

From the President

Dear Members

How many of you are like me and believe that this is the most beautiful time of the year to live in Noosa? Another bonus is that we welcome many visitors from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand to the Club. We have enjoyed their company so far this year – many of whom return to the Club each year. I noticed that the New Zealanders with their Acol System made mincemeat of us one Friday, scoring 70% sitting North South.

This month sees the introduction of a new name badge for Club Members. The new badge is clearer and easier to read and bears the new Club Logo. The facility is there in the Club for you all to order the new badge if you would like to make the change. I know many of you will be content with the old one.

Our banking system is now fully electronic. Two Committee members are needed to authorise each electronic payment and we are now conversant with the new system. It has taken a few weeks for us all (four of us) to be comfortable with it.

Your Committee is working well as a vibrant unit and we hope every requirement of the Club is covered by a Committee Member. Backup has been organised for key roles, as everyone is away from time to time during the year.

Members have competed in Congresses from Bribie Island to Bundaberg, from Canberra to the Barrier Reef with varying degrees of success. I hope this continues for the rest of the year.

With best wishes to you all and happy bridging.



Jane Dalziell

Charity Day



Thanks to our members' ongoing generosity we raised \$1,572.75 for 'Sunshine Coast Shoes & Socks Back 2 School Appeal'. That means 45 needy kids from Pomona, Sunshine Beach & Tewantin State Schools will each receive a pair of BATA leather shoes & 3 pairs of socks. Brighter Future 4 Kids Foundation is a children's charity dedicated to meeting the basic physical needs of disadvantaged children, so they can take advantage of their best opportunity to escape poverty – their education.



Jane Dalziell with Raffle Hamper winner Sue Smalley.



Treasurer Gerald Schaaf with raffle prize winner Janice Clough.

We look forward to your support of our
Next Charity Day
Monday 7 August 2017



OzHarvest is the leading food rescue organisation in Australia, collecting quality excess food from commercial outlets and delivering it direct to more than 900 charities who support people in need across Australia.



New Laws

On the 1st August 2017 the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge will come into force. Many of the changes are simply much needed improvements to the wording of the laws. Other changes allow auctions to proceed more naturally following some infractions. Generally speaking, bids out of rotation have softer consequences for the offending side.

It is absolutely imperative that the Director is called for any infraction and failure to do so may prevent an equitable score being awarded.

There are three changes that will apply at the table without the need of a Director:

1. The board must remain in the centre of the table, correctly oriented, until play is completed.
2. Any player, including dummy, may attempt to prevent an irregularity. Previously dummy could only prevent an irregularity from declarer.
3. When making a claim or concession a player must face his hand. Play may continue at the request of the non-claimants and if all four players agree. If this happens the claim is void, and the subsequent result must stand.

These new laws will present our Directors with some challenging decisions. It is likely that players will be taken away from the table more frequently to ask their bidding styles and, at the table some significant explanations will be required. There is an entirely new concept of 'comparable call' that may require consultation between Directors prior to a ruling. Your tolerance and understanding will be appreciated.

Happy bridging.

Di Quigley



'Presidents Day' Report

QBA held a 'Presidents Day' on 7 May 2016, which Gerald Schaaf attended on the Club's behalf. Highlights included:

- All Congresses should appoint a "recorder".
- Club By-laws must address "Appeals" and "Prize money regarding Youth and House Players".
- QBA provides a procedure for handling complaints.
- Jan Peach is "approachable" regarding interpretation of rules.
- TBIB (Insurance) is available to speak to Clubs and sponsorship is a possibility.
- Purchase of bulk equipment (cards, law books)
- GNOT Regulations are on ABF, QBA & Zone websites.

Upcoming Events:

- 6 August – SCCBC Teams
- 7 August – Charity Day - OzHarvest Sunshine Coast
- 19 August – Inter Club Teams at Noosa
- 27 August – Noosa Novice Pairs
- 2 & 3 September – GNOT Zone Final
- 6 September - Coolum Invitation Day
- 10 September – Noosa Teams
- 17 September – SCCBC Graded Pairs
- 8 October – Gympie Teams
- 16 & 23 October – Spring Pairs



Members Profile



JAN O'CONNELL

Jan O'Connell (nee McLeod) was born in 1933 at Yarramvale, a small Victorian country town, moving to Pascoe Vale (near Essendon) when she was 2 years of age. In March 1946, Jan contracted polio, and interestingly, her hospital did not favour the treatment using the system advocated by Sister Kenny. Jan was bed-bound for 2 years and had physiotherapy 3 times weekly after that. Fortunately, the only consequence was slight impairment to the right leg and left arm.

