

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

June 2011



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Club Pairs Championships have recently been completed and I congratulate the winners:

Open: Kevin Feeny and David Harris  
Plate: Gerald Schaaf and Robert Bulford  
Novice: John Serry and Judith Hope

My congratulations also to the following winners in the President's Trophy event:  
A Section - Peggy Hillhouse & Judy Jessop  
B Section - Joy Coop & Jan O'Donnell  
C Section - Denise Cranfield & Yvonne Jones

Our Club has also achieved many excellent results at recent congresses with Kendall Early, Tim Ridley, Larry Norden and Dick Trollope sharing first place with other partners in the Gympie Teams. Kendall and Larry won the Hervey Bay pairs and Dick Trollope, Sandy Regan, Tessa Townend and Ines Dawes won the Teams at Hervey Bay. These results were supported by numerous place getters and highlight the strength of our Club.

Maureen Jakes and Rosemary Green have also done the Club proud by again being

named in the Queensland Women's Team and all members join me in congratulating you both.

Members are no doubt aware the air conditioning in the northern end of the clubhouse continues to be problematic. The two units which service this area are now 15 years old and the Committee has decided to replace them before the end of the winter. It is to be hoped that, despite the cavernous area of that northern end, the new system will provide a more stable and steady desired temperature. The units servicing the southern end appear to be working well enough for the time being. With this cost in the region of \$28,000 it has been decided to defer the interior painting and refurbishment until next year. On that matter, can I also remind members that it is the sole responsibility of the Committee person of the day to deal with members' comfort and members are requested to refrain from touching the air conditioning or fan controls.

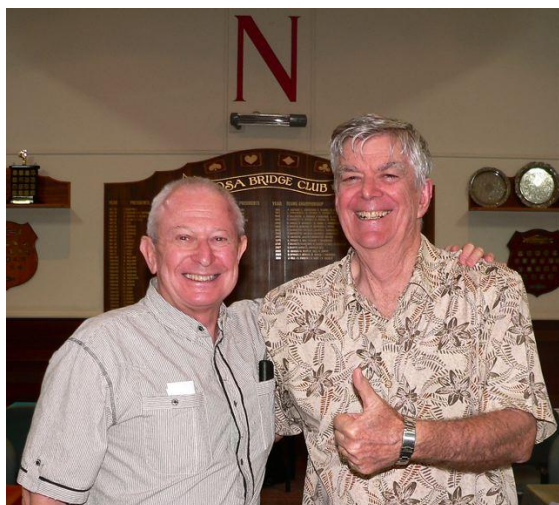
With our ever increasing number of players on Mondays, the Committee has approved a recommendation from Directors for the appointment of a non playing Director. Whenever possible this Director will be someone from outside the Club however it is impossible to outsource this on a regular basis. Therefore it has been agreed that Directors from within the Club can be appointed on a volunteer basis on Mondays when numbers are expected to be high. These Directors will be entitled to receive a modest fee from the Club.

*Sam Halvorsen*

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## CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONS



**David Harris & Kevin Feeney**

The Pairs Championship is one of the Board events at Noosa Bridge Club. It's conducted in May.

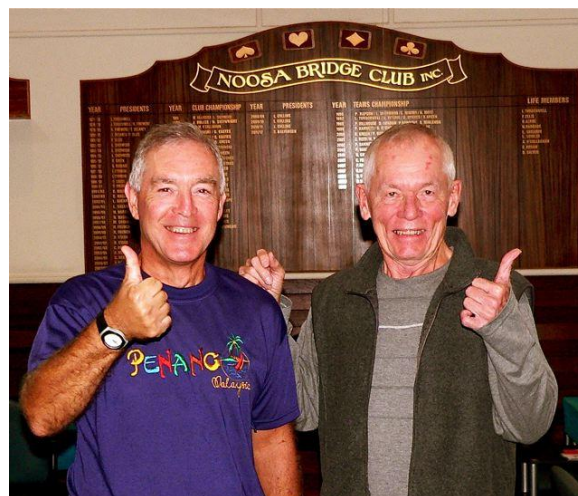


This year, David and Kevin have stared down the field and taken out the big prize.

