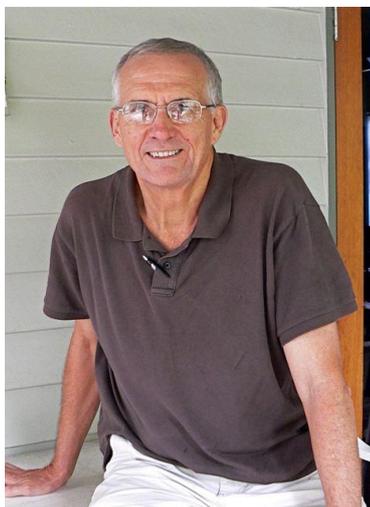


# NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

May 2012

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Since the Annual General Meeting there have been two resignations from the Committee. Carolyn Dalton decided to call it a day after five years and has been replaced by Robert Bulford and Diana Banks has resigned after two years and has been replaced by Kath McKay.

Carolyn was a consistent contributor during her time on Committee and Diana made great contributions in particular in areas related to technology and overhauling the way our congresses are run. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them both on behalf of all members. As Diana was the Vice President, the Committee has invited Jill Phillips to take on that role.

The painting is completed and I feel sure most members will be pleased with the finished product. During May and June, the Committee will replace the lino in the toilet areas and the carpet throughout the premises, completing the renovations and the capital expenditure for this year.

The Club's teaching programs are continuing apace and my thanks go to Bev Salter and Lizi French for their continued efforts in encouraging new members to be "bitten by the bug". My thanks also to Geoff Hart for his series of lessons for more advanced players.

Last month you all received Members Guides and thoughts from the Directors about etiquette, behaviour and dealing with problems. I would urge all members to read these carefully to ensure that our bridge days run smoothly and in a convivial atmosphere. Remember, when in doubt, politely call for the Director.

The Club has made representations to the Wallace Park review group via excellent efforts from Jill Phillips and Kath McKay. Their main thrust on behalf of the Club is to get the issue of parking improved and to petition for the removal of the tree in the back car park.

*Sam Halvorsen*

## RECENT CHANGES

The clubrooms are looking a lot smarter now that the painting has been completed. Our special thanks to Alan Pringle who worked very hard to ensure that the work was done with minimum disruption to our scheduled games. Thanks also to Anderson Painting and Decorating for their co-operation in scheduling the work around us.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

There was an excellent turn out for this prestigious club competition with forty four pairs lining up for some hard fought competition. The side movements have also attracted a lot of players. We congratulate the winners:

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*Championship Pairs Open:* Maureen Jakes and Philippa Barnett

*Plate:* Isabel Michie and Bev Salter

*Novice:* Judith Hope and Lois Meldrum

Thanks to Annie Galli and Barry Midgley for organising the refreshments after the event.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Club this year.

Peter Weyde, Juliet Ryan, Sue Smalley, Doreen Ross, Margaret Goetzmann, Maureen Spence Thomas, Lee Harrison, Moya Aland, Rachel Wagner, Peter Townend, Fran McDonald, and Peter Wakeford.

Please make them very welcome.

### **VOLUNTEERS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE CLUB**

Our club is very privileged to have so many members ready and willing to volunteer their time for the benefit of the club.

Apart from the Committee members who manage club's day to day business activities, we are indebted also Di Quigley, Lizi French and all our directors for ensuring that play proceeds smoothly and the results are available quickly and to our volunteers who turn up on a regular basis to deal the cards for us.

Our teachers, Bev Salter, Lizi French and Geoff Hart provide us with lessons so we can update our skills and improve our playing techniques. The standard of play is certainly getting better as each month passes.

It is encouraging to see the support in the club for these very valuable lessons in bidding and play.



Our Thursday volunteers allow visitors and members the opportunity to play with someone new and we thank these volunteers especially Aileen Doyle who is a regular fill-in partner. Thursday players might care to consider putting their name on the list if for some reason their regular partner can't attend. You don't have to be a top player to volunteer.



Wednesday morning continue to attract a large number of players, including many novices. The Wednesday session is slightly more relaxed and members contribute towards a bang up morning tea. Thanks to all who provide the treats, to those who help prepare the goodies and to Elma Paull for managing the morning teas and ensuring that the hot savouries are in the oven on time.

