

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

September 2013

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I was looking around our clubhouse the other day and thinking how lucky we are to have such a great venue for our bridge playing. I also reflected on the fact that most of us probably take it all for granted. But let's think about it - it didn't just "happen". We can be thankful for the foresight and courage of the original group who founded the Club. They lobbied the Council to provide a site, they borrowed money to purchase and move the old church and to have a considerable extension built. Take the time to look at the display on the 'western' wall at photographs taken by Peggy Hillhouse on the night they moved the church from James Street. How exciting it must have been for them to know the Club would now have its own, dedicated premises. These original members, succeeding committees and many volunteers have worked hard and have served the Noosa Bridge Club well. I am sure we are all grateful for their endeavours. From a small beginning we now have a comfortable and enviable clubhouse, up-to-date technology and superb amenities. Noosa Bridge Club is an organisation of which we can all be proud.

Very best wishes,
Jill Phillips
President

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Success at the Barrier Reef Congress, 7-10 June, 2013

This year the Barrier Reef Congress was held in Mackay. The teams competition was divided into two sections - Open and Restricted. There were 16 teams in the Restricted section, two of which were from Noosa. Tuckey team (Jill Tuckey, Chrissie Baynes, Rozanne Thomas, Angela Hall) and the Avunduk teams (Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk, Bill & Geraldine Howard) Both teams had a slow start and at the beginning of the last session the Tuckey team was 4th and the Avunduk team was 5th. In the final session the Noosa teams played very well and had excellent wins. The final result was the Tuckey team 1st and the Avunduk team 3rd. Lots of gold masterpoints and some cash, so everyone very happy.



Jill Tuckey
Rozanne Thomas
Chrissie Baynes
(absent) Angela Hall

CHANGE OF eMAIL & POSTAL ADDRESS

Members please! If you wish to be included on the Club's email mailing list and have not yet done so, or if your email or postal address has changed in the last year or so, please advise the Secretary Kath McKay or the Membership Secretary Pam Hawkins of your current email or postal address. This information is confidential and will only be used for legitimate club purposes



DECLARER COUNTING TECHNIQUE

The following contribution is from Simon Andrew, one of the founding fathers of the Noosa Bridge Club. A Professional Player from Sydney, he and his friend Luc Turschwell began giving lessons at Belmondo's restaurant in Hastings St. Simon has won many National and State Tournaments and has also played at most of the Congresses. In recent years, he has been successful playing with his partner Gwen King having won The Barrier Reef Congress with Kevin Feeney and Peter Gill. They have also partnered Kendall Early in the Northern Territory Gold. He is a Grand Master. Simon is presently giving workshops at the Club on the first Friday of each month.

This hand is from the Noosa Bridge Club Teams Championship held 2-8-13
Hand direction has been rotated...Dealer East...All Vulnerable...Hand 23

♠ 5	♠ 5
♥ AJT5	♥ 974
♦ K94	♦ QJ6
♣ KT863	♣ 95
♠ KT642	♠ AQJ973
♥ 8	♥ 9Q62
♥ K83	♦ T85
♦ A732	♣ 4
♣ AQJ72	

Bidding
W N E S
- - 2S 3C
3S 5C P P

Note: 2 Spades by East is weak

West leads 2 of Spades. East wins and returns a trump. You draw the last trump and what now? Clearly if you can guess the location of the Queen of Hearts you are home, but before you commit to the guess, is there a better way?

The Answer is YES!

Because you have an unavoidable loser in Diamonds play 3 rounds of the suit and if they break 3-3 whichever opponent wins you are cold. Both opponents are down to Spades and Hearts.

A Heart solves your guess and a Spade (Best) provides a ruff and discard ... simply ruff in dummy and throw a Heart from hand. You know now that Hearts are 3.3 How? East is known to have 6 Spades (bidding) 3 Diamonds and 1 Club = 10 cards ERGO East is 6331 If Diamonds break 4 2 and opponents play a 4th round of Diamonds – Ruff and take Heart finesse against opponent with 4 Hearts

IF THERE IS A GOOD LINE AVAILABLE, OFTEN CLOSER CONSIDERATION CAN REVEAL A BETTER ONE

This hand is another example of combining your chances by using the bidding to count your opponents hand Dealer West/Both Vul (Directions Inverted for convenience) Friday 12/7 Duplicate Hand 6

