

From the President

Thank you for electing the new Committee at the recent AGM and for putting your trust in us. We thank the outgoing Committee for all their hard work and commitment in guiding our Club through these difficult times. Over the last year we have come to realise that the world has changed quite dramatically and that we are facing new realities all the time. These times have also challenged our Club and I believe over the last ten months since we re-opened we have strived to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our members.

Those of you who know me from my directing, mainly on Wednesdays, have a pretty fair idea of what you can expect from the newly elected President and Committee. I have always attempted to put members centre-stage, make them top priority and try to help and please them. This is based on the simple wisdom that members are both the owners and the customers of our club. I regard it as our vital duty to keep them happy. As in the past, it will not be possible to keep everybody happy all the time. Therefore we will aim at keeping the majority happy most of the time. Your committee will strive to achieve this.

As a result of our first Management Committee Meeting, we have created two new Sub-Committees. One such committee is reviewing Member Fees and the other is looking at developing recommendations for the Website and how best we can communicate and keep members involved and up to date on Club affairs. Member Fees and Table Fees are continually under review but at this stage there is no urgent action required and probably not for some time in the future.

I am very much enjoying my new role and look forward to serving you as President in the year ahead.



Adam Hertelendy

2021-22 Management Committee

Officer Bearers:

President – Adam Hertelendy
Vice President – Ted McNamara
Secretary – Sue Smith
Treasurer – Gerald Schaaf

Committee:

Prunella Adams	Michael Huddart
Pat Lovell	Isabel Michie
Julie Scott	John Gill
John Garland	Peter Franzmann

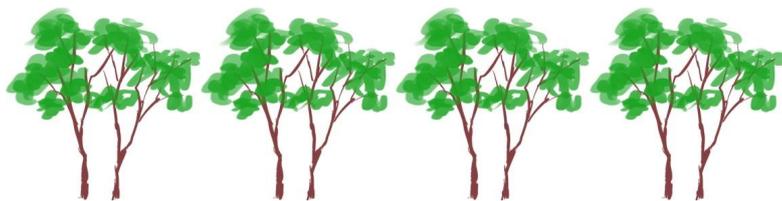
Individual roles are listed on the Noticeboard adjacent to the back door.



New Members – Anne Nothling, Lynne De Graaf, Amanda Harburg, Bob King, Caroline Collie, Venetta Hinton, Margaret Johnston, Kathy Mitchell, David Reid, Ken Thomas, Ron Thurairtnam, Margaret Waters, Stephen Weir

Class of 2021





Member Achievements

Congratulations to Tim Ridley and Sam Halvorsen on winning the President's Trophy 2021.



And Fond Farewells to Merrelyn Daly



Happy
BirthDay



Susan Schofield

Goodbye and Good Luck
Merrelyn



Merrelyn has been a valued and active member of Noosa Bridge Club for over 30 years. She was known for raiding local gardens to provide flowers and greenery for Congresses and other club events including Christmas. Merrelyn also took great pride with the presentation of food and was always in the kitchen leading the way. Always dressed like royalty, she continued looking glamorous with exotic head scarves even through her chemotherapy.



Merrelyn played an intimidating game of bridge often in the north right corner of the room "What are your signals dear? You must have some!" She was always a loyal and true friend to her partners and greeted everyone with a smile.

Merrelyn and her husband Michael have moved to the Gold Coast to be with their daughter. We know she will fit right in with her collection of shoes and tiaras!

Best Wishes to you Merrelyn.

Erika Gartner on her 88th



Happy Birthday Erika!

Message from Geoff Hart

I have been writing this column in our newsletter for many years. Now it is time to give someone else the opportunity. This column has been one small part of the process of helping new players to improve their skills. Our teachers have done a wonderful job of introducing newcomers to this fascinating game. Further improvement is largely up to individual effort.

I strongly urge all players to buy themselves a copy of the book, "Card Play Technique" by Victor Mollo and Nico Gardener - and read it regularly!



Geoff Hart

Message from John Garland

The Club has recently purchased two new books for the Library -

- Test your Opening Leads against Experts; and
- Avoid Bidding Disasters.

Come and check them out.



