be secure when "www" is included in the domain name. For example, mybridgeclub.bridgeaustralia.org will be fine as it always has been, but www.mybridgeclub.bridgeaustralia.org will now show a security warning.

Most people don't include "www" as part of a web address, so not many people will be affected, but you might like to let your members know that they may need to change their bookmarks.