In 1957 Jan joined the Victorian Police Force and serving as a Constable, was one of only 50 women in the V.P.F. Jan enjoyed the duty of foot patrols. An Irishman from County Mayo, Jim O'Connell joined the Mounted Police in Palestine and was serving there and saw the initial stages of the hand-over to Israel in 1948. Jim then headed to Malaysia still serving as an Officer of the Force, when there was an ambush of his patrol and 2 officers were shot and killed. After a stint in Canada, Jim headed to Melbourne in 1958 where he met Jan in 1961, and they married in 1962. The family grew by 1 in '63, '64 and '65. In 1973, the family of 5 enjoyed a world trip on the P&O "Oronsay."

In 1986 Jan and Jim set off in a mobile home to "see Australia". Noosa was discovered & loved while staying at the caravan park in Hastings Street. On returning home, the house was sold, and then 2 car-loads & a trailer headed north.

Jan joined the Noosa Bridge Club which was in James Street at the time, and played with a young 20 year old, Sharon McGee, who taught Jan as a new player. The family moved to Belli Park on a 5 year plan and stayed 20 years. Jim died of a stroke in 2011 and in the following year, Jan had a stroke also, which kept her in hospital for 4 1/2 months. After this, Joy Coop talked Jan into coming back to Bridge and the pair have now played with never a cross word between them, during a wonderful 20 years partnership, playing together at the new location for the Bridge Club.

In 2013 Jan undertook at the age of 80 to buy her current home at Sunrise Beach. Her son David also lives there, daughter Lorna is nearby at Sunshine Beach, and son Michael, at Noosa Waters. The O'Connell family is a loving and close-knit group, including 2 grandchildren.

JOY COOP

Joy was born premature in Gympie in 1923, the daughter of Harry & Dorothy Cullinane. The Matron at the hospital placed the tiny baby on her husband's chest to give the infant the best chances using his body warmth, and it worked extremely well.

Joy's grandfather, Jeremiah, and his brother had arrived in Gympie as Irish immigrants in 1868, 1 year after James Nash discovered gold. The business "Cullinanes - General Providers" was established and grew to be the largest establishment in the town. In 1926, there were 100 employees in buildings on both sides of Mary Street. Buildings were burnt down in 1886 & again on Guy Fawkes Night in 1937.

Joy has happy memories of visiting her mother's brother and their family property "Passchendale" at Chapingah (NW of Kingaroy). In this beautiful area, sheep and Hereford cattle were raised. The property was named in historical memory after a military medal honoured her uncle for "conspicuous gallantry" during The Battle of Passchendale.

Joy remembers a visit to the Noosa region to view the coloured sands at the age of 12 while on holiday with her mother. At about the age of 15, Joy began playing Auction Bridge with her parents. In 1942, Joy married Eric Coop who was serving in the RAAF. The honeymoon venue was "Hillcrest House" Noosa Heads, the name of the building before the change to "Halse Lodge". The couple had 2 daughters, Judith and Pam, and a son Paul who was tragically killed during a flood in Gympie when he was only 17.



Joy joined the Gympie Golf Club, becoming Press Secretary and later, President. Joy joined the Bridge Club also and after moving to Noosa in 1984, joined the Tewanin Golf Club and then in 1987, the Noosa Bridge Club. Joy has had wonderful partners over the years & she still remembers p.39 in Klinger's book that Jesmond Brown made her learn by heart. Joy and Jan have won trophies in Noosa and Gympie. Joy and her daughter Judith now play a partnership game once a month.

Joy is the proud grandmother of Paul and Natalie, and now, also proudly the great-grandmother of 5.

Helen Lawson



Member Achievements

5, 12 & 19 May – Noosa Pairs Championship



1st – Philippa Barnett/ Rosie Green
2nd – Barry Midgley/Dick Trollope

5, 12 & 19 May – Noosa Pairs Plate



1st – Elma Paull/Kath McKay

31 May – AWWP

North South – 1st - Marni Banes/Rob Barnes
East West – 1st – Eve Coombe/Maddy Nielson

11 June – GNOT Semi-Final at Noosa

3rd – Ines Dawes/Di Jones ++

15 June – Noosa Imp Pairs

1st A – Maureen Jakes/Alison Dawson
1st B – Maureen Wright/Dieter Bendt
2nd B – Margaret Robertson/Don Robertson
3rd B – Peter Hagan/Geraldine Howard



17 June – Sunshine Coast Imp Pairs

3rd A – Bev Stacey +
3rd B – Arch Morrison +
2nd C – Raymond Powley/Susan Powley
3rd C – Margaret Robertson/Don Robertson



18 June – Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams

3rd A – Bev Stacey +++
1st C – Gerald Schaaf/Gayna Ryan/Margaret Robertson/Don Robertson
3rd C – Peter McNamee/Dieter Bendt/Merrellyn Daly/Maureen Wright

25 June – Moreton-Bribie Teams

1st A – Geoff Hart +++

25 June – Goondiwindi Pairs

1st A – Alison Dawson +

2 July – Noosa Winter Teams



1st A – Gwen King/Simon Andrew ++



3rd A – Ken Dawson +++



1st B – Dieter Bendt/Judith Hope/
Patricia Wakeford /Peter McNamee

8 July – Bundaberg Imp Pairs

1st A – Di Jones +
3rd A – Tessa Townend/Pam Hawkins

9 July – Bundaberg Swiss Teams

1st A – David Harris/Tim Ridley/Tessa Townend/Pam Hawkins

16 July - Redland Restricted Pairs

2nd Adam Hertelendy +
5th Don & Margaret Robertson



DID YOU KNOW?