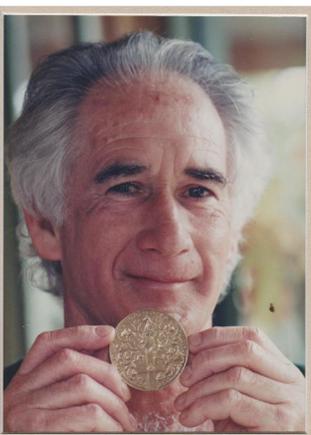
Member Profile:

Ross Philip Gyde

Born just before WW2 in Sydney Australia, Ross seems to have led a charmed life, far from the rigors of nasty happenings in other lands. His Dad was a bank manager, considered an essential service, so he couldn't enlist and young Ross and older brother Neil were blessed with a carefree childhood in rural towns of New South Wales.

After nearly drowning at the tender age of 5, in the swollen Murrumbidgee River, Ross very soon learned to swim. Otherwise, he kept his feet firmly on the land raising silk worms, excelling in athletics, rugby, maths and games such as marbles and later Backgammon and Bridge.

In 1956, being male, over 16 (just) and able to run a mile in under six minutes, Ross was perfectly positioned to earn the right to carry the Olympic Torch between the 19th and 20th mile posts between Goulbourn NSW and Canberra ACT.

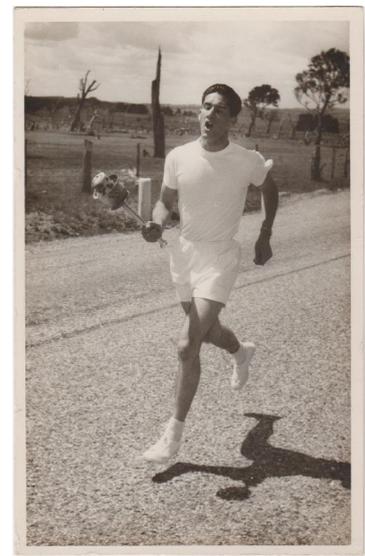


For this feat he earned a Bronze medal, imprinted with the 1956 Melbourne Olympics logo, which he has

used on occasion to fool the gullible into believing he earned it in the arena, alongside his hero Ron Clarke.

Later in life he continued his running career by joining the Hash House Harriers, firstly in Brisbane and then Noosa.

Taking a break from study, Ross's working life began at the BHP Steelworks at Port Kembla and then at Simon Carves Australia, a UK based engineering contractor, as a project engineer and commissioning engineer working on the start up of chemical process plants in all states of Australia. After marrying and producing 3 sons, clones of himself, he completed his qualifications and decided to take up a Project Manager's position at



Consolidated Fertilizers Limited (later to be renamed Incitec Ltd) in Brisbane.

The family settled in Tarragindi while Ross managed projects for the building of various facilities for the production and handling of fertilizer products.



When his first marriage broke down, Ross found himself a ‘born-again bachelor’.

His need to be in the front end of any organisation he joined, he became the first Treasurer of the Brisbane Jazz Club, incorporating that institution in 1981.

It was at the Jazz Club that he met his second wife Annette, who famously told him that she had no children, really preferring boys, and not before they were about 8.

His reply: “I have 3 sons, and the youngest is 8” - the rest is history.

As Annette was a teacher, and Ross had to do fatherly duties during school holidays, their life of camping was begun. At first in tents, at Boreen Point, where it rained, of course.

The intrepid campers soon progressed to a camper van, with many happy trips to follow – the most memorable being to Byron Bay in 1983, when Ross decided to give up smoking. He had discovered peanuts in their shells as a diversion.

The camper-van was littered with kilos of peanut shells, he put on weight, but the anti-smoking campaign was a great success.

A feature of Ross and Annette’s life together was the early introduction of the family dog. Ross discovered that he was a dog-magnet. Since their meeting 40 years ago, Ross and Annette have always had one or

two, usually largish dogs in their home, starting with German Shepherds, moving on to Great Danes, a Rottweiler and lately a Border Collie and cross.

Ross had a grounding in card play at an early age playing Auction Bridge with his parents and Five Hundred at university. At Incitec Ross started playing Contract Bridge in his lunch-break, and planning a retirement on the Sunshine Coast – the two were always going to be inseparable.

In 1987 Ross decided to take an early retirement package from Incitec, and move on to the new technologies being developed in Waste Disposal.

Unfortunately, the development of Neutralite fell victim to the financial crash of 1989 and Ross found himself unemployed.



