

From the President

A happy new year to all our members, especially those who have recently joined us.

It is a joy to view our latest Bridge Program with the knowledge that most of the tourists have returned home and that the children are back at school. We hope we will have all our grandparents back at the bridge table.

Our Program for 2018 is full of congresses to attend and our own Noosa Bridge Club events for all to try their hands and their luck. The first of the GNOT heats begins in January and these are available at Caloundra, Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Coolumb. The GNOT is one of the few events offering gold points.

Notices are out for the AGM, for matters to be discussed and for nominations for the Management Committee for 2018. I am sure many of you have skills which would be welcome on the Management Committee. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1.15 pm

All that remains is for me to wish you much pleasure in your games of Bridge at the Noosa Bridge Club.



Jane Dalziell, President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 16 March 2018
10.30am
Closing Dates:
Motions – 23 February
Nominations – 2 March
Please see notice board
for further details.

Member Achievements

Ann Mellings – Silver Grand Master



4 November 2017 - Hervey Bay Pairs

3rd A – Di Quigley/Lizi French

4th A - Ed & Jan Beckett

5 November 2017 - Hervey Bay Swiss Teams

1st A - Ines Dawes/Di Jones++

2nd A - Di Quigley/Lizi French/Ed & Jan Beckett

3rd A – David Harris/Tim Ridley++

12 November 2017 - Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs

2nd A – Moira Gibbens/Roberta MacNee

18-19 November 2017 – Noosa Imp Pairs

3rd A – Ken Dawson +

2nd B – Susan Rodgers/Christine Baynes

3rd B – Gayna Ryan/Merrellyn Daly

4th B – Jennifer Hollingworth +

Special Extra – Margaret & Don Robertson

19-26 November - QLD Wide Pairs

North-South: 18th – Hilary French/D Quigley

East West:

4th – Peter Tall/Carole McDonald

12th – Merrellyn Daly/Maureen Wright

15th – Lorraine Vachon/Ross Gyde

28 January – Kenmore Open Teams

1st B – Don & Margaret Robertson

3-4 February – Qld Senior Teams

3rd A – Geoff Olsen/Maureen Jakes/Dick Trollope +

2nd B – Ann Mellings +

3rd B – Don & Margaret Robertson/Dorothy & Adam Hertelendy

Highest Team with under 200pt average – Di Musgrave/Syl Thiebaud/Prunella Adams/Maureen Wright

11 February – Arana Swiss Teams

1st A – Alison Dawson +++



Christmas Party

Our 2017 Christmas party was a triumph. Not one word of negativity from anyone. Praise came from all sources, about everything. As in 2016 we offered AM or PM bridge with lunch served in between. The bar was open from morning tea time until afternoon tea time. The catered lunch was enjoyed by all; it was “fantastic finger food” served on individual platters for each table – attractive & delicious. The entire day was a total success thanks to many volunteers.



Prize Winners 2017

Club Pairs Championship



Winners –
Philippa Barnett/Rosie Green

Runners Up – Barry Midgley/Dick Trollope
Plate – Kath McKay/Elma Paul

Novice Pairs Championship

Winners - Gwen Brindisi/ Rosemary Koch
Runners Up –
Di McCreay/Desley Nixon

Club Teams Championship

Winners – Philippa Barnett/Rosie Green/David Harris/
Tim Ridley
Runners Up – Simon Andrew/Chrissie Baynes/Gwen
King/Lesley Power

President’s Trophy

Open NS – Peter McNamee/Pat Wakeford
Open EW – Penny Skyes/Lesley Power
B N/S – Di Musgrave/Syl Thiebaud
B E/W – Moira Gibbens/Peter Hagan
C N/S – Rose Barry/Elizabeth Van Hugt
C E/W – Eugenie Mooney/Holly Pittman

John Fell Pairs Nett

Open – Rosie Green/David Harris
Novice – Jan Galvin/Brian Manuel

Swoop Trophy – Best Noosa Team at GC Congress

Philippa Barnett/Rosie Green/David Harris/Tim Ridley

Swoop Trophy – Best Noosa Non-Open Team at GC Congress

Susie Lee/Lesley Power (not pictured)/
Don & Margaret Robertson



Joan Rathbun Trophy – Novice who gained most points

Helen Lawson

Encouragement Award –
Best performing
Nil Master
Eugenie Mooney





Around the Club

BRIDGE AT DESENZANO

We had four happy weeks at Desenzano which is a town on the southern end of Lake Garda in Italy. The old town has its castle, Duomo, winding streets of fashion boutiques, restaurants and pleasant walks along the shore of the beautiful lake stretching north between alpine mountains.

