

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our AGM was very well attended and the new Committee members have taken over their portfolios. Thank you to the members who attended the AGM and for the input and discussion on the motions submitted to the General Meeting that followed. The Committee will take on board the comments and ideas that were put forward. Not every member will be happy with the decisions that we make, but we must look at what will be the best result for our club.

I am looking forward to working with the new Committee (see below). A full review of all accounts and contracts will be conducted by a sub-committee and details will be brought to the Committee in the next two months.

The Directors have established an appeals committee comprising Simon Andrew, Phillippa Barnett, Maureen Jakes, Susan Rodgers and Di Stagg. They have appointed Kevin Feeney as Recorder, or Geoff Hart if Kevin is directing on the day. Anyone considering an appeal can

consult Kevin (or Geoff). My thanks to all these people.

Our Club continues to grow and without the generous support of all our volunteers we would certainly not be able to operate as efficiently as we do.

To all members who have been unwell – our thoughts are with you.

Enjoy your bridge and remember that “Our Club is simply the best”.

Lyne Collins
President

COMMITTEE FOR 2010

Office Bearers

President:	Lyne Collins
Vice President:	Sam Halvorsen
Secretary:	Kathy Male
Treasurer:	Muriel Loveday

Committee Members and Responsibilities

Pam Cross:	Providore
Carolyn Dalton:	Housekeeper/Carer
Ross Gyde:	Stationery/Dealing
Kath McKay	Building Maintenance
Jill Phillips	Membership Secretary
Alan Pringle	Building Maintenance
Colin Regan:	Librarian/Records
Tim Ridley	Publicity

Other Positions

Gillian Hardy	Masterpoint Secretary
Di Quigley	Games Director
Lizi French	Games Director and Partnership Arranger
Bev Salter	Congress Co-ordinator
Jill Tuckey	Partnership Arranger

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Jill MacKay	Russell Greenwood
Patrick Sweeney	Robyn Donnelly
Lois Gorman	Thea Davies
John Noack	Neta Sondergeld
Catherine Noack	Warren Jukes
Annemarie Rutledge	Helen Nott

A timely reminder to new and long standing members of the importance of wearing name badges to help us all get to know each other more easily.

BEGINNERS' LESSONS

There was again an excellent response to the opportunity to learn how to play bridge, with Bev Salter taking the Monday lessons and Geoff Hart taking the Wednesday lessons. These lessons have now finished and there will be further opportunities in the supervised sessions on Mondays and Thursdays for beginners to put into practice their new found knowledge.

This year, the lessons were co-ordinated so that if a learner was unable to attend say the Monday lesson, he/she could attend on the Wednesday (and vice versa).

The next Beginners' course is scheduled to start in June.

The Club is grateful to Geoff Hart for also organizing the conduct of lessons for intermediate players.

THANKS

Bev would like to thank the following people for their great help with the novices: Lizi French for assisting with the Monday and Thursday morning lessons and supervision; Lizi and Di Quigley for giving of their time to ensure that Wednesday sessions have a non-playing director and Elma who with her usual efficiency keeps

the Wednesday kitchen operating smoothly with the aid of her helpers.

With Sympathy

We regret to advise the passing of Gerry Guy, a much loved member of our club.

We extend our sympathy to Joyce Parker on the recent loss of her husband Noel.

We also extend our sympathy To Lizi French on the passing of her husband Denis

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

There was a very good attendance (56 pairs) for the playing of the President's Trophy on Monday 29 March. This is a handicapped event played in three divisions. Both members of the partnership must be members of this Club to take out any prizes. The nett winners were:

Open: (Section A)

1st: Ross Gyde and Pam Hawkins
2nd: Kay Taylor and Colin Regan
3rd: Sue O'Neill and Allison Walker

Restricted: (Section B)

1st: Julia Carlson and Doug Carlson
2nd: Sharon McGhee and Carolyn Dalton
3rd: Rozanne Thomas and Jill Tuckey

Novice: (Section C)

1st John George and Merveen George
2nd Lois Gorman and Graham Feeney
3rd John Higgins and Chic Wilson

Congratulations to our winners.

GNOT NOOSA

The first round of the Grand National Open Teams, a 3 day match play event, was played on 11, 12 and 14 March.

