

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2008

A WORD FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the coming year.

The new committee responsibilities have been allocated and I am delighted that the members are enthusiastic about

implementing the portfolios allocated to them. It goes without saying that the Office Bearers and members of the Committee rely at all times on the willingness of members to assist with all aspects of the operation of the club.

While we all strive to improve our game, let us not forget Bev's mantra

"Bridge is for Fun!"

To that end, the Committee is proposing to reintroduce a "Melbourne Cup Day" event in November. More about that later.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions about further improvements we might make to enhance our enjoyment of playing bridge at Noosa.

Lyne Collins
President

COMMITTEE FOR 2008

Office Bearers

President: Lyne Collins
Vice President: Peter Althaus
Hon. Secretary: Sandy Regan
Hon. Treasurer: Muriel Loveday

Committee Members and Responsibilities

Pam Cross: Providor
Heidi Lier: Housekeeper
Bev Salter: Game Director
Judy Jessop: Congress Coordinator
Member Carer
Peter Althaus: Building Maintenance Officer
Mike Flanagan: Librarian/Records Officer
Kath McKay: Publicity and Public Relations
Pam Cross: Providor
Ross Gyde: Stationery Officer
Colin Regan: Membership Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attendance at the AGM exceeded all expectations – 91 members in attendance and 71 apologies showed a great deal of responsibility in selecting the new Management Committee.

WELCOME TO NEW HOME CLUB MEMBERS

Lorraine Wood	Noel Wood
Lynne Ford	Henny Theeboom
Barry Midgley	Ian Ashe
Wilma Domjan	Charles Wilson
Judith Murar	Steve Burgess
John George	Merveen George
Ron Adam	Jenny Adam
Rhona Vickers	Thea Davies

DUTY MEMBERS

A duty member will be rostered (by agreement) for each session to welcome members and visitors, make any necessary announcements and generally manage the session with help from player volunteers.

Please be seated at least 15 minutes before play is due to start and please refrain from speaking



while the Duty member is making the announcements.

HELP REQUIRED TO LOCATE LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

Members are encouraged to borrow books from our library. Please be sure to sign books out and to sign them back in when you return them. We have lost track of a significant number of books. Please check your bookshelves at home and promptly return books you may have inadvertently forgotten to return. The library is an invaluable resource and the club would like to see its books available for the use of all members.

NEW WEB PAGE

By now, most members will be aware that the club's new web page is up and running. Our sincere thanks to Peter Busch, David Henderson and Colin Regan for their work on this project.

Visit the site on: www.noosabridge.com

BROADBAND

The Committee had agreed to purchase a broadband connection for the Club's computer. Currently, telephone calls from members are not able to be taken while the internet is being used. This has been happening usually in the half hour or so before session play is due to start, preventing members from calling in to say they may be late. The cost is not expected to be significant as the club has little requirement for expensive downloads.

FINANCIALS

The club is in a sound financial position with total equity of \$395,729.15 as at the end of February 2008.

VISITORS TO THE CLUB

The club encourages visiting players to join us at our Club in Wallace Park, Noosaville. Please ensure that any visitors you introduce or meet first up sign the visitors' book and that their names are given to the Duty Member before the session starts so that they can be formally welcomed.

So far this year we have enjoyed the company of players from South Africa, the United Kingdom and New Zealand as well as from elsewhere in Australia.

EATING AT TABLES

Please refrain from eating at the card tables as crumbs etc make the cards sticky and soil the cloths. Food may be consumed in the dining area and at the long table by the South wall.

GNOT RESULTS

Congratulations to the following teams who have made it through the Noosa Club round of the Grand National Open Teams tournament and who will now go on to contest the Sunshine Coast round.

