



From the President

We begin a term with a new Committee and a new President – some may say a “new broom”, but I certainly won’t have much to sweep following in Gerald’s footsteps! He has anticipated all our needs for years to come.

Your Committee has had two meetings and we seem to work harmoniously together. Everyone has an allocated task for the year and all members “fill in” where a job needs doing.

A new course of lessons for beginners has finished and the supervised play on Thursdays for these beginners has been very well attended. We will be very happy to welcome these new players to the Club.

I am sure you have all noticed our new logo! Designed by Helen Lawson, we are so pleased to introduce it into various aspects of the Club – a new sign on the road at the front, a new letterhead as well as the sign on the front door.

Thank you to all the volunteers whose work behind the scenes makes all our Sessions run smoothly.

Happy Bridging everyone!



Jane Dalziell

“My wife made me join a bridge club
... I jump off next Tuesday.”
[Rodney Dangerfield (1921 - 2004)
stand-up comedian & actor]



New Members - Philip Griffiths, Rhonda Kingston, Helen Kubina, Jill MacPherson, Geoffrey Olsen, Kirsten Rune, Bev Stacey

Past Members - Steve Keksz, Tom Smith

New Committee Members:

Adam Hertelendy – will be back-up for the Treasurer. He is also the dedicated director for novice players.

Ann Mellings – is the Providore & takes on the volatile provision of biscuits.

Coming Events

- 5, 12 & 19 May – Noosa Pairs Championship
- 6 & 7 May – Hervey Bay Teams
- 3, 10 & 17 May – GNOT Cooloom
- 22 & 29 May – Novice Pairs Championship
- 31 May – AWNP
- 7 June – Charity Day
- 11 June – GNOT Semi Final at Noosa
- 15 June – Noosa Pairs Congress
- 17 & 18 June – SCCBC Pairs / Teams
- 24 & 25 June – Moreton Bribie Pairs / Teams
- 2 July – Noosa Teams
- 8 & 9 July – Bundaberg Pairs / Teams
- 21 & 28 July – Club Teams Championship
- 29 & 30 July – Maryborough Pairs

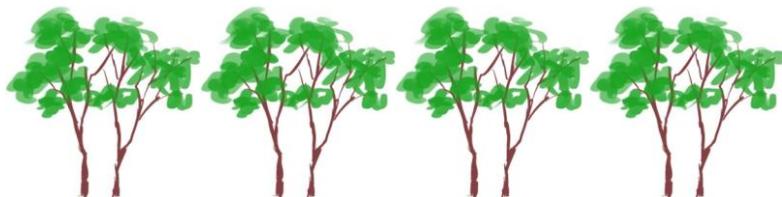
Officer Bearers:

President – Jane Dalziell
Vice President – Geoff Hart
Secretary – Ross Gyde
Treasurer – Gerald Schaaf

Committee:

Pam Hawkins	Ann Mellings
Adam Hertelendy	Don Robertson
Helen Lawson	Syl Thiebaud
Muriel Loveday	Rhona Vickers





Around the Club



**HAPPY 90th
BIRTHDAY
John Lewis**

Approximately 25 enthusiastic participants recently completed 9 weeks of Beginner's bridge lessons. As usual, Lizi presented lively & informative instruction, ably assisted by Di & Janet. Thank you ladies!



Our trusty Maintenance Officer, Don Robertson hard at work installing a retaining wall in front of the air conditioning units.



