

# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

August 2012



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club house renovations are now finalized and the committee is delighted with the members' response. Naturally, painting work and carpet of this quality are not cheap and together with a new printer and other purchases, capital expenditure for this year will just exceed \$50,000 as against an expected trading profit of about \$35,000. It is important to note that the proposed capital expenditure for each of the next two years is around \$20,000 - \$25,000 tops.

The other major task currently being undertaken by the committee is a re-writing of the Club's Rules and By-Laws. Currently these are filled with anachronisms, anomalies, ambiguity and content inappropriate to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Robert Bulford is leading this project. It is our plan to have this work completed later in the year with a view to having the new format put to the members at the Annual General Meeting in 2013 for acceptance.

Another important issue facing the club next year is the filling of vacancies on the 12 person committee. Members will remember the overwhelming vote against extending the

maximum terms of any person holding the office of Secretary or Treasurer. Consequently, Kathy Male and Muriel Loveday will be unable to stand for those positions next year and the Club needs to find suitable replacements.

Together with my resignation I believe that one or two other positions might be vacated which could leave as many as five vacancies. We are always encouraged by new members getting involved but I believe it is essential that some of the members of longer standing give consideration to becoming involved. I know many have been involved previously but that does not rule anyone out of becoming involved again. Indeed, experience on club matters and bridge matters is essential on the committee to ensure the ongoing good governance of our wonderful club.

*Sam Halvorsen*

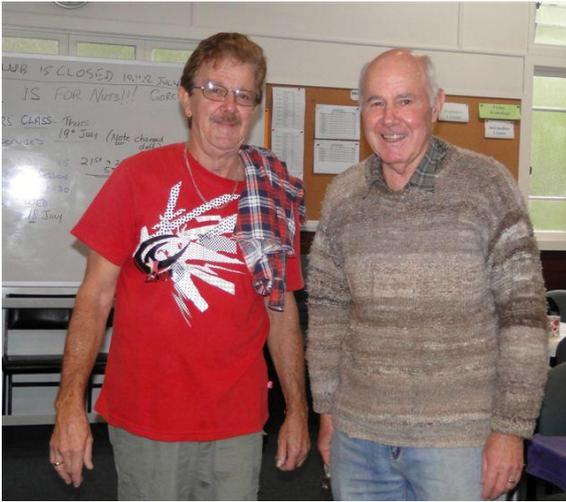
## NEW MEMBERS

The club extends a very warm welcome to:

Alfred Newton, Douglas and Heather Stewart, John Rorke, Olive Teelow, Jennifer Schock and Adam and Dorothy Hertelendy, residents of Christchurch NZ who have decided to become non-home club members here.

## RENOVATION HEROES

Alan Pringle and Doug Byrnes worked overtime to ensure that the new floor coverings were laid with minimum disruption to play. Doug planed the bottoms off doors and cupboards and laid tiles around the water chiller and they both, with help from other committee members, shifted the tables and chairs.



**Doug Byrnes and Alan Pringle**

### **NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 21 AND 28 MAY**

The Novice Pairs Championship is one of the premier events at Noosa Bridge Club. This year it attracted 24 pairs. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Prunella Adam and Diana Banks
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Juliet Ryan and Elizabeth Bomford
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dianna O'Connor and Sandra Guy

### **PRO AM COMPETITION 18 AND 25 JUNE**

This was such a successful competition that the Committee is looking at having a second one day Pro-Am completion next year.

The Across the Field winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Judith Hope and Kevin Feeney
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Annie Galli and Jill Tuckey
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Marylou Shaw and Georgina Cassells

### **NOOSA WINTER TEAMS 8 JULY**

Another outstanding Congress due the combined efforts of Congress

Coordinator Annie Galli and her team of helpers. There was an excellent turnout of 30 teams, the lunch was as usual up to our Club's very high standard and once again our members provided an array of scrumptious refreshments.

The competition was played in three divisions:

#### **Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Ryan Touton, Richard Touton, Larry Moses and Kendall Early
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Doug Byrnes, Elma Paul, Kathy Male and Jim Dilllon
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Maureen Jakes, Tim Ridley, Susan Rodgers and Kevin Feeney

#### **Plate**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Yvonne Hawthorne, Dana Tannahill, Patricia Mitchell and Gaye McAuliffe
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Randall Rusk, George Kruz, Stephen Hughes and Andrew Dunlop

#### **Consolation**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Robyn Scott, Tom Goddard, Moira Gibbens and Kath McKay
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray Powley, Susan Powley, Yvonne Brunskill and Trish Tanner

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Charity Day for Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre:** Monday 6 August. Cost is \$8 per player.

**Noosa Novice Pairs:** Sunday 26 August. Entries close Tuesday 21 August. This is for players in 2 divisions - under 100 master points and under 50 master points.

