

From the President

This is the last Newsletter in what has been a unique year for the club. We have moved from normal operation through total closure to modified operation. We are now running smoothly in "Covid19 mode" four days a week with Saturday play on a regular basis. Numbers of returning members are gradually increasing and we now have over 200 playing regularly.

We were pleased to welcome our State MP, Sandy Bolton, to the club to view the changes we made to allow the club to reopen that were financed by a grant from her electorate funds. Sandy gave a short talk and chatted with club members. She expressed an interest in maintaining contact with the club.



Work in the tea area has been completed. The vinyl flooring has been extended to take in the whole area and bench tops will be replaced soon. These changes will make the area easier to clean and more hygienic.

We have now completed our restricted schedule of major events for the year with open and novice pair championships decided. As we are not able to hold a Christmas party due to Covid19 restrictions we will be presenting certificates and acknowledging trophy winners at our normal bridge sessions. In line with other clubs, the Management Committee has decided to discontinue the practice of giving cash prizes. The honour of being recognised as winners is considered more important.

Finally, with pandemic restrictions easing, I hope that we will all be able to fully celebrate the festive season and hope that the club will soon be back to normal operation.



THE SPIRIT OF THINGS

In response to our comment of "we love your red socks, Brian", we were rewarded with the complete coordinated outfit!!
Well done, Brian, much appreciated!!



Past Members –

Jenny & Ron Adam, Peter Evans, Jill Hollingworth, Jan Larcombe, Djuana McIntosh, Lyndon Sanderson



Kitchen Range hood & hotplate
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BY 31 DECEMBER 2020**



Ross Gyde



Member Achievements

28 Sept & 5 October - Novice Pairs Championship



Winners – Phil Griffiths & June Drysdale

11 October - GNOT Heat – SCCBC

3rd – Maureen Jakes, Abby Wanigaratne, David Harris, Tim Ridley

1, 8 & 15 October – Open Pairs Championship



Winners – Simon Andrew & Gwen King



Plate – Gayna Ryan & Di Quigley

25 October – GNOT Heat

Winners – David Harris/Tim Ridley/Geoff Hart/Sam Halvorsen/Rosie Green/Philippa Barnett

19 & 26 October – Spring Pairs

A – Rosie Green/Tim Ridley

B – Eugenie Mooney/Anna Irminger

2 & 9 November - Memorial Event

A – Sandy Long/Maureen Wright

B – Sue Smith/Gilly Hogarth

29 November – GNOT Final

1st – Tim Ridley/David Harris/Sam Halvorsen/Rosie Green/Philippa Barnett

3rd – Chrissie Baynes/Susan Rodgers/Rozanne Thomas/Sandy Long

5, 12 & 19 November – Coolum BC Pairs Championship

Winners – David Harris/Richard Trollope

Nett Winners – Sue Smith/Leslie Bloomfield

Restricted Winners – Rachel Wagner/David Richards

A Joyous Addiction



Philanthropist Laurie Cowled plans to donate proceeds from sales of “A Joyous Addiction” to the Laurie Cowled Regional Scholarship at the University of the Sunshine Coast which supports regional female undergraduate students with financial needs to continue their education.

“A Joyous Addiction”, ghost-written by Michael Taylor tells much of Laurie’s life story culminating in her support of almost 150 country and indigenous women with scholarships to help them attain a tertiary education.

Laurie who has been a member of Noosa Bridge Club since August 1987 was very much involved with moving of the Clubhouse from James Street to Wallace Park in March 1994 and was granted Life Membership in October 1997.

Purchase your copy of the book direct from Laurie. Phone her on 0412 765 819 to arrange pick up.

Vale



Aileen Doyle



Wendy Coman





Member Profile: Adam Hertelendy

Regularly greeting his Wednesday flock with the words “Welcome to Paradise”, Adam has been searching for nirvana since the age of three, when he and his parents fled Hungary during the 1956 Uprising. Along the way he has worked in and lived in countless countries, scaling dizzy heights to become Vice President of the largest of the Swiss banks — as well as becoming President of the Zurich Bridge Club and also of his beloved basketball club.

