

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

December 2008

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

"And so this Christmas". the words of this famous song float into my mind each year. "let's hope its a good one for coloured and white, for the old and the young."

With the world a little "upside-down" at the moment, let's hope these words come true. Due to the amount of material for this edition, I will make my report brief.

To my deep regret, it is necessary for me to comment on an apparent failure by some of our members to always strictly observe the rules of bridge etiquette. Some members have been extremely upset by instances of rudeness at the table, whether directed at a partner or an opponent. The Club's policy is "Zero Tolerance" so please, bring your best manners to the Club so that all members, at every level, can enjoy their game of bridge. After all, our motto is "Bridge is for Fun!" I have asked those who have been upset to let me know if it occurs again, and if it does, I will certainly speak to those who offend against the rules.

On a happier note, thank you to all the members who made Cup day such a success. We already have forward bookings for the event next year.

Our two-day Butler Pairs Congress was another well conducted event. The Congress Committee and many volunteers ensured that all ran smoothly. Many thanks to all who assisted.

To our Club Champions, special congratulations. I look forward to presenting your awards at our Christmas Party on 12 December. There will be casual cocktails after play and all members and their partners or special mates are welcome. Remember to mark your diary for this special event. And please make sure you put your name

on the list on the notice board so that we can cater sufficiently for all attending.

To you all and your families, I wish you a Merry, Safe and Caring Christmas, and a very happy 2009. Remember, your club is "Simply the Best"

*Lyne Collins*  
*PRESIDENT*

## NEW MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome Monty Dale to the Club.

## NEW GRAND MASTER

Congratulations to Geoff Hart on attaining the rank of Grand Master, bringing our current tally of Grand Masters to eight. No wonder it is hard to win a game around here! Well done, Geoff. Our thanks to Geoff also for selecting the books to be added to our Club Library.

## DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Lizi French and Di Quigley for their success in the Director's examination. Well done, ladies.

## THURSDAY RESERVE PLAYERS

The club promotes Thursday play as a day when partners are not required. This means that if there is a player left without a partner after the non-partnered players have been paired up, a reserve player will be provided so that no one misses out on a game. If all players can be teamed up, the rostered player may then go home. A roster has been drawn up. It is on the western wall near the time clock. If your rostered date does not suit, please arrange for a replacement.



## MELBOURNE CUP AT THE BRIDGE CLUB

Everyone was a winner at the Noosa Bridge Club's Melbourne Cup Day event.

Some eighty members enjoyed a light hearted fun game of bridge followed by a chicken and champagne luncheon before watching the race on the big screen. Clerk of the Course Colin Regan provided a host of "horsey" scoring "handicaps" which ensured that the most fancied stayers did not necessarily win the race.

Members got into the spirit of the day and prizes were awarded for wearing elegant hats and costumes or a hat "with a difference".



Bobby MacNee was in fine form, not only winning the prize for first past the post but also, in a dead heat photo finish shared first place for best dressed lady with Jill Phillips. Both ladies looked stunning in their race outfits. Peter Evans took out the prize for most elegantly dressed gentleman on the course.



Our special thanks to Colin Regan, Peter and Heidi Lier, Gerald Schaaf. John Collins and the kitchen helpers Maureen Midgely (non-playing partner of Barry), Jenny Ward and Jan Galvin and also to the host of other members involved in making the day such a special event.

## BUTLER PAIRS CONGRESS

Thanks to Judy Jessop and the many volunteers who shared the responsibility for ensuring the success of this event, which attracted 104 very high calibre players.

Results:

Championship Pairs:

- 1st: Susan Rodgers and Philippa Barnett
- 2nd: Neville Francis and Sanmugaras Kamalarasa
- 3rd: Greer Tucker and Maureen Jakes

Plate:

- 1st: Kendall Early and Larry Norden
- 2nd: Jeanette Roughly and Margaret Bazzan
- 3rd: Sandy McCulloch and Stuart Smith

Consolation:

- 1st: David Pincus and Joan Pincus
- 2nd: Ed Beckett and Jan Beckett

Best Pair Under State Rating

John Collins and Lyne Collins

## BRIDGE AT GYMPIE

Casual bridge is available at the Gympie Club on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, commencing at 1.00 pm.

## ZONE GRADED PAIRS

**Sunday 7 December, 9.30 am start to 5.00 pm.** Graded Zone Pairs held at our Club. While the Zone will run this event, players are asked to bring their own lunch.

This event provides an opportunity for players to compete in a Red Point event against members of other clubs in the zone.

Cost is \$40 per pair, payable (by cheque). Entries and fees please to Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Zone, c/e Heather Walford, 16 Nara Court, Buderim Q.4556. She may be



contacted on phone 5443 5780. Closing date is Tuesday 4 December. Entry forms are available at this club - see Notice Board and take a copy.

### **CHARITY DAY - RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

The Club raised a total of \$772 for the Riding for the Disabled Association at the Charity Day held on 9 October. Our sincere thanks to all who played and bought raffle tickets.

### **LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS - FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2009**

There will be two series of lessons for beginners conducted by David Henderson and Bev Salter. Bev's classes will start on Monday 2 February and David's classes on Wednesday 4 February. Lessons will begin at 9.15 am (please be there by 9.00 am) and will be held weekly for eight weeks. The cost is \$65 which includes morning tea and a text book. If you have friends or associates who have ever expressed an interest in learning to play, please let them know. A list will be compiled at the club.

### **COMING EVENTS - DECEMBER**

**Friday 12 December** - Christmas Party! Don't forget to mark your calendar for this not to be missed event.

**Christmas Day** - No Play.

**Boxing Day** - There will be play in the morning only.

### **SIMON ANDREWS' LESSON ON REDOUBLING - 21 NOVEMBER**

Simon gave a fascinating lesson on redoubling, intended primarily for the more advanced players but which also had the less experienced players riveted to their seats. He so excited the interest of one of our players who shall remain nameless (he is seen regularly in the company of our President) that the said player was simply itching all that afternoon to get a chance to try

out his new found knowledge of the art of redoubling. Unable to find an opportunity on the Friday, he decided to give it a crack on the Saturday, at the Congress, boldly redoubling Lizi's double of his slam bid! S. O.S! No help was in sight. Perhaps Simon will repeat the lesson again one day.

### **DIRECTORS' CORNER**

Wonderful to have six new directors to add to our Roster - Di Quigley, Lizi French, David Henderson, Muriel Loveday, Mike Flanagan and Ed Beckett.

Please help all directors by following their directions and if asked to move, to do so willingly. Decisions at the table must be abided by. If you disagree with the ruling please let the director know that you would like to appeal the decision.

I would just like to voice my concern at the behaviour of some of our players at the table. There should be no discussion of the hands. If you need to speak to your partner about the play of the hand please do so away from the table. I can recall Ron Klinger being very emphatic about this point. In fact, he suggested taking your partner out for a coffee at the end of the session and then discussing any problems that may have arisen during play.

It is very rude to tell the opposition what they should have done or not done during the game. If they want your advice they will ask for it.

Wishing you all a great Christmas and Happy Bridging in 2009!  
Bev Salter

### **OFFICE OF GLEN ELMES M.P.**

The Club wishes to acknowledge the generous support of Glen Elmes M.P. and his staff in the printing of our newsletters and the stationery for our Congresses. Thanks very much, Glen.

