

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

May 2014

From the President

Three months between newsletters always means that a lot has happened - February to May being no exception. The big event, of course, was the AGM in March. Since there were no motions and no election (nominated office bearers and Committee Members were unopposed) the meeting moved quickly to its conclusion so that members could get on with what they love – the day's bridge game.

With a constant flow of new members, table numbers have been increasing accordingly. Any growth brings new challenges. To meet increased demands at tea-time a third hot water station is now in operation, greatly reducing the queues. But on our busy days a lot of people are milling around carrying cups of hot tea or coffee – a recipe for disaster. Please exercise extreme care and move out of the way when possible.

There has been one major “Noosa” event thus far this year – The President’s Trophy, a nett event held on 24 March. It’s a pleasure to report that “Open” winners for the day were Kath McKay and Elma Paull, while “Restricted” winners were Gillian Hardy and Rhonda Vickers. Congratulations, and well done to all participants. Other events – the ABF Summer Festival of Bridge, the Gold Coast Congress, the Noosa GNOT, the Coolum Teams, the Qld Women’s Trials and the Gympie Pairs & Teams provided opportunities for Noosa Members to do well – and many did! (Please find details elsewhere in this newsletter) We now look forward to our “Open” Pairs Championship over three Fridays in May and our “Novice” Pairs Championship over two Mondays in May. Good luck to all!

Many members will find our new cold-water cooler a welcome addition because it comes with a filtering system – and it looks good too!

Noosa Council has come up with a novel “fix-it” for the parking problem in Wallace Park. Our bridge club has been given exclusive rights to the newly created parking area that accommodates about 60 vehicles. It comes with a “catch” of course – USE IT OR LOSE IT!! With a key to the boom-gate we are responsible for opening the area on our busy days, monitoring entry, locking when full at the beginning of session, unlocking at end of session, monitoring exit and locking again. Only when this area is full are we permitted to park elsewhere, except for those with disability rights or too frail to walk the distance. The spaces that our 50 to 60 vehicles would have occupied will now be available for other users of the precinct. Everyone benefits. We need to “roster” members to serve as parking wardens, prepared to arrive 30-40 minutes early on a Monday or Wednesday or Friday and stay a few minutes late. If you can help, please see a Committee Member.

At the bridge table, the card holdings seem to get more and more difficult. And too often we seem to get such poor hands we can only pass. Under those circumstances we can only hope the motto “Bridge is for fun” will still prevail.

All the best from Gerald



CLUB LIBRARY INVENTORY

An inventory of the books in the library was recently carried out. Here is the broad outcome:

no. of books missing from the shelves	<u>89</u>
no. of books recorded as on loan	<u>24</u>
no. of books stolen	<u>65</u>

I am appalled by the bottom number.

The Management Committee would like to receive suggestions from members regarding the operation of the library.

Geoff Hart

From the Management Committee

Charity Days

Wed 25 June – Wildlife Rehabilitation

Mon 4 August – Katie Rose Cottage

Fri 3 October – Suggestions please

The Management Committee has decided there should only be one “animal” charity day per year so any nomination for RSPCA has to wait until 2015. To be eligible a charity has to be local and should not be receiving government subsidy and should not have their own fund raising program. That narrows the field but there must be more worthwhile causes similar to Wildlife Rehabilitation & Katie Rose Cottage. Please come forward with your ideas.

Caring

Our Club likes to acknowledge members who are sick or bereaved. Our current “carer” is Jane Dalziell. Please let her know about anyone you feel needs remembering.

Supervised Bridge

Thursday morning supervised play is discontinued. The only supervised play on offer is on Wednesday morning for 8 weeks following any course of beginners’ lessons and such lessons are limited to the current class or members who want extra help. Also, members may come to the Wednesday morning session without a partner and while it’s not 100% guaranteed, will usually get a game.

Diary Corrections

Members Names – the first name for “Cooper” is John, not a PO Box!

Members New Phone Numbers –

Curry, James & Barbara - 0437 272 551

Douglas, Marlo – 5448 0479, 0420 421 008

Goodard, Tom – please delete land-line

Dates –

28 May – please delete “AWNP”. Our Club is not participating in this event this year.

27 August – please change “AWNP” to “AWP”.

28 September – please delete “Gympie”.

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



From the Games Director

Bridgemate Issues

It has become increasingly apparent that players are not taking as much care in using the bridgemates as previously. The number of mistakes (especially when entering names) is irritating when, with a little care, they can be easily avoided.