Never one to sit still (except maybe during a bridge Game) he decided to explore another new trend, setting up

the old trailer with a hydrobath and advertising his dog-washing business. With



his natural rapport with dogs, the business took off.

The story of his success in switching from Executive stress to Tradie was featured on the front of the Courier Mail on 25/5/1991 with this lovely picture of Great Dane Thoorka helping his Dad learn some new skills.

As the world's finances recovered, Ross began to get work as a contractor back at Incitec. Eventually he had too many dogs to wash and too many contracts to pursue, deciding to sell his very successful dog washing business.

In 1989 Ross and Annette had confirmed their retirement plans, purchasing a block of land just out of Pomona in the Noosa Hinterland. In 1996 the plan took a step further with Annette taking leave from teaching to supervise the building of their dream home, moving into the house in January 1997, taking Annette's Mum with them.

Ross's contract work in Brisbane seemed to be coming to a close the couple decided to pursue a secret desire to enter the hospitality trade, purchasing the Mountain Stop Coffee Shop on the roundabout in Pomona's main street. A busy but interesting two years was spent getting to know the local community and the world of small business.

In 2000 the GST loomed as a scary thing, and Ross had finally fully retired from Project Management duties. A decision was made to sell the Coffee Shop and start travelling. Annette went back to teaching on a part-time basis and Ross became a political animal, active in the successful protests against the damming of the Mary River, having the Bruce Highway upgrade moved away from the hinterland communities (and their front gate) and later campaigning against council amalgamation and, subsequently, for de-amalgamation.

It was while serving coffee to the locals that Ross met Lanny Smith, who introduced him to the Noosa Bridge Club in 2001, where he quickly joined the committee, becoming Secretary in 2002. At about the same time he also became involved, at first as Secretary and later as President, of the RSPCA Noosa fundraising committee.

At the Noosa Show, in Pomona, in 2008, the couple met Alpaca breeder Dawn Perryman from Gympie, and decided to get a couple of these sweet animals as pets and grass eaters. Once again, the plan developed into something else, with the 'rescue' of a family of Alpacas from Kin Kin and the birth of several babies over the next couple of years.

Leaving friends to mind Mum and the Alpacas in 2011 Ross, Annette and current dog Tilly pursued a dream to visit the



outback, taking their caravan to Lake Eyre via Broken Hill and the Flinders Ranges.

Later that year the couple realised that managing six acres of land and six alpacas was a bit beyond them and they sold up and moved to Tewantin. The best thing about this house was its location – a short bike or scooter ride to the Bridge Club. Cutting down on travelling time Ross found more time for his Bridge Club, eventually becoming President in 2018. Now that his term as President has come to an end, he, Annette and Lucky are planning to take their motorhome and pull-along car to outback Queensland and central Australia for about three months.

Bridge Funnies and Trivia

Cell Phone Ban

Judy, Trudy and Meg would like to play in the Mixed Pairs, so they go to the partnership desk well before game time. The hostess cordially greets them but warns, “We have *one rule* here: No cell phones!”

Sure enough, before another word could be spoken, Judy’s cell phone rings, and the hostess says, “Sorry, Judy. For that I must pair you with Joe, the worst male bridge player of all time.”

A few minutes later Trudy’s cell phone chimes, and the hostess says, “Too bad,

Trudy. Your partner will be Sam, who is about as hopeless as they come.”

Meanwhile, Meg waits patiently for almost an hour with her cell phone carefully turned off. Finally, the hostess walks over with Bob Hamman and says, “Congratulations, Meg! Your partner will be the world’s #1 player.”

Meg is awestruck as she turns to Mr. Hamman, “I can’t believe it! What could I have done to deserve a partner as great as you?”

“I don’t know what happened to you,” grumbled Bob, “but my damn cell phone went off!”



Bridge Songs?

Bridge Over Troubled Water — Travel-with-Goren cruise that stops in Havana, Tripoli and Basra.

It’s Not Unusual — partner’s scream after you misinterpret his 2 NT bid.

Monday, Monday — what you wish for after single-handedly blowing the Swiss Teams on Sunday.

The Second Time Around — the usual occasion when your aces get trumped.

Somethin’ Stupid — whichever line of play you decide to take.

‘Til the End of Time — normal duration before admitting your bridge mistakes.



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