

# THE GRAND SLAM



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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Well ... we certainly closed off 2021 with a Bang !

The Christmas Party was a huge success. Thanks go to all involved : the organising committee, volunteers, helpers, entertainers and, most of all, to you, the members, who all entered into the spirit and made the day extra special.

Our new Club Diaries are now available. Please grab your free copy next time you play.

Congratulations to the Tuesday 'Class of 2021' who graduated this month. And please remember to renew your membership for 2022.

Finally, a sad note, with the loss of the much-admired Tony Sizer. He will be missed by many ... especially by his Tuesday followers and his bridge partners.

*President Di*

## YOUR 2021/22 COMMITTEE

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>President</i>      | <i>Di Maltby</i>     |
| <i>Vice-President</i> | <i>Bob Hannam</i>    |
| <i>Treasurer</i>      | <i>Linda Lee</i>     |
| <i>Secretary</i>      | <i>Greg Dobson</i>   |
| <i>Committee</i>      | <i>Janie Brennan</i> |
|                       | <i>Bob Davies</i>    |
|                       | <i>Bev O'Hara</i>    |
|                       | <i>Kerry Thorp</i>   |
|                       | <i>Lesley Woods</i>  |

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF BRIDGE

**1742:** The first book devoted to Whist appeared, Edmond Hoyle's Short Treatise, which became a best seller.

**1857:** The first game of duplicate Whist was played in London; this eliminated much of the luck involved in which card each player was dealt. It was the forerunner of modern duplicate bridge.

**1903:** British civil servants in remote India developed the practice of bidding for the privilege of calling the trump suit, thus introducing "auction bridge."

**1925:** Harold S. Vanderbilt, American multi-millionaire and three-time America's Cup winner, changed the course of bridge while on a cruise. He suggested that only tricks bid and made count toward game, with extra tricks counted as bonuses. These revised rules turned auction bridge into contract bridge.

**1931:** The Culbertson Summary and Culbertson's Blue Book topped all book sales for the year, outselling such popular titles as Believe It or Not and Crossword Puzzles! "The Battle of the Century" was held in New York City. The team captained by Ely Culbertson won by 8980 points.

**1953:** President Eisenhower played bridge regularly on Saturday night with top experts. He attended national bridge tournaments when possible. He enjoyed bridge as much as golf and he was considered an excellent player.

**1958:** Charles Goren appeared on the cover of Time magazine and was dubbed "The King of Aces." The inside story explained the basic rules of bridge and proclaimed it the "United States' No. 1 Card Game."



*A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view;*

*A LOSER just waits until it's time to express his own.*

## LIFE MEMBER – A MESSAGE FROM LESLEY

I would like to express my gratitude for the great honour of Life Membership of the Caloundra Bridge Club given to me at the A.G.M.

I must admit I feel very humble to see my name on the honour board as my time in the club has been very enjoyable and given me much pleasure over the years.

So to all the members, new and old, enjoy your bridge it's a beautiful and a very rewarding game.

*Lesley*

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Santa's Helpers

The Committee wishes to extend their formal thanks to all the Members who leapt into the fray and ensured the 2021 Christmas Party was a huge success.

Lesley W, Janie B and Falu E : Organising Committee and More

Claire D and Peter Z : Decorations

Falu : MC

Tom D and Bob G : TV, Laptop and Sound System

Bev and David O, Libby and David W : Bar

Janie B : Kitchen, Punch, Chickens and much more

Julie B : Official Greeter, Kitchen, Chickens

Robyn K : Official Greeter and Punch

Peter K and Kerry T : Ham Carvery

Drew D : Ice Man

Alan and Di M : Scones, Alcohol, Welcome

Judy L : Paper Table Cloths

Thursday Evening Players : Table Setup

Michael E, Vanda W, Deb M, Karl H, Kerry T, Glenda W, Estelle D : Entertainment

Judi B and Deb M : Best Dressed Judges ... *(and very good judges they were too ... Ed)*

Bob D : Director



And a huge Thanks to all those who dressed up for the day and entered into the spirit of Christmas.

*(Editor's Note : If there is anyone's name missing, it is NOT my fault !)*

### ABF PROMOTIONS

| CALOUNDRA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC |         |           |              |        |           |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|--------|-----------|
| NAME                               | ABF NO  | HOME CLUB | RANK         | DATE   | TOTAL MPs |
| Hughes, Stephen                    | 215899  | 4-592     | Grand        | Nov-21 | 1,004.50  |
| McAnelly, Deb                      | 930415  | 4-592     | Regional     | Nov-21 | 52.46     |
| Dunsmuir, Janet                    | 949582  | 4-592     | Bronze Local | Nov-21 | 25.14     |
| Davies, Siobhan                    | 1110853 | 4-592     | Local        | Nov-21 | 15.29     |
| Eyre, Falu                         | 1121219 | 4-592     | Club         | Nov-21 | 5.51      |

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| NAME                               | ABF NO  | HOME CLUB | RANK         | DATE   | TOTAL MPs |
| Dobson, Greg                       | 1076663 | 4-592     | Regional     | Dec-21 | 53.24     |
| Keys, Peter                        | 1076671 | 4-592     | Regional     | Dec-21 | 50.36     |
| Thorp, Kerry                       | 1026836 | 4-592     | Regional     | Dec-21 | 50.30     |
| King, Robyn                        | 1005804 | 4-592     | Silver Local | Dec-21 | 35.31     |
| Dowling, Claire                    | 957763  | 4-592     | Bronze Local | Dec-21 | 25.27     |
| Stephens, Doreen                   | 480118  | 4-592     | Bronze Local | Dec-21 | 25.05     |
| McMahon, Dudley                    | 1085141 | 4-592     | Club         | Dec-21 | 5.45      |
| Maesepp, Rina                      | 1078569 | 4-592     | Club         | Dec-21 | 5.24      |
| Niven, Liz                         | 1102796 | 4-592     | Graduate     | Dec-21 | 2.14      |
| Websdale, Glenda                   | 1128000 | 4-592     | Graduate     | Dec-21 | 2.07      |

**High Achievers** : all the above Members achieved an ABF Rank Promotion after the November 2021 and December 2021 results were uploaded to the ABF MasterPoints database.

