

Age is no barrier to game of fine skill

(from the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin – by Jenny Lightfoot. The accompanying photo was taken by Kevin Young.)

TWO years ago, Ally Wetherall, 11, of Rockhampton was introduced to the game of bridge when she attended classes during the school holidays.

At the end of the holiday Introduction to Bridge classes conducted by Dell Dawson of the Rockhampton Bridge Club, Ally went on to take out top honours in the Youth Bridge Competition.

With the knowledge and confidence she gained from winning the competition, and a desire to improve her bridge skill, Ally attended the school holiday bridge classes again this year.

Also attending the classes, and enjoying the experience, was 10-year-old Lara Roopnarinesingh.

Lara and Ally were so evenly matched in the February 15 youth bridge competition at the Rockhampton Bridge Club, the girls equally shared the \$100 first place prizemoney.



Bridge teacher Dell Dawson is thrilled with their enthusiasm for the game.

For many years Dell has been working hard to encourage young people to take up bridge.

"The holiday classes were very successful this year, and were held Mondays and Thursdays," Dell said.

"Ally and Lara want to keep coming to bridge at the club on a Saturday, which is lovely to see.

"They also brought a friend and her mother along to the Saturday competition," she said. "They are both interested in playing bridge."