

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

February 2014

From the President ...

A lot has happened at the Noosa Bridge Club since the December Newsletter with the major event being the Christmas Party. If a happy face is a sign of a successful party, this event had it in spades. Just look at the pictures of the day and see one happy face after another. The format for the party, especially the “sparkling” beginning was so well-received it will probably be repeated in 2014, with minor refinement. Thanks to a super deli in Tewantin, the food was good and plentiful. And thanks to the idea of mixing us up at the tables many members enjoyed getting to know one another better.

The annual “get-together for volunteers” was deleted in 2013 so that funds normally spent there could be allocated to a better Christmas Party for the enjoyment of all. The current Management Committee recommends this as policy for the future.



Our AGM fast approaches. See details and time deadlines elsewhere in this Newsletter.

AGMs are important and should be attended by as many members as possible. We should give careful consideration to nominations and motions so that we are prepared to make astute decisions on the day.

There has been nothing but positive feedback regarding the 160 new side tables. They do seem to give the clubhouse a “lift”. Other minor changes contribute to an enhanced look in our bridge-playing environment.

As promised – an update regarding the State Mixed Teams in 2015. Our expression of interest to host this event was successful. The actual date will be advised in due course.

We have extended an offer to all members to become creative in the area of signage and stationery. The kerbside sign for the club is old and uninteresting. Ditto for our letterhead. A few ideas have been received so far. Let’s have more.

It’s heartwarming to notice such a pleasant atmosphere within our wonderful club. Long may it continue.

Gerald





From the Management Committee ...

Regarding the entry of data into bridgemates:

The entry is always “tricks won” so it’s best to talk about “how many tricks won” rather than “how many tricks down”. Also, it’s imperative that the EW person okaying the result actually studies the bridgemate display to ensure accuracy before pressing the “accept” button.

Regarding behaviour at the table:

When there is a mix of senior and novice players, there is a golden opportunity to do the right thing. Senior players should be encouraging and should not highlight errors. Novice players may quietly seek advice if they wish – but only if time permits.

Regarding housekeeping at the table:

NS is responsible for sharpened pencils, supply of bidding slips, table fee money and the return of boards at the end of session. EW is responsible for tidying up at the end of session – a neat looking table top with chairs positioned and rubbish removed. With new tablecloths on order, it’s time to curb the habit of jabbing the table with pencil or biro. Most of us are probably unaware that we do this – but most of us do. So if you see someone absentmindedly ruining the tablecloth please put a stop to it – in the nicest possible way of course. Maybe just push a coaster between their pencil and the table!!!

Also, each day there is a volunteer who stays behind to run the dishwasher for its final time and to tidy up the kitchen. So that this can be done expediently, all cups and glasses will be collected during the final round of each session whether you are finished with them or not.

Regarding personal hygiene / toilet etiquette:

All of us know that bridge clubs have a high number of aged members. The aging process often includes a deterioration of bodily functions. Each of us should take whatever precaution is necessary to maintain as high a level of hygiene as possible – it may be as simple as a good deodorant or adequate underclothing. If an accident should happen, please alert a committee member. And, by the way, the disability toilet is unisex so anyone with special needs should use this facility.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 14 March 2014
10.30am
Closing Dates:
Motions – 21 February
Nominations – 28 February



From the Games Director ...

An issue that may sometimes become contentious at the table was raised at a Directors seminar held recently in Redcliffe.

As declarer, being specific in your selection of the card to be played from dummy is most important and such terms as 'high' or 'low' should be avoided. If suit and rank are not clearly stated restrictions apply as follows:

'high' or similar word means the highest card on table of that suit.

'win the trick' requires play of the lowest card that is known to win the trick.

'low' or similar word means the lowest card of that suit.

If rank, but no suit is designated when leading the suit it is presumed to be the suit previously won in dummy should that card be available. If that designated card is not in dummy another card of that rank must be played if legally able. Should there be no more of that rank, declarer must designate.

If declarer asks for a card that is not in dummy the call is void and any legal card may be designated.

If declarer says 'play anything' or words of a similar meaning either defender may designate play from dummy.

Happy Bridging everyone.
Di Quigley

Big thanks to the 21 members who turned up for the "count & clean" last Sunday morning. Such a team effort made short work of a huge task.

Charity Days

The Noosa Bridge Cub holds three Charity Days throughout the year. It is our opportunity to make a contribution to our community. In this regard we are currently inviting expressions of interest from charitable organisations.

New Members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new members who have recently joined the Club: Margaret Arnott, Judy Carne, Chris Coombe, John Garland, Isobel Furnival, Beryl Gosbell, Alette Mead, Kevin O'Farrell, Dee Williams.



Kevin's Corner

EXAMPLE A

NORTH

♠ 65
♥ KQ64
♦ KQ5
♣ Q1076

SOUTH

♠ AJ7
♥ -
♦ AJ10987
♣ AKJ9

Contract 6D by South. The lead is Club C7. The obvious play is to give up a Spade and ruff the other Spade but this line of play is not 100% safe. The Club may be a singleton. The absolutely 100% safe way of playing the hand is “a loser on a loser” play.

Win the club lead with the Ace and draw trumps. Enter dummy Club 9 to Club 10, lead the heart king and throw a Spade (loser on a loser). Win the return. Club Jack to Club Queen and the Queen of Hearts will now take care of the remaining Spade.

Cheers
Kevin

EXAMPLE B

NORTH

♠ KJ654
♥ Q4
♦ 543
♣ KQ6

SOUTH

♠ AQ109832
♥ -
♦ AQ8
♣ AJ10

Contract 6 Spades by South. The lead is Ace of Hearts. We know the lead of the Ace promises the King. Plan your play. Trump the Heart Ace, draw the trumps, play the Clubs ending in dummy with the King. Lead Heart Queen, throwing a Diamond (loser on a loser). West wins but his return of either a Diamond into the Ace Queen or any other suit allows a ruff and Diamond discard.

Loser on loser may look and sound difficult but there are hundreds of hands like this, well within your grasp just waiting for you

