



Noosa Bridge Club Inc.

13th September
1977 - 2017

40th ANNIVERSARY



Getting Started



1976

Luc Turschwell opened the innovative Belmondo's in Hastings Street and began looking for fellow Bridge players. Luc, described as "far above and beyond" in his capacity with the game of Bridge, in 1976 had played the Italian Blue Championship Lancia team of Omar Sharif, Giorgio Belladonna, Benito Garozzo and Pietro Forquet. On this occasion, Luc teamed with Paul Lavings. Luc also teamed with Simon Andrew to win the 1st Australia - wide Pairs Championship. When the Lancia team was in Sydney, Simon chauffeured the group and was also responsible for the Cognac! Belmondo's was an old house decorated with huge cushions, beach lounges, the first street-facing chairs and a French /North African menu, all creating a vibrant, exciting and trendy beach scene and holiday atmosphere.

1977

It was here then that a small group played Bridge with Luc, and Simon teaching and playing. Penny Sykes and Sally Simmons, neighbours, lived across the street from the restaurant and after enjoying the Bridge play, set about doing all the travelling score sheets which were allocated and then tabulated, a long and laborious process now wholly done with computerised Bridgemates at each table.

Bridge lessons to 8 students were also being given by Kath Finnemore, later Mrs Kath Nielson, in her home. Kath and Luc joined forces and prompted the development of the Noosa Club.

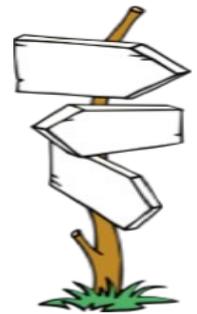
Heather Mott remembers early connections and being invited to visit Noosa from the Gympie Bridge Club along with her husband Philip, Ellie Nimmo and Shirley Bishop so a small table of competition Bridge could be held at Belmondo's.



The inaugural meeting of Noosa Bridge Centre was held on 13th September 1977 with 9 members, the 1st President: Luc Turschwell, Vice President: Freda Ellis, Secretary: Kath Finnemore, Treasurer: Mike Marc. There were 9 members.

1978/79

In 1978, Bridge was played mostly in private homes and then in 1979, Pine Trees Resort Motel gave free use of their conference room when convenient, but the group had to move to The Noosa Heads Bowls Club, when play took place on a Tuesday, and then to Sunshine Beach Surf Life Saving Club, (where tables and chairs had to be carried up flights of stairs). Membership had grown from 15 to 26. Thanks was given to Simon Andrew for his teaching lessons. The closing balance as at 31st August 1979 was \$415.54, and the Committee had decided to shorten the name to "Noosa Bridge Club".



The 1st Congress for The Noosa Bridge Club was held November 1980 at Pine Trees Resort and 1981, 82, 84 Congresses were held at Noosa Shire Council Gallery.

The Club wished to have its own premises and worked hard toward this goal.

Much fund raising took place and the 1985/86 President Rosemary Green

oversaw the purchase of a property in James Street Noosaville, a church/hall which had been built in 1947. The building was used extensively for the next year by already existing hiring groups so tables and chairs were still having to be set out and put away after each session of Bridge play.



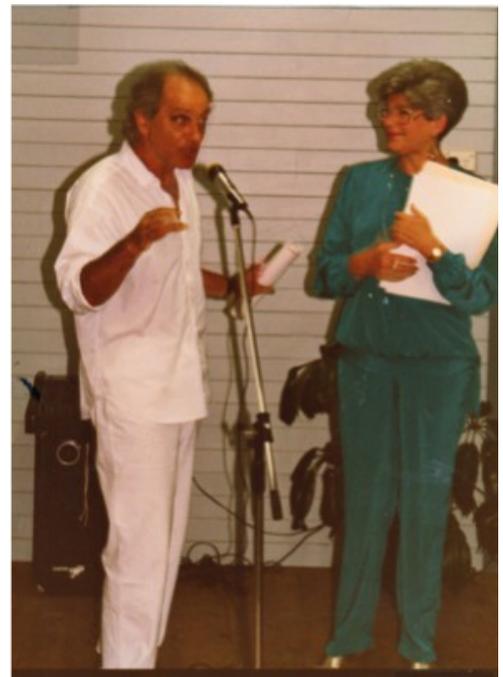
29/10/1986



Mike Marc gets the key, and Neryl Babbage gives the cheque.
Image: Laurie Cowled

The Club was incorporated on 19/8/1987 and the name changed to Noosa Bridge Club Inc.

10th ANNIVERSARY : 1987



Above:
Presidents :Freda Ellis 1980/81/82,
Neryl Babbage 1986/87, Rosemary Green 1985/86
Lorna Sherwood 1983/84

R:Neryl Babbage awards life membership to 1st President Luc Turschwell, and also Freda Ellis and Damian Alroe.

