

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

March, 2011



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As this is my last Newsletter before the AGM, I wish to thank all members for the support you have given me over the last three years.

My full AGM President's report will be presented at the AGM. And in the report, I give a full update of the year that has just finished.

I know you will be in very safe hands with the new Committee to be elected at the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. I encourage all members to attend the meeting. More information about the agenda, and the special motions up for consideration, are set out on the back page. Come along and have your say.

Our Christmas party and the presentations was a great success. Those two wonderful angels were a great credit, and I think them for the time and effort and enjoyment they contributed.

The next generations of beginners started their lessons on 14<sup>th</sup> February, with Bev, and on 16<sup>th</sup> February with Lizi. About 25 are attending the classes. When this group graduates and hopefully joins Noosa Bridge Club, we will be close to our maximum membership.

Members of Noosa Bridge Club have been enjoying success at the bridge table in Canberra and at the Gold Coast in recent months. I'm sure you will all have read the hand in the Noosa News that was prepared by Rozanne Thomas who was one of the team who came second in Canberra (by one point!). Janine Beyer and Sandi Cool won their division of the Novice championships at the Gold Coast. Many more members achieved great results so congratulations to all.

Our AGM is coming up on 11<sup>th</sup> March, and I encourage all members to attend. Have a look at the back page of this newsletter to see why it is so important that you come along. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember - your Club is Simply the Best.

*Lyne Collins*

## MORE CHAMPIONS Senior Teams - State Title February, 2011

*Looking very pleased with themselves!*



**Tim Ridley, Kendall Early, Kevin Feeney & David Harris**



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## THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS

It is time to again ask for volunteers for the Thursday afternoon sessions. As you know, we offer to provide a partner (ie. the volunteer) if a lone player wishes to play on that day.

All Committee members have put their hand up.

Would you all check your diaries please to see if you can be a volunteer for just one Thursday during the year.

Some of our Committee members are novices, so you don't have to be a senior player to put your hand up.

*Sam Halvorsen*

## LIBRARY AND ADVANCED TEACHING

Several new books have recently been added to the Club's library. Some are small books on specific bidding conventions - such as Stayman, Jacoby 2NT and Blackwood - by prolific Canadian author Barbara Seagram. Her website also makes interesting reading.

<http://www.barbaraseagram.com>

Another two new books are written by British players Terence Reese and David Bird. These books pose challenging hands for readers to solve, one on declarer play and the other on defensive play. I found the hands fairly difficult. By far the best books of this self-testing style, in my opinion, are the Pocket Books of Bridge Puzzles by Alfred Sheinwold. Newly added books can be found at the end of the numbering system.

Workshops for advancing players, mainly on bidding but some play, are currently being planned. Likely start date is 2nd half of March. Details will be posted soon on Teaching Notice Board.

*Geoff Hart*

## KEVIN'S CORNER

### DRAW TRUMPS IMMEDIATELY

♠ JT6	♠ 32
♥ AQJT	♥ K7
♦ 63	♦ T98754
♣ AKQJ	♣ T74
♠ AQ987	♠ K54
♥ 54	♥ 98632
♦ KQJ2	♦ A
♣ 32	♣ 9865

CONTRACT: 4H S

LEAD: DK

South wins the contract in 4 Hearts after West made a one Spade overcall. Declarer now counts his losers and it looks like game is a laydown if the Heart finesse works.

Too easy, so how about our information check.

- ♣ West has bid one Spade. We have three each so East must have two. West has led the DK so must have the King, Queen and Jack.
- ♣ Why didn't West lead a spade? He must have the Ace and Queen.

We win the first trick with the singleton DA and the Heart finesse beckons.

Hey! Wait a minute! Let's review the information. What if East has the HK? West probably has 12 high card points. We have 25 (18+7), so East probably has 3 - the dreaded HK! East would win the finesse and return a spade to West's AQ combination, then West would return a Spade for a ruff in East. One off!

Now back to the first round. Win West's lead with the DA but immediately follow with the HA and another Heart. The opponent's trumps are gone. The contract is made.

*"Wonderful deductions there, Patricia"  
"Elementary, my dear Kevin"*

## AGM - FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH





# AGM

10.30am  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Noosa Bridge Club

This is one of the most important events in our Bridge Club calendar.

- ♣ It is a time when we celebrate achievements.

## MOTION

*That Bev Salter be awarded a Life Membership*

Moved: Lyne Collins  
Seconded: Sam Halvorsen

- ♣ It is a time when we thank our outgoing committee members, and welcome in new ones.

*Lyne Collins and Kath McKay are stepping down*

- ♣ This is a time when members have their say about important issues and set our directions for the coming year.

After the AGM, we have a general meeting at which the significant issues facing the club are raised, and the pros and cons are debated. You can also find out more before the meeting by asking the proposers and others in the Club to tell you more about these issues.

For 2011, one of the major issues is the way in which we use our Bridgemates. No one will disagree that they are a wonderful innovation, but there is disagreement as to how they are used. Come along and hear the arguments, have you say if you wish, make up your own mind, and vote.

## MOTION

*That the Club reinstates access to the scores on the Bridgmate machines.*

Moved: Dawn Renwick  
Seconded: Trish Tanner

Another issue of we need to resolve is the use of the Brown Sticker system. Most members use the Green or Red Sticker system and the Brown Sticker system is permitted at the club only on Tuesdays.

## MOTION

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

Moved: Doug Byrnes  
Seconded: Sandy Regan

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. BRING YOUR LUNCH AND STAY ON TO PLAY BRIDGE IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION.**

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