

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our AGM ran smoothly and the new Committee is ready to address the issues for the coming year.

We are very fortunate to have received our grant for the Bridgmate Scoring System. We are very grateful for the support of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Peter Busch will provide training for our Directors on the morning of Friday 27 March and we will be using the system to score the games in the afternoon. This system will significantly reduce the time our Directors spend collating scores at the end of each session. Using new state of the art technology shows that our Club is a forward thinking Club and shows support for our volunteer directors.

We apologise for having to cancel the games on 11, 12 and 13 May for the modification of the air conditioning system. See report later in this edition.

A very special congratulation to Colin Regan on becoming an Honorary Life Member of our Club. Well deserved Colin!

I thank you for your confidence in allowing me to be your President for the next twelve months and I look forward to working with the new committee.

To all members, enjoy your bridge. Our Club is continuing to grow. Many new ideas in training are being addressed. Remember, "Your Club is simply the best!"

Lyne Collins
President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a very good turn out for the Annual General Meeting and the General Meeting that followed. Thanks to all who attended.

The Committee for 2009 is as follows:

COMMITTEE FOR 2009

Office Bearers

President:	Lyne Collins
Vice President:	Peter Althaus
Hon. Secretary:	Colin Regan
Hon. Treasurer:	Christina Bringau

Committee Members and Responsibilities

Peter Althaus:	Maintenance
Carolyn Dalton:	Library/Records/Carer
Pam Cross:	Providore
Mike Flanagan:	Maintenance
Ross Gyde:	Stationery
Heidi Lier:	Housekeeper
Muriel Loveday:	Asst. Congress Co-ordinator
Kath McKay:	Publicity
Sandy Regan:	Membership Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Sam Murray	Maggie Murray
Tom Smith	Lyn Wildman
Shelley Dark	Tom Goddard
Yolande McIntyre	Neville Cutting
Wendy Cutting	Tom Redwood

As at 16 February 2009 the Club comprised 270 home club members, 41 non home club members and four life members, making a total of 315 paid up members. Some 32 of the 2008



membership had not renewed their subscription at that time.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

At the Annual general Meeting, the club resolved unanimously to award Life membership to Colin Regan. Colin has been a dedicated and very hard working member of the Club for more than ten years and has held a number of positions on the Management Committee during this time. He is always on the alert for ways and means of improving the club and often does what is required himself, if he can. Colin's name will be added to the list of Life Members on the Honours Board. Congratulations Colin.

BEGINNERS' LESSONS

There was an outstanding response to the opportunity to learn how to play bridge, with some 36 people signing up for the lessons. There are some very enthusiastic learners in the two groups, with a number playing in Bev's learners' social group to get experience in play.

Our sincere thanks to David and Bev and to Mike Flanagan for his support for the learners' and improvers' groups.

CLUB CLOSED 11, 12 AND 13 MAY 2009

Improvements are being made to the air conditioning units on 11, 12 and 13 May 2009. Due to the nature of the work, play has been cancelled on those days. We regret this disruption but look forward to a more comfortable environment once the work is done.

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS 4 MAY 2009

The Committee has agreed to again support the Bridge for Brains fundraising project organized by the Brains Trust which raises funds towards the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute's studies into ways and means of preventing or delaying the early onset of Alzheimer's Disease or dementia. As part of their studies, the

Institute researchers are investigating whether mental activities like playing bridge can help keep the brain active and healthy, just as physical exercise is thought to help keep our bodies in good shape

RED CROSS APPEALS

While Australia's "beauty" is normally something we all enjoy, its occasional "terror" was never more obvious than in February this year, with the lives of thousands disrupted by the devastating floods in Far North Queensland and the bushfires in Victoria.

The members responded generously to the request to make a donation towards the Red Cross Appeals to support those affected by these disasters, raising a total of \$2,680 in lieu of table monies. Thank you all.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

There was almost a full house for the playing of the President's Trophy on Monday 16 March. This is a handicapped event played in two divisions. Both members of the partnership must be members of this Club to take out any prizes. The nett winners were:

Open:

- 1st: Sharon McGee and Carolyn Dalton
- 2nd: Elma Paull and Sue Bendt
- 3rd: Dieter Bendt and Lois Meldrum

Restricted:

- 1st: Doug Carlson and Julia Carlson
- 2nd: Jill Tuckey and Rozanne Thomas
- 3rd: Sue Watt and Annie Galli

Congratulations to our winners.

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The first round of the Grand National Open Teams, a 3 day match play event, was played on 12, 13 and 15 March.