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## KEVIN'S CORNER

Dealer: South

<p>10 8 5 4 K 9 5 2 10 9 3 9 6</p>	<p>9 7 3 2 10 4 Q 8 J 10 7 3 2</p>	<p>10 K 9 5 - - Q Q J 8 - - - A 7 3 2 -</p>	<p>9 10 4 - - - - - - - - -</p>
<p>K Q J 6 Q J 8 6 6 A K 5 4</p>			
<p>A A 7 3 A K J 7 5 4 3 Q 8</p>			

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1D
X	P	1S	3D
3S	P	P	3NT
4S	5D	P	P
P			

### Lead: Ace of Clubs

South sits back and formulates a plan based on the North-South holding and the information revealed by the bidding. West had doubled and raised Spades so must have *at least* 16 HCP. He has not bid a suit of his own so it appears he has no 5 card suit.

We have only 10 likely tricks and need another one to make the contract. We may be able to *squeeze* West, forcing him to +make a discard in one of the majors, thereby creating a winner for us.

West plays the Ace and King of Clubs then the King of Spades. We win with the Ace then play the Ace and King of Diamonds. West shows out on the second round confirming that he has a 4 4 1 4 hand. This "discovery" tells us that West won't be able to keep a cover in both Spades and Hearts.

To force him to discard we play 4 more diamonds creating this final 4 card holding in each hand:

<p>Q Q J 8 - - - A 7 3 2 -</p>	<p>9 10 4 - - - - - -</p>
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Do you see what has happened? We play our last diamond – the *squeeze card*. West has to make a discard ahead of North. He cannot keep a cover in both Spades and Hearts. Whatever he does enables us to win the last three tricks. We will win either 3 Heart tricks or 2 Hearts and a Spade. We will make our contract!

"Do you always start with a plan, Sherlock?"

"Elementary, my dear Watson."

Good planning,

*Kevin*

## BRIDGE FOR BRAINS CHARITY DAY

This event raises funds to assist with research into the prevention, development and treatment of Alzheimers and other debilitating conditions of the brain. It is thought that mental exercises such as playing bridge might help delay their onset.

This year the club raised \$852.00, which is a great effort. Thanks everyone.

Latest research suggests we need to exercise our minds *and* our bodies to keep our brains in optimum condition

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## PARTY TIME



Joint birthday party for Peg and Sandy. Thanks to Kemal for the picture.

## TEACHING

Bev's series of lessons on the Play of the Hand has now finished and supervised play will resume on Thursday mornings at 8.45am. On Wednesday mornings at 8.00 am, Bev is running short lessons on specific topics. Scheduled lessons are advertised on the whiteboard and Bev is always pleased to respond to requests for lessons on particular topics.

### Recommended conventions

In this column of the last Newsletter I recommended a list of conventions that newer members should consider adding to their bidding system as they feel able to increase its complexity.

In recent weeks mini lessons have been held on a number of conventions I consider to be particularly useful: 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing, new minor forcing, control-showing cue bids for slam bidding, splinter bids, targeted game-trial bids and unassuming cue-bids in competition

Brief notes on each of these mini lessons are available. You can also research them in library books. Two good ones are:

Barbara Seagram & Marc Smith, *25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know*

Audrey Grant, *Commonly Used Conventions*

## LIBRARY REPORT

### Missing library books

Most members will by now be aware of the large number of books missing from our Club library – nearly 60 books out of a total collection of about 180! A full list is posted on the notice board beside the kitchen. PLEASE, PLEASE look in your bedside tables and bookshelves at home to check if you have inadvertently overlooked a borrowed book.

A new larger, bright pink “Borrowings Book” has been introduced to help remind members that all borrowings should be recorded.

### New books added to the library

The collection has recently been enhanced by personal book collections being donated to the library - by John Fell and Aileen Doyle.

*Geoff*

## WALLACE PARK PLAN REVIEW

The Council has engaged The Place Design Group to review the Wallace Park Master Plan. The user groups have been invited to submit ideas for change and our club is represented by Jill Phillips and Kath McKay. The review will look at the following areas of concern:

- Parking
- Road safety
- Signage
- Maintenance
- Security/safety
- Pathways through and around the park
- Tait Duke House
- Ampitheatre
- Endeavour Foundation
- Meals on Wheels and Respite Centre
- Overall feel of the precinct

The Club has continued to stress the need for improved parking. There are many diverse groups in the precinct and not all have the same aspirations. We should recognise that the Council will not find it easy to satisfy everyone.

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