

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

October 2010



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the next two months, there will certainly be constant activity in your Club. Melbourne Cup day, the Paul Marston visit, a two day Congress, our yearly Noosa/ Bribie challenge, and our Christmas party and prize giving on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, will complete a very busy period. I do encourage members to take advantage of the Bridge lessons given by Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff. We are indeed fortunate that teachers of this calibre offer their expertise to members. The lesson details are on the notice board, and if you have any queries regarding these lessons, talk to Lizi French.

Heartfelt congratulations to Maureen Jakes and Rosemary Green who were part of the successful Queensland team that took out the Australian Women's National Championship. These two have been members of the Queensland team for four years now and in 2010, the team won for the second year running - the first time this has happened and another reason to celebrate. What a talented pair, and it is with pride that I observe that they are both

with pride that I observe that they are both members of Noosa Bridge Club. We don't see Rosie as much as we would like since her move to Brisbane, but Maureen is still a regular at Noosa even with her state commitments.

Cr Green has advised that discussions have begun in-house about how to approach our parking issues. He will keep us in the loop as decisions and action take shape. I would again like to thank Diana Banks for successfully having our Bridge hands published in the Noosa news and thank you John Fell for providing bidding and details of play.

Something that we all need to remember is that players must be seated at least 15 minutes prior to play. The Directors need time to prepare the movement, and when members arrive with only a few minutes to spare before start time, the job of the Directors is made extremely difficult (I have seen them changing the movement at the last minute, which requires a great deal of speed and skill!). So I ask all members to abide by this rule and show courtesy to Directors and fellow players alike.

To members who are unwell, our thoughts are with you.

To all members, enjoy your Bridge, and remember our Club is Simply the Best.

*Lyne Collins*

**CHRISTMAS PARTY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**





## KEVIN'S LESSON

We have developed an important general concept of the "long hand- short hand" principle:

- ♠ Ruff losers in the short hand
- ♠ Draw trumps with the long hand
- ♠ Avoid ruffing in the long hand (unless you have plenty of trumps – especially so if you have only four trumps)

♠ 5432 ♥ AKJ97 ♦ 42 ♣ 52	♠ QT6 ♥ 532 ♦ AK83 ♣ AJT
♠ AKJ9 ♥ 64 ♦ J76 ♣ KQ86	♠ 87 ♥ QT8 ♦ QT95 ♣ Q743

Contract: 4S by South      Lead: Heart Ace

How do you play the hand? West starts out with three rounds of Hearts. It is especially important not to ruff in the long hand or you will not make your contract. On the third Heart, simply throw a diamond from the South hand (loser on a loser). Now dummy, the short hand, can handle any further hearts. We must trump with the Spade 10 as we can see all the high cards. Draw trumps and our contract is safe.

What about the hands where dummy and declarer both have four trumps?

♠ A3 ♥ 87642 ♦ 72 ♣ 8754	♠ QT742 ♥ 5 ♦ J6 ♣ QJT9
♠ 6 ♥ AJ9 ♦ A8543 ♣ AK32	♠ J985 ♥ KQT3 ♦ KQT9 ♣ 6

Contract: 5 Clubs by south. Both N and S have four trumps and you as declarer must choose which hand to make the long hand. Can you make 5 Clubs? Go on, have a go. Cheers.

*Kevin Feeney*

## TEACHING AND LIBRARY NEWS

### ♠ Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff to teach at our Club

In early November, Noosa Bridge Club members will have the opportunity to attend bridge lessons by two of Australia's leading players and teachers.

Paul and Nigel are bringing a group of bridge holiday-makers to Noosa for the week of Sat 6th to Sat 13th. Noosa Bridge Club members will be able to participate in their lessons, and their playing sessions, at a 50% discount to the advertised price.

More details of their program are posted on the Teaching Noticeboard. Please record your interest on the attendance list provided. In the unlikely event of there being a greater demand than places available, participants will be accepted in order of entry.

Don't miss this opportunity. These guys are the best teachers around!

### ♠ Our own lesson program

With a few other things going on, I have decided to delay the bidding lessons for experienced players foreshadowed in last month's Club News. But I'm still looking for suggestions and requests.

### ♠ Club library

Given the impending visit by Paul Marston, members are reminded that there are a great number of his books in our library. Some are well-known as basic teaching texts. He has also written two splendid books on card play which I recommend: The Principles of Card Play and Winning Decisions in Competitive Bidding.

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The re-ordering of books on the shelves of our new library unit, requiring some re-numbering, is almost complete. But while that re-numbering is going on, would members returning books please place them in the indicated space on the right-hand side of the bottom shelf.

*Geoff Hart*

## GLOSSARY

### ♠ SYSTEM CARDS

With a Congress coming up, it is timely to remind all players that each time they play at the Club or in a Congress, they are expected to have a correctly filled out system card which is identical to their partner's one.

### WHY do we do this?

Bridge is not a game of secrets. Opponents are entitled to know what your bids mean. If you have special agreements that the opposition may not understand or may misinterpret, you must pre-alert these bids by writing them on your card and also by telling the opponents about them before you start the bidding. These bids must also be alerted when they are made during the bidding.

Systems are classified into various systems. In club play, the Noosa Bridge Club allows Green and Blue systems. Other systems such as Red and Brown Sticker Conventions and Treatments are allowed in Congresses. All systems must have the appropriate coloured sticker on system cards.

**Green** System – Probably the most common system used in the club.

- ♣ All one-level opening bids are natural (non-artificial) bids
- ♣ An opening bid of one of a suit guarantees length (3 cards) in the denomination named. (Exception: a 4-4-3-2 may be opened 1C)
- ♣ 1NT should be balanced
- ♣ All one-level opening bids, must by agreement, promise at least 8 HCP

**Blue** (Strong Club/Strong Diamond) systems – applies to systems such as Precision.

**Red** (Artificial) systems

**Yellow** (Hum) systems - very seldom allowed at Congresses

**Brown Sticker** Conventions & Treatments – Certain types of convention calls or treatments are considered to place demands upon the opponents' defensive preparations and these are categorized as 'Brown Sticker' (BS).

**COPIES OF THE ABF SYSTEM REGULATIONS ARE POSTED ON THE TEACHING BOARD AND ARE ALSO HELD IN THE LIBRARY.**

*Bev Salter*

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