16th March 1994 - Moving the building

Peggy Hillhouse recorded the event : "At 4.00am on a morning in March 1994, four members of the NBC arrived at James Street, Noosaville to witness the removal of the old St. James Hall to Wallace Park. The four members were Ian Smith, Pat Rapson, Laurie Cowled & I.

Images : Peggy Hillhouse



Laurie Cowled remembers clearly the excitement of watching the building make its way to its new site : " On 15 March I note that I watched the club house being loaded onto a truck and took many photos. I set my alarm for 4.00am next morning. On 16 March I awoke before the alarm went off and spent from 3.45am until 11.00am watching the bridge club move ever so slowly to Wallace Park. What a job! At various corners power lines had to be taken down. In other spots it was touch and go as to whether the truck and its load would fit through.

Looking back, I remember that the round-about where you enter Wallace Park was so new that the trees had not yet been planted or that they were so small the truck with the club aboard went straight across it.

When it and the hangers on (like me) arrived at its new site we were all on a "high".



It was evident that the vacant block next door used for parking would soon be built upon and numbers in the club were steadily growing, so it was fortunate that the land in Wallace estate offered by Council was accepted by the then Committee, and plans were set in place to sell the James Street land which would cover costs to move the building and extend it substantially on the Wallace estate site.



Last day of Tuesday play in James Street Image: Jon Campbell

Last Saturday's play **29/1/1994** Image: Peggy Hillhouse





With the building being added, it was back to temporary premises and located at The Bi-Centennial Hall in the Annexe, setting up and packing up chairs once again. The building progressed and the new addition was called the Les Shearer room in the then President's memory.

8th July 1994

Players who were present for 1st day of play in the clubhouse at Wallace Park were :

Philippa Barnett, Christina Bringau, Doug Brynes, Georgina Cassels, Audrey Clarke, Joy Coop, Laurie Cowled, Pam Cross, Hilary French, Joan Grant, Rosemary Green, Peggy Hillhouse, Caroline Jackson, Sandy McCulloch, Carol McDonald, Daph McGhee, Sharon McGhee, Heather Mott, Ellie Nimmo, Jan O'Connell, Cathy Reed, Bev Salter, Ann Simpson, Penny Sykes, Trish Tanner, Audrey Wansley.



Ina Smith presents the painting by William M. McKay which she commissioned.

OPENING of the new Clubhouse 5th AUGUST 1994



L to R : 1st President; Luc Turschwell 1977/78, 1978/79, President Les Shearer 1993/94, 1994/95, Noosa Mayor : Noel Playford
Image : Ian Murray

20th Anniversary at Wallace Park - 1997

On 4 August 2014 the club celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the Clubhouse here at Wallace Park with a cocktail party. Mayor Noel Playford officiated at the original event, and was delighted to join us again to mark this occasion.



Memories from the past were reported at the Anniversary:

"As a relatively new member of the Bridge Club, I was in awe of those senior members who decided to move from a small church in James Street and had the foresight to build a very large building for our members." Hilary French

"Wonderful to see our Club so vibrant & using this great facility to its optimum." Joan Grant

Celebrating 20 years!



Cutting the cake L - R past and present Presidents
Rosemary Green 1985/86, Lorna Sherwood 1982/84, Neryl Babbage
1986/87, 1995/97, Inge Cybinski 1987/89 Images ; Laurie Cowled



Celebrating were
Sandy McCulloch and
Peggy Hillhouse



L to R: Carole McDonald, Penny Sykes,
Susan Rodgers, Catherine Reed

THANKS to our TEACHING and TUTORING MEMBERS

for their expertise and generous time with teaching new players/members.

From 1977, Luc Turschwell, Simon Andrew, Kath Finnemore, Tony Delaney, Freda Ellis, Margia Warren, from 1985 onward - Neryl Babbage, then the fine method of teaching instituted by Bev Salter, which placed playing cards in hand immediately for the learner, and through a firm friendship and teaching link formed with Paul Marston, Bev led the learners through a graduated technical understanding of this complex game with Marston's books being a solid reference. Bev's teaching underlined that the game was to be enjoyed, and this aspect was readily promoted when Lizi French first became involved with assisting in classes, and then requested to continue the teaching based on Bev's competent programme.

Lizi has devoted much time to teaching over the last 7 years, and the current new member/players are grateful for the understanding and skills required to join tables and the first "Rookie" group have now been added and had their first play against the novices 6/09/2017. Di Quigley has assisted for many years and this allows Lizi to streamline her time teaching. Thanks go to Ross Gyde for the many hours he spends in organising the specific boards relating to each of the 9 weeks of lessons and the following supervised class play days, supporting Paul Marston's based lessons. Janet Gibson has offered time this year also.

