

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

From the President

July 2014

Mid-Winter greetings to all.

The challenge with the Club's air conditioning becomes greater in colder weather. To have it turned on or off? Normal or reverse cycle? Some of us would like to open the windows and let the fresh air in; unfortunately, the mossies would come in too and the attendant health risk is too big. So we make decisions one day at a time. Sometimes we'll get it wrong. Other times we'll win. But we'll only please some of the members some of the time. We can only suggest that you come to the Club prepared; layers of clothing is probably the most sensible approach.

Since the last Newsletter, the Club has enjoyed several special events – Noosa Pairs Championship, Zone Teams of 3 Noosa Novice Championship, Noosa Butler Pairs Congress, Pro-Am, Charity Day (see details elsewhere) and Noosa Winter Teams Congress. Congratulations to all participants, especially winners and runners-up.

Of special mention is our 1st Congress of the year, the Butler Pairs on Thursday 12 June which was another huge success. 52 pairs last year (the inaugural), 68 pairs this year. An email from QBA dated 20/6/14 reads: "At last night's council meeting, discussion over the Thursday Noosa Butler Pairs Congress was held. I have been instructed to write and congratulate you for not only having the initiative of conducting a Thursday Day Congress but its success as well. Please ensure the conveners for the past two years are advised. Kim Ellaway, Manager, QBA". This kind of success can be attributed to a great many volunteers, especially this year's Congress Coordinator Gayna Ryan and this event's Congress Convenor Jan Beckett. But also to those behind the scene – kitchen helpers, caddies, dealers, decorators and all contributors of goodies in the food department. Big thanks!

Our Teams Congress on 6 July was also successful with 26 teams participating. Again big thanks to all volunteers and contributors and for the special effort from Convenor Geraldine Howard and Coordinator Gayna Ryan.

Noosa Shire Council's initiative to allocate our exclusive parking area on our busy days seems successful. Most of us are "doing the right thing" and carefully parking in that area whenever it is open. Some of us need more encouragement. A month-by-month roster for volunteers to monitor the parking is on the bulletin board in the hall behind the microphone. Please consider helping in this important area.

Our first Charity Day of 2014 happened on Wednesday 25 June with the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre as the beneficiary. Thanks to the superb effort of liaison officer Susie Osmaston and all who sold raffle tickets and generous members on the day, the total amount raised was \$1,900. Part of this was due to the sale of "pots of honey" contributed by an anonymous Club member, all proceeds going to the charity. We can be proud of ourselves for a fantastic effort and result.

We'll have another opportunity on the 4th of August when our Charity beneficiary will be Katie Rose Cottage. Liaison officer will be Moira Gibbens. Coincidentally, this is the date of the 20th anniversary of the dedication of our clubhouse in this location. Interestingly, Noel Playford was the Noosa Mayor then and he officiated at the event. Since he is Mayor again we are looking forward to his participation at our celebration. On Monday 4 August we will welcome a representative from Katie Rose Cottage during our tea-break when we will enjoy an Anniversary Cake. After play, we will welcome Noel Playford during a cocktail party. Plan to be part of this big event.

It's official. Noosa Bridge Club will host the 2015 Queensland State Mixed Teams over the weekend of 14/15 March. It will be just like another Congress with normal entry fees and prizes. It comes with a certain amount of prestige and should attract a wide range of players from far and wide. Plan ahead to be part of this event.

It's easy to agree that a lot is happening in our Club. That's the way it should be. Long may it continue. Thanks to all who keep the momentum going.

All the best from Gerald.



From the Management Committee



DO'S & DON'TS @ BRIDGE

DON'T touch bridgemates until Director of the day gives the all-clear

DON'T take cards out of boards until Director gives the all-clear

DON'T jab the tablecloth with pencil or pen

DO play to the first trick **BEFORE** recording on personal scorer

likewise, dummy needs to spread cards **BEFORE** recording on personal scorer

likewise, bridgemate operator needs to play to first trick **BEFORE** entering data

DON'T try to teach a lesson at the bridge table

DO ensure bridgemate displays "END OF SESSION" before leaving table

DO ENJOY YOUR BRIDGE AND LET EVERYONE ELSE ENJOY THEIRS

Officer Bearers

President – Gerald Schaaf
Vice President – Pam Hawkins
Secretary – Megan Struik
Treasurer – Muriel Loveday

Committee

Jane Dalziell **Ross Gyde**
Hilary French **Geoff Hart**
Colleen Grant **Don Robertson**

Around the Club

The prize for best bridge dialogue goes to the interchange between Di Quigley and Peter Mellish one cold winter morning. Peter protested when Lizi French went to turn off the wall heater near his table. Di said to him "I'm going to be mother here and ask you have you got a singlet on?" Not listening all that closely, Peter replied "Haven't looked at my hand yet, no idea if there's a singleton."



