

High level of skills in Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club Championship

Eddie Heinemeyer and David Cowls won the annual Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club Championship after marathon sessions over two weeks.

Club President Denise Merrin said the championship was contested by 20 pairs over two consecutive Thursday afternoon sessions.

"The level of competition was fantastic and it was played in a great atmosphere of friendship that is the hallmark of our club," she said.

"Eddie and David are to be commended for their consistently good performance throughout. They won their half of the competition over both weeks."

The championship was contested across two divisions, A and B. All pairs competed for the A division while B was restricted to pairs with lower Australian Bridge Federation Master Points. With 20 teams, the cut-off for B division was set at the 10 teams with lower Master Points.

Eddie and David were awarded the club Championship Cup as overall winners. The Championship Plate for B division winners went to John Youngman and Cheryl Finlayson after scoring a sixth place overall in the first week and winning their half of the second week.

Second place overall went to Sheena Pollock and Denise Merrin with first and fourth places over the two weeks. Suzi Leahy and Julie Guthrie came in third.

Eddie and David were "over the moon" with their victory.

"We had great fun - mostly," they said. "The quality of play across the entire 20 pairs was extraordinary. We had to work hard on every board to stay ahead."

President Merrin said the commitment to the championship across the club was exciting.

"We can't wait until next year," she said.

Bridge Club goes trivial

Fresh from an intensive two-session Club Championship, the Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club proved it is not all serious competition with a recent trivia evening.

More than 60 members and guests filled the club house for an evening of fun, good food and laughs - and a little inter-table competition.

As well as a series of rounds of questioning, the evening included a line dancing exhibition, a hilarious dance performance inspired by ABBA and the film "Muriel's Wedding" (fortunately without any fight sequence!) and a magic trick by MC Keith Bowman that went sadly wrong when his glamorous assistant cut his tie in half.

In between the dancing and questions, guests enjoyed a delicious two-course buffet dinner.

The trivia evening was one of a series of social events at the Club.

"Bridge is a wonderfully social activity," said Club President Denise Merrin. "Our committee puts serious effort into the fun aspects of our club and we are delighted to be able to provide these activities at no cost to our members.

"We include at least two trivia events every year and of course we enjoy Melbourne Cup day festivities and a special Christmas event."

The Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club is also committed to helping people learn the game of bridge with tuition sessions and assisted play every week.

You can find out more about Bridge Club tuition and our social activities by visiting the club web site. Just look up the bridge club through your favourite search engine or phone President Denise Merrin on 0444 592 189.