

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

February 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a wonderful success our Christmas Party was! My sincere thanks to Wendy and Neville Cutting for the great job they did with the catering. Special congratulations to all our Club prizewinners.

I am nominating for President again this year and if elected, I look forward to sharing a very busy and exciting year with you the members.

As well as our usual events such as our Congresses, the annual visit from Paul Marston and his party and the Championship events etc, Geoff Hart and John Fell, with the Committee's approval, are working to develop a "bridge" event to be run in conjunction with the Noosa Long Weekend.

Some committee members will not be renominating for the 2010 year. They have given many years of service to our Club and I will be thanking them in my AGM report. For the members interested in joining the Committee please come and see me.

The Club is run solely by volunteers - no "paid help". It would be greatly appreciated if all members could ensure that their cups and glasses are returned to the kitchen and tables are left tidy and ready for the next session.

The Committee has completed an inventory check and I thank those who came for their time and hard work getting this task completed.

There will be a General Meeting of the Club after the Annual General Meeting. I propose to move a motion that members approve the payment of the cost of Christmas Lunch for the

Committee, Directors and dealers. To date, the participants have paid for their own lunch, but I believe that it would be appropriate for the Club to show its appreciation of the many hours of work these volunteers put into the successful operation of the Club by meeting this expense.

Enjoy your bridge and remember "Your Club is simply the Best!"

Lyne Collins
President

NEW MEMBERS

The club is pleased to welcome the following new members:

John Picot	Graham Feeney
John Kerezsy	Dianne O'Connor
Phyl Moody	Claire Quinn
Pat Stidolph	Marie Stidolph
Nicole Nowill	Anne Ramsden
Sandra Guy	Ann Mellings
John Boyle	

LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

The next series of lessons for beginners will start on Monday 8 February (with Bev Salter) or Wednesday 10 February (with Geoff Hart) starting at 9.15 am. There are 8 lessons in the series each lasting 2 hours.

Please let your friends and acquaintances know in case they are interested. A booking sheet is located near the phone (ph 5447 1341) or they can leave a message on email noosabridge@bigpond.com



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2010 Annual General Meeting and any subsequent General Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on **FRIDAY 12 MARCH 2010**, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

MOTIONS: If you wish to propose a motion for the General Meeting, please submit it in writing to the Secretary no later than **26 February 2010**. The correct form of motion should be one sentence, starting with the word "THAT" and be clear in meaning. It should be signed by both the proposer (mover) and the seconder.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for the 2010 Officers and members of the management Committee must be handed to the Secretary on the official nomination form, duly signed, no later than **26 February 2010**.

RIGHT TO VOTE: A members whose subscription is more than one month in arrears is not entitled to vote

CHARITY DAYS

Through the year the Club generally runs three Charity Day events. This year they are scheduled for

Thursday 10 June 2010, Thursday 5 August 2010 and Thursday 7 October 2010.

The rationale behind these events is that many club members who play regularly find themselves unable to be active in local charities but still welcome the opportunity to make a contribution towards a deserving local group.

Members should feel free to invite their own favourite local charity apply for the right to hold an event this year. Contact the Secretary for details.

A STELLAR PERFORMANCE



Congratulations to our star performer Julia Carlson.

Members will remember that at our end of year Prizegiving ceremony, Julia was awarded one of the Club's most prestigious awards, the Joan Rathbun Memorial Trophy for the Novice who earned the most points at the Club in the 2009 year.

The Queensland Bridge Association was equally impressed with Julia's efforts and awarded her the James O'Sullivan Award for 2010 for the player who gained the most masterpoints in the Local section in 2009.

To cap it off, the Club has been advised that Julia was placed 10th overall in Australia.

Julia is a diligent student of the game and it is lovely to see her hard work rewarded in this way.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAMES

Due to poor attendances the Wednesday night games have been cancelled until further notice.



QUOTABLE QUOTE

Paul Marston

Yapping away with a misfit is never a good idea.

COMING EVENTS FEBRUARY-MARCH

2 and 9 February - Red Point days.

13-14 February - QBA Senior Teams

27 February through to 6 March - Gold Coast Congress. Opportunities abound to play in a number of events in different categories.

12 March (at 10.30 am) - Club's Annual General Meeting.

11 and 12 March - GNOT

14 March - GNOT 9.30 am start

21 March - Coolum Swiss Teams. It is not too far to go - why not make up a team?

29 March - President's Award Red Point Nett Event in Open and Novice categories.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS SWOOP TROPHY

This trophy is for the best overall result (in any category) from a Noosa Team at the Gold Coast Congress. The Head Director of the Congress is responsible for the award of the trophy.