♠ A2	
♥ K542	
♦ AT52	
♣ AJ6	
♠ Q5	♠ KJT9643
♥ 73	♥ 98
♦ Q976	♦ 8
♣ T8432	♣ Q97
	♠ 87
	♥ AQJT6
	♦ KJ43
	♣ K5

Bidding

W	N	E	S
P	1NT	3S	4H
P	4NT	P	5C(1)
P	5D(2)	P	6H(3)

Note: (1) 1 or 4 key cards
(2) Queen of Hearts
(3) Yes Plus Extras

Lead is Queen of Spades

Whenever opponents compete in the Auction it provides important inference for Declarer. To capitalise Declarer needs to count. In the above example West leads Queen of Spades – You win the Ace and draw trumps in 2 rounds. Time to consider East's Minor Suit Holdings, as East is known to have at least 9 Cards in the Majors, he can at most have 4 Cards in the Minors. Superficially West is likely to hold more Clubs than East so the finesse of



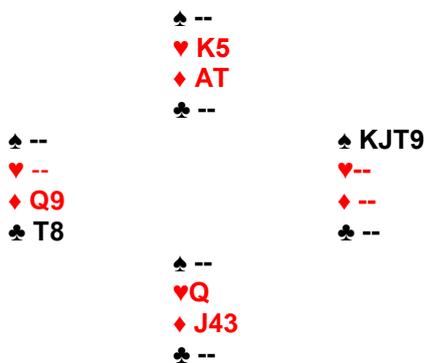
the Club Queen (to provide a discard for the Spade loser) looks attractive but is there a better way????

To begin with it is unlikely that East, even with both Minor Suit Queens is Doubleton. Doubleton (2/2) given the Vulnerability. Can East be then short in Clubs? Counting provides a vital clue. If East has no Clubs and 3 or 4 Diamonds then West has 8 Clubs and has passed 1st in hand. Similarly, if East has a Singleton Club then West has seven Clubs. In both cases the combined evidence overwhelmingly suggests that East has 3 or 4 Clubs and 0 or 1 Diamond. This being the case you can't go down - Do you see how??

Play King of Clubs and Club to the Ace (in the unlikely event that the Queen drops Doubleton simply throw the spade loser on the Jack of Clubs), then ruff a Club. When East follows be careful to cash the King of Diamonds (to complete the ELIMINATION) and exit a Spade. Regardless of who wins the Spade they are END PLAYED! If West wins he must either break Diamonds or give Declarer a RUFF AND DISCARD IN Clubs. If East wins he must give you a Ruff and Discard in Spades - in both cases, you Ruff in Hand and discard a Diamond from Dummy. Then simply take the Marker Diamond Finesse and claim.

N.B. This is the right line if East had only bid 2 Spades but is harder to explain

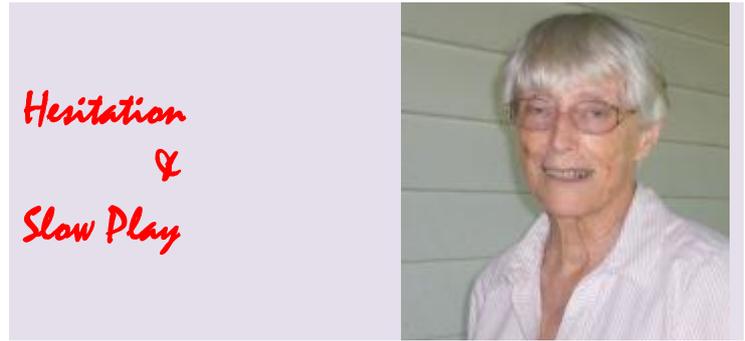
THE ENDING



LEAD DIAMOND QUEEN AND FINESSE DIAMOND QUEEN



BEV'S HELPFUL HINTS



Some contracts require considered thought, especially when bidding to slam. In these situations it is often both wise and acceptable to **hesitate** before responding to partner's bid. Similarly, when making an overcall, pausing or hesitating is considered acceptable. The problem occurs when the **hesitation** takes too long. It then generally reduces the options available to partner, particularly if there has been a long pause and then no bid has been made. They may not take any action that is suggested by the hesitation especially where other logical alternatives to that action exist.