After lunch at our favourite café adjacent to the small fishing boat marina, we decided to do some window shopping along the main mall. It was a good time to do this as most of the shops were closed for their afternoon three hour siesta. As we turned into the covered passage around the civic building we came across a row of tables each with four small red boxes. Yes, they were bridge bidding boxes. We spoke to the gentleman in charge who explained that it was the fortnightly gathering of the local clubs. He then invited us to sit at one of the tables.



We quickly learnt that vanga = spade, cuore= heart, diamante obviously = diamond and club was the same. A happy afternoon was spent playing the wonderful international game in fabulous surroundings. We were invited to play locally but the play started after evening dinner after 9 pm and as we had no transport we were unable to take up the offer. Happy memories.

Peter & Judith Althaus



CHARITY DAY

At our final Charity Day for 2017 on 3 November we raised \$1460 for Sunshine Butterflies who support individuals and families living with disability. Well done everyone & thank you once again for your generosity.

Winners are grinners!!



Raffle prize of a ride on Alisdair Stewart's Harley Davidson was won by Phylly De Lacy.



Welcome New Members

Cheryl Bell, Fiona Hosier, Jane & Brian O'Keefe,
Grace Mathias, Kerry Murray, David Phillips,
Maureen Routh, Anne Scholes, Elizabeth Schroder,
David & Rosie Townend

Welcome Back

Cathy Braddock, Monty Dale



Hand of the Month

Jump Rebids after 2-over-1 Game Force

A significant advantage of the 2-over-1 method is that, after responder's bid at the 2-level establishes a game-forcing situation, the partnership is able to describe other values and features without having to waste space by jumping the bidding.

Does this mean there is no place in a 2-over-1 sequence for jump bids? Not at all; jump bids are used to describe self-sufficient suits.

The book on 2-over-1 in our library, by Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell, cites this example (page 226):

West ♠ A 8 ♥ K Q J T 9 7 5 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ 5	East ♠ 9 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 7 3 ♣ A K J 8 3
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The suggested bidding is:

West	East
1H	2C (forcing to game)
3H*	4H

The jump bid of 3H shows a self-sufficient suit, playable as trumps with little or no support from partner. Without this very descriptive bid, it would be difficult for East to settle for a H contract, despite West's re-bids.

Marty Bergen (of Bergen raises fame) cites a rather similar hand in his recent paper on 2-over-1.

West ♠ K Q J T 9 7 ♥ 5 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ A Q 7

The bidding starts:

West	East
1S	2D (forcing to game)
3S	

Marty writes: "In a game forcing auction, without an established fit, jumping the bidding is foolish. But... with your self-sufficient spade suit, regardless of what partner has in spades, you know that spades should be the trump suit. Therefore let partner know that the search for the correct suit to play in has been resolved."

The following hand, played at our club in late October, was a prime candidate for a jump rebid to describe a self-sufficient suit. Pairs not playing 2-over-1 would have shown their strong self-sufficient D suit by jumping the bidding.

West ♠ A x x ♥ A K J x x ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 3 2	East ♠ K x x ♥ Q 4 ♦ A Q J T 9 8 7 ♣ 4
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West opened the bidding 1H, North passed and East bid 2D. Some Souths now bid bid 2S, in which case West passed. Without a bid from South, West would likely re-bid 2NT. Then North passed again.

It was now East's turn to bid again. Several Easts who were playing 2-over-1 simply re-bid their Ds, knowing it was forcing to game. In my view that was a lazy and thoughtless bid, implying uncertainty about the final contract, and leaving West with a big problem. What should West bid now? 3S to show the stopper? Go beyond 3NT with such a weak hand by supporting D with three rags? Lie about the H suit by re-bidding 3H?

After West's minimum action, an immediate 5D bid by East seems clear-cut.



Geoff Hart

Lesson Topic Survey

Because our Club is always interested in seeing members "grow" their bridge expertise, mini lessons have often been provided by various senior players. We would like your input for future lessons. Tell us what topics you would like addressed. E.g.:

- To finesse or not
- leading against NT contracts
- leading against Suit contracts
- Signals
- When to cover an honour

There will be a box provided near the microphone for written replies to this survey. Please place your response in the box.



Members Profile



**Diana
Whitton**

Di was born in Brisbane on January 22, 1934, the only child of the McClelland family living in Petrie Terrace. During her childhood, the 2nd World War saw the shortages of most items and was a period of queues and coupons for food and household needs. Her mother worked in the Brisbane Headquarters for the American army during this period from 1941, when 80,000 Americans were anchored there as an important base for the War in the Pacific. It was a most interesting era in Brisbane as cafes began advertising Coca Cola, coffee, hamburgers and hot dogs, and this social impact caused by American values led to a major confrontation in November 1942, labelled "The Battle of Brisbane" over issues of food rations, pay disparity, women and even race relations.

