

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

December 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a hectic time since the last Newsletter but we are now getting into Christmas mode and all looks well. On Friday, 13 December, members can look forward to a Christmas Party like no other. It's for members only this year and it will start with champagne & finger food at 11.30am, prize-giving, bridge, afternoon tea, prize-giving, bridge, nibbles and drinks at end of session, and more prize-giving. All FUN / FUN / FUN. We are catering for a full house.

We've had our last Congress of the year – the Butler Pairs – another successful event – and can now relax a bit until the first 2014 Congress in June. But let's remind ourselves that congresses are the life-blood of the Club. Our five annual congresses bring many visitors and many opportunities to be hospitable and they also give us opportunities to enjoy better bridge. Participation is very rewarding. Looking further afield, the Noosa Bridge Club has expressed an interest in hosting the State Mixed Teams in 2015, an event which would give us some prestige on the Queensland bridge calendar. In essence, it would be a 6th congress. You will be updated as plans develop.

Our CapEx budget for the current year includes replacement of our side tables. Most of us believe the existing side tables are well beyond their use-by date. It's a pleasure to report that we have ordered new side tables which will be built by a local bridge-playing family at a fraction of any commercial cost. And they will be sturdy enough to last for many years.

It is my fervent wish that EVERYONE in our bridge family at Noosa will work together to ensure a happy environment for the enjoyment of the game we love so much – for today and for the future.

All the best for Christmas – and for 2014.

Gerald Schaaf
President

DIRECTORS

On behalf of all your Directors I should like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and holiday season. May the Noosa Bridge Club enjoy a peaceful, harmonious 2014.

I acknowledge the support of the Management Committee throughout the year, initially led by Jill and lately by Gerald. It is comforting to know that all aspects of managing the clubs are dealt with speedily and appropriately.

Thank you to all our Directors and to those who help – those who jump up to carry the boxes or stay to put away the Bridgemates are truly appreciated. We must not forget the long suffering partners of Directors. It is irritating to have your game and concentration interrupted on a regular basis.

Thank you for your friendship, support and laughter through the past year. To see so many happy faces and hear so much bubbly chatter within our walls is decidedly heart-warming. May this spirit endure forever within our club. Season's Greetings.

Di Quigley
Games Director