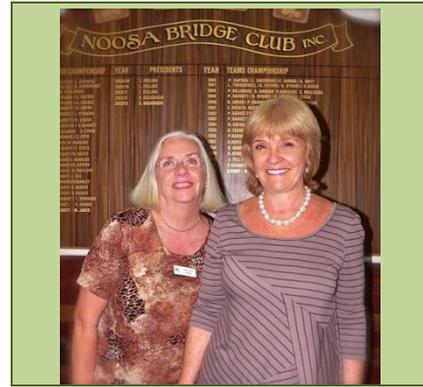
Hesitation is only an infraction when their partner is influenced by the hesitation in the action they take.

If the warning bell sounds, usually three minutes, and the first call has not been made on a board, that board needs to be averaged. All players need to be mindful of the clock and determine how much time is required to complete the two or three hands for each round.

The Director will make a decision as to what percentage to award to each side, depending where responsibility for the slow play lies

THE VOLUNTEERS

In the previous editions of the newsletter we highlighted the work of the volunteers who regularly contribute both their time and effort to ensure the smooth running of the Noosa Bridge Club. In this edition, we catch up with the **MASTERPOINTS SECRETARY** and the **PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS Co-ordinator**. Gillian Hardy and Jillian Tuckey, aka “the Jills”, have both been in these positions for about four years.



Gillian Hardy & Jill Tuckey

Gillian Hardy began playing Bridge in Karachi. She recalls the small group who would sit around kitchen tables with Goren flip sheets and tried their hand at mastering the game. Over the years she had let it slide until she moved to Noosa in 2001. Around 9 or 10 years ago she noticed an advertisement in the local paper for Bridge lessons. Duly turning up at the Club she met Beverly, our kind and motivating teacher. She continues to love playing Bridge and manages to play a couple of times per week. Four years ago when Ian Brown retired from the Masterpoint Secretary job, Lyne Collins asked her to take over. That first time apparently was very scary, now it's a breeze. It probably takes from 1 to 2 hours per month, but it is made up of 10 – 15 minutes here and there.

The most important job is to make sure all the people who play in the club whether members or visitors have their ABF numbers in the computer. When new members are enrolled the Membership Secretary will forward Gillian the information. For visitors she has to look them up on the ABF Website if they fail to give us their number. Each month she sends all the information of Red Point Events to Joan McPheat who is the SE Queensland Masterpoint Secretary. Joan scrutinises the points and sends back the authorization for the month. Gill then sends off all red and green points to David Weston at the Australian Bridge Federation. If anyone disagrees with the points received, Gill checks all our computer files together with their joining dates and make sure all points are correct.

Jill Tuckey had a similar introduction to the club through Bev's Beginners Classes in 2006. Probably the most successful of that generation of players, she has gained success and recognition for both herself and the club at both the State and National levels. A regular attendee at Tournaments and Congresses, Jill has achieved the Rank of Life Master. Where Gillian loves her bridge, it may be said the Jill lives to play bridge. Playing at least four times a week it has made her the perfect person to have as Partnership Arranger. Members have immediate access to her if they find out at short notice that they need a partner for a particular day. She says that it is always best to first enquirer if someone in your immediate circle of friends would like a game, but that she is always available if all else fails. Some weeks her phone doesn't stop ringing. If she knows who's looking, then it makes her job so much easier.

This is another excellent service that is utilised by both the Novice/Intermediate players, as well as those in the open division. **Thank you both for your continued efforts.**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteering can be as little or as much time as you are willing to commit. Stacking or emptying the dishwasher is something that is always helpful when you are having a sit out. Every little bit helps to share the load and continues to maintain the wonderful legacy set out by our founders so many years ago



WORKING WITH DIRECTORS



Congress Director – Gerald Shaaf
Games Director – Di Quigley

From time to time we have unpleasant situations arise when players disagree with a Director's ruling. All Directors acknowledge that mistakes sometimes occur but please remember that Directors (and indeed players) are entitled to be treated with respect. Do not argue with the Director at the table but by all means ask for clarification after the session. Often a reference to the rule book will clear up any misunderstanding and should there be any gray areas, a consultation between the Director of the day and other Directors should provide a satisfactory resolution.