Brian Goldberg; Daphney McGhee; Kerry Roberts; Lanny Smith; Trish Tanner

Member Achievements

6 March – President's Trophy

1st – Moira Gibbens/Peter Hagan

2nd - Di Musgrave/Syl Thiebaud

11-12 March – Qld Mixed Teams At Noosa

A – 3rd – Carole McDonald/Peter Tall ++

B – 3rd – Rozanne Thomas/Chrissie Baynes/Peter McNamee/Pat Wakeford

Best Noosa Team Otherwise - Barry Midgley/Dick Trollope/Ann Mellings/Bev Stacey

26 March – SC Graded Teams

A – 1st - Bev Stacey/Ann Mellings ++

A – 2nd – Geoff Olsen +++

A – 3rd – David Harris/Tim Ridley ++

B – 2nd – Kiyomi Avunduk/Margaret & Don Robertson +

C – 2nd – Moira Gibbens/Peter Hagan/Bobby MacNee +

C – 3rd - Steve Ronay/Florence Grubanovich/Jenny Mawson/Michelle Behrens



April - QLD Women's Trials

2nd - Maureen Jakes/Alison Dawson

22 April – Gympie Pairs

A – 1st – Geoff Hart/Dick Trollope

A – 2nd – Lee Lewis/Gerald Schaaf

A – 3rd – Tim Ridley/David Harris

B – 1st – Susan O'Neill/Carole Robinson

B – 2nd – Dieter Bendt/Isabella Michie

23 April – Gympie Teams

B – 1st – Maureen Wright/Bobby MacNee/Dieter Bendt/Isabella Michie

B – 2nd - Kiyomi Avunduk +++

B – 3rd – Margaret Bazzan +++

5 May – Hervey Bay Pairs

A – 2nd – Di Quigley/Lizi French

A – 3rd – Arch Morrison +

6 May – Hervey Bay Teams

A – 1st – Dick Trollope/Barry Midgley ++





First Aid Training

On the afternoons of 18 & 19 April the sight awaiting an unsuspecting visitor to the club was quite unusual. Seventeen members recently completed their First Aid Training under the passionate guidance of Allen's Training, Chloe Connaughton.

Chloe's engaging personality and clear explanations helped us address the different situations where we could have to provide help e.g. spider or snake bite, impact of extreme weather, physical trauma, asthma crisis (to name just a few) to the "plat de resistance", CPR and application of the defibrillator. Theory, questions & answers both ways, situations played out and practice kept us busy. We saw some creative wounds dressing and we had the opportunity to closely check the texture of the Club's carpet!

I would like to remind everyone of the first aider's responsibility & rights: in a situation when the casualty is unconscious, our help is accepted by default & will be applied in the limits of our knowledge. If the casualty is conscious, her/his acceptance or not of our help as well as of further support (ambulance) will be respected.

Syl Thiebaud



The purchase of a defibrillator for the Club completed the process. You may like to know that when necessary the early application of the defibrillator results in the outcome of a casualty leaving the hospital healthy afterwards at 71%, compared to 3% if not applied. Knowing we have some means to help if necessary is reassuring. However we all prefer for you to stay in good health!



BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

The Bridge for Brains Research Challenge held each May has raised almost half a million dollars since 2004. This year our Club's contribution is significant. From the 110 members playing on 1 May 2017 the table fee total was \$537. In addition the members donated an extra \$177.20. Then the Club topped up the total with an extra \$285.80, making a grand total of \$1000. Thank you to all for supporting this worthwhile cause.



humour

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.

One way to get a real kick out of bridge is to sit opposite your wife.

Bridge is the only game that bruises more shins than hockey.

[Anonymous]





Member Profile: Stuart Smith

Stuart Smith was born in Brisbane in 1924, but spent most of his life in Townsville. Stuart was almost electrocuted when he was 7 years old when at church choir, he stood on a cord that had come from its outlet and he bent and picked it up. Quick thinking from the organist swiped it from his hand, but both received burns.

At the age of 18, Stuart joined the A.I.F. and spent 4 ½ years serving in The Middle East, New Guinea and Borneo. Being in the Infantry, Stuart feels that he was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time.

In the 1950's Stuart gained his private pilot's licence and was enjoying the experience of flying the Tiger Moths based at the aerodrome in Townsville. While flying with his instructor Jack, an aerobatic manoeuvre was tested, as a friend had suggested it would be a wonder to do. However, it was most impractical, and mid-manoeuve, the engine cut out and could not be restarted. There was a forced landing in a small clearing surrounded by bushy undergrowth and trees. Both pilots were unhurt and walked through the bush to a farmhouse, where they were directed to the nearest road. The driver returned them to the aerodrome which set about rescuing the plane, which eventually took about 3 months to achieve.