#### **WATCH YOUR VALUABLES!**

Members are reminded to keep an eye on their valuables while at the Club. While it is tempting to "park"

one's handbag or wallet somewhere to avoid carrying them around during play, this unfortunately exposes one's valuables to the risk of theft. It is best to leave your valuables at home, as the Club cannot accept responsibility for any item lost or removed.

## **TEACHING NEWS**

Bev Salter is again conducting a series of lessons for beginner players. These started on 19 July and will go through to 6 September.

A "supervised" session is also available on Thursday mornings. This gives newer players the opportunity to practice play in a self help environment where they are able to discuss the hands and seek advice on bidding and on play. The help of some more experienced mentors would be appreciated to support this group. Contact Bev please if you can help, even if only occasionally.

## **VALE SHIRLEY**

Our dear friend the indomitable Shirley Sinclair recently passed away peacefully aged 92. Shirley was a joy and an inspiration to us all with her zest for life and her never-say-die attitude. She was determined until the very end to maintain her connections with the wider community. She played tennis until her late 80's and played her last game of bridge only on 21 June. What a gal!

A public memorial for Shirley is to be held on 3 October at the Parks Association Centre (next door) - time to be advised.

## **DIRECTORS' CORNER**

Help! We need more Directors and Director's Assistants to ensure the continued smooth running of our popular club sessions. Excellent working conditions and friendly work colleagues will provide job satisfaction. For further information, please contact Di Quigley.

## **CHARITY DAY FOR THE RSPCA**

The charity day on 6 May raised a total of \$1,233.40 for the RSPCA - \$730 from table monies and \$503.40 from the raffle. Our special thanks to Ross Gyde and everyone else who helped make this such an enjoyable and rewarding day. This was an outstanding result which testifies to the generosity of our members.

## **NOOSA BRIDGE WEEK**

The Club will again be hosting the Noosa Bridge Week from 14 to 20 October. Paul Marsten and Nigel Rosendorff have been beating the drum far and wide about the wonderful atmosphere at our club and there is now a waiting list for people wanting to come to Noosa to take part.

There is a discount for club members wanting to join the lessons and other activities planned, on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, please put your name on the list as soon as possible as any vacancies will be snapped up by outside players..

## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

With so many new members and visitors, it would be very helpful if we could all remember to wear our name badges at the table.

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

No matter the subject, good communication is an art form. Some authors of bridge books

stand out for the clarity and economy of their writing.

During the early stages of your bridge experience you can't go past the books by Paul Marston – *Introduction to Bridge* (19), *The Language of Bidding* (51), *The Principles of Card Play* (52), *Winning Decisions in Competitive Bidding* (50), *All About No Trumps* (67) and *Opening Two Bids* (71). When you are ready to read more broadly, Terrence Reese is widely regarded as the greatest writer of bridge books (at least in the English language) and one of the best players of all time. Try *Play Bridge with Reese* (33), *The Expert Game* (142). Other “oldies” who wrote some very fine works include Victor Mollo, Hugh Kelsey (*How to Improve Your Bridge* (43), *Killing Defense at Bridge* (179)), Edwin Kantar (several excellent books on defense) and Alfred Sheinwold (especially his series on puzzles). All books by these authors on our shelves will educate and entertain you.

Among the current crop of authors there are some stand-out communicators: David Bird for *Defensive Signalling at Bridge* (new 49); David Bird and Barbara Seagram for *Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand* (171); Barbara Seagram and Mike Smith for *Bridge Conventions You Should Know* (24).

Lastly, for a bit of fun, dip into some of the biographies/personal experiences, by Rixi Markus, Dorothy Hayden, Sabine Auken, Omar Sharif and Zia Mahmood.

Geoff Hart

## KEVIN'S LESSON

### Planning the Play of the Hand

Have you been preparing your “plan” before you begin your play as declarer? According to Paul Marsten, it is just as

important when you are on lead as a defender.

The bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
	1C	PASS	1H
1S	2C	PASS	4NT
PASS	5H	PASS	<b>6H</b>

DEALER: NORTH

VUL: BOTH

	♠J3		
	♥65		
	♦AK4		
	♣AJ9865		
♠AK10985			♠7642
♥83			♥72
♦Q9			♦J1062
♣KQ4			♣1032
	♠Q		
	♥AKQJ1094		
	♦8753		
	♣7		

Reader, first cover the East and South hands and consider how to defend against this contract. Against 6H you lead the Spade Ace. What to lead at trick 2? Declarer is not frightened of our Spade continuation. Where might he have a weakness? It can only be in Diamonds. How can he remedy this? Only by discarding his diamonds on North's Clubs. So. At trick 2, a Diamond switch from you kills the vital entry to Dummy. Declarer can no longer set up the Clubs and get to Dummy to cash them.

“That was a great plan, Sherlock.”

“Elementary, my dear Watson.”

Kevin Feeney