Let's keep these issues in perspective – we are privileged to play this remarkable game and some perceived slight at the table is not worth ongoing animosity.

Our Club strives to provide a friendly environment, within the confines of the rules of Bridge, for all to enjoy.

Di Quigley
Games Director



Alisdair Stewart & Moira Gibbins

NOOSA JUNE PAIRS CONGRESS

THURSDAY, 13th June 2013

Noosa's inaugural mid-week Congress on 13 June seems to have been a huge success, evidenced by immediate feedback from many participants. 52 pairs was a bigger-than-expected field and easily divided into A/B/C categories to provide a fair range of prizes, namely: 1st / 2nd / 3rd in each category as well as two encouragement awards (a free club game) to **Moira Gibbens and Alisdair Stewart as the pair with the least number of masterpoints playing in the event.**

The Congress was seamlessly directed by Peter Busch with no appeals. Peter was assisted by volunteer caddies doing a sterling job. Volunteer kitchen and bar staff ensured fabulous service in both areas and contributions of food from many members made players happy throughout the day. The sandwich and fruit lunch is always a winner. All contributors were thanked for the success of the day. **The innovative idea to include the entry form for the next congress in the cover of the scoring booklet was well-received and will be repeated at future events.**

The format for the Congress was 8 x 7-board rounds, 4 in the am, 4 in the pm. As usual, there were many interesting hands and maybe one in particular. What's the likelihood of a hand with 10 spades (missing 3 little ones), one small heart, two small clubs? Board 18 in the pm gave that hand to South (my partner). "Slam" bells started ringing but soon stopped when E, the dealer, opened 1NT. Partner considered doubling but finally just bid 4S which was passed out and she happily took her 10 tricks. Had she doubled first the opposition might have found their diamond slam!!! One EW did find the slam but then went down one. Another EW found 5D and made 13 tricks for an outright top. All other NS's played in 4/5/6 spades, often doubled, with various results. Best NS score was 4Sx, making, achieved twice. An interesting hand!

The Noosa Bridge Club looks forward to more mid-week Congresses.



KEVIN'S CORNER

ILLEGAL DECEPTION (Laws 73E & 73F)

Recently I played a hand where I had : K 10 x x in dummy and A J xxx in my hand.

As taught, I tried to set up my plan. I could go for the drop by playing A then K or I could finesse. I played low to the K, and LHO raised one card, pushed it down, then raised another, and then played the first one. Now confident of finding two – two holding in each hand I won the K and continued to play low back to the A, only to find **The Fiddler** had a singleton.

I led to the KQ of Clubs, LHO raised one card, pushed it down, raised another, then played the first card, The Ace. Winning the return lead, I led a Club to the Queen, only to have it trumped. Again **The Fiddler** had a singleton.

Law 73F Violation of Properties states : When a violation of the Properties described in this law results in damage to an innocent opponent, if the Director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a remark, manner, tempo, or the like, of an opponent who has not demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have known, at the time of the action, that the action would work to his benefit, the Director shall award an adjusted score.

It does not matter if the intention to throw Declarer off was deliberate or accidental. The law uses the words “**could have known**” so an adjusted score will be awarded by the Director.

Hint: Do not touch a card until you have decided which card you will play

Kevin Feeney



BRIDGE HOLIDAYS

Joan Butts, National Teaching Coordinator and one of Australia's most popular and respected bridge teachers conducted one of her Bridge Holidays at Sanctuary Cove in July. The holiday included tournaments and games for all levels – beginners to advanced and Julie Tubbs and Michelle Behrens went along.



Pictured with Joan, Julie & Michelle is Ellie Spiro, a Grand Master, who always has a lot of encouragement for the new players.

Joan's next holiday is in Palm Cove, Cairns Nov 8 – 11th

CHARITY DAYS

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of the Charity Days at our Club. It is our opportunity to make a contribution to our community and the beneficiaries have asked us to pass on their gratitude. Over \$1600 was raised in support of the Bloomhill Cancer Help Group and in early August you generously raised \$1400 for the View Club. The final Charity Day of the year is on 4th October when we will be supporting The Red Cross.

Bringing something to share for afternoon tea helps to make the day more memorable.

To all who have bought and sold the tickets and helped out in the kitchen, a very special thanks from me.

