

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

October 2008

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a busy few months we have had! On 21 September, another very successful Congress was held. The smooth running was due to the many hard working volunteers. Congratulations to all, especially Heidi and Peter Lier. A job well done!

Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff visited our club from 7 to 13 September, bringing approximately 100 visitors with them, many of whom commended our club for its hospitality and its congenial atmosphere.

Our members who attended the lessons and played bridge with the group really enjoyed Paul and Nigel's special approach to bridge. We have received a box of Bridge books to add to our library as a "thank you" for having them at our club.

Make sure you mark your calendar for Melbourne Cup Day 4 November. We are going to have a fun day, with lunch after the game and of course sweeps etc for the Cup. More news on this as it gets closer!

### 300th member welcomed.



I was thrilled to be able to recently welcome our 300th member, Erica Gartner. Increasing membership is a sign that the Club is in good shape.

Every day is a busy one with often 2 or even 3 movements. So as to ensure the movements can be set in time, it is imperative that players are seated at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. Our volunteer directors do a wonderful job but it certainly makes it hard for them when players wander in late. Please adhere to this request.

Our Masterpoint Secretary Ian Brown has done a marvelous job over the past few years and we thank him most sincerely. Ian intends to retire from this position at the end of the year and a replacement is urgently required. If there is a member interested in taking on this position in 2009, please let me know. Some computer skills are required. Ian is happy to pass on details of the job.

To the members who have played and won competitions outside of our club, "Congratulations!". I know that there have been some outstanding wins.

To all members, "Happy Bridging!" Remember, your club is "Simply the best!"

*Lyne Collins*  
*President*

### With Deep Regret

With regret, we advised the passing of:

Beryl Roper

Ian MacNee (husband of Bobby)  
Roland Bringau (husband of Christina)  
Laurie Salter (husband of Bev)



## NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Elizabeth Shaw	Erica Gartner
David Youens	Elizabeth Tolley
Helen Nicholson	John Cooper
Malcolm Adams	Prunella Adams

## CONGRATULATIONS MAUREEN AND ROSIE

A somewhat belated congratulations to Maureen Jakes and Rosie Green, two of our outstanding players, who earned their selection into the Queensland Women's Team. They played in the Australian National Championships in July/August (came 6th) and in the Pacific Asian Bridge Federation Championships in August/September (came 7th, beating several international teams). Something for the rest of us ladies to aspire to!

## DIRECTORS

Our club is blessed to have a membership with a very strong volunteer work ethic. Until now, we have been fortunate to be able to call upon the following members to act as directors: Bev Salter, Kevin Feeney Sandy Regan, Colin Regan, Jane Dalziel, Di Stagg, David Harris, Sandy McCulloch, Ken Dawson, Daphne McGee, Lizi French, Di Quigley and Gerald Schaaf.

Our Games Director Bev Salter not only has an excellent knowledge of the Rules of the Game but has also been able to inspire a number of our members to study to become directors also. The qualifying exams were held recently and we will announce our additional directors in the next newsletter.

Being a playing director must be very challenging and we are grateful for the effort these players make to help us better understand and enjoy the game.

## CHARITY DAY 7 AUGUST

The Charity Day was well supported with a total of \$1,307 being raised for the R SPCA. Our thanks to all who supported this worthy cause and special thanks to Muriel Loveday for organizing this event.

## NOOSA BRIDGE WEEK

Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff again provided a week of entertainment and instruction, drawing attention to our club as a major centre for the game in this region and promoting Noosa as a holiday destination.

Paul provided lessons on "Negative Doubles" and "Counting Declarer's Tricks", while Nigel's lessons were on "Establishing a Side Suit at Suit Play" and "Multi Defence to a One No-Trump Opening Bid".

We are very lucky to be able to attract such highly qualified and entertaining teachers to our club.

## ZONE FINAL GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS

Ten pairs from this Club played in the Zone Finals held on 28 September at the Sunshine Coast Club. This indicates that there is a great breadth of skill and experience among our top players.

In the morning session, John Fell and Lizzie French came 2nd, while Ross Gyde and Barry Midgley came 3rd.



In the afternoon session, Kendall Early and Lanning Smith came 1st.

