

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April, 2011



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

You will all be aware this is my first report since being elected to the role of President at the recent AGM. I am very committed to maintaining the very high standards of my predecessors and would like to both congratulate Lyne Collins on a job very well done and to thank her for her commitment to the Club. Also I would like to congratulate and thank Kath McKay for her outstanding work in charge of the maintenance of the Club and her efforts will be sorely missed.

We have two new committee members in Barry Midgley and Reid Docherty. Barry will be working with Diana Banks in the publicity area with a view to taking that on in a primary role and Reid will work with Alan Pringle on the maintenance area. All other portfolios of responsibility will remain unchanged with Di Quigley and Lizi French staying on as Games Directors.

With the Club membership growing strongly, the work load of the committee has increased and I am very pleased to report that a number of members have offered to assist in the running of functions and congresses within

the Club. If you have a desire to put in a little more effort in this regard I would urge you to speak to Annie Galli.

Members will be interested to know that the Club continues to trade profitably. We have recently refurbished the dealing room and need to review the replacement of air conditioning units in the near future. This will be a major cost item and the planned painting of the interior of the Clubhouse may need to be deferred depending on the outcome of talks with the air conditioning people.

We have in recent times created a capital expenditure budget and it is vitally important to the financial management of the Club that these expenditure items are managed sensibly and in accordance with our profitability.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I congratulate Bev Salter on her unanimous vote to the position of Life Member. Bev's contribution to the Club has been exemplary and this honour is richly deserved.

On behalf of the members I would like to express our appreciation of your continued efforts within the Club.

*Sam Halvorsen*

## STOP PRESS!!!!

2011 Calendar printing error.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - GNOT Stage 2 - delete**

Emergency Contact Details

Help us look after your wellbeing by ensuring the details are current please.

Complete the yellow proforma available on the tea tables and give to Jill Phillips.

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## LIFE MEMBER - BEV SALTER

Bev was awarded a Life Membership of the Club at the 2011 AGM. The following is a very abridged version of the nomination speech by Lyne Collins, outgoing President.



Bev Salter has been the driving force behind the teaching and development programs for new players at the Noosa Bridge Club for many years, and she also conducts a Supervised Play program. A testament to her popularity (and effectiveness) as a bridge teacher is that the numbers enrolling have steadily increased over the years.

Bev is a mentor at the Club. Over the years, she has regularly played with one enthusiastic novice after the other in order to give him/her experience in the highest level of Club competition. In 2010, she and her novice partner won the Club's Pro-Am championship. However, it is not only her novices who benefit from her enthusiasm for, and commitment to, the game of Bridge. Her willingness to share her skills with other Directors is unequivocal. In 2010, she actively mentored our current Games Directors.

Bev is an accomplished bridge player herself. She holds the status of Gold Life Master and is also qualified to the status of Congress Director. She was Games Director of the Club for many years. However, despite her many achievements in Bridge, Bev has never rested on her laurels. She ensures that her skills and knowledge are constantly informed by the views and opinions of "the masters", and by the newer trends in this ever-evolving game.

Bev has willingly involved herself in the management of the Noosa Bridge Club over many years. She has been a Director since 2001, and was the Club's Games Director for five years (2004-2008). Bev has also given of her time to be a member of the Club's Management Committee 2004-2009.



## MOTIONS AT THE GM

A very abridged summary of the discussion on two motions at the General Meeting (after the AGM).

### 1. That the Club reinstates access to scores on the Bridgemate machines

*Not Carried*

#### For

- ✓ People don't have computers at home to look up their performance
- ✓ Noise levels have not abated as predicted

#### Against

- ✗ Only two players see the scores anyway
- ✗ Discussion of scores usually leaves one pair/player disappointed

### 2. That the Brown Sticker systems be allowed to be played at all Bridge sessions

*Carried*

#### For:

- ✓ Senior players can't compete effectively at Congresses etc when they haven't had the chance to practise with the system
- ✓ The Club is being held back to a "lowest common denominator"

#### Against:

- ✗ Most players are unprepared to defend against the System
- ✗ Past experience is that Brown Sticker players do not always pre-alert.