Last year, the trophy winners (Janine Beyer, Sandie Cool, Midge James and Marylou Shaw) playing in the Novice Section proved to be the best (most consistent) Noosa team overall.

Condition: *ALL team members are to be financial members of the Noosa Bridge Club at 31 January of the current year.*

COMBINING THE "DANGER HAND" AND "HOLD UP PLAY"

Contract: **3NT by South**

Lead: 5 of Spades

Q3

K873

K952

A32

J9752

Q102

J3

Q87

K106

J965

Q1086

106

A84

A4

A74

KJ954

In NT we count our winners. We have seven top tricks and the club suit looks like our best chance for 2 more tricks. On West's Spade lead, we HOLD UP, taking the third spade lead with our Ace. East is no longer our DANGER HAND as East has no more Spades. West is now the DANGER HAND - the hand we must try to keep off lead.

To finesse the Clubs through the King Jack plays into West's hand. This would be poor play because if West wins with the Queen he will then play his remaining Spades. What can we do? Lead the Jack *towards* the Ace and let it run if it is not covered. Then play a small club to the Ace then a small club back to the King.

If West covers our Jack with the Queen, we play the Ace then play back to the King of Clubs in case West started with Q10 of Clubs.

So, if a normal finesse could lose to a danger hand, try instead a BACKWARD FINESSE. If you thought of that, then aren't you a clever little bunny!

Kevin Feeney



DIRECTORS' CORNER

(By David Stevenson - Mr Bridge)

Q My partner went as if to make a claim and then held her hand up again, without speaking. The opponents told her she must put her cards on the table and that she must be assumed to be claiming the rest of the tricks and be unaware that there was still a trump out. They also stated that she should have voiced her claim before showing her cards. Then they called the director. The director went along with opponents' suggestion that my partner had claimed. Fortunately for our side, he ruled that the outstanding trump did not invalidate the presumed claim. What was the correct position?

A I think your opponents could do with a serious attitude adjustment. It is not up to them to tell your partner what the rules are, nor to tell her what to do, nor to say what she should have done. This sort of person drives people out of clubs. What they should have done is say, politely, "I think this is a claim: we had better get the director and find out: director, please." I too would have been unhappy, but because of the lack of manners rather than anything else.

They do have some right on their side, however. Once a player has suggested play be curtailed then a claim is made, so it sounds as though your partner may have done enough to have started to claim.

The director should explain this, not the players, and then asked her how she was going to play. As for being unaware there was a trump outstanding, how could they know when she never got around to explaining?

Q What score should one enter on the Bridgmate after all four players have passed out on the deal?

A Pass (on K key): NS will get 0 which beats all EW scores.

THE YEAR THAT WAS!



Introducing Bridgmate - Elma gives it a whirl.



Melbourne Cup Day lunch - Yvonne, Merrelyn, Pam, Ray and Susan toast the winner while Sandy and Ross in the background speculate on the dessert to come.



Peter and Colin hard at work again - it's not all beer and skittles!



PRIZEWINNERS 2009



President Lyne announcing the prizewinners at The 2009 Christmas Party, which was very well attended. The catering (by members Wendy and Neville Cutting) was truly outstanding and Colin's Xmas mince pies also went down a treat.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Club Championships Pairs

Winners	David Harris and Kevin Feeney
Runners-Up	Lizi French and Sam Halvorsen

Novice Championships Pairs

Winners	Bill Passmore and Len Sweetman
Runners-Up	Sheryl Cullenward and Robyn Kilpatrick

President's Trophy Nett Event

Open	Carolyn Dalton and Sharon McGhee
Novice	Doug Carlson and Julia Carlson

Tony Delaney Graded Pairs

Open	Ross Gyde and Di Quigley
Restricted	Wendy Coman and Dawn Renwick
Novice:	Lyne Collins and John Collins

Club Championship Teams

Winners	Doug Byrnes, Ines Dawes, Penny Sykes and Tessa Townend
Runners- Up	Kendal Early Ross Gyde David Harris and Geoff Hart
Equal Runners Up	Sandy Regan, Elizabeth Shaw, Lanning Smith and Peter Tall,

Pro-Am Pairs

Winners	David Harris and Jill Tuckey
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Swoop Trophy

Winners	Janine Beyer, Sandie Cool, Midge James and Marylou Shaw
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Joan Rathbun Memorial Trophy

Winner	Julia Carlson
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Encouragement Award

Winner	Marylou Shaw
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Certificate of Appreciation -

Recipient	Pauline Harris
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