

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

December 2010



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In March 2010, your previous committee who had worked tirelessly for your Club stood down and a new committee was elected. For stability, it was important that many of the committee re-nominated but it was also great to see some new faces. Every committee member soon received their Portfolio and more than rose to the challenge. Our VP Sam Halverson certainly had to take the reins due to my not being available after John was laid low with a stroke. Thank you again, Sam. You did a great job. As well, one committee member became extremely ill and after many years of working for the Club, found it necessary for the sake of her recovery to resign. Pam Cross, you have been a fabulous worker and I thank you on behalf of the members. Two new recruits were appointed and hit the ground running. I would like to recognise our Publicity Officer Di Banks and our Providore Anni Galli. Both have been exceptional in their roles.

I have fulfilled my 3 year term in March and I feel very confident that the Club is in a sound shape to hand over to the next committee.

Our membership has grown rapidly this year and much of this success is due to Bev Salter. Not only does Bev teach our new members, but she nurtures them in supervised sessions until they are confident enough to join the regular playing sessions. Bev, you are a treasure and have done a wonderful job. Another lady who, although not on the committee, deserves special mention is Merrelyn Daly. She always has our Club looking fantastic for Congresses and special events, and also makes sure that our Four Seasons tree and the Club in general is looking great.

Di Quigley and Lizi French head our team of Directors. What would we do without our Directors? Having their game regularly interrupted during play, they always approach the tables with a smile and settle at times difficult situations. As Club members, please make sure you show them your appreciation and when calling for a Director, say "Director, please".

Finally, I thank all members who have volunteered and assisted throughout the year, particularly for our Congresses, Cup Day, and the Paul Marston visit. Your efforts have been much appreciated. To all of our members, and to your families, I wish you a very happy, safe, and caring Christmas and I look forward to sharing 2011 with your. Remember your Club is Simply the Best.

Lyne Collins 



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# MORE CHAMPIONS

## Grand National Pairs – Sunshine Coast Finals

*Tessa & Georgina came fourth in the regionals and are off to Canberra in February to play against other regional winners. This is an ABF event.*



Tessa Townend & Georgina Cassells



## State Champions – Team of Three

*These three have taken out the State title involving a team of three “under 500 MPs” with a Grand Master as the fourth member. This is a QBF event.*



Chrissy Baynes, Rozanne Thomas, Jill Tuckey

## Local Champions - Spring Pairs

*This is an annual two-day event on the Calendar of the Noosa Bridge Club. Worthy winners!*



Kevin Feeney & David Harris



## Another Local Winner - Encouragement Award for a Nil Master .

*John had his lessons with Bev in the February 2009 intake, and is obviously doing well.*



John Higgins



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## KEVIN'S CORNER

*Our important principles for the majority of hands are:*

1. *Ruff in the short hand*
2. *Draw trumps with the long hand*
3. *Avoid ruffing in the long hand (unless you have plenty of trumps)*

What about the hands where dummy and declarer both have four trumps?

<p>♠ A2 ♥ 8764 ♦ 72 ♣ 8754</p>	<p>♠ KQT742 ♥ 5 ♦ J6 ♣ QJT9</p>	<p>♠ J985 ♥ KQT3 ♦ KQT9 ♣ 6</p>
<p>♠ 6 ♥ AJ9 ♦ A8543 ♣ AK32</p>		

Contract: 5C by South

West leads the H8 and declarer takes East's Queen with the Ace and leads his singleton Spade. West takes the SA and continues with another heart. North's spades are nearly established and the South hand has heaps of losers. It will be necessary to ruff another Spade in the South hand. Now when our Spades are established, Declarer plans to draw trumps ending in Dummy. Dummy becomes the long hand and its trumps must not be shortened. Discard a diamond from Dummy on the Heart lead. East wins the King, possibly returning a Diamond. Declarer wins with the Ace, leads a trump to Dummy and then ruffs a Spade return with the CA. Declarer leads the CK and then a small club to dummy drawing trumps and running the remaining Spades, making his contract. You beauty!!!!

Merry Christmas!

Kevin Feeney

## TEACHING & LIBRARY NEWS

The Paul Marston week is a standout in our Bridge calendar. When you look at the photographs on the back page, you will see just some of our members who attended the Marston program. And what a mix there was! Jill Tuckey is now a State champion, Kendall Early is a Bronze Life Master, Sandie Cool, Janine Beyer, Marylou Shaw and Midge James were the top Noosa team at the 2009 Gold Coast Congress, Bev of course is our resident teacher and mentor to all. You will also see a recent graduate of Bev's classes (Jenny Mawson), and new members Jean Pearce and Judith Hope. What does that tell us about Paul's sessions? That there is something for everyone, that even our top players go along. From my perspective, his involvement here is a great benefit to our Club and we should all grab the chance to learn from one of our country's master bridge players and teachers.

His 2011 visit will take place from Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark it in your diary. I have.



Geoff Hart

*The Noosa Bridge Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Wide Bay Australia for its generous sponsorship. Each year, they underwrite the printing of bidding pads used at the Club.*



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## PAUL MARSTON WEEK

Paul's annual visit to Noosa Bridge Club was a great success. Nearly 100 participants came from all Australian States & New Zealand, & many Club members took advantage of the program.



Sandie Cool, Midge James, Jenny Mawson, Janine Beyer & Marylou Shaw



John Fell, Lizi French & Paul Marston



Nigel Rosendorff, Jean Pearce & Kendall Early



Phil Mason & Bev Salter

*"The Upper Cut has changed my game." – Gayna Ryan*

*"The lessons have been fantastic. They were easy things to remember, not complicated, & have improved my play." – Angela Loxton*



Jill Tuckey, Leslie Mason & Judith Hope

*"There's always something new to learn." – Geoff Hart*

*"If you spend time learning the intricacies of bridge, you will receive a lifetime of enjoyment." – Warren Buffet*  
 PS: Beginner's lessons start 8 February – Bev.



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