Congratulations all.

### LOOKING FOR A PARTNER ?

Partner let you down at the last minute ?

Or need a new partner ?

Or decided to play at the last minute ?

Kerry Thorp is now our new Partnerships Co-Ordinator.

Kerry takes over the role from his predecessor, John Fields.

The Committee wish to pass on their thanks to John for performing the role during 2021.

Kerry can be contacted on his mobile : 0418 438 544



## RULES CORNER - CLAIMING

Our Laws encourage 'Claiming'. When Claiming, there is a very clear procedure we should all follow.

Immediately there is a claim, play is suspended and the person claiming should state their 'Line of Play', ie which cards they intend to play and in which order.

If agreed by the Opposition, the board is scored.

If challenged, EITHER the Director is called, OR, upon the request of the Non-Claimers AND with the agreement of ALL 4 players, play continues.

**Note: The opposition cannot insist 'play on'. All 4 must agree to this. If you don't all agree, call the Director.**

Trouble can occur after a Claim where there is a trump outstanding. When a trump remains in the opponent's hand, the Director will award a trick if:

Claimer made no statement about that trump, AND

It is likely claimer was unaware of the outstanding trump, AND

A trick COULD be lost to that trump by NORMAL PLAY, which includes 'careless or inferior play.

The Rules also provide that it is assumed a Player would play a suit 'from the top down' even if this was not stated.

Enjoy your Bridge and as always Call the Director to resolve any potential issues.

*(Thanks to Bob Hannam for this article)*

## TOP 10 IN QUEENSLAND FOR THE YEAR 2021

The following table confirms those Caloundra Bridge Club Members who achieved a TOP 10 Ranking in the State of Queensland in their respective Masterpoint Level for the full 2021 year.

| MasterPoint Lvl | Name                 | QLD Rank | MasterPoint Lvl | Name                  | QLD Rank |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Gold Life       | Randall Rusk         | 10       | Bronze Local    | Deb McAnelly          | 8        |
| Life            | <b>Kate Balmanno</b> | <b>2</b> | Local           | <b>Linda Lee</b>      | <b>1</b> |
|                 | Judy Leathley        | 4        |                 | <b>Greg Dobson</b>    | <b>3</b> |
| National        | Cathy Clarke         | 4        |                 | Peter Keys            | 7        |
| State           | Bob Hannam           | 6        | Club            | <b>Jackie Hendrix</b> | <b>3</b> |
| Bronze Regional | Estelle Denhart      | 5        |                 | <b>Mark Harnack</b>   | <b>1</b> |
| Regional        | Bob Davies           | 6        | Graduate        | Siobhán Davies        | 6        |

Notwithstanding, the following ALSO achieved TOP 10 Ranking in the **whole of Australia** in 2021.

| MasterPoint Lvl | Name        | AUS Rank | MasterPoint Lvl | Name           | AUS Rank |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| Local           | Linda Lee   | 5        | Club            | Jackie Hendrix | 8        |
|                 | Greg Dobson | 10       | Graduate        | Mark Harnack   | 3        |

**Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all his life, he can't afford to waste it on bridge partners.**

**Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a substantial number of antisocial people.**

**If you have the slightest touch of masochism you'll love this game.**

**If I did everything right, I wouldn't be playing with you!**

**I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you're never sure they're going to get back to you in time.**

*(Editor's Note : I know 'favor' is spelt incorrectly)*



## TUESDAY CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION

The Good News : the following Members achieved the Goal of 50 MasterPoints during the 2021 Year.

Greg Dobson

Linda Lee

Rosalind Walsh

Kerry Thorp

Deb McAnelly

Greg Shaw



The Bad News : they are now ineligible to play in the field on Tuesday afternoons as the limit is 50 MasterPoints (except those who Direct or assist the Director).

## VALE TONY SIZER

Tony Sizer died in the early hours of Christmas morning 2021. His passing was peaceful, thankfully pain-free and he was with his closest family.

Some memories :

We will miss the array of T Shirts he collected on his worldly travels...

Tony came first in the last Bridge game he played with Greg Shaw ...

His contribution to the Club can be judged by the numbers he attracted to 'His' Tuesday afternoons ...

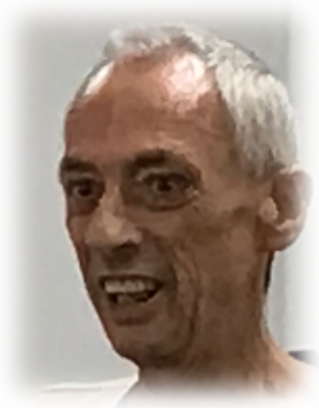
I liked his dry sense of humour ...

He faced his medical challenges bravely ... and never complained

Bridge was always fun with Tony but ... he was the definition of 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks' !

Mate, you were a pleasure to play with ... you will be greatly missed.

Rest In Peace



## TRAVELLING MEMBERS

A quick final note if you don't mind indulging your Editor. He and his (much more talented) partner fluked a second place in the Novice Section at the QCBC Pairs in January.