Bridge  **Stories**

... that our members' & players' open hearted generosity is gratefully received. The following is an extract from The Anglican Church of Noosa Newsletter, where the Reverend Simon Keith, Children's Ministry Leader, writes that after raising an awareness of the plight of a number of families ("some were fleeing domestic violence") he was now responding to the generosity of his congregation, Tewantin Lions and "an amazing gift from The Noosa Bridge Club" (Oct 2016), and was able to report that they had been able to provide "Winter Warmth packs, plus 2 rounds of toiletries packs, and book packs. We have been able to help with excursions etc."

... that the Club has redesigned its name badges to incorporate our new logo. Order yours today by filling in the order sheet folder at the Club before 31/7/17. Discounts apply for bulk orders.



... that our new road sign has been erected.

... that we now own a defibrillator. This apparatus is used to control heart fibrillation by application of an electric current to the chest wall or heart. They are very safe & easy to use.



We thank Adam Hertelendy for his outlines regarding Ethics and we hope never to witness such as the following story.

An interesting situation occurred in Kansas City, Kansas in 1931 when Mr. John S Bennett was playing in a game with his wife against the pair of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann. It was a difficult game as the Bennett partnership argued and verbally abused each other regarding the bidding and playing of the hands.

On the fateful hand, Mr. Bennett opened and bid 1 S, and it was overcalled by 2 D. Mrs. Bennett raised her husband's bid to 4 S - a contract he did not fill. Mrs. Bennett began abusing the play of the hand and became almost hysterical. Mr. Bennett reached across the table and slapping her many times, and at this, she left the room and returned with a loaded gun and aimed at her husband. Mr. Bennett ran for the safety of the bathroom and slammed the door closed, but the 2 shots that were fired pierced the wooden door and killed him.

The hand was later analysed and it was discovered that the 4 S contract should have made!



Lebanese Limerick

There once was a player
from Beirut
Who thought he would
try to be cute.
He overcalled a spade
And died as he played.
The post-mortem:
a four-card suit.

One of the Gympie Cullinane General Providers staff was speaking at his retirement function after working there for 40 years. He said "If I'd known that this was not a permanent position, I would never have applied in the first place."



Show me your hand, partner

A man was kibbitzing in a big tournament. Suddenly a player at another table got sick and had to leave. No substitute was available and the kibitzer was asked if he could play. He sat as South and told his partner that he didn't know anything about bidding. His partner responded, "Just tell me your hand."

The bidding went this way ...

South	West	North	East
1 Club	Pass	1 No trump	Pass
2 Heart	Pass	2 No trump	Pass
3 Spade	Pass	3 No trump	Pass
7 Diamonds	Pass	Pass	Pass

	North	
	♠ J	
	♥ J xx	
	♦ 6 x	
	♣ A K Q T xxx	
West		East
♠ K T xxx		♠ Q xxx
♥ K xxx		♥ A T x
♦ xx		♦ K J
♣ x		♣ 8 7 6 5
	South	
	♠ A xx	
	♥ Q x	
	♦ A Q T 9 8 7 5	
	♣ J 2	

West led 2 of Diamonds to Jack, won by Queen in hand.

South played Ace of Diamonds then ten of Diamonds and discarded a Heart in dummy. With the defenders following suit both times, trumps are all drawn.

Then the Jack of Clubs to a high Club in dummy and play the Clubs down from the top to make the contract.

West called the Director of the tournament to the table, questioning the bidding.

The Director asked South, "What did your bids mean?"

South answered, "My partner told me to show my hand. ... I had 1 club, 2 Hearts, 3 Spades and 7 Diamonds."



Welcome

Glad you're here!

New Members

Joan Garnham
Carole Moynihan
Holly Pittman
Elaine Price

Past Members

Ian & Lee Docker

Officer Bearers:	
President – Jane Dalziell	
Vice President – Geoff Hart	
Secretary – Ross Gyde	
Treasurer – Gerald Schaaf	
Committee:	
Pam Hawkins	Ann Mellings
Adam Hertelendy	Don Robertson
Helen Lawson	Syl Thiebaud
Muriel Loveday	Rhona Vickers

In memoriam



Mal Adams
Stuart Smith
Patrick Sweeney