

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

March, 2011



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As this is my last Newsletter before the AGM, I wish to thank all members for the support you have given me over the last three years.

My full AGM President's report will be presented at the AGM. And in the report, I give a full update of the year that has just finished.

I know you will be in very safe hands with the new Committee to be elected at the AGM on 11th March, 2011. I encourage all members to attend the meeting. More information about the agenda, and the special motions up for consideration, are set out on the back page. Come along and have your say.

Our Christmas party and the presentations was a great success. Those two wonderful angels were a great credit, and I think them for the time and effort and enjoyment they contributed.

The next generations of beginners started their lessons on 14th February, with Bev, and on 16th February with Lizi. About 25 are attending the classes. When this group graduates and hopefully joins Noosa Bridge Club, we will be close to our maximum membership.

Members of Noosa Bridge Club have been enjoying success at the bridge table in Canberra and at the Gold Coast in recent months. I'm sure you will all have read the hand in the Noosa News that was prepared by Rozanne Thomas who was one of the team who came second in Canberra (by one point!). Janine Beyer and Sandi Cool won their division of the Novice championships at the Gold Coast. Many more members achieved great results so congratulations to all.

Our AGM is coming up on 11th March, and I encourage all members to attend. Have a look at the back page of this newsletter to see why it is so important that you come along. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember - your Club is Simply the Best.

Lyne Collins

MORE CHAMPIONS Senior Teams - State Title February, 2011

Looking very pleased with themselves!



Tim Ridley, Kendall Early, Kevin Feeney & David Harris



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THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS

It is time to again ask for volunteers for the Thursday afternoon sessions. As you know, we offer to provide a partner (ie. the volunteer) if a lone player wishes to play on that day.

All Committee members have put their hand up.

Would you all check your diaries please to see if you can be a volunteer for just one Thursday during the year.

Some of our Committee members are novices, so you don't have to be a senior player to put your hand up.

Sam Halvorsen

LIBRARY AND ADVANCED TEACHING

Several new books have recently been added to the Club's library. Some are small books on specific bidding conventions - such as Stayman, Jacoby 2NT and Blackwood - by prolific Canadian author Barbara Seagram. Her website also makes interesting reading.

<http://www.barbaraseagram.com>

Another two new books are written by British players Terence Reese and David Bird. These books pose challenging hands for readers to solve, one on declarer play and the other on defensive play. I found the hands fairly difficult. By far the best books of this self-testing style, in my opinion, are the Pocket Books of Bridge Puzzles by Alfred Sheinwold. Newly added books can be found at the end of the numbering system.

Workshops for advancing players, mainly on bidding but some play, are currently being planned. Likely start date is 2nd half of March. Details will be posted soon on Teaching Notice Board.

Geoff Hart

KEVIN'S CORNER

DRAW TRUMPS IMMEDIATELY

♠ JT6	♠ 32
♥ AQJT	♥ K7
♦ 63	♦ T98754
♣ AKQJ	♣ T74
♠ AQ987	♠ K54
♥ 54	♥ 98632
♦ KQJ2	♦ A
♣ 32	♣ 9865

CONTRACT: 4H S

LEAD: DK

South wins the contract in 4 Hearts after West made a one Spade overcall. Declarer now counts his losers and it looks like game is a laydown if the Heart finesse works.

Too easy, so how about our information check.

- ♣ West has bid one Spade. We have three each so East must have two. West has led the DK so must have the King, Queen and Jack.
- ♣ Why didn't West lead a spade? He must have the Ace and Queen.

We win the first trick with the singleton DA and the Heart finesse beckons.

Hey! Wait a minute! Let's review the information. What if East has the HK? West probably has 12 high card points. We have 25 (18+7), so East probably has 3 - the dreaded HK! East would win the finesse and return a spade to West's AQ combination, then West would return a Spade for a ruff in East. One off!

Now back to the first round. Win West's lead with the DA but immediately follow with the HA and another Heart. The opponent's trumps are gone. The contract is made.

