

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2015

## From the President

Greetings to all.

Our Club's AGM is now history and the new committee is well into its responsibilities for the current year. Please note the names of the 12 of us (highlighted on this page) and feel free to approach any of us about anything that may concern you. It's great to have new members on committee because that often brings forth new ideas – and new ideas are often good ideas.

Our prestige event of the year – the Queensland Mixed Teams – is also history. And successful! The event was not staged in 2014 and in previous years it attracted very few entries. The Noosa event was contested by a record 26 teams and is now a part of Noosa's annual calendar. There is a trophy for this event which is held by the QBA. When it returns to our clubhouse next year we will see the engraved name of Maureen Jakes as part of the winning team. Please note the other winners listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The clubhouse sports a bit of a 'new look' with wall-hangings rearranged, a more interesting display of trophies, a new shelving unit near the front door and a bigger and better lunch table.

Anyone with ideas for change or improvement may use the 'Suggestion Book' located in the drawer under the microphone.

Happy bridging. All the best from Gerald.



### Officer Bearers:

**President – Gerald Schaaf**

**Vice President – Jane Dalziell**

**Secretary – Jan Beckett**

**Treasurer – Muriel Loveday**

### Committee:

**Judith Althaus**

**Geoff Hart**

**John Downs**

**Pam Hawkins**

**Janet Gibson**

**Colleen Hohlt**

**Ross Gyde**

**Don Robertson**

## Bidding Boxes

GOOD NEWS! We now have BIDDING BOXES available for those players who may need them. Bidding boxes are widely used in Australia and overseas and allow the bridge player an easy way to bid without writing. They are simple to use and very easy to read.

### TO START:

Cards indicating PASS, DOUBLE and RE-DOUBLE are available as single cards at the front of the box. Behind these are cards for all bids from '1 club' to '7 NT'.

### BIDDING:

To pass, double or re-double simply place the applicable card in front of you. It is critical that you 'know' your bid before you reach for the cards – you must not touch one card and then change your mind and choose another (that would be unauthorized information to your partner).

To bid simply place your thumb on the bid you wish to make, take ALL the cards up to an including your chosen bid and place this stack of cards with your chosen bid on the top in front of you so that your partner can read the bid. Each subsequent bid is made in the same way and placed next to the previous bid so all bids are visible. Bidding completes in the usual way when three PASS cards are played in succession.

### RECORDING:

At the completion of the auction, without disturbing the bidding cards, record the bid in the Bridgemate and have it verified by the opposition. This is an important step to assist the Director as there is no written record of the auction. The bidding cards stay exposed until the third player plays to the first trick.

### COMPLETION:

To return the cards back to the bidding box place all single pass, double and re-double cards back in the front section. Lift all your bids together and place them back in the box together ensuring all bids are in sequential order. Then, and only then, continue playing to the first trick.

Happy BIDDING BOX bidding.



well done

# MEMBERS

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## 18/1/15 - Northern Suburbs Teams

B – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ed & Jan Beckett/Nev & Adele Harington

## 7 & 8/2/15 SCCBC-QLD Senior Teams

A – 1<sup>st</sup> – David Harris/Tim Ridley/Rosie Green/Di Stagg

## February – Gold Coast Congress

Novice Pairs – B – 1<sup>st</sup> – Annemarie & Walter Hugentobler

Novice Pairs – D – 1<sup>st</sup> – Margaret & Don Robertson

Novice Teams – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pru & Mal Adams/Annemarie & Walter Hugentobler

## 8/3/15 - Toowong Novice Pairs

A – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Margaret & Don Robertson

## 14 & 15/3/15 - Queensland Mixed Teams



A -1<sup>st</sup> – Maureen Jakes /Janeen Solomon/Neville Francis/Sanmugaras Kamalarasa

B – 1<sup>st</sup> – Pat Wakeford/Di Musgrave/Prue Adams/Mal Adams

B – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Colleen Hohlt/Hilary French/Kiyomi Avunduk/Geoff Olsen

B – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gayna Ryan/Merrelyn Daly/Margaret & Don Robertson

## 19, 20 & 22/3/15 - GNOT

This first stage of Noosa's GNOT was won by Dick Trollope/Barry Midgley/Penny Sykes/Di Quigley.

The other five teams to proceed to the second stage are:

Peter Tall/Lanny Smith/Sam Halvorsen/Stuart Smith

Tim Ridley/David Harris/Rosie Green/Philippa Barnett

Alison Walker/Lois Meldrum/Susan O'Neill/Carole

Robinson

Kevin & Pat Feeney/Ann Mellings/Lorraine Vachon/Susan Rodgers

Ed & Jan Beckett/Janelle Kipping/Tessa Townend

## 30/3/15 - President's Trophy



Open Winners –  
Donna Wilderness & Ni Rowley



Sec B Winners –  
Susan Lee & Angela Hall



Sec C Winners –  
Susan Schofield & Maureen Kent



Sec D Winners -  
Syl & Daniel Thiebaud

## 11 & 12/4/15 Caloundra Teams

A – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Geoff Hart/David Harris/Tim Ridley/Philippa Barnett

## 11 & 12, 18 & 19/4/15 Women's Trials 2015

1<sup>st</sup> – Ann Mellings +

## 18/4/15 - Gympie Pairs

A – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Susan Rodgers/David Harris

A – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tim Ridley/Philippa Barnett

B – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rozanne Thomas/Chrissie Baynes

C – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Susan Lee/Lesley Power

## 19/4/15 – Gympie Teams

B – 1<sup>st</sup> – Peter Coppin +++

B – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chrissie Baynes/Rozanne Thomas/Susan Lee/Lesley Power

## 26/4/15 – Interclub Team AT SCCBC

### TROPHY WON BY NOOSA

B – 1<sup>st</sup> – Rozanne Thomas/Angela Hall/Susan Lee/Lesley Power

C – 1<sup>st</sup> – Don Robertson/Warwick Newton/Peter

McNamee/Brian Goldberg

C – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gillian Hardy/Rhona Vickers/Stephen Ronay/Bobby McNee



# What Do You Expect of Your Bridge Partner?

If asked this question I would reply that I hoped my partner would follow our system, and at all times, think!

