## <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Malanda Bridge Club</u>

The Barrier Reef Congress held in Cairns over the May long weekend was well attended by Malanda & Tableland Bridge Club with 13 of our members attending. A wonderful time was had by all..... unfortunately no cigars.







## **Results**

The handicap pairs held over 2 Mondays in April were won by John Sainsbury & Margaret Dodding

## **Coming events**

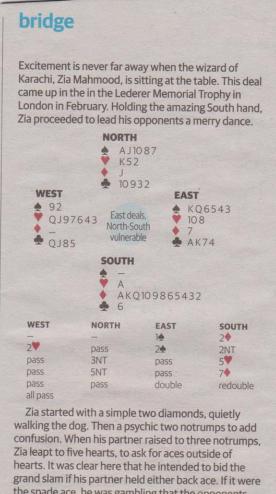
27<sup>th</sup> May GNOT Qualifying - Malanda
CAIRNS NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS Red Points Sunday, 26th May 2
Sessions - 9:30am & 1:30pm Director: Rebecca Delaney Cost: \$50 per pair
Bring your own Lunch Drinks & nibbles provided at conclusion. Both players should have fewer than 100 masterpoints as at 31st March 2019
2<sup>nd</sup> June Zonal teams Red Points- Cairns
8<sup>th</sup> June Interclub - Atherton
23<sup>rd</sup> June Zonal Pairs Red Points - Cairns

<u>April</u> Birthdays: Netta, Pat P & Janet <u>May Birthdays:</u> Bjorg, May H, Kate & Lois

## Wishing Leon a speedy recovery from her hip operation. And our special thoughts for Maralyn, wishing her all the best with her health issues.

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

An interesting hand for you to consider!! Can you make 7 Diamonds??? (of course it all depends on the lead!!)



the spade ace, he was gambling that the opponents would not lead a club. If he wanted to know if his partner specifically held the ace of clubs, he would have leapt to five spades, an ace-ask excluding spades.

Zia is no stranger to gambling. In 1994, he bet 1,000,000 pounds that no computer would beat him at bridge. However, in 2002, he withdrew the bet – a sure sign that robots are getting better.

When his partner bid five notrumps, to show one ace, Zia carried out his plan and bid the grand slam. East doubled and Zia naturally redoubled. Redouble for a Pakistani is a matter of pride!

The double was intended to suggest a non-spade lead, but the message got lost. West led a spade. Zia dumped his club on the ace of spades and faced his hand to score plus 2,660 and a 14-IMP swing.

Suits of 11 cards or longer are extremely rare. Tom Townsend of London explains that there are exactly 233,224 such hands. Not many given there are 635,013,559,600 possible bridge hands. That's about one 11-card suit every 287 years, if you play every day.

**Paul Marston** 

I don't care what people think of me – at least mosquitoes find me attractive!!

HAPPY BRIDGING