In his business life, there was a spell as a manufacturing agent, then opening a retail outlet with comprehensive supply of baby needs and nursery outfitting. The last 10 years of Stuart's working life entailed being Manager of King Gee.

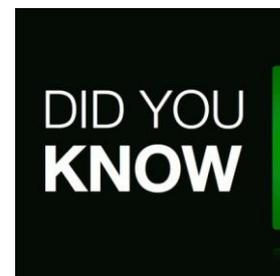
Stuart enjoyed playing Squash with a friendly team of 8, and special memories are held of the dinners with the wives joining them. In fact, Stuart played Squash until the age of 89.

Stuart and his late wife Lavinia (known as Pat by all their friends) moved to Noosa in 1993. Stuart and Pat were married in 1955 and were together 57 years, raising a family of 4, with 2 daughters and 2 sons. This has always been a close-knit family.

Stuart has been a Noosa Bridge Club member for 21 years.

It is a pleasure to know you Stuart!

Helen Lawson



... The Club is seeking expressions of interest for **Sunday Social Bridge** – 1.30pm-4.30pm, 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, \$2.00 table fee. If you are interested please put your name on the list on the notice board.

... The World Bridge Federation has recently reviewed, updated & published the **2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge**, which take effect on 1 August 2017.

... Before mobile phones, iPads and computers, friends gathered to play games to while away social times.

There will never be agreement about the origins of Bridge, but it is most likely to be the English pronunciation of a Russian word "biritch", shortened to "britch" which followed on from English "whist", which actually meant a call for quiet!

The game became popular about the 1890's in the UK and United States. Bidding was introduced into the game and it was known as auction bridge.

Alterations and adjustments were again made by various players, including Harold Vanderbilt (who set out rules in a book of contract bridge in 1925 with a variant scoring system) and the game of Bridge evolved.





Low Level Checkback Bids

(as presented by Simon Andrew)

When you play a 15-17 1 NT and the auction starts (Opener) 1 m: (Responder) 1 M : (Opener) 1 NT, Opener's hand may have 12, 13 or 14 hcp, and likely 2 cards in responder's bid M.

Modern leading players and teachers recommend that Opener usually directly supports Responder's 1 M with 3-card support (but not by-passing 4 card S).

If Responder in the auction shown above has game or even slam interest, it is critical that she/he can find out more precisely Opener's point count and shape. This is the role of Checkback Bids, to be employed by Responder.

Many players already use a limited checkback bid system known as TOM (The Other Minor). The methods described here replace TOM but also go further.

In summary, two levels of checkback are proposed. After 1m:1M:1NT, a 2C bid is an artificial checkback with invitational (11-12) values. While, after the same three bid start, a 2D bid is an artificial checkback with game force values.

Checkback with limit values (ie 11-12hcp)

After 1m:1M:1NT, responder now bids **2C**, an artificial enquiry with limit values (11-12hcp). After this, opener **MUST** bid 2D.

Some possible sequences now are:

1D : 1S
 1NT : 2C (checkback)
 2D* : 2H (* forced; 2H=natural with 11-12hcp)

alternatively:

1D : 1S
 1NT : 2H (2H=natural, 6-9hcp & not forcing)

another example:

1C : 1H
 1NT : 2C (checkback)
 2D* : 2NT (* forced; 2NT=limit raise in NT)

and also:

1C : 1S
 1NT : 2C (checkback)
 2D* : 2S (* forced; 2S=invitation values with good 5- or 6-card S suit)

And a neat way to stop in D contract:

1D : 1H
 1NT : 2C (checkback)
 2D* : pass (* forced; pass shows opener has min hand, responder 2/4/4/3, 6-9hcp)

Checkback with game-forcing values

After 1m:1M:1NT, responder now bids **2D**, an artificial enquiry with game-forcing values (13+). Responder is aware that opener's rebid of 1NT shows limited values.