Judy Hope



RECOGNISE DEFENSIVE LAYOUTS

By reading library books (or attending Simon's lessons) members can become familiar with particular card layouts, for which there are known defensive strategies. The Hand below is repeated from a library book of bridge puzzles.

♠ JT654	♠ 82	♠ AQ7
♥ Q942	♥ T53	♥ J87
♦ 85	♦ AJT973	♦ K42
♣ 32	♣ J6	♣ QT98
	♠ K93	
	♥ AK6	
	♦ Q6	
	♣ AK754	

North is declarer in a contract of 3NT, and West leads the S5. The author reports that, at the table, East won the SA, played the SQ which was ducked by declarer, and then played the S7 won by declarer with the SK.

Declarer then played the DQ & let it run. East won the DK and then returned the H7. But that was the end of the defense, as declarer was able to claim the remaining tricks - 1xS, 2xH, 5xD & 2xC.

The author reports that the players moved on to the next hand without realising that the contract should have been defeated.

Can you see how? What errors were made by the defenders?

Mistake 1. At trick one, East should play the SQ. If this is done in tempo, declarer will not judge the true layout & will win the SK. East knows to do this because she has a certain entry with the DK.

Mistake 2. When declarer leads the DQ & lets it run, East should duck, in tempo. When the happy declarer repeats the finesse, East now wins the DK, plays the SA & leads the S7 to allow West to take her S tricks.

COMING EVENTS

September

Sunday 8 th	Caloundra Butler Pairs
Wednesday 11 th	Coolum Invitation Day
Friday 13 th	Red Point Day
Sunday 15 th	Noosa Swiss Teams
Sunday 22 nd	SSCBC Graded Matchpoint Pairs
Thursday 26 th	Red Point Day
Saturday 28 th	Caloundra Novice Pairs

October

Friday 4 th	Charity Day
Tuesday 8 th	Red Point Day
Thurs, Fri and Sat 10 th , 11 th and 12 th	Paul Marston & Nigel Rosendorff Workshop
Sunday 13 th	Gympie Teams
Sunday 13 th to Saturday 19 th	Noosa Bridge Week
Monday 21 st	Spring Pairs Red Points
Sat 26 th , Sun 27 th	Hervey Bay Pairs and Teams
Monday 28 th	Spring Pairs Red Points

November

Saturday 2 nd	Red Point Day
Sunday 3 rd	Caloundra Swiss Teams
Sunday 10 th	SCCBC Novice Pairs
Monday 11 th	John Fell Red Point Day (1)
Sat, Sun 16 th and 17 th	Noosa Butler Pairs
Monday 18 th	John Fell Red Point Day (2)
Sunday 24 th	Zone Pairs Coolum (Hosting at SCCBC)



"IT IS A READING GROUP, LORETTA ... WE SIT AROUND TRYING TO READ EACH OTHER'S HANDS."



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the New Members who have joined our Club

JUNE

Home Club Members
Carole Hoffenberg
Sylvia Robertson

JULY

Home Club Members
Sally Corfe
Lana Davey
Peter Renwick
Non- Home Club Members
Cherie Butler
Judy Hookway

AUGUST

Home Club Members
Christel Markus
Susie Osmaston
Hetta Simpson
Elizabeth Van Vugt
Alan Wardle
Non-Home Members
Sue & John Downs

It is gratifying to see so many graduates from the Beginners Classes joining the ranks of Membership. Thank you Bev and Lizi and all your helpers for your excellent tuition and guidance. It is a sound foundation for these players to start their Bridge Life with the Novices.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

With so many new members and visitors, it would be very helpful if we could all remember to wear our name badges at the table

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Three major functions are coming up between October and December:

- ◆ **Bridge Week Cocktail Party**
Sunday night 13th October.
- ◆ **Melbourne Cup Party**
Tuesday 5th November
- ◆ **Club Christmas Party**
Friday 13th December

We need Enthusiastic, Inspirational, Fun-filled, Supportive HELPERS HELPERS HELPERS to come on board and help make these functions as enjoyable as possible.

I know not everybody is all of the above, but if you feel you have a little bit of anything lurking just below the surface we would love to hear from you.