David had his lessons in 1999, and now plays 2 or 3 times a week at the Club. He never misses a chance to get along to a Congress where he tests his skills against players from other clubs. David was a film projectionist before bridge took over his life. He's also a Director in the club.

Kevin has been playing bridge for a long, long time. He's an ex-science and maths teacher, and together with wife Pat (an ex-high school principal), they are regular players at the Club, although not usually as a pair at the table. Like David, Kevin regularly goes to Congresses, and is a Director in our Club. He is the author of Kevin's Lesson in every newsletter.

## PLATE PAIRS CHAMPIONS



**Robert Bulford & Gerald Schaaf**

And not to be overlooked, the winners of the Plate for the Pairs Championship!



## PRINTOUTS ON THE INTERNET

For a long time, players have been able to look up their results on our website, and go through their performance hand by hand. This has been because of the Bridgemates.

Now you can also get a copy of the printout of each session on the internet, hand by hand. This great leap forward obviates the need for people to have hard copy printouts, but also gives you the opportunity to go back through the results/hands long after you have put the printout in the bin.

A great effort from Ross Gyde and his dealing team (Pauline Harris – who doesn't even play bridge! - Pam Hawkins, Chrissy Baynes & Barry Midgley), with Compscore technical support of Colin Regan.

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Secondly, borrowers are asked to return books after having them for about two weeks - to give all members the same access to the full library. Unfortunately there are still too many thoughtless or selfish extended borrowings that render books unavailable to other members. It is disappointing to report that we are currently trying to recover three books that one member borrowed five months ago!

At my previous bridge club (Sydney), the library operated under far more control - books locked up, duty librarians, borrowing fees, fines for overdue books etc. We all hope that the Noosa Club never has to come to that.

*Geoff Hart*

## NEW MEMBERS

The club extends a warm welcome to new members:

Jeffrey Pearce, Rhonda Barbary, Ruth & John McEvoy, Diane Jones, Janelle Kipping, Barbara Hodgson, Carole Milray, Alan Cripps, Robert Ginnaw, Suwana Russell, Catherine Braddock, Valerie Lewis, Patricia Wakeford, Kathleen Bennett, James White, Christine Edwards and Tom Allsop.

## DIRECTORS' CORNER

We need to keep reminding people about turning off mobile phones before a playing session starts.

It's a courtesy to other players for a start, but there's also the promise of a penalty from the Director of the Day if your phone rings. There's always the odd occasion when a player need to leave their phone on - extremely rare but it does happen. On those occasions, it is necessary for you to advise the Director.

All mobile phone calls must be made and taken outside the clubrooms when a session is still in progress.

*Di Quigley*

## CHARITY DAY

We have moved charity days from Thursdays to the three busiest sessions during the week. Wednesday morning was chosen for the first one (RSPCA) because the session has such wonderful support from our newer members. Many others come along especially because it's a Charity Day, which mean an increase in the size of our final donation. And have we been successful!

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we raised \$900 from table fees, \$562 from the raffle, \$22.85 from sale of left over cakes & late donations \$20. TOTAL=\$1,502.85. Congratulations, club members! An excellent contribution to help the RSPCA run their services.

The other change we have introduced is that our club now supplies the goodies for morning tea on charity day. Formerly, we asked the charity to provide the eats, but with the larger fields of players, it becomes a pressure instead of a pleasure for the charity folk involved. So again, thank you to all those who worked so hard to put on such a great feast for the RSPCA.

The other two charity days this year will be

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August, supporting the work of the View Club,

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, in aid of the Animal Refuge, located on the Eumundi Road.

At the beginning of 2012, we will again be asking for proposals for our three allocated Charity days, and I encourage you to bring forward any local charity that you feel is worthy of our support.

*Colin Regan*

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