

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My report will be brief. As members are aware I have been absent from the club for several weeks. John had a stroke and spent a week in Noosa Hospital and a week in St. Andrews Brisbane. He is now an outpatient at Eden in Cooroy and coming along extremely well. My thanks to members for calls, visits, baking and driving as I have a fractured shoulder and all the caring we have received. How lucky to belong to such a wonderful club. My special accolades go to Vice President Sam and the overworked committee. They have gone above and beyond their responsibilities with extra duties, as the committee has operated on 8 members instead of 12. This has been an incredible effort and I ask members to show their appreciation by making sure you help whenever you can. The Directors have also been under pressure with several away and I thank Directors who have had to take extra sessions. Also a big thank you to Bev who has been teaching as well as directing. My return to the club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July has been a great pleasure.

Enjoy your bridge and remember our Club "is simply the Best.

*Lyne Collins (President)*

## BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Began Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June with 13 students. Now 20 students. Beware the next wave of novices!

## NEW MEMBERS

The Club extends a warm welcome to: Elizabeth Bomford, Virginia Spencer-Bower, Malcolm Mawson, Lindley Moon, Anne Margaret Ryan, Robyn Scott, Robin & Allan Stephens, Michael Tolnay, Julie Ann Tubbs, Ross Aitken and Sue Bosch, who is a returning member.

## THE BEAUTY OF CUE BIDS – not ?

A very talented player from Noosa Bridge Club (who wishes to remain anonymous) was in a big regional event recently. The player and partner were doing very well overall - in contention, in fact. Along came a hand and the bidding was as follows:

Dealer W

W	N	E	S
1C	1S	2D	3C

The opening 1C bid from W was alerted by E. Player of interest in this story was S who bid 3C in fourth seat, and everyone then passed.

South's 3C was a cue bid intended to ask partner to describe the N hand further, because S already had support for Spades. North's Pass left the contract at 3C.

How many tricks did S make? None, zero, zilch. South thinks this could be a record. South and partner immediately fell out of contention and never recovered – happily they remain good friends.

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Now try this one:

Dealer S Contract 4S

S: Q106	
H: 532	
D: A K83	
C: A J 10	
S: 5 4 3 2	S: 8 7
H: A K J 9 7	H: Q 108
D: 4 2	D: Q 10 9 5
C: 5 2	C: 9 7 4 3
S: A K J 9	
H: 6 4	
D: J 7 6	
C: K Q 8 6	

**WARNING:** Don't ruff in the long hand is especially important when the long hand has only four trumps

**HINT:** Refer to previous article "Loser on a loser"

..... all of which leads in to the article below.

Kevin Feeney

### WHY READ BRIDGE BOOKS?

"One advantage of reading about bridge is that you can be ready with the right play without having to think for twenty minutes at the table." So says Alfred Sheinwold when introducing one of the puzzles in his book, The Pocket Book of Bridge Puzzles, Number 1. Here is that puzzle.

S: J 6	
H: 6 3	
D: A K J 8 5	
C: A T 4 2	
S: ?	S: ?
H: A K 9 4 2	H: 8 7 5
D: T 7 3	D: Q 9 6 4
C: 8 7 3	C: K Q J
S: A 9 7 5 3 2	
H: Q J T	
D: 2	
C: 9 6 5	

The puzzle for declarer, South, is how to play a contract of 4S to have the best chance of succeeding. It comes down to how to play the

trump suit and what lie of the opponents' cards is needed to allow declarer to escape with only one trump loser.

While you are thinking about the first puzzle, here is another one from the same book.

S: K Q J T	
H: T 8 3 2	
D: J T 4	
C: K 9	
S: A 9 8 6 4	S: 7 5 3
H: Q 6 4	H: 7
D: 8 7 6	D: K Q 9 2
C: T 7	C: Q J 5 4 3
S: 2	
H: A K J 9 5	
D: A 5 3	
C: A 8 6 2	

You are South declaring a contract of 4H. Unfortunately for you, West gets off to the nasty lead of D8. Can you rise to the challenge and make 4H?

The answer to the first puzzle is for South's first lead of trumps to be a small spade towards dummy, hoping that W holds specifically KT or QT. Try it.

In the second puzzle, the play to trick one should go D8, DT, DQ, D3, ie declarer ducks the first trick. East is unable to continue Ds and declarer can now draw two rounds of trumps and then establish spade winners in dummy.

Would you have found the answers to these puzzles at the table?

As the author says, if you've previously read about these situations you have a far better chance of remembering solutions.

Geoff Hart

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## THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are sorely needed for Thursday's bridge session. The Club is committed to offering a partner to anyone looking for a game on Thursdays, and it would be terrific if 52 people [that is one for each week for the next 12 months] offered their services. This way, the same few volunteers don't find themselves sitting patiently at mid-day each Thursday to see if there's a lone player. We have 327 members, and it's a great way to make a contribution to the Club's best interests.

Put your name on the 2010 schedule, which is on the wall near the microphone and make **Kath McKay** a happy coordinator!

## KATIE ROSE CHARITY DAY

The club has donated \$1,000 to the Katie Rose Cottage from our Charity Day on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks to the players who came along and supported this worthwhile cause. Other Charity Days for 2010 are:

- ♠ RSPCA (5<sup>th</sup> August)
- ♠ Riding for the Disabled (7<sup>th</sup> October)

## AIR CONDITIONING

The Committee has installed a new control system which allows us to set and change required on and off times without calling in the service team and also provides better management of temperature within the rooms if the weather is unseasonably warm or cold. By a quirk of unfortunate timing, a fault in one of the north condenser units resulted in an arctic blast being directed into an area of the room rather than the moderate warmth expected. The Committee has set a desired in-room temperature in the range of 21 degrees. There will always be some minor fluctuation. We have now set the timers to switch on earlier to get the rooms warm sooner. For those who feel the cold around their feet and legs, wearing slacks and socks is recommended. For every member who feels the cold, there appears to be

another member who suffers from the heat. It is suggested that players wear layers of clothing to achieve their own personal level of comfort.

## MEMBER WELFARE

The Club keeps tabs on members' well-being and sends a card to someone who is not well or who has suffered a loss in the family. In the past month, cards have been sent to Pamela Christmas, Shirley Sinclair, Christina Bringau and Pam Cross, all of whom have had a stint in hospital. If you know of a member who is not travelling well, let **Caroline Dalton** know and she will organise a message from the whole Club.

## COMING UP

- ♠ Tony Delaney: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July
- ♠ Club Teams Championships: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August
- ♠ Noosa Novice Pairs: 29<sup>th</sup> August

And finally - *How to act/appear more professional*



Sit up straight (no slumping) in the chair. Hold your cards close so nobody else at the table can see them (the sure sign of a beginner is to hold his cards out too far in front). Concentrate! Or, at least appear to concentrate. Don't let others see your mind/eyes wandering. No faces during the bidding or play.



Keep a poker face at all times.

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