- 1st Geoff Hart, Ken Dawson, Kevin Feeney and David Harris
- 2nd Lizi French, John Fell, Susan Rodgers, Philippa Barnett and Bev Salter
- 3rd= Peter Tall, Elizabeth Shaw, Sandy Regan and Lanning Smith
- 3rd= Gerald Schaaf, Graham Hugh, Peggy Hillhouse and Tim Ridley
- 5th Pat Feeney, Judy Althaus, Stuart Smith and Ross Gyde.

We wish our teams every success in the next round.



LESSONS FOR IMPROVERS

Bev is willing to continue with lessons on Wednesday mornings at 8.30 am . Please let her know if there is a particular aspect of the game you would like her to cover.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

There was a very good turn out for this handicap event played in two sections.

Section A

1st Joy Coop and Jan O'Connell
2nd Trish Tanner and Lesley Power

Section B

1st Doug and Julia Carlson
2nd Angela Hall and Dale Heidenreich

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

Under the guidance of David Henderson and Bev Salter there are about 25 people attending the classes. The current course has almost finished but beginning players will be welcome on Monday and/or Wednesday mornings at 9.00 am (play starts at 9.15 am) to continue learning under supervision.

WENESDAY MORNING SESSION

It has been very pleasing to see the increase in attendance at this session. We now have about sixteen tables including two or three tables of supervised play (new players).

I would like to thank a number of people who have been of great assistance in making this possible.

Mike Flanagan who arrives each week and fits in where he is needed, either helping to

supervise or playing with someone who needs a partner.

Sandy Regan and Elma Paull who have for several years acted as mentors to improving players.

Sandy McCulloch and Kendall Early have occasionally also acted in this role.

Elma Paull again for so admirably looking after our morning teas.

Lorraine Vachon who has acted as Director for the East section on many occasions

Liza Park and Gillian Hardy who will come along to fill in for any of the above positions when I am away.

Bev

DIRECTORS' CORNER

NEW LAWS (which do not apply as yet!)

The following is taken from an article by Richard Hills of Canberra. Richard has been closely involved with the production of the 2007 Laws, working as an aide to Graham Endicott, Secretary of the Laws Committee. This article represents Richard's views.

Law 7C: Returning Cards to Board

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original thirteen cards, after which he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present.

This is to reduce unauthorized information, since if a hand is not shuffled before returned to the pocket the next player to hold those cards may be able to make an informed guess as to what the previous contract was, which may help that next player to plan their own auction.



There has been a "nicer to novices" change to Law 9B 1 (a)

B. After attention is Drawn to an Irregularity

1 (a) The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity.

In 1997 the strongest word "must" was used instead. So now experts can be kind to beginners and simply say. "Don't worry about it," when a beginner is feeling very guilty and embarrassed about their unintentional infraction of Law.

The key Law on authorized and unauthorized information, Law 16, has been completely rewritten. If there is only one Law in the Lawbook that a player chooses to read it should be this one.

I will write about this one in the next edition of our Newsletter.

Bev Salter

"If you had drawn their leading spade
It meant a certain win!
But no! By Pembroke's mighty shade
The thirteenth trump you went and played
And let their diamonds in!

"My girl, return at my command
His presents in a lump!
Return his ring! For, understand,
No man is fit to hold your hand
Who leads a thirteenth trump!"

"But hold! Give every man his due
And every dog his day.
Speak up and say what made you do
This dreadful thing - that is - if you
Have anything to say!"

He spoke. "I meant at first," said he,
"To give their spades a bump,
Or lead the hearts; but then you see
I thought against us there might be,
Perhaps, a fourteenth trump!"

They buried him at dawn of day
Beside a ruined stump:
And there he sleeps the hours away
And waits for Gabriel to play
The last - the fourteen trump.

THE LAST TRUMP

By Banjo Patterson

"You led the trump," the old man said
With fury in his eye,
"And yet you hope my girl to wed!
Young man! Your hopes of love are fled,
'Twere better she should die!

"My sweet young daughter sitting there,
So innocent and plump!
You don't suppose that she would care
To wed an outlawed man who'd dare
To lead the thirteenth trump!