Coming Events

Looking ahead, we encourage members to participate in special events at sister clubs:

- Bundaberg Pairs & Teams over the July 12/13 weekend
- Bribie Pairs & Teams over the July 19/20 weekend
- Maryborough Pairs & Teams over the July 26/27 weekend
- Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams on Sunday 3 August
- Caloundra Butler Pairs on Sunday 31 August.

Also our Club Teams Championship happens over 3 Fridays beginning on 25 July and our Novice Pairs Congress is on Sunday 24 August.

Get your entries in!!



Knowing the Neighbours

Our neighbours are not a dull lot. Close by is the arts and crafts centre Wallace House, which boasts a chequered past as an illegal casino and also a brothel -- but prior to that as a very well behaved home to the Wallace family from 1931. Matriarch Alice is reputed to have furnished the 'Californian style' bungalow with her winnings from contract bridge tournaments while she and Arthur Wallace lived in the Malay States.

In the early 1990s when a developer planned a residential estate on part of the original property, Council acquired nine hectares and named it 'Wallace Park', with the primary aim of building an expanded Shire Library and (luckily for us and other groups) the allocation of land for other community uses.

The civic precinct opened in 1993 comprising the Library, a Leisure Centre and Wallace House, which Council helped local arts and crafts groups transform into their HQ. Sadly, it burned down in 1999, but was replaced a couple of years later.

Our other nearest neighbour is the Environment Centre, home to the illustrious Noosa Parks Association, founded in 1962 -- without which Noosa would be just another Gold Coast. The N.P.A. has been at the forefront of every environmental battle since founder Dr Arthur Harrold's wife Marjorie pledged £10,000 of her own money in a legal battle to stop high rise on Hastings Street 50 years ago. Noosa Parks has 1100 adult members and residents owe the Association enormous gratitude for battling the bulldozers and bureaucrats so successfully for so long.

The Lions Club fundraised to construct the Tewanin-Noosa Meals on Wheels HQ, which now delivers over 33,000 meals a year. Opposite that building, with Government support we gained the Day Respite Centre, which offers clients and carers welcome time out. The Endeavour Foundation's Training Centre was later welcomed to the fold as a new neighbour, as was our beloved Bridge Club when it needed to relocate from Noosaville.

Footnote: when Tewanin notable Esme Tait moved from her historic Poinciana Avenue home, she left it to Noosa Shire. Council shifted the beautiful old house to Wallace Park for safekeeping until a perfect community use can be determined.

Suzie Osmaston

Simon's Recent System Proposals

In recent weeks, Simon Andrew has presented a lot of very detailed ideas on bidding during his Friday lessons, quite a bit of it focused on the area of developing the bidding after a 1H or 1S opening.

When it comes to responding to partner's opening bid of 1H or 1S, two popular conventions in use are Bergen raises and Jacoby 2NT, originally promoted by expert USA players, Marty Bergen and Oswald Jacoby.

There are two core bids in Simon's scheme which I hope to convince all my partners to play.

1. the immediate response of 3C to 1H or 1S opening, to show a maximum (11-12pt) 3-card raise;
2. the immediate response of 2NT to show a balanced game-forcing hand with at least 2 cards in opener's suit.

Option 3C

If responder has a quality 4+ suit as well as 3-card support for opener, it can be more helpful to show that first before showing delayed support for opener.

The 3C bid can have tactical advantages, eg if responder to 1H has weakness in S.

Responder may take hand shape into account to arrive at required values for the bid.

Note the required point range, 11-12. With only 10 in a balanced hand, reply 2M.

The usual Bergen responses need to be adjusted a little - 3D remains the usual strong limit raise, but 3M now shows the weaker (6-9) 4-card raise.

Option 2NT

It should be stressed that this bid shows a balanced hand with no 5+ suit (unless it's opener's suit). So if responder strongly supports opener's suit, after first starting with a new suit, the first-bid suit showed 5+.

After the 2NT response, opener simply bids naturally to show other suits and strength. This allows a 4/4 fit in another suit to be found. The truly awful response of 3NT now in use to show a 3-card game force can be discarded in the dust bin.

There is a lot, lot more to Simon's proposals, but adopting these two core bids would be a good start. The development of next-stage bids will come with experience (and further help from Simon).

Simon has suggested that we christen the whole package as "Noosa Standard". In respect of the two raise bids described here, my proposal to Noosa members is that we reduce our reliance on Marty and Oswald, and now announce that we play "Andrew raises".