Judy Hope

ALERTING

As of August 1st 2013, there are significant changes to the current alerting procedures. After openings of INT or IC, there is no need to alert the bid however partner must automatically announce the essential meaning of the bid, without waiting to be asked

- INT requires partner to say “15-17” or “12-14” or whatever the range is
- IC requires partner to announce the minimum length club holding or, in strong C systems (eg Precision), to state the point range – eg “strong, 16+ points”
- Any other unusual C openings require an announcement of “unusual”

This new approach, which has been in place in America & Europe for some years, will hopefully reduce the inopportune (and sometimes pointed) enquiry such as a IC opening followed by a “Is that a short club?” – translation – “I’ve got plenty of clubs”.

Or a INT opening followed by a close perusal of the system card, alerting partner to significant values with the opener’s LHO.



Directors will exercise some tolerance in the short term for those who forget these procedures but everyone is encouraged to make an effort to comply. Perhaps a friendly reminder to your partner should they fail to announce would be helpful.

SUCCESS – HOME & AWAY !

JUNE

Barrier Reef Congress

WALK – INS Kiyomi & Kemal Avunduk first (A)
Ann Mellings & Larry Norden were successful in B
RESTRICTED TEAMS Jill Tuckey, Chrissy Baynes, Rosanne Thomas, Angela Hall first;
Anunduk Team of Kyomi and Kemal, Geraldine and Bill Howard a very creditable third
OPEN TEAMS Simon Andrew & Gwen King, Kendall Early & partner 2nd

Sunshine Coast Butler Pairs

Arch Morrison & partner 1st; Tessa Townend and Barry Midgley 2nd

Sue O'Neill & Carole Robinson 1st in B
2nd in C

Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams

Dick Trollope's team 1st; Maureen Jakes team 2nd
Lizi French, Penny Sykes, Di Quigley, Sam Halvorsen 3rd in B
Ed & Jan Beckett, Georgina Cassels & Tessa Townend 2nd in C

GNOT Stage 2

The MALE, MIDGLEY, NORDEN, PAULL & McDONALD teams all played well & secured lots of Gold Points

QBA Graded Teams

Ed & Jan Beckett, Kemal & Kiyomi Avunduk 2nd in B

JULY

Noosa Winter Teams

Arch Morrison, Cherie Butler, David Harris & Di Stagg 1st in A; Anne Young & team 2nd; Dick Trollope's team 3rd

Ed & Jan Beckett, Kamal & Kiyomi Avunduk 1st in B; Jill Tuckey, Rosanne Thomas, Sheryl Cullenward, Chrissy Baynes 2nd; Elma Paull, Kath McKay, Peggy Hillhouse, Stuart Smith 3rd

Wine Prize Barry & Philly De Lacy, Gayna Ryan, Georgina Cassels 12th after being ranked 22nd

Encouragement Award: To the team with the Lowest Combined Masterpoints - Lin Stafford, Vicky Barbour, Sally Simmons Lana Davey
Bundaberg Pairs

David Harris & Tim Ridley 1st in A
Rozanne Thomas & Jill Tuckey 1st in B
Di Musgrave & partner 3rd in C

Bundaberg Teams

Arch Morrison, Cherie Butler & team 1st in A
Rozanne Thomas & & team 1st in B

Bribie Pairs

Shirley Bishop & Fran McDonald 3rd in B

Maryborough Pairs

Kemal & Kiyomi Avundak 2nd in B

Maryborough Teams

David Harris, Tim Ridley, Geoff Hart, Ross Gyde 1st in A

Jill Tuckey, Rozanne Thomas, Ed & Jan Beckett 3rd in B

AUGUST

Sunshine Coast Teams

Larry Norden, Ann Mellings, Maureen Jakes, Penny Sykes tied with Ken Dawson's team for 1st in A

Barry Midgley, Tessa Townend, Lizi French, Di Quigley 2nd in B

Noosa Teams Championship

Geoff Hart, David Harris, Tim Ridley, Kendall Early 1st

Tessa Townend, Penny Sykes, Peter Tall, Lanning Smith tied with Di Stagg, Judy Jessop, Lorraine Varchon & Donna Wilderness 2nd

Qld Butler Pairs (QCBC)

Maureen Jakes & Ann Mellings 2nd in the Qld Womens' Pairs

Noosa Novice Pairs

The Senior Section was won by a Brisbane Pair & the Junior Section was carried out by a Gympie Pair