And while mentioning beloveds, we must record that Dorothy had a similar toddlerhood. Her cavalry officer father fled the Communists in Hungary, made his way through the Iron Curtain to West Germany, collecting in Austria en route (to her great surprise) a lady whose very brief acquaintance he had made at the end of WWII. She became of course his wife and after a period in Munich, together with baby Dorothy they thankfully made their way to New Zealand, her father accepting an Engineering Scholarship bestowed by a benevolent Kiwi community.

Back to Adam in short pants, his family was first housed in military barracks south of Vienna and then moved to Switzerland, eventually settling in the German-speaking area of Zurich where he found that introducing oneself by the name of Hertelendy invariably led to lots of misunderstanding ... *Herr Telendy .. natürlich.*



The future banker with his abacus

Adam was schooled in Zurich (apart from an exchange student year in Iowa) and studied veterinary science at university, but also played basketball — so much basketball in fact, that his veterinary prowess was forever lost to the world of feathered and four-footed. Instead he joined the realm of commerce, at the country’s largest bank the Union Bank of Switzerland. There he was trained in the art of lending, and spent all his professional career doing just that — to corporations, governments, and individuals.

He also became a member of the Swiss Army Reserve, ending up as First Lieutenant. Along with basketball he also played soccer and table tennis, went skiing, running and enjoyed the occasional marathon ... and then there was bridge, leading to him becoming qualified as a Director in Switzerland, New Zealand and ultimately Australia.



Hertelendy - The young banker

Back during his early career, Adam was invited to Sunday afternoon coffee by an older acquaintance, whose niece was visiting from New Zealand. The young lady worked for her country’s diplomatic corps and was travelling between Vienna and Geneva searching for an interesting appointment. She met one in the form of Adam, and after he discovered Dorothy had settled in Vienna he found there was a very convenient Friday night train between Zurich and Vienna and started spending a lot of his weekends aboard it. They married in 1985, twice for good measure : a civil ceremony in Zurich, a church service in Christchurch.

Life was good in the banking world. They had great fun in a four-year posting in Tokyo, then the bank sent him to a six-month seminar in New York. In 1996 they moved to Budapest, where Vice President Adam had to open the office for UBS. He had learned the Hungarian language as a toddler from his parents, but never to read or write it. However, at least people no longer tried to call him Herr Telendy. The bank’s eventual merger closed the eastern European offices, so at the end of 1999 they returned to Switzerland again.



(We must explain that moving house for the Hertelendys was not just a matter of packing a few bits and pieces. One had to consider the family heirlooms, the antique furniture that needed so much cossetting. When Dorothy's father had fled Hungary, his mother remained, living rather close to the Austrian border. During their visits grandmama would help them to cut canvasses out of gilt frames, and roll them up to smuggle through checkpoints — except for the day a nosy neighbour informed the secret police and Adam had to hand over the goods. The pieces of furniture were a bit too big to hide in the back of the car. The Communists did not want Hungary's 'heritage' removed from the country, but a bureaucracy subsidised by bribes enabled them to smuggle out some precious items — which are now very well travelled.)

Back in Switzerland again, Adam joined Sulzer Textile, manufacturers of the world's leading weaving looms, the Rolls Royce of weaving looms. That posting led to a very welcome six-month sojourn in northern Italy, about 45 minutes from Venice. After the company was bought out by Italian interests Adam rejoined UBS and decided to allocate his spare capital to buying a house in Christchurch, to give them a bolthole in New Zealand.