The first three placegetters were:

1st: Philippa Barnett, Susan Rodgers,
Maureen Jakes and Rosemary Green

2nd: Christina Bringau, Lorraine Vachon,
Stuart Smith, Sandy McCulloch
Georgina Cassels and Doug Byrnes (sub)

3rd: Peter Tall, Lanning Smith, Sandy Regan
and Sam Halvorsen

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

The club was well represented and some excellent results were achieved.

Greer Tucker was a member of the Best Womens' Team.

Simon Andrew, Gwen King, Kendall Early, Larry Norden and Luc Turschwell won the Best Country Team.

Jill Phillips, Sue Bendt, Rosie Butler and Lorraine Vachon came third in the Novice Teams.

Congratulations to all concerned.

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS MONDAY 3 MAY 2010

The Committee has agreed to again support the Bridge for Brains fundraising project organized by the Brains Trust which raises funds towards the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute's studies into ways and means of preventing or delaying the early onset of Alzheimer's or dementia. As part of their studies, the Institute researchers are investigating whether mental activities like playing bridge can help keep the brain active and healthy, just as physical exercise is thought to help keep our bodies in good shape.

CLUB LIBRARY

Members are reminded that loans are for a period of three weeks. If members have overdue

books, please return them so that others may have a chance to borrow them.

CARPARKING

Wallace Park is getting pretty crowded these days, **particularly** Mondays through to Fridays. Our Club is very busy with lessons and supervised play sessions as well as the regular sessions and it seems that other organisations in the vicinity such as Wallace House, the Library and the Community Centre are also seeing record attendances. As a result, it is not always easy to find a car park when one needs it. It seems unlikely that additional car parks are going to be made available in the immediate future at least so perhaps we need to consider ways to ease the congestion such as:

- Catch the bus to and from (if the bus timetables suit)
- Car Pool if you can. Reduce your stress and help save the environment.

KEVIN'S TIPS ON PLAY

Contract : 4S by South

Lead: King of Hearts (following West's opening bid of 3H).

S: 965
H: 85
D: 952
C: KJ652

S: 4
H: AKQJ103
D: 1086
C: Q43

S:108
H: 76
D: QJ73
C: A10987

S:AKQJ732
H: 942
D: AK4
C: -

West leads the Ace of hearts followed by the King. East follows with the seven and six. West continues with the Queen of Hearts. We know that East has no more hearts of course. At the start of play we paused to count our losers. Didn't we?

As South, it looks as if we are going to lose 2 hearts, a heart ruff and a diamond, so at present it looks like only 9 tricks. What can we do? Ruff with the 9 of Spades and hope? No, East can over ruff with the 10. So, we use our Loser on a Loser technique from our bag of tricks.

We deliberately throw a losing diamond from dummy giving the opponents their Queen of Hearts, but now depriving them of a diamond trick. Now we can win any continuation, draw two rounds of trumps, cash the Ace and King of Diamonds and ruff the 4 of diamonds in dummy. Play a club from dummy which is ruffed in hand, making ten tricks and making the contract. If you thought of that, weren't you a clever little bunny!

Kevin Feeney

DIRECTOR'S CORNER **David Stevenson – Mr Bridge**

Q Please remind me about when a card counts as played. My husband placed a card on the table and then realized that he had put down the wrong card. Could he change this before his LHO played?

A No, I am afraid not. When the Declarer puts a card on the table or holds it near or touching the table, or in a way to indicate he has played it, it counts as played and he may not change it. When a defender turns a card in a way that partner could see it if she were looking then it must be played and may not be changed.

How soon next player plays is not relevant.

TIPS FOR PLAYERS:

If you keep a personal score sheet, fill this in while waiting for others, **not when it is your turn to bid, play, move, or use the Bridgmate.**

Don't say "top board" or otherwise draw attention to your own good scores (this is considered gloating).

SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK

Pam Hawkins has passed on this advice which may help if one finds oneself in such a predicament.

"Many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, with only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness after beginning to feel faint.

To survive the heart attack you should not PANIC, but start COUGHING, repeatedly and vigorously.

A DEEP BTREATH should be taken before each cough. The Cough must be deep and prolonged as if you have a chest infection and coughing up phlegm from deep inside the chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

DEEP BREATHS get oxygen into the lungs And COUGHING MOVEMENTS squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. "

Exerpt from Noosa News Feb 2, 2010.

THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS

HELP! We desperately need players to volunteer to partner members or visitors looking for a game on Thursdays. The volunteer will play only if those "partnerless" players cannot be paired up. Please put your name on the list or contact Kath McKay.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits"

"We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed that I knew what I was doing."