Lizi says that nobody was more astonished than she was, when she found herself in the teaching role, as she was a Radiologist who had only ever had teaching experience with her family when young "teaching right from wrong and good manners"!

Tutoring for all levels is available for those who choose to attend. Geoff Hart and Lizi French offer many early Wednesday tutored sessions, and specialised lessons by Simon Andrew are offered.

February Beginners Class



"Rookie" 1st day's play against the Novices



Recollections.....

Sam Halvorsen remembers the huge task begun during his Presidency with the re-structuring of the club's Constitution. This involved a huge number of work hours to remove any area of vulnerability to legal challenge and ensure a solid ongoing Constitution for the future. Sam says that although this was a collective effort, Robert Bulford gave "over and above" his dedication to the onerous hours and legal expertise required.



Sam recalls a busy period, with a general refurbishment of the clubhouse, and money spent on cleaning, painting, adding the large wall cabinet in the large room, lighting, and new air conditioning units. The completion of these many changes, were continued by Gerald Schaaf during his Presidency. These years also saw the amenities area being rebuilt, notice board areas added, and ensuring that everything was running along smoothly.



Kevin Feeney recalls 2 different, but amazing events.....

"I started playing contract bridge at the Noosa club to please my mother-in-law, Mons Daveson. My lasting memory of Mons's play was against a French visitor who came to Noosa after the Gold Coast Congress.

He was playing a contract in 3 NT, dummy came down with 3 of S to the King, Mons led the Q of S, declarer ducked, then she led the J of S, declarer ducked again, then she played the A of S, dropping the king and so took the first five tricks.

We last played in September 2016 when she was 100 years and 9 months old. We came first! She was really pleased.

Hopefully, playing bridge will keep our minds sharp and stave off dementia as it clearly did for Mons."

"The greatest upset in the history of the GNOT finals occurred in Sydney. A Noosa team consisting of Geoff Hart (captain), Sue Mabin, John Gill and Kevin Feeney beat the then current Australian team in a gruelling 24 board match. Playing as Sydney 1, was Bobby Richmond (captain), Sartaj Hans, Michael Courtney and Ishmael Delmonte possibly 4 of the top 10 players to represent Australia.



In one hand Sartaj was declarer in 3 NT. John wondered why Sartaj did not take a finesse through dummies 4 diamonds to the A,J. John realised that Sartaj must hold the K,10 so John nonchalantly discarded 9D. He would not do this if he held the QD. Sartaj then led the A from dummy then played to his 10, John winning with his Q to beat the contract which Sue Mabin made at the other table. The team enjoyed of their moment in the sun."



For the History Board.....

Simon Andrew is listed in "History of Australian Bridge" by Cathy Chua when he won a teams event, the Hungarian Teams Festival in 1989 with Marek Borewicz, Steven Burgess and Irvin Otovosi, and footnoted by Paul Marston in "The Language of Bidding" p.171 and "All about No Trumps" p.87. re: 5 card Stayman he reported in Australian Bridge Magazine, December 2003.



Peggy Hillhouse designed and at first made the holders for the bidding slips used at our club since early 2000's.



We have 10 Life Memberships for our Club.

Maureen Jakes is a Silver Grand Master.
Our congratulations are given!



In this the year of the 40th Anniversary, the Club has adopted the use of its logo, developed with the distinctive linear shape of the original church/hall which was built in 1947, and now set within the trees of the Wallace Park precinct. The logo defines the pride in its history and sense of place.



Noosa Bridge Club Inc. is currently the 6th largest club in Qld.

"I don't think I could live without a deck of cards in my hands." Omar Sharif

"You know, if I'm playing bridge and a naked woman walks by, I don't ever see her." Warren Buffet