Overall, Ross Gyde and Barry Midgley came 4th, earning the right to contest the Grand National Restricted Pairs in January 2009, in Canberra. What fantastic results!

## CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again this event was well supported and strongly contested. The winners were:

1st: Geoff Hart, Lanning Smith, David Harris and Peter Tall

2nd: Larry Norden, Chrissie Baynes, Kendall Early and Mike Flanagan

3rd: Lizi French, John Fell, Barry Midgely and William Howard

Cogratulations to our winning teams.

## NOOSA SWISS TEAMS CONGRESS

Our sincere thanks to Heidi Lier and to Peter Lier and the many volunteers who helped Heidi to organize and run this very successful Congress.

The winners were:

### A Grade

1st Ian Halford, Stephen Brookes, Michelle Radke and Verna Brookes

2nd: Phillipa Barnett, Kevin Feeney, Vilma Laws and Ruth Mackinlay

3rd: Tony Jackman, Ron Clark, Joan Butts and Ellie Spiro

### B Grade

1st: Jo Drake, Camille Fludder, Irene Ross and Kemal Avunduk

2nd: Beth Webell, Wendy O'Brien, Anne McLeod and Fay McKinnon

### C Grade

1st: David Henderson, Clifford Standley, Barry Midgley and William Howard

Congratulations especially to all winners from our club. The competition was pretty tough!

## PRO AM PAIRS

This most interesting event provides for partnerships between a Novice Player with fewer than 50 M.Ps and a more experienced player and encourages members from different playing levels to better get to know each other a little better.

This year's winning pairs were:

1st: Ross Gyde and Lorraine Vachon

2nd: Ed Beckett and David Youens

3rd: Elizabeth Shaw and Steve Ronay

## EVENTS COMING UP IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

**A Charity Day** will be held on Thursday 9 October, in aid of Riding for the Disabled. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**The Spring Pairs (Red Point Event)** will be conducted over two weeks, Mondays 13 and 20 October.

**Noosa Bribie Teams.** Sunday 2 November.

**Noosa Congress Butler Pairs.** This is held over two days on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November.

**Queensland Wide Pairs.** Monday 24 November.



## **MELBOURNE CUP DAY EVENT.**

Tuesday 4 November. Bridge in the morning at the usual time. A Champagne Lunch will be held after the morning's play. The big screen has been booked and an exciting race is promised. Put on your glad rags or silly costume (hats optional) and join us for a day of fine bridge and fabulous frivolity. \$12 per member for the day! The cost for guests for lunch and the race is \$10 per person. Names are required. The field closes Saturday 1 November at 5.00 pm.

## **NOOSA CONGRESS BUTLER PAIRS 23 AND 23 NOVEMBER**

This is a two day event and the help of members will be essential if we are to maintain the high standard for congresses already set at this club. In particular, volunteers will be needed for kitchen help and caddies (male and female please) morning and afternoon on both days and of course it would be greatly appreciated if members could supply the usual very generous amounts of culinary treats for morning and afternoon teas.

A notice will be placed on the Board near the kitchen for you to confirm your offers of help. Thank you.

## **LEARNING RESOURCES**

The Club library has many useful books which can be used to learn various aspects of bidding and card play. Please feel free to borrow material you believe may help your game.

Several new books have recently been added to the library. The focus on many of these is Slam Bidding, following on from Geoff Hart's advanced lessons in August.

Note that new books are given the highest reference numbers and are filed at the bottom

end of the collection. Those added this time are numbered from 146 to 149.

A list of recommended texts on the subject of Slam Bidding has been added to the bright green "Recommended Reading" lists filed inside the front cover of the white Library Catalogue.

## **WELCOME HOME VERA**

While many of our players take some time off to travel at home or abroad, not many take a world trip at age 90! Vera Wood has just returned home from a big O.E. She is reported as saying she will visit the Queen at Buckingham Palace on her 100th birthday if she is still alive - the Queen that is.

## **NEW MUGS**

Members will be pleased to see that the old heavy white mugs have been replaced with lovely new lighter and brighter mugs.

We thank our housekeeper Heidi Lier for this welcome change of crockery.

## **A WORD FROM THE BARD**

Colin Regan has passed on this gem attributed to William Shakespeare. Bridge players take note!

"Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."

