

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

November 2012



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Currently there are two main issues the Club needs to focus on.

Firstly, members will be aware that for some time now I have written and spoken about the need for members to put their name forward for election to the Management Committee. Partly as a result of the overwhelming vote against allowing the Secretary or Treasurer to nominate after a 3 year term, and partly due to other intended resignations including my own, there will be vacancies for at least four and possibly up to six positions on the Management Committee next year. Noosa Bridge Club has been built on the back of volunteer effort but unless we see a change of attitude over the coming months, the Club could face a crisis next year. No club can legally operate without a Secretary and if no one comes forward the Club will be forced to employ someone part-time. This would have the effect, I predict, of forcing the Management Committee to increase table fees by \$1.

Secondly, retired lawyer and committee member Robert Bulford has headed up a sub-committee charged with the task of rewriting

the Club's Rules, General By-Laws and By-Laws relating to Conduct and Etiquette. As the existing documents are filled with ambiguity, anachronisms, illegality et al, this is a much needed process. The aim of the Management Committee is to have the first draft available for perusal by the members by early November. Any member wishing to pass a comment on to Robert will be asked to do so within a time frame with the final objective being to have the new documents ratified at next year's Annual General Meeting.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we have bid farewell to Colin and Sandy Regan. All members know of their enormous contribution to the Club and they will be sadly missed. We wish them happy times back in New Zealand and look forward to their ongoing regular visits.

Sam Halvorsen

NEW MEMBERS

The club extends a very warm welcome to:

Wilma Lewis, Margaret Pace, Irene Cordukes, Richard Goddard, Jill Robson, Susan Walker, George Clough, Margaret Dunstan, Karin Glenning, Peter Hewitt, Barry Spencer and Margaret Robertson (Non Home Club member).

With so many new members and visitors (which is wonderful!) it would be very helpful if we could all remember to wear our name badges at the table.

The learners' and improvers' lessons and sessions play a big part in attracting new members to the Club.

FAREWELL TO COLIN AND SANDY



Colin and Sandy were stalwarts of the Club and their regular presence will be missed, although we all hope they will return on a regular basis.

Colin was Club President 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2006/07, Secretary in 2009, a long serving member of the Management Committee 2000-2012 and a Director for many years. Colin was made a Life Member of the Club in 2009.

Sandy was the Club Secretary in 2005/06, 2006/08 (Nov 06 to March 08) and 2008/09 and a long serving Director and mentor to improving players.

Both will be very hard to replace.

CHARITY DAYS

The charity day on 6 August raised a total of \$1050 table fees and \$581 from the raffle for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. Thanks to Ross Gyde and everyone else who helped make this such an enjoyable and rewarding day.

The Charity Day for Katie Rose Cottage was held on Friday 12 October, raising \$1,300 – another outstanding effort! Thanks to Tessa Townend and the other members of this club who work to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

NOOSA BRIDGE WEEK



Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff have for the past few years been beating the drum far and wide about the wonderful atmosphere at our club. Bev Salter and Lizi French have a very successful record of teaching beginners and improvers, basing their lessons on Paul's teaching books. Those members who attended the lessons and other sessions will no doubt have learned a lot from these two masters.

RULES AND BY-LAWS REVIEW

Members will be aware that a sub-committee of the Management Committee has been working on revisions to the Club's Rules and its By-laws. A new comprehensive set of by-laws is also being prepared to deal with matters relating to the required appropriate standards of conduct and etiquette that members and visitors are expected to adhere to when in or around the Club's premises and participating in tournaments and congresses held in the clubhouse. These will replace the current Zero Tolerance provisions.

Work on all these documents is well advanced. The revised Rules will be put to the members at the next Annual General Meeting in March 2013. Once those Rules have been adopted, the Management Committee may proceed to adopt the amended By-laws, and the new Conduct and Etiquette By-laws, as well as a new amended set of Tournament Regulations.

The new Conduct and Etiquette By-laws entail a significant departure from the existing Zero Tolerance Policy and procedures, and are an important new set of rules and procedures affecting all members and visitors. For those interested, advance copies of the proposed new Conduct and Etiquette By-laws may be obtained from the Secretary. Constructive suggestions on the document are welcomed, and may be made to the Management Committee for its consideration, either by contacting the Secretary, Kathy Male, or Robert Bulford.