Di attended All Hallows and later State High School in her secondary schooling and began a Physiotherapy degree at the University of Queensland before deciding that teaching was a more suited interest. This teaching course was continued at Kelvin Grove Teachers College and resulted in being posted to Richlands Primary State School near Darra. Di lived at home and travelled daily to the school at this time. Di at age 14, had met Arthur George Whitton during her schooling at All Hallows while he was a boarder at "Churchie" Grammar School, and although he had joined the Royal Australian Navy after leaving school, they eventually married in June 1955 and travelled aboard "The Sydney" (of The Flotillaura Line) to England where they settled in a house in Helston, Cornwall, following with a move to Portleven, both being near the RAN base. After time spent in Cornwall, the couple moved back to The Albatross Base in Nowra, interspersed with two return services in Cornwall.

The family became 6 over the years, when Rick was born in Cornwall in 1956, Glen in Nowra in 1957, Leigh in Brisbane in 1961 and Paul in Nowra in 1963. Arthur holding the rank of Commodore at a later stage saw the family spend time based in Saigon for 3 years and also Singapore. During the Singapore years, the elder two sons were in boarding school in Brisbane while the younger two schooled in Singapore. These were interesting times, says Di.

After being transferred to Canberra, Arthur resigned and the family moved to Brisbane where they ran a Laundromat business. There was a return to the RAN with service for two years on Manus Island, which was not a favourable place to live at that time, and then two further years in Sydney, before returning to Ashgrove in Brisbane for 4 years, and a further shift to Tewantin in 1988.

Di has played Bridge since childhood with her parents and remembers playing 3 handed Auction Bridge when holidaying at Amity Point. Since joining The Noosa Bridge Club Di has partnered Joan Rathbun, Derek Silver, Sharon McGhee, Jan Park and currently partners Aileen Doyle. Di now has her remaining family, her sons Paul and Leigh, close by in Brisbane and has loved living here in Tewantin and being a part of the Bridge community and the friendships that have evolved from this.

Di has had many journeys around the world and enjoyed seeing and experiencing many countries and cultures but is certainly happy to be here in her current home.

Helen Lawson

Coming Events

- 16-24 February – Gold Coast Congress
- 3 & 4 March – SCCBC GNOT
- 5 March – Presidents Trophy
- 10 & 11 March – QBA Mixed Teams Noosa
- 15 & 17 March – Noosa GNOT
- 25 March – Graded Teams
- 7 & 8 April – Caloundra Teams
- 21 & 22 April – Gympie Pairs/Teams



Did you know...



GUIDE DOG FOR THE BLIND DOG

Maureen and Vic Jakes have a much loved 8 year old Labrador named Pippa. Sadly, Pippa was diagnosed with the onset of cataracts before she was 7 and a specialist examination further discovered the inherited genetic condition Generalised Progressive Retinal Atrophy, and the prognosis was that Pippa would be totally blind within 12 months.

With this fact in mind, Maureen and Vic decided to add a companion to the household in the hope that this would improve Pippa's quality of life. After careful selection for the new Labrador puppy, Abbi was born in Proston on November 29th, 2016 and became part of the household in January 2017.



Pippa accepted Abbi right from the beginning and a bond has been developed between them and there are even times when Abbi takes a certain pose in front of Pippa, begins wagging her tail and intently stares into her eyes. Pippa always responds to this by moving toward Abbi, yet no sounds have been made. This is one of the evident signs of the many communications that pass between them, many impossible to interpret. Abbi is the perfect companion as she accompanies Pippa when she moves to a favoured spot for a quiet rest, and then on again later for a cooler stretch out on the kitchen tiles or to the upstairs office.

Abbi has shown a protective role with alerting Maureen and Vic that something not clearly visible to them is out there, and her reluctance to venture past a door or her alert body stance in awareness of something nearby, has resulted in the sighting of snakes.

Adding a "Guide Dog for the Blind Dog" to this household has been a marvellous and successful venture.

Helen Lawson

The Club Library

A valuable resource, to improve your game

Our Club library has a high quality collection of books available to members.

Each book is identified by a number. In the white binder there are three different listings of the books:

1. in order of identifying numbers (essentially the order in which they were added to the library)
2. in alphabetical order of authors' names
3. in order of principal subject matter (e.g. bidding, play, defence etc.)

Also in the white binder, in the front pocket, there are a number of green sheets which advise my selection of the best books on a number of particular subjects.

Managing its expansion

Members sometimes pass on to the Club some of their private books for which they have no further use. In order to display these and make them available for borrowing we have to find more shelf space, and we have to record these additional books in our computerised records system.

I would appreciate the assistance of other Club members in this task, and in the management of the library generally. Please let me know if you would like to help with the library.

Geoff Hart
Librarian



**"A good rule should be to only
play Bridge on days that end in "y"."**