So:

1C : 1H
 1NT : 2D (2D=game force, tell me more)
 Opener now further describes his/her hand. Any further bids by both parties are descriptive within a game-forcing setting.

For example:

1D : 1S
 1NT : 2D (artificial checkback, game forcing)
 2H : natural. Opener is 4/4 or 5/4 in reds. Responder takes charge to set game.

Or possibly:

1C : 1S
 1NT : 2D (artificial game force checkback)
 2NT : natural, denies 4*H. Likely contract is 3NT, unless responder is particularly strong.

Examples (responder's hand)

S KJxxx	S KJxxx	S KJxxx
H Kxxx	H Kxxx	H Kxxx
D xx	D Ax	D Ax
C xx	C xx	C Kx

Proposed bidding:

1D : 1S	1D : 1S	1D : 1S
1NT : 2H*	1NT : 2C	1NT : 2D*
* non-forcing	2D : 2H*	2H : 4H
	*limit values 5S/4H	* game force

Geoff Hart





Dummy

I remember when I first started directing in Switzerland about 10 years ago, my first teacher and mentor told us that the only rights a Dummy had was to “go to the loo”. What’s more, in multi-lingual Switzerland I learned that in French language the Dummy is called “le mort”, which translates to English as “the dead one”. These two remarks may not reflect the complete truth about the rights of Dummy but they capture its essence, and that is that Dummy is entitled to do very, very little indeed.

The Laws of Bridge define Dummy’s Rights in Law 42 and Dummy’s Limitations in Law 43. The Rights are split into Absolute Rights and Qualified Rights. Of each there are only three, and Dummy cannot lose its Absolute Rights but can lose its Qualified Rights. The three Absolute Rights, easy but important to remember, are: (1) give information in the Director’s presence; (2) keep count of tricks won and lost; (3) play the cards of the Dummy as Declarer’s agent. I would point out that the last point, (3), is of particular importance as it clearly states that Dummy is Declarer’s **agent**. This simply means that Dummy may **only** do **as instructed** by Declarer. Nothing else! In particular, this means Dummy **must not** be taking part in the game (after all Dummy is “dead”, remember?), **must not** take decisions for and on behalf of Declarer. This means Dummy must not grab a card to be played before Declarer has actually instructed him/her to do so. Nor must Dummy indicate in any way which card should be played next (hovering with the hand over the card to be played).

Dummy’s Limitations (Law 43) are a bit more extensive. So I shall only list a few that seem relevant to me: (1) D should not initiate a call for the Director unless an irregularity has been pointed out by another player; (2) D may not call attention to an irregularity during play (but may at the end of play); (3) D **must not participate in the play**, nor may he communicate anything about the play to Declarer.

Dummy may try to prevent an infraction by Declarer, but not by Defenders. For that purpose Dummy may

ask Declarer if he/she was out of a suit played (“no more Spades, partner?”) in order to prevent a revoke. Dummy must not consult Defenders’ system card during play.

If violation occurs in any of the above limitations then Dummy is liable to penalty under Law 90 (Procedural Penalty, e.g. 40-60%).

On a personal note may I suggest you make good use of your time as Dummy by relaxing, leaning back, taking a big breath, recharging your batteries, enjoying that you have a few minutes off from your demanding and stressful “job”. See above. Enjoy your time as Dummy!

Adam Hertelendy

Director Please

Some of our members have a reluctance to call the Director on the grounds that it is perceived as ‘unfriendly’. This is a misconception and contrary to the laws of Bridge. The Director must be called when players become aware of a possible infraction, during play or auction. The aim of the Director is to restore equity, not to punish and rulings are made on the evidence collected at the table. So next time there is a revoke, lead out of turn, or any other irregularity at your table call the Director immediately – their ruling will not only allow the game to be continued in a timely manner, but may well prevent an unnecessary squabble after play.

Happy Bridging.

Di Quigley



A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game & are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws".