*"Wonderful deductions there, Patricia"
"Elementary, my dear Kevin"*

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DIRECTORS' NEWS

A great deal of misunderstanding surrounds the use of psyche bidding. For the benefit of all players, some of the key points have been set out in this Newsletter. For more detailed information, please ask a Director for the complete set of guidelines.

PSYCHE BIDDING

♣ *What is a psyche bid?*

A psyche call is defined as a deliberate and gross misstatement of honour strength or suit length

♣ *Is a psyche bid legal?*

Yes, a psyche bid is legal under certain circumstances.

♣ *When is a psyche bid legal?*

It has to be as much a surprise to the psyche partner as to the opposition – in other words, when it is not based on a partnership understanding. System cards may contain comments such as “occasional psyches” as a description of partnership style but not agreements.

♣ *Is it OK to psyche against weaker players?*

While it is not illegal to psyche weaker players, it is considered inappropriate to psyche against novices or beginners.

If you make a psyche bid, what should you do?

- ♣ You must report your own psyches within 30 minutes of the end of the session. A penalty of a zero score is imposed when a person fails to meet this obligation.
- ♣ If you become the declarer, you must advise the opposition that you made a psyche bid before the first card is led.

If you believe your opponent has psyched you, what should you do?

- ♣ If you believe that the psyche's partner was aware of the psyche behaviour, you should call a Director immediately. This is known as “fielding”, and is illegal.

Final advice:

- ♣ All psyches are maintained in a Psych Register, regardless of whether or not the psyche bid invoked a penalty.
- ♣ A full elaboration of the Regulations relating to psyche bidding is available from Directors
- ♣ Always call the Director if you have any doubts.
- ♣ Severe penalties are available if psyche bidding occurs, and the Regulations are not observed.

*Di Quigley, Lizi French
Games Directors*

RECENT CHANGES

- ✓ The Card Dealing area is having a long-overdue makeover
- ✓ Our Website has been updated
- ✓ Prize money has been increased, partly to recognise all winners in a similar manner and partly because the purses have remained at previous levels for several years
- ✓ All members who have email addresses will be advised when a new newsletter has been posted on our website. You can read it online or download your own copy. Thanks to Liza Park and Gillian Hardy for this suggestion.

MOBILE PHONES

Everyone agrees that a mobile phone ringing during play is distracting. Other organisations that rely on a certain level of quiet, such as live theatres, have asked that mobile phones be turned off for many years.

Our Directors have recently decided to give a warning if the mobile phone of a player goes off during play. If the phone rings again, a penalty will be imposed.

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AGM

10.30am
Friday 11th March
Noosa Bridge Club

This is one of the most important events in our Bridge Club calendar.

- ♣ It is a time when we celebrate achievements.

MOTION

That Bev Salter be awarded a Life Membership

Moved: Lyne Collins
Seconded: Sam Halvorsen

- ♣ It is a time when we thank our outgoing committee members, and welcome in new ones.

Lyne Collins and Kath McKay are stepping down

- ♣ This is a time when members have their say about important issues and set our directions for the coming year.

After the AGM, we have a general meeting at which the significant issues facing the club are raised, and the pros and cons are debated. You can also find out more before the meeting by asking the proposers and others in the Club to tell you more about these issues.

For 2011, one of the major issues is the way in which we use our Bridgemates. No one will disagree that they are a wonderful innovation, but there is disagreement as to how they are used. Come along and hear the arguments, have you say if you wish, make up your own mind, and vote.

MOTION

That the Club reinstates access to the scores on the Bridgmate machines.

Moved: Dawn Renwick
Seconded: Trish Tanner

Another issue of we need to resolve is the use of the Brown Sticker system. Most members use the Green or Red Sticker system and the Brown Sticker system is permitted at the club only on Tuesdays.

MOTION

That the Brown Sticker systems be allowed to be played at all Bridge sessions.

Moved: Doug Byrnes
Seconded: Sandy Regan

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. BRING YOUR LUNCH AND STAY ON TO PLAY BRIDGE IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

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