HAPPY MEMORIES of Bridge Friends

Christmas 1997

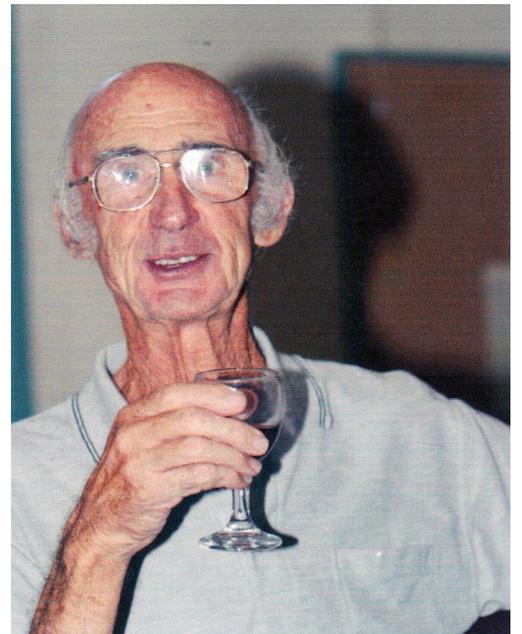
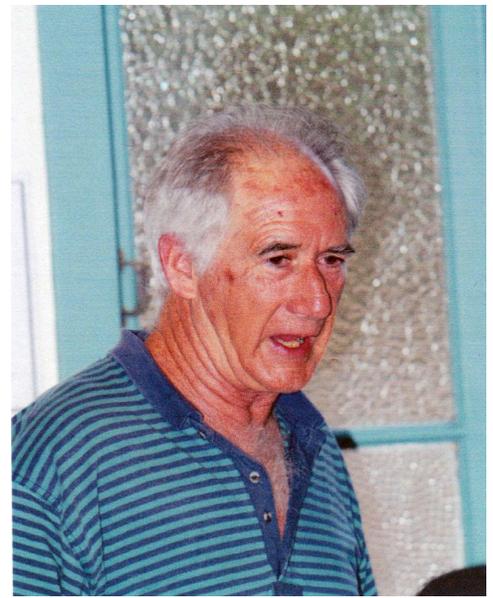


L to R: Jenny Dines, Cathie Reed,--, Noni Payne, Merrelyn Daly, Sandy McCulloch, Peggy Hillhouse, Lorna Sherwood,--, Margaret Cochrane

Christmas 1998



L to R: Ian Wright, Margaret Cochrane, Joan Stubbs, Noni Payne, Daphne McGee, Pam Hawkins,
Jenny Dines, Hilary French, Bill Scott, Laurie Cowled





CLUBHOUSE FROM THE AIR 20 JULY 1994
Photographer, Laurie Cowled
Pilot, Ron Macnamara, Aircraft Cessna 182.

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB OFFICIALS

1977 - 2017

1977/78

PRESIDENT	Luc Turschwell
VICE-PRESIDENT	Freda Ellis
SECRETARY	Kath Finnemore
TREASURER	Mike Marc

1979/80

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VICE-PRESIDENT	Tony Delaney
SECRETARY	Jean Denton
TREASURER	Margaret Walker

1981/82

PRESIDENT	Freda Ellis
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jean Denton
SECRETARY	John Haigh Little
TREASURER	Alison Christie

1983/84

PRESIDENT	Lorna Sherwood
VICE-PRESIDENT	Inge Cybinski
SECRETARY	Valda Ikin
TREASURER	Margia Warren

1985/86

PRESIDENT	Rosemary Green
VICE-PRESIDENT	Inge Cybinski
SECRETARY	Helen Campbell
TREASURER	John Dahms

1987/88

PRESIDENT	Inge Cybinski
VICE - PRESIDENT	Lorna Sherwood
SECRETARY	Val Kentish
TREASURER	Rosemary Green

1989/90

PRESIDENT	Pam Cross
VICE - PRESIDENT	Val Kentish
SECRETARY	Laurie Cowled
TREASURER	Norma Sievwright/Doug Byrnes

1991/92

PRESIDENT	Nicky Ballard
VICE-PRESIDENT	Noel Little
SECRETARY	Ina Smith
TREASURER	Christina Bringau

1978/79

PRESIDENT	Luc Turschwell
VICE-PRESIDENT	Freda Ellis
SECRETARY	Kath Finnemore
TREASURER	Jenny Putney

1980/81

PRESIDENT	Tony Delaney/Freda Ellis
VICE-PRESIDENT	Freda Ellis/Jean Denton
SECRETARY	Jean Denton/Michelle Rutherford
TREASURER	Margaret Walker

1982/83

PRESIDENT	Lorna Sherwood
VICE-PRESIDENT	Tony Garland
SECRETARY	John Haigh Little
TREASURER	Margaret Walker

1984/85

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1997/98

PRESIDENT Margaret Cochrane
VICE-PRESIDENT Bill Scott
SECRETARY Jenny Dines
TREASURER Noni Paine/Bill Scott

1999/2000

PRESIDENT Hilary French
VICE-PRESIDENT Ian Wright
SECRETARY Pam Hawkins
TREASURER Kay Taylor

2001/2002

PRESIDENT Diana Stagg
VICE-PRESIDENT Colin Regan
SECRETARY Pam Hawkins
TREASURER Christina Bringau

2003/2004

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VICE-PRESIDENT David Henderson
SECRETARY Ross Gyde
TREASURER Christina Bringau

2005/2006

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VICE-PRESIDENT Lizi French
SECRETARY Sandy Regan
TREASURER Di Quigley

2007/2008

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SECRETARY Sandy Regan
TREASURER Muriel Loveday

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2013/2014

PRESIDENT Gerald Schaaf
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SECRETARY Megan Struik
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2015/2016

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