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## KEVIN'S CORNER

# THE CROSS RUFF

♠ 7542	♠ AJT3	♠ 6
♥ KQT98	♥ AJ642	♥ 53
♦ Q3	♦ 4	♦ KT952
♣ J6	♣ K87	♣ QT952
	♠ KQ98	
	♥ 7	
	♦ AJ876	
	♣ A43	

Contract: 6S by South      Lead HK

Last newsletter, I was telling you how important it was to draw trumps first. This newsletter, I'm going to have to say "it ain't necessarily so".

With the singletons in the North and South hands, the set-up is ideal for the technique known as a CROSSRUFF.

You can take eight trump tricks if you take them all separately. Add in the four winners in the side suits and you have 12 tricks.

So you win the HA, cash the CA and CK, and the DA, then proceed to ruff Diamonds and Hearts alternatively until you have your twelve tricks.

You NEVER draw trumps.

West could have defeated the contract by leading a trump. That would have been a bit rough and would have made you a bit cross!!

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Kevin Feeney

## GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2011

Congratulations to Jill Tuckey and Rozanne Thomas who, with Monty Dale and Denis Moody, took out the Novice Teams event.

Many members of the Club went to the Congress. Some played in the Pairs events, some in the Teams, and some in both. There were thousands of players from all over Australia, and some from overseas - from novices to Gods. There were also teaching sessions from several masters, if you needed to spend even more time thinking about bridge.

We all enjoyed varying levels of success, met some new people, and (mostly) had a good time. Next year's event will be just as much fun, so people should keep an eye.

## COOLUM SWISS TEAMS

And while Congratulations are in the air, members have done well at the recent Coolum Swiss Teams event:

<u>Open</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kendall Early Larry Norden Kevin Feeney David Harris
<u>Plate</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ines Dawes Christina Bringau Tessa Townend Barry Midgley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Di Quigley Ross Gyde Pam Hawkins Hilary French

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## DIRECTORS' NEWS

1. Brown Sticker Systems  
Members should be aware the Brown Sticker Systems have been approved for regular playing sessions at the Club.
  - Individuals may seek protection against these systems but need to signal that protection by fixing an Orange sticker to their card. These are available for any pair who are both below National Master (150 IMPS) or any individual who is below Local Master (15 IMPS)
  - Pairs using the Brown Sticker Systems must pre-alert the fact, and offer opponents defence mechanisms.
2. Tournament Regulations  
These have been revised in order to clarify the conditions under which Club championships are to be conducted. They also bring up to date some of the circumstances under which the Club now runs its Bridge games, for instance the use of Bridgemates instead of travelling score cards.

Members interested in seeing the revised regulations can find a copy on the Notice Board .

*Di Quigley & Lizi French*

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

We've got 78 email addresses in the new global notifications system. Sign up so you too can get a message when newsletters come out on our website, when special events are coming up etc.

If you haven't already signed up, send Kathy Male an email at the Club if you'd like to be put onto our new system:  
[noosabridge@bigpond.com](mailto:noosabridge@bigpond.com)

## LIBRARY & TEACHING

The lessons for Experience and Advancing players has gotten off to a great start with 20+ participants hearing about and discussing techniques for responding to uncontested bids at the 1 level. Simon Andrew has joined me in the teaching role and the conversations and questions are lively, to say the least!

These lessons will continue until mid-April, on Thursday mornings. Check out the Club's website or the Teaching Notice Board for more information.

*Geoff Hart*



## THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS

The April dance card is now full. Thank you very much indeed!



## FOR THE IPHONE/IPAD

You can play bridge, practise bridge and read bridge conventions whenever the mood takes, thanks to these [iPhone and iPad apps](#). For more great bridge resources, go to: <http://www.greatbridgelinks.com/>



## CHARITY DAYS

Do you know a Charity you'd like the Club to support? For the last twelve years or so, we've had 3 charity days a year, and helped such diverse groups as Red Cross, Bloomhill Cancer Care, Riding for the Disabled, Wild Life Rehabilitation Centre, Tewanin Vision Impaired Group, Endeavour Foundation Wallace Park Activity Centre, RSPCA, Cystic Fibrosis, View Club, Najidah, even Mission Mexico.

If you have a Charity you'd like the Club to consider, contact me for more details.

*Colin Regan*

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