

NT BRIDGE news

Second Edition – August 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go for GOLD!

*The Territory Gold Bridge Festival 2017
in Alice Springs at the Convention Centre*

Wed. 6th Sept. – Sun. Sept. 10th

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The busy Calendar of events for August is:

- **Territory Gold is on next week – see above.**
- Yes it's Teams night on Friday 1 Sept. – come along for a great night to socialise and play Bridge!
- NT Swiss Pairs on Friday 22nd & 29th of Sept.
@ 7:15 pm

OTHER NEWS

Learn about changes to Bridge Law

Stephanie, Denise, Mairead and Pam Nunn recently attended the annual bridge directors' seminar in Sydney, gratefully supported by the NTBA. This year it was particularly significant as from 1 August the revised world Laws of Duplicate Bridge are in use in Australia. There are some changes and wording has been made less legalistic.

Players are to call the director whenever something untoward happens at the table. However, the emphasis is more on continuing play whenever possible and the director may award an adjusted score. Say, for example, your partner makes a bid, then exclaims "Oops, I made the wrong bid!" Partner is quite entitled to have an "Oops" moment – don't we all. BUT you are not entitled to take it into consideration in your subsequent bidding or play. So, best thing would be for someone at the table to call the director, the director note what happened, bidding and play to continue and possibly the director to adjust the score at the end of the hand.

Copies of a 1-page summary of the revised Laws have been put on the NTBA Noticeboard. Please help yourselves – directors and players alike. The online version is available at <http://www.qldbridge.com/bulletin/qba/QBAJun17.pdf> (last page).

Top End visitors Ilse and Renata (see below) were welcome and played a number of bridge sessions in July & August.



Alice Springs Bridge Club News

We recently had Joan Butts to give lessons in Alice Springs. From the feedback received from our members they all enjoyed her sessions and found it well worth having Joan here. Thanks to the NTBA for helping with a \$1000 sponsorship.

If any members in Darwin know of people living in Alice Springs who may like to try Bridge or already play Bridge- then please get them to contact Eileen Boocock 89524061, or 0409677356 we try to encourage new membership by having lessons and supervised play on Tuesday evenings 7-9pm.

Palmerston Bridge Club

On Saturday 12 th August, Mike Butler ran a tutorial for our members on Bridgemate Pro and Compscore 2 to fill a void of trained people. Our members who attended were Mary, Felicity, Sandy, Neil, Mairead and Anne. The computer was connected to the TV so that everyone could see. Topics covered included:

1. The Bridgemate Pro and Compscore 2 system and setup
2. A Typical bridge session - simulation
3. What can go wrong and how to fix it
4. Entering results from Travellers as a last resort
5. The Tournament Director Menu.

A lesson learnt by one pair was that slams don't necessarily make for a good night. On 27 th July , Neil and Harry found and bid 2 slams that no one else had bid, yet had a shocker of an evening coming second last.

Our Sunday Social Bridge has been suspended until 2018 despite attracting one new member as key members who organised and ran it are going away for an extended period of time.

If you haven't played at Palmerston for awhile, please consider the trip down. We always guarantee a partner.



Darwin Bridge Club

DBC had all the upgrading work and the repainting completed, which has been well worth the short term inconvenience.



This was formalised with our thanks at a visit from Nicole Manison and Grace, just prior to our Teams night.



The last of the major work - being the Solar Panel installation – is happening on 31st of August.

DBC are continuing the Supported play sessions on Tuesday (now starting at 7pm) and Saturday. Please let the DBC committee members know if you would like to see the "Hone your skills" sessions to resume.

LATEST EVENT RESULTS

August Teams night - We had 8 tables and a great night and some folk just didn't want to go home! The Kerry Moir Trophy was also awarded to the winners who won by a big margin.



Great win by Connie, Mike, Judy & Allan!

A Happy mob below doing their forensic review.



GNOT Stage 2 was held over 2 sessions on Saturday 19th – the four teams included a team from Alice which is great! Team Flynn & Team Mooney now move into the 3rd Stage.

- Kerry Moir Teams was included with the normal Social Teams on Friday 4th at 7:00 pm, see above.
- DBC hosted the NT Senior Pairs, on Wed 9th & 16th – won by Rosemary Mooney and Tony Abbott.
- Palmerston last month averaged number of 20 players & the winners were Rosika & Fred (twice), Pat & Bill (twice), well done!



HANDS of INTEREST

There were no memorable Hands last month for me to report on; **BUT** if you have any hands you would like to report on – Send them in.

CHEERS STEVEN