The following are a few little golden rules for using the bridgemates.

1. Do not touch the machine until the Director has announced the launch.
2. Insert the player numbers and then wait until the names appear
3. Check the names before entering OK.
4. If you have made a mistake hit cancel and repeat the process.
5. Scores incorrectly entered can also be re-entered in the same manner.
6. If you are unable (e.g. can't read the screen) to adhere to these requirements, please ask someone else to take responsibility for the scoring.

Thanks for making the effort.

Happy bridging.

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Coming Events

Greetings dear fellow bridge players

I am the convener for the Noosa Butler Pairs Congress to be held at our club on Thursday 12 June. The green entry form is on the 'What's On' board. It is a fun day and I urge you to get in your entry form prior to 7 June. Bridge players from up and down the coast participate as they know that Noosa always hosts a very good congress.

As always to make these events happen we need your help ... volunteers to be caddies and several people to help in the kitchen. We all know that a big club like ours always needs lots of volunteers. Our bridge boards, directing, library, teaching and the many other chores rely on our big band of helpers. If you can be available for say a couple of hours on the 12th please put your name down on the list pinned to the notice board. Many thanks.

I should mention that I have spoken to Peter Busch, our director, and he said that if there are over 30 entries then the field can be broken up into A, B and C groups. So, get your entries in and make it a very special day.

Jan Beckett



Member Achievements 2014 - To date

8-9 Feb – Qld Senior Teams at SCCBC

A – 2nd – David Harris/Tim Ridley/Kendall Early +
B – 3rd – Di Jones/Anne Young ++
C – 3rd – Elma Paull/Kath McKay/Rosie Butler/Geraldine Howard

Feb – Gold Coast Congress

- Under 50 Pairs – 9th – Michelle Behrens +
- Restricted Pairs – C – 3rd – Peter Coppin +
- Novice Pairs – A – 4th – Pru & Mal Adams
- Intermediate Pairs – C – 6th – Tessa Townend/Colleen Grant
- E – 2nd – Ed & Jan Beckett
- Ivy Dahler Restricted Pairs – 4th – Peter Coppin +

13/14/16 Mar – Noosa GNOT

Total of 18 teams – the following 6 go on to stage 2:
Ranking 1st – Green/Barnett/Harris/Ridley/Halvorsen
2nd – Norden/Rodgers/Mellings/Jakes
5th – Morrison/Butler/Jones/Dawes
8th – Vachon/Wilderness/Feeney/Feeney
9th – Hawkins/French/Daly/Ryan
10th – Townend/Kipping/Quigley/Midgley

23 Mar – Coolum Teams (at Noosa)

A – 2nd – Geoff Hart/David Harris ++
B – 1st – Lanny Smith/Jill Phillips/Tessa Townend/Georgina Cassels
2nd – Di Jones/Ines Dawes/Cherie Butler +
C – 1st – Susan Lee/Lesley Power/Sue O'Neill/Carole Robinson

24 Mar – President's Trophy – nett event

A – Kath McKay/Elma Paull
B – Gillian Hardy/Rhona Vickers

13 Apr – Caloundra Swiss Teams

A – 1st – Geoff Hart/Tim Ridley ++
3rd – Arch Morrison/Cherie Butler ++
B – 1st – Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk ++
2nd – Dieter Bendt/Isabella Michie/Elma Paull/Kath McKay
3rd – Jill Tuckey/Rozanne Thomas/Chrissie Baynes/Angela Hall

21 Apr – BBC Graded Teams

C – 1st – Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk ++

26 Apr – Qld Women's Trials

2nd – Maureen Jakes +

26 Apr – Gympie Pairs

A – 1st – David Harris/Philippa Barnett
2nd – Kendall Early/Tim Ridley
4th – Peter Tall/Lorraine Vachon
B – 1st – Geraldine & Bill Howard (3rd overall)
2nd – Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk
4th – Peter Coppin/Jeanette Roughley
C – 4th – Margaret & Don Robertson

27 Apr – Gympie Teams

A – 1st – Pam Hawkins/Hilary French/Jeanette Roughley +
2nd – Dick Trollope +++
3rd – David Harris/Philippa Barnett/Kendall Early/Tim Ridley
B – 1st – Di Banks/Bev Salter/Isabella Michie/Dieter Bendt
3rd – Peter Coppin +++