The first three placegetters were:



- 1st: **Ken Dawson**, Kevin Feeney, David Harris and Geoff Hart
- 2nd: **Elizabeth Shaw**, Sandy Regan, Peter Tall and Lanning Smith
- 3rd: **Lizi French**, John Fell, Pam Hawkins and Di Quigley

BRIDGEMATE

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Fund provided \$12,558.64 to the Club to buy a Bridgemate wireless scoring system. This system will save a lot of work for our Directors and the Club is very grateful for this support.

Members are encouraged to get familiar with the new system as soon as possible. The club will be using this system from Friday 27 March.

A NOTE FROM KEVIN FEENEY

Kevin's last note on the power of the shape of a hand was very well received, so he has submitted another offering, this time on the strip and squeeze end-play technique.

"How many times have you been disappointed when a finesse has failed and you have not been able to make your contract? With certain conditions, you might be better off using a squeeze known as a "strip and end-play".

What is it? It is a tactic where the declarer eliminates (ie, strips) the chosen suits then leads the remaining non-trump suits to give the opponent the lead. The opponent's return is forced into playing into declarer's cards, thus giving him the contract.

How does it work?

Contract 6C
 Vul: Nil
 Declarer : South

	K	
	K98	
	J632	
	A8762	
9864		QJT7532
T762		543
KQ85		74
4		9
	A	
	AQJ	
	AT9	
	KQJT53	

Forming your plan of action as declarer, it would appear that you would have to try a double finesse in Diamonds, but what if Diamond King and Queen are both off-side?

Let us try a "strip and end-play".

Opening lead is Queen of Spades.

Win the Spade, draw trumps, play the winning Hearts ending with the King in dummy. We now have stripped our Spades and hearts. We next lead a Diamond to West's Queen. This is the position:

	-	
	-	
	J63	
	8762	
864		QJT73
T		-
K85		-
-		-
	-	
	-	
	A9	
	KQJT3	

West is now "end-played". Any return gives us our contract. If he plays a Diamond, we win with the Ace or the 9. If a Heart or a Spade is played, it is ruffed and the 9 of Hearts discarded.

Easy, isn't it?



1. Look for a hand where dummy and declarer have a similar distribution.
2. Check to see if dummy and declarer will have an extra trump after you have drawn trumps.
3. Choose your "throw in" card that will force the opponents to lead and do not play it prematurely.

Hopefully, when someone asks "How was your bridge today?" you will be able to say "First I enjoyed a squeeze after which I stripped dummy then end-played my opponent. I really enjoyed that!"

Here is 14U2 try.

Contract 4Spades by South.

Lead: Queen of Hearts.

	K7542	
	A8	
	KT5	
	987	
A98	-	
QJT8	K7632	
Q976	432	
32	QJ654	
	QJT63	
	54	
	AJ8	
	AKT	

Note: With acknowledgement to the Gaymsters Bridge Club of Dallas, USA.

Kevin Feeney

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

EXCERPTS from an interview with Nigel Rosendorff -

Many of you will remember Nigel from his yearly visit with Paul Marston to the Noosa Club. Nigel is known as Western Australia's most charismatic teacher (now reported to be re-locating to Sydney). He is also a highly successful player.

What do you think is the secret to being a successful teacher? Making sure the players gain something useful from the lesson and that they enjoy the lesson. Too many teachers cram too much into their lessons or teach what they want at too high a level which makes them look good but the players leave confused.

Do you have a favorite topic/audience? My favorite topic would have to be defence and the highlight to date is teaching groups of more than 100 players in Noosa.

What advice do you have to aspiring new players? Read books - *Coffin's Play from A-Z*; *Card Play Technique*; *Secrets of Winning Bridge*; *The Law of Total Tricks* and *Kantar* play and defence books. For the very new player *Principles of Card Play*. This book is available from Bev. Play at least three times a week.

How important are conventions? To compete at the top level conventions are very important. Sadly the new players place too much emphasis on conventions and do not develop their natural instincts for bidding relying too heavily on conventions to save them. It is like taking medicine first not knowing what the ailment is just in case one gets sick.

What are your favorite conventions? Mini and Game Splinters

Roman and Exclusion Key Card

Jacoby 2NT

A comprehensive relay and transfer structure after 1NT openings

Multi 2D, 2H/S to show weak 5 card suit and a four card minor

All doubles for takeout.

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N.B. Nigel will be back in November with Paul Marston. They will give lessons on Splinters, Jacoby 2NT; Keycard Blackwood; Squeeze play and End plays.

Bev Salter

