

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2013



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**I take on the role of President grateful that our outgoing committee has left the Club in such a strong position. I am confident that this prudent stewardship will continue as our new committee is a good mix of experience and fresh ideas, and a lot of enthusiasm.**

Welcome to Pam Hawkins - Vice-President, Prue Adams - Treasurer, Judy Hope - Membership Secretary, Rachel Wagner - Publicity, Geoff Hore - Providore, and to Kath McKay in her new role of Secretary.

Thank you to our retiring officers, Sam, Kathy, Muriel and Annie. They will be missed but they have all offered ongoing support to our new people.

Thank you also to Diana Banks, Muriel Loveday and Jeff Pearce who nominated for positions on the committee but were unsuccessful this time. We look forward to contributions from them in the future. It is a sign of a healthy club when multiple nominations are received and an election has to be held.

The latest series of lessons has recently concluded and we can anticipate that many of these learners will want to join our Club. We are fortunate to have Bev Salter and Lizi French

to teach aspiring players and then continue to nurture them with supervised sessions.

Bev and Lizi receive a lot of support in these endeavours from Di Quigley and Kath McKay and I thank them for giving up their time to encourage our learners.

The first order of business for the new committee will be to address members' concerns with the changes to the Constitution and Rules. It is important that we finalise these documents, and have them adopted, to provide our Club and our members with protection and security into the future.

I wish all our members a happy, successful year and many hours of enjoyable bridge playing.

*Jill Phillips*

## MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS



Kyomi Avunduk was awarded the First Place for Queensland in the Regional Masters Section of the James O'Sullivan Awards as the player who gained the most Master Points.

In the same competition Tim Ridley was awarded First Place for Queensland in the National Masters Section and secured Third Place throughout Australia. Congratulations from everyone at the Club

## ~ 10th Anniversary ~



### **BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE**

#### **Play a hand in changing lives**

Throughout the first week in May the Australian Bridge Federation invites affiliated clubs to participate in this program to raise funds for Neuroscience Research into Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and mental illness.

Studies have shown that playing Bridge not only helps to promote memory and good judgement, but also hopefully, a good sense of humour. The regular social contact with familiar long term friends helps to sustain people in later life. At our club a large percentage of the players are in their 70's and 80's and still playing competitively. Age hath not wearied their 'Little Grey Cells', and this is what we will be celebrating on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

As it is a Charity Day we are asking people to bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Sandwiches, dips or something sweet would be appreciated but nothing that will need reheating thank you.

We are also asking everyone to wear their Name Badge and make it a **"Say Hello to Someone You Don't Know Day"**.

#### **80's CLUB** - left to right

*Aileen Doyle; Heather Mott; Ellie Nimmo; Elma Paull;  
Stuart Smith; Sandy McCulloch; Bill Moody; Len Sweetman*



## COMING EVENTS:

**Saturday 27 April:** Red Point Day;

**Sunday 28 April:** Noosa-Bribie Teams Challenge at Noosa;

**Fridays 3, 10 and 17 (all day) May:** Noosa Championship Pairs;

**Monday 6 May:** Bridge for Brains Research Charity event;

**Mondays 20 and 27 May:** Noosa Novice Championship Pairs – Red Point Days;

**Sunday 26 May:** Teams of 3 at Caloundra;

**Wednesday 29 May:** Australia Wide Novice Pairs;

**Saturday 2 June;** Red Point Day;

**Thursday 13 June:** Noosa Butler Pairs Congress;

**Sunday 23 June:** GNOT Semi Final SCCBC;

**Mondays 17 and 24 June:** Noosa Pro-Am Competition – Red Point Days;

**Wednesday 26 June:** Charity Day;

**Sunday 7 July:** Noosa Swiss Teams Congress;

**Tuesday 9 July:** Red Point Day

## NOOSA BRIDGE WEEK

The Club will again be hosting the Noosa Bridge Week from 14 to 20 October. Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff have been beating the drum far and wide about the wonderful atmosphere at our club and there is now a waiting list for people wanting to come to Noosa to take part.