Geoff Hart



Member Achievements since last newsletter

11 May – Zone Teams of 3 at Noosa

A – 1st – Geoff Hart(Capt.)/Allison Walker/Sue O'Neill/
Carole Robinson
A – 2nd – (Captain)/Peter Coppin/Margaret Robertson/
Kiyomi Avunduk
A – 3rd – Arch Morrison(Capt.)/Cherie Butler + +
B – 1st – Kendall Early(Capt.)/Sheryl Cullenward/Barbara
Johns/Ross Aitken
B – 2nd – Doug Byrnes(Capt.)/Bobbie MacNee/Kevin
O'Farrell/Steve Ronay
B – 3rd – Dieter Bendt(Capt.)/Pat Wakeford/Di Musgrave/
Denise Cranfield

2/9/16 May – Noosa Pairs Championship

Championship:

1st – David Harris/Tim Ridley
2nd – Di Quigley/Ross Gyde
3rd – Susan Rodgers/Di Stagg

Plate:

=1st – Gayna Ryan/Margaret Robertson
=1st – Patricia Feeney/Judy Althaus
3rd – Dieter Bendt/Denise Cranfield

17/18 May – Qld Mixed Paris – Brisbane

3rd – Maureen Jakes +

19/26 May – Noosa Novice Pairs Championship

1st – Pam Robinson/Meg Pace
2nd – Warwick Newton/Don Robertson
3rd – John Kerezsy/Florence Grubanovich

25 May – Caloundra Graded Pairs

A – 2nd – Dick Trollope +

15 June – Sunshine Coast Teams

A – 3rd – Susan Rodgers/Di Stagg/Philippa Barnett/David
Harris
B – 2nd – Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk + +
B – 3rd – Hilary French/Pam Hawkins/Tessa Townend/Sue
O'Neill

22 June – GNOT, Stage 2 – Caloundra (Top 10 go on to final)

1st - Rosie Green/Philippa Barnett/David Harris/Tim Ridley
3rd – Arch Morrison/Cherie Butler/Ines Dawes/Di Jones
4th – Tessa Townend/Janelle Kipping/Di Quigley/Barry Midgley
5th – Lorraine Vachon/Kevin Feeney/Patricia Feeney/Ross
Gyde
6th – Carole McDonald + + +
7th – Ed & Jan Beckett/Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk
9th – Pam Hawkins/Hilary French/Gayna Ryan/Merrellyn
Daly

16/23 June – Noosa Pro-Am (18 pairs)

1st – Malcom Mawson / Tessa Townend
2nd – Meg Pace / Chrissie Baynes
3rd – Moira Gibbens / Barry Midgley

12 June – Noosa Butler Pairs Congress (68 pairs)

WINNERS “A” Section – Tony Hutton & Tony Jackson



B – 1st – Susie Lee/Angela Hall



B – 2nd – Janelle Kipping/Lorraine Vachon



B – 3rd – Rozanne Thomas/Jill Tuckey

C – 1st – Graham Hugh/Russell Greenwood



C – 2nd Ross Aitken/Barbara Johns



Member Achievements cont.

28 June – QLD Open Teams

2nd – Maureen Jakes +++

6 July – Noosa Winter Swiss Teams Congress

A – 1st – Maureen Jakes +++

A – 2nd – Ines Dawes +++



B – 1st – Prue & Mal Adams & Di Musgrave & Jean Pearce



B – 2nd – Peggy Hillhouse & Gerald Schaaf & Kathy Male & Jim Dillon



B – 3rd – Tom Goddard & Robyn Scott & Judy & Peter Althaus

Kevin's Corner



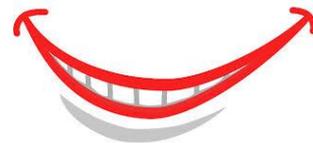
A bridge player told his regular partner that he planned to improve his game. “Every night when I go to bed I will go over the mistakes I made that day.” “Gee”, his partner said, “You will never get any sleep.”

My idea of an agreeable partner is one who always agrees with me.

The hands are all passed out. Teacher says to last bidder, “You can open the bidding, you have 17 high card points so why did you pass?” “Because you told us that after 3 passes the bidding is over, so I had to pass.”

I was teaching a class on counting losers and how to get rid of them so I asked the learner how many losers she had and she replied three. “And what are you going to do about them?” “I am going to tell them to get lost so I don’t have to worry about them anymore.”

My husband says that if I don’t give up some of my bridge days he is going to leave me. I suppose I will miss him.



At their first day at the bridge table the teacher tells the lady to make her opening lead face down. She promptly puts her head on the table and leads a card face up.

Learner in class has xxx facing AQJ. She leads low and the Jack holds. She then plays the Ace. Teach asks why she didn’t finesse again. She said “You told us that only 1 out of 2 finesses work.”

Player says to partner when dummy appears on the table, “Where is the hand you held during the bidding?”

Kevin Feeney