Here are two hands from recent Club play, on which a bit more thinking was required by defenders.

## Hand 1

Sitting North you hold **S** Q92 **H** 64 **D** QT98642 **C** 2.

You hear your E/W opponents bid to 3NT:

W	E
1C	1H
1NT	3NT

3NT by West was the contract at almost every table. And at every table where this was the contract, the North hand led a Diamond!

Why? How many D's does North expect partner to hold?

Sure enough the D lead gave declarer her 9th trick, when the Diamonds were distributed AKx with West and Jx with East. It's very difficult to make 9 tricks without the D lead.

So what do you lead? Not the singleton Club. I suggest the H6; you know from the bidding that partner has at least 4 of those.

## Hand 2

	♠ T 6 2	
	♥ K T 5 4 2	
	♦ Q 7 5 4	
	♣ 6	
♠ 8		♠ AKQJ974
♥ A Q 6 3		♥ 7
♦ 9 8 6 3		♦ A K J T
♣ Q T 9 8		♣ 7
	♠ 5 3	
	♥ J 9 8	
	♦ 2	
	♣ AKJ 5 4 3 2	

All Easts would start with a strong 2C. Four Easts bid up to 6S, presumably asking about aces along the way, and six remained in 4S.

Twelve tricks were made at every table. The ONLY way 12 tricks can be made is by South switching to the singleton D2 after cashing the CA; so every South must have done that. What did they expect?

Especially when E/W had bid to 6S? That partner had the AD and would give them a ruff?

Any other lead (except the CK) defeats the slam. South can see her Clubs and dummy's Hearts, so the 2C opener must hold good Diamonds.

Geoff Hart



## New Books in our Library

2 over 1 Game Force by Audrey Grant & Eric Rodwell  
To meet the growing interest in this bidding system by our members. (2 copies)

Improve Your Slam Bidding by Ron Klinger  
A standard work on most aspects of slam bidding. (2 copies)

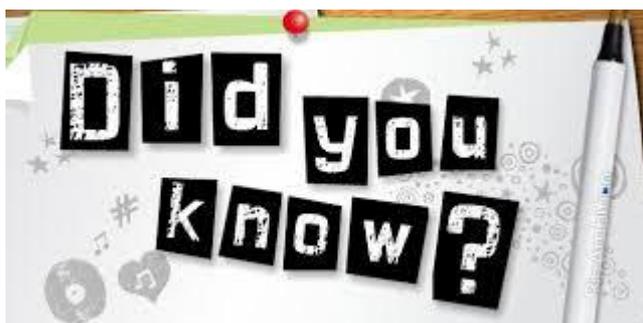
A Good Game of Modern Bridge by Ron Klinger  
A comprehensive, tightly-packed coverage of the very latest ideas in bidding. (2 copies)

Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand by Barbara Seagram and David Bird  
Adding another copy of this excellent book; recommended for all members.

Winning Duplicate Tactics by David Bird  
Clearly-explained and well laid out, as expected from David Bird. Great chapters on opening leads.

52 Bridge Mistakes to Avoid by David Bird  
Typical quality work by this author, excellent examples, well-explained.





... that there are some very interesting things on our Bulletin Boards. We invite you to take a look at all the Congresses, bridge holidays and the articles at the Bridge Learning Centre.

... that, not only **MUST** you call the Director when there is an infraction of the RULES, but also when there is an infraction of ETIQUETTE. If someone's behaviour is jeopardizing your enjoyment of the game, calling the Director immediately will often solve the problem.

...that dummy never touches a card until told to do so by declarer **EVEN WHEN THE CARD IS A SINGLETON!!!**

... that dummy never lets his/her hand hover over a card as if he/she knows which card declarer is going to request.

... that, according to Alfred Sheinwold, years ago there were only two excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.

... that you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.

## From the Committee

We have decided to encourage the idea of a "paid Director" on our busy days. To that end, if you know of any Uni students (or advanced high school students) who might be interested please let us know. They would have to be willing to take the Directors' course and pass the exam. It could be a win/win result.

## Coming Events

- 18, 25 May – Novice Pairs Championship
- 11 June – Noosa Pairs Congress
- 15 & 22 June – Pro-Am
- 21 June – GNOT Semi Final (Caboulture)
- 24 June – Charity Day – Katie Rose Cottage
- 5 July – Noosa Teams Congress

## Santa's Helpers

In addition to our three Charity Days and 'Bridge for Brain Research' on 4 May this year the Committee has unanimously agreed to support a local initiative. A group called Santa's Classy Helpers works throughout each year to amass supplies of household goods, toys and non-perishable foodstuffs for distribution to disadvantaged families for Christmas.

The Committee is inviting all members to join in this endeavour. Nothing concrete will happen until November but in the meantime whenever you see suitable goods on special you might like to pre-buy and hold. A list of such 'suitable goods' is on the bulletin board near the kitchen (along with wallet/purse size copies for you to take away). If we all get behind this idea a lot more families could have a better Christmas.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to past member  
Mons Daveson on turning **100!!**



Peggy Hillhouse was playing with Peter Coppin. Rozanne Thomas asked "Are you playing TOM?" Peggy replied "No, I'm playing with Peter and this is only our second time."