There is a discount for club members wanting to join the lessons and other activities planned, on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, please put your name on the list as soon as possible as any vacancies will be snapped up by outside players.

# “THINGS TO DO” “THINGS NOT TO DO”

*Gerald Schaaf*



At Bridge

Because talking can be heard at adjacent bridge tables, it is very important that any necessary discussion about a hand be kept at whisper level. Ideally, there should be no talking at all (especially important where tables are sharing boards).

Under no circumstances should any hand be discussed with anybody during the course of the session (except with your partner at tea-break – quietly, without eavesdroppers).

The personal scorer is just that - personal - and is therefore off limits to everyone in the room; it's even off limits to you during the play of each hand. In other words, if you have recorded the contract and lead you are not allowed to look at that information until the hand is played. By the same token, if the contract and lead have been entered into the BridgeMate the screen must not be looked at until the hand is played. The personal scorer must be secured at all times by the owner. It must never be openly exposed and it must never be left at a table at tea-time. Also, so that there is no delay in playing to the first trick, the person on lead must lead first and record details into the personal scorer later. All entries to be done discreetly.

As each new pair arrives at the table it is the responsibility of the BridgeMate operator to confirm from the BridgeMate that the two pairs are correct and that the correct boards are going to be played.

It is the responsibility of a player of the opposing side to confirm the BridgeMate details and result of each hand before pressing the accept button.

At the end of each session, it is the responsibility of N/S to confirm that the BridgeMate reads End of Session.

*Written by Gerald Schaaf*

*Approved by Di Quigley*

## REPAIRS

Air-conditioning – *complete*

Mobile Microphones – *quotes coming*

Overhead Projector and Screen – *quotes coming*

It should be noted that **Alan Pringle** continues to donate his time to repairs to the side tables.

## HANDY HINTS FOR NOVICES

Please email any handy hints with the view of assisting Novices – quick one line hints that you think might help Novices improve their Bridge - contact Publicity at

[noosabridge@bigpond.com](mailto:noosabridge@bigpond.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Julie Tubbs is the Club Carer which entails sending get well cards and visiting members in hospital or sending bereavement cards if needed... If you know anyone that needs her care please Contact Housekeeping.

[noosabridge@bigpond.com](mailto:noosabridge@bigpond.com)

Julie is also responsible for the Housekeeping at the Club and diligently arranges the cleaning and dry cleaning etc.

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**Sunshine Beach Surf Club** supplies all the drink coasters

**Noosa Dry Cleaners** dry clean our table covers every 2 months for nothing. Thanks **Carole McDonald!** What a great contribution.

## VOLUNTEERS



*Kevin Feeney*

**The true success of the Noosa Bridge Club is the dedication of the Volunteers who donate hours of their time and expertise fulfilling the tasks required to keep the doors open for play each week. Over the next few editions of the Newsletter we will introduce you to the individuals and teams who quietly go about their tasks, and for the benefit of the newer members, we will, where possible, put a face to the names.**

On a daily basis, the most visible of the Volunteers are The Directors. Aply led by Di Quigley, her team of Tessa Townend, Jane Dalziel, Doug Byrnes Lizi French, Ed Beckett, Kevin Feeney, Chrissie Baynes, David Harris, Muriel Loveday, Bev Salter, Allison Walker and Kathy Male come to our tables to adjudicate on our reneing or bids out of turn. As a group they meet regularly to discuss the interpretation of the Rules and Updates as they appear in the Directors Manuals. Whether we end up with a Howell or a Mitchell movement is also their educated call.

Hours of study and time goes into the successful completion of the Director's Course. In our Club we are fortunate to have a Senior Director in **Kevin Feeney** who has donated hours of his time to the preparation and presentation of the Course Material. Relevant articles by recognised authors are researched to clarify current rule interpretations to give the Noosa Candidate the best possible resources to complete their course successfully.