Robert Bulford

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS 27 JULY, 3 and 10 August 2012

Open

1st Geoff Hart, David Harris, Kendall Early and Tim Ridley
2nd Tessa Townend, Penny Sykes, Peter Tall and Lanning Smith
3rd Simon Andrew, Gwen King, Patricia Feeney and Judy Jessop

Restricted Group A

1st Ed Beckett, Jan Beckett, Denise Cranfield, Doug Carlson and Julia Carlson

Restricted Group B

1st Muriel Loveday, Steve Ronay, Ilse West and Robyn Scott

NOOSA SWISS TEAMS 16 SEPTEMBER

Thirty teams contested this event. Annie Galli and her team of helpers provided an excellent day for all. The winners were:

A Grade

1st Ken Dawson, Verna Brookes, Stephen Brookes and Adrian Mayers
2nd Ryan Touton, Richard Touton, Larry Moses and Kendall Early
3rd= Ivy Luck, John Luck, Charlie Lu and Chuan Qin
3rd= Tessa Townend, Penny Sykes, Barry Midgley and Sandy Regan

B Grade

1st Mal Adams, Pru Adams, Denise Cranfield and Kath McKay
2nd Peggy Hillhouse, Jill Phillips, Adam Hertelendy and Dorothy Hertelendy
3rd= Susie Lee, Lesley Power, Diana Banks and Angela Hall
3rd= Kathy Male, Jim Dillon, Kemal Avunduk and Kiyomi Avunduk

NOOSA NOVICE PAIRS 26 AUGUST

Section A

1st: Michael Tolnay and Patricia Wakeford
2nd: Denise Cranfield and Kath McKay
3rd: Malcolm Adams and Prunella Adams

Section B

1st: Glenys Orr and Sandra Goodworth
2nd: Beth Tolley and Malcolm Mawson

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOHN FELL PAIRS (formerly Tony Delaney Pairs)

12 and 19 November

NOOSA BUTLER PAIRS

17 and 18 November. Entries close Tuesday 13 November. This is a popular Congress, so get your entries in early please.

ZONE PAIRS - HOSTED AT NOOSA CLUB

25 November

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY

14 December. Our major Social Event!

PRO-AM PAIRS ONE DAY EVENT

17 December. "Amateur" (lover of the game!) partner must have no more than 25 Master Points on 30 September.

CHRISTMAS DAY

25 December. The Club will be CLOSED!

KEVIN'S LESSON

Planning the Defence

Have you been preparing your "plan" before you begin your play as defender? West, playing a 12-14 NT opens 1NT and East raises it to 3NT.

West	North	East	South
1NT	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

DEALER: NORTH

VUL: BOTH

	♠9863		
	♥Q9753		
	♦62		
	♣96		
♠AKQ		♠J75	
♥10864		♥A	
♦A753		♦KQ104	
♣J43		♣KQ1075	
	♠1042		
	♥KJ2		
	♦J982		
	♣A82		

North, with nothing better to do, leads the H5, the fourth highest of his longest and strongest suit. Declarer wins in Dummy wins with the Ace.

Now, *BEFORE* he plays to the trick, **South** has to sit back and PLAN his defence. He notes that Declarer played Dummy's singleton Ace on the first

round. He reviews the information he now has from the bidding and from his partner's opening lead. He knows from the bidding and his own hand that North is unlikely to have sufficient points to have an **outside entry** to hand. South hopes that North's lead the 5 of Hearts (a small spot card promising an honour in the suit) does indeed indicate that partner has the **HQ and possibly 4 other hearts**.

South expects to get in at some time with the Ace of Clubs and wants his side to be able to also make 4 Heart tricks once he gets the lead.

South now assumes that West, declarer, has at least 4 Hearts to the H10. He reasons that if he (South) plays his H2 on East's Ace, his King and Jack will be winners but he will be unable to then reach partner's three winners (Queen and 9 and 7). The Heart suit will be blocked, because even if North overtakes the Jack with the Queen, West's H10 will come good. South realizes that in order to *unblock* the heart suit he **must discard the HJ** on the first round.

As soon as he wins with the Ace of Clubs, South plays the HK, unblocking the suit. South then leads the H2. If West puts up the 8, North wins with the 9 and plays the Q then the 7. If West puts up the 10, North wins with Q then plays the 9 and the 7.

Five tricks to the defenders, the contract is one off!

"I love it when your plan comes together, Sherlock."

"Elementary, my dear Watson."

Kevin Feeney