Early retirement in New Zealand

By 2008 the banking world was getting a bit dreary, so Adam decided to take early retirement at the tender age of 55. New Zealand of course was the goal. Eventually they sold the original house and bought another in the Cashmere Hills, overlooking Christchurch. At about 4.00 one morning in September 2010 their home started shaking violently, which was somewhat unnerving in the pitch dark, but there was not much damage to speak of.

In February 2011 they were happily doing 80 kph along the motorway towards Christchurch Airport, bound for the Gold Coast Bridge Congress. Their car suddenly developed a mind of its own, leaping all over the road. At first Adam thought they had lost a wheel, but then realised it was another earthquake. At the airport all terminals were closed and everyone was told to return home. It took four hours, but probably it's a good thing they were on the motorway as the trio of four-metre brick chimneys on their house had crashed through the roof.

An earthquake lasts just seconds; fighting insurers and organising repairs can take forever. They were lucky to have the house fixed within three years and during some of those winters were delighted to be house-sitting for friends in Wust Road, Doonan. Winter was so warm here, and as an added bonus there were no holes in the roof. They went looking at local property, found a beautiful place overlooking lush countryside, and bought it. During their visits they had discovered the Noosa Bridge Club and in April 2014 they shifted the family antiques yet once again.



Enjoying Japan



Adam in Tokyo

Adam had first experienced bridge watching over his mother's shoulder as she played. He and Dorothy played (socially and at clubs) in Zurich, Hungary and Japan and now they are permanent fixtures at our various competitions. Adam with his idiosyncratic pronouncements has endeared himself to his Wednesday crowd. Welcome to paradise indeed.

by Susie Osmaston



“Eight Ever, Nine Never”

Here is another hand from Australia Bridge magazine. This one was authored by Danny Roth in the December 2015 edition.

After dealer West opens a weak 2H, South plays in the contract of 6S. W leads HK. The N hand wins the HA, and declarer South draws trumps in two rounds. What next?

Decide on your line of play before moving on.

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

S A J T 9 2
H 9
D A Q 6
C K J 5 4

In the C suit you can play for the drop by winning A then K (or in the other order), or you can finesse either way. If you get the Cs wrong, the D finesse may still work.

The winning way is to combine your chances in a safe manner. You play the CA, and then play a small C through E, and when E plays a C9..... ?? Eight ever, nine never?

You finesse with CJ. Why? Because whatever card W plays, your contract is secure. If the finesse works, you can later try the D finesse to make all 13 tricks. If the C finesse fails, W winning the Q (the Cs split 2/2), whatever W plays next secures your slam contract*.

* Of course you prepared for this ending by ruffing N's baby H in hand early on; maybe trick 2.



Geoff Hart

Im-purr-fect play

“I was mighty nervous today” a player told me after a club duplicate session. “How come?” “We were running late for the game” he said.

“My wife dashed in from shopping and grabbed something out of our refrigerator for lunch. Unfortunately, she gobbled down some leftover cat food. She showed no immediate ill effects but midway through the game she started licking her dress and then she misplayed a slam. She won the first club with the queen, drew trumps and led the K-A and a low heart. Down one.”

“She’d land on her feet, so to speak” I noted, “if she leads a diamond to the ten after taking the top hearts.” “True” my friend said, “but she didn’t need nine lives to make the slam. After she drew trumps she can take the ace of clubs, ruff a club and lead a heart to the ten. East wins but is end-played. Is your wife feeling fine now?” “Seems so, but I called our vet to be safe.” “What’d he say.” “Said if she started meowing, bring her in.”

Dealer: W
 VUL: Both

<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ K 10 9 7 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 4 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ K J 4 ♣ A 8 5 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 2 ♥ Q J 3 2 ♦ Q 9 6 5 2 ♣ 3</p>
<p>♠ A K 8 6 5 ♥ K 9 7 6 ♦ A 10 ♣ Q J</p>		

Opening lead CT

W	N	E	S
Pass	1c	pass	1s
Pass	1NT	pass	3H
Pass	4s	pass	G5
All Pass			

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