Kevin has also qualified as both a Tournament and Congress Director. As a player he has had great success at both the Club and State level and

together with Simon Andrew, Gwen King and John Gill won the Barrier Reef teams competition. He is a Grand Master. He started his bridge life playing "auction bridge", where you scored whatever number of tricks you made, regardless of whether or not you bid them. He remembers those days playing with his mother –in-law, Mons, with much fondness. On a personal level, Kevin looks back over his years as a bridge player with great appreciation of the friendships made through long term partnerships. He encourages the newer player to grow together with their partner in developing their bridge skills. Triumphs and disasters are both better when shared.

The current course of Directorial Candidates is almost an all-male affair. The band of merry men are Geoff Hart, Mal Adams, Monty Dale, Lanny Smith and Dieter Bendt. While the only "rose" is Jenny Mawson. They meet weekly over a three month period to go through the course material. We wish them all well in their endeavors.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteering can be as little or as much time as you are willing to commit. Stacking or emptying the dishwasher is something that is always helpful when you are having a sit out. Every little bit helps to share the load and continues to maintain the wonderful legacy set out by our founders so many years ago.

**Thanks you from the Editor** My first Newsletter has come about with enormous help and assistance from Judith Hope; Di Banks; Kath McKay; together with copy from Gerald Schaaf; Kevin Feeney; Geoff Hart and Geoff Hore with photos – thanks for your input.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**  
With so many new members and visitors, it would be very helpful if we could all remember to wear our name badges at the table.

## TEACHING NEWS

Bev Salter and Lizi French have yet again conducted a series of successful lessons for beginner players. Congratulations on a job well done.

As usual there are many beginners now joining as a result of the Club's lessons and their dedicated input. Thursday supervised and Wednesday Novice sessions will encourage good playing practices for the beginner's future "Bridge Career".

**Help is always needed for supervised** sessions from more experienced mentors. If you can find the time the Club would be appreciative of your support. Please contact Bev if you can help, even if only occasionally.

## NEW MEMBERS



**We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined the Club since the beginning of the year.**

Ian Morice, Sally Walker, Cherie Graham, Maddy Nielsen, Margaret Pomfret, Trevor Blake, Barb Stott, Julie Stroud, Eve Coombe, John Bryan, Benita Chittenden and Don Robertson are all graduates of our Club's Beginners Classes.

We have three Non-Home members in Peter Coppin, Greg Murray and Colleen Grant. Greg is the son of Maggie and Sam and actually introduced them to the game when they all lived in Zimbabwe. Alida Timmer and Adie Marina have both renewed their Home Club membership after many years. The other new Home Members are Pam and Ken Whiting.

**The teaching committee Geoff Hart, Di Quigley, Bev Salter and Lizi French are currently seeking interest in lessons for improvers and intermediate players with a range of topics listed on the teaching on the notice board.**



*PHOTO Di Quigley, Geoff Hart, Bev Salter and Lizi French*

## WATCH YOUR VALUABLES!

Members are reminded to keep an eye on their valuables while at the Club. While it is tempting to park one's handbag or wallet somewhere to avoid carrying them around during play, this unfortunately exposes one's valuables to the risk of theft. It is best to leave your valuables at home, as the Club cannot accept responsibility for any item lost or removed.

## COMPETITION SUCCESS AT HOME AND AWAY

**Again our Members have continued their success in Tournaments and Congresses held during the first months of this year.**

### February

#### Gold Coast Congress

Walter and Annemarie Hugentobler won the Novice Pairs Championship



Walter and Annemarie Hugentobler

In the Restricted Pairs Final Chrissie Baynes and Sheryl Cullenward and Ed and Jan Beckett each won their Sections.

We also had second with Ray and Susan Powley in their Novice category.