3 May – Hervey Bay Pairs

A – 2nd – David Harris/Lanny Smith (3rd overall)
3rd – Di Quigley/Lizi French (5th overall)

4 May – Hervey Bay Teams

A – 2nd – Arch Morrison/Cherie Butler ++
3rd – Tim Ridley/Kendall Early/David Harris/Lanny Smith (4th overall)

**New tablecloths
are arriving
soon!!**

**So
pencil jabbing
has to stop!**





Kevin's Corner

North

♠ J6
♥ Q
♦ AKJ1097
♣ 9432

West

♠ K107
♥ 10973
♦ Q4
♣ Q1075

South

♠ A542
♥ AKJ864
♦ 3
♣ J8

East

♠ Q983
♥ 52
♦ 8652
♣ AK6

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♣5

Just as in declarer play we can PLAN our defense.

Look at the bidding.

Declarer has told us that he has 4 Spades and 6 Hearts. West leads the C5. East plays the King, then the Ace. South follows suit. Now we can work out exactly the hand shapes of South & West. South has 4 Spades, 6 Hearts, has played 2 Clubs, so has a singleton Diamond. East has his own hand, can see dummy and knows South's hand. East can calculate exactly the shape of West's hand. What should East lead now? East will sit back and run through the possibilities of each suit.

1. Lead a Spade. South probably has the Ace. He will win the Spade lead to the Heart Queen ruff a Club, draw Trumps, and run the Diamonds making 11 tricks.
2. Lead a Heart. Won in dummy and plays on as in 1. Again 11 tricks.
3. Lead a Club. Ruff in hand continue as in 1. & 2. Again 11 tricks.
4. Lead a Diamond. A little voice screams "No way. Into A, K, J you must be crazy." We know partner only has 2 Diamonds. (N had 6, E had 4, South from the bidding and play has 1) South can only cash two Diamonds. West ruffs in. Whatever declarer does he can no longer make his contract. Difficult, not really so long as you can read the bidding pad, see your hand and dummy's, and work out the hand shape. This defense is well within your grasp.

Cheers
Kevin

Happy 90th Birthday to you ...

Congratulations to Audrey Clarke, Stuart Smith & Patrick Sweeney!



Teaching News

Improve Your Partner's Defence*

(with your customary flair)

Try your defensive methods on these two hands from recent Club sessions.

Hand 1

Sitting East you hear South open 1NT (15-17). North bids 2C (Stayman), South bids 2D (no 4M), and North jumps to game in 3NT.

<p>♠ A T 8 4 ♥ 6 5 ♦ J 8 ♣ K T 7 6 4</p> <p>♠ J 2 ♥ 6 5 4 3 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ Q 9 6 2</p>	<p>♠ K Q 9 5 3 ♥ K Q J 7 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ 4</p>
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At trick 1 you are delighted to see partner lead the SJ, so you signal encouragement with the S3 after declarer calls for the S4 from dummy. Partner now leads S2, declarer calls for the SA.....and you play?? You can see that, to defeat this contract, partner has to switch to a H at his first opportunity. But partner will not be able to see so clearly your excellent Hs. You must take charge and ensure a H switch, by dropping your SK under the SA at trick 2!!

What card would you play at trick 2 if you held the DA instead of those strong Hs? The S5, lowest card for lower suit switch.

Hand 2

Sitting East you open 1S, South overcalls 2H, your partner bids 2S, and North bids 3H. You close out the game with a bid of 4S, but South is not done yet and bids 5H. When this comes around to you, you double for penalties.

<p>♠ T 3 ♥ K 9 8 6 3 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ 7 3 2</p> <p>♠ A 9 7 6 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ T 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 8 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A K J 6 ♣ K 9</p>
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Partner cashes the SA.....and you play??

From the bidding it seems very likely that South has only one S. You know that a D switch by your partner is needed but partner has no way of telling and may continue with a second S. So you drop your SK under his SA!! - a suit-preference signal for the higher ranking outside suit. Two D tricks beat the contract. On a S continuation at trick 2, South makes his doubled contract of 5H. (Alternatively you might have bid 4D on the way to 4S.)

*Hugh Kelsey wrote an excellent book with this title.

Geoff Hart