**Qld Senior Teams** Doug Byrnes and teammates came Second in the A Division while Anne Young and her teammates came First in the B Division

*Doug Byrnes*



### March

#### Gympie Club Teams

Championship

First was Kevin Feeney and Kathy Reed with Nev and Adele Harrington

Second was Jeanette Roughley and Teammates

#### Gympie Pairs

First Kevin Feeney and Nev Harrington

Second Kathy Reed and Jeanette Roughley

#### Rockhampton Butler Pairs

First in their B Section and Second Overall was Jan and Ed Beckett



Jan Beckett

#### Coolum Swiss Teams

First A: Anne Young and teammates

Second A: Carole McDonald and teammates

First C: Dieter Bendt, Denise Cranfield, Jill Phillips and Maureen Wright

Second C: Don Stephens, Jacqui Martyn, Lois Gorman and Margaret Robertson

### April

#### Sunshine Coast Bridge Club

##### GNOT

First Overall were Kathy Male and Jim Dillon and Kemal and Kiyomi Avunduk

Kathy and Jim also came First in the Pairs Datum

#### Presidents Cup

Division **A** Isabel Michie/Dieter Bendt

Division **B** Susan and Ray Powley

Division **C** Moira Gibbens & Alisdair Stewart



*Moira Gibbens*



## LIBRARY REPORT

Using the library - *Geoff Hart*

Our library contains an excellent collection of bridge books, to meet the needs of beginners through to advanced players. The borrowing service is available to all Noosa Club members.

Borrowings operate by a few simple procedures that are self-administered by members. Users are required to clearly record, in the (bright pink) Borrowings book provided, the details of each borrowing (date, book number, borrower's name and club number) and each return (date). When this is not done there can be unhappy disagreements over responsibility for missing books.

The Club asks borrowers to return books after having them for about two weeks - to give all members the same access to the full library.

The white Catalogue folder contains three listings of the entire collection – by reference number, by author, and by subject matter. Also, inside the front cover of the Catalogue are several green sheets on which are listed recommended books on a number of specific topics. I am always happy to help members select books to meet their stated needs. Please ask.

### Books to help you improve your defence

On average you defend 50% of the hands you play. And defence is recognised as the most difficult part of our game. So if you can do it well, there is a lot to be gained.

To start your reading on defence you can't go passed the books of Eddie Kantar (*Defensive Bridge Play, Modern Bridge Defence, Introduction to Defender Play*), the classic, *Card Play Technique* by Mollo and Gardener, and the newer *25 Ways To Be A Better Defender*. Moving beyond the nuts and bolts, we have Kantar's *Advanced Bridge Defence* and books by Hugh Kelsey.

Following a recent purchase there are now 3 copies available of Kantar's *Modern Bridge Defence* and *Advanced Bridge Defence*.

## KEVIN'S LESSON

Planning the Play of the Hand

Whenever you are playing a hand, either as declarer or a defender take some time before you play a card to the first trick, it is important to **MAKE A PLAN**. Remember even a plan that fails is better than no plan at all.

In a trump contract it is best to count the tricks you will lose and PLAN a way to eliminate those losers.

Three of the main techniques to avoid losers are:

1) Establishing tricks in one hand  
2) Discard losers from the other  
3) Ruffing (usually in the short hand) and finessing.



*Kevin Feeney*

CONTRACT: 4♥N

4 LOSERS: 2♥ 1♠ 1♦

♠AK7

♥Q9874

♦65

♣KQ6

♠854

♥AK3

♦J1093

♣1092

♠QJ109

♥2

♦A872

♣8543

♠632

♥J1065

♦KQ4

♣AJ7

East leads ♠Q You cannot draw trumps immediately as defenders will be able to take one ♠ one ♦ and 2 ♥

Best is to eliminate the small ♠. Win the ♠A and lead a ♦ at the K,Q. If King holds you are on a roll Back to ♣K and repeat ♦ lead as the Ace is onside. We can discard the small spade. If ♦A is onside we will go down but not without a PLAN

“That was a great plan, Sherlock.”  
“Elementary, my dear Watson.”