

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

September 2014

From the President

WOW! One short month since the last newsletter and our Club has enough news to fill another. Thanks to all contributors – and to Monique in the office for creating the appealing layout with pictures and graphics.

Breaking news: Our revised constitution has been accepted by the Department of Fair Trading. Thanks again to all who were part of the process culminating in this fine result.

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up and to all participants playing in the Noosa Teams Championship over three recent Fridays & in the Novice Pairs Congress – see list elsewhere in newsletter.

It's great to see our membership increasing and our tables often at near capacity. Bridge continues to be alive and well in our community.

All the best from Gerald.



20th Anniversary Edition

On 4 August 2014 we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of our Clubhouse here at Wallace Park with a cocktail party. Mayor Noel Playford officiated at the original event, and was delighted to join us again to mark this occasion.

In Gerald's absence Vice President Pam Hawkins presided over the formalities. Mayor Playford reminisced, saying that at the time no one could be sure how the Club would go. He congratulated the Club on its exceptional success.



Mayor Noel Playford & Pam Hawkins



Charity Day

Our second Charity Day of 2014 also took place on 4 August with the beneficiary being 'Katie Rose Cottage' [Sunshine Coast Community Hospice]. Thanks to the generosity of our members we raised a wonderful \$2,500. Special thanks go to liaison officer Moira Gibbens; all raffle tickets sellers & the generous donators of prizes & of pots of honey which were also sold to raise funds. Thank you also to Hilary French for organising a beautiful cake. Well done everyone!



Robyn Scott & Doug Byrnes





Bartenders - Peter Quigley & Don Robertson



Rhona Vickers & Moira Gibbens



Drinks anyone?



Peggy Hillhouse - One of our earliest members



Di in a different role!



* Photos by Megan Struik



Current Members who were present on first day of play in the new Clubhouse at Wallace Park – Friday 8 July 1994:

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| Philippa Barnett | Sandy McCulloch |
| Christina Bringau | Carol McDonald |
| Doug Brynes | Daph McGhee |
| Georgina Cassels | Sharon McGhee |
| Audrey Clarke | Heather Mott |
| Joy Coop | Ellie Nimmo |
| Laurie Cowled | Jan O’Connell |
| Pam Cross | Cathy Reed |
| Hilary French | Bev Salter |
| Joan Grant | Ann Simpson |
| Rosemary Green | Penny Sykes |
| Peggy Hillhouse | Trish Tanner |
| Caroline Jackson | Audrey Wansley |

Some of these members reminisce:

“At 4.00am on a morning in March 1994, four members of the NBC arrived at James Street, Noosaville to witness the removal of the old St. James Hall to Wallace Park. The four members were Ian Smith, Pat Rapson, Laurie Cowled & I.

As the Club membership had outgrown the Church Hall, it had been decided after much discussion to move the Hall onto a Council block in Wallace Estate and build an extension to house the new Noosa Bridge Club.

We followed the truck on foot – it was a slow moving journey. There were tree limbs in the way which had to be trimmed so there were many holdups. We kept moving our cars ahead and walking back to join the convoy.

We eventually arrived at the Block in daylight and were joined by the Architect, John Mainwaring, another Club Member Helen Karpin and her son who took the photo of us having a celebratory glass champagne on the grass (now the front car park). “ **Peggy Hillhouse**



16/3/1994 – James Street to Wallace Park

We’ve come a long way since then



14/6/1994: Bill O’Callaghan, Heather Mott, Anne McLeod, Mary Shearer, Peggy Hillhouse, Pat Rapson & Laurie Cowled.

“Quite a number of our members played at the James Street premises. But a few of us have earlier connections with the club. In the mid 1970’s, when the idea of a Bridge Club at Noosa was being mooted, the Gympie Bridge Club was invited to send down two tables of players so a small competition of duplicate bridge could be run. Ellie Nimmo, Shirley Bishop & I were among the contingent of members who came down. Luc Turschwell hosted the day at his restaurant, Belmondos in Hastings Street. Later, when on holidays at Noosa, I played at a private home, at the Noosa Bowls Club & at the Sunshine Beach Surf Club, before the permanent home at James Street was established.”
Heather Mott



The roof goes on!

“As a relatively new member of the Bridge Club, I was in awe of those senior members who decided to move from a small church in James Street and had the foresight to build a very large building for our members. We rattled around for some time & then Bridge took off. Grandmasters were rare in those days & to play with a senior player was just plain frightening.



We've come a long way since then continued...

I remember being told by an opponent (a very senior player) "only a fool would go to 3 with no bid from partner". How bridge has changed!!! Today we fill our clubhouse with the greatest of ease, so a big 'thank you' to all those hardworking people, both, then & now, who make our bridge lives easy, if not our Bridge." **Hilary French**

"Wonderful to see our Club so vibrant & using this great facility to its optimum." **Joan Grant**

Novice Congress - 24 August 2014

46 Pairs contested this event. Apart from our members, pairs came from Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Mid Mountain, Toowong, Caloundra, Gold Coast, Goondawindi, Toowoomba, Queensland City, Townsville, RACV, Kenmore, Geelong, Northern Suburbs, Redcliff, Melbourne and Sunnybank.

The future success of all Congresses depends on continued support from players of other clubs. I would urge our members to consider attending Congresses held by other clubs at least those in South east Queensland to ensure the continuation of these events. Let's aim for 60 pairs at our next Novice Congress.

I wish to thank Doug and Heather Stewart for filling in for a pair who were unable to play on the day. I understand that they really enjoyed the day. I believe the Congress was a great success due in no small to the efforts of the organizers and helpers, including Gerald Schaaf, Di Quigley, David Harris, Doug Byrnes, Ed and Jan Beckett, Gaynor Ryan, Merrelyn Daly and Geraldine Howard, and of course our Director Peter Busch whose calm and helpful attitude kept the games flowing smoothly. The room looked stunning with the new tablecloths and our premises attracted very favourable comment.

Once again our kitchen manager Karen Phillips proved a huge asset to the operation of the kitchen. The sandwiches and savouries were up to their usual high standard and Karen's fruit platters were a great success. I wish also to thank our players who provided beautiful refreshments for our guests proving themselves to be excellent hosts. Thanks also to Peter Quigley for tending the bar at the end of play and to our other players who so readily also offered their assistance.

What was most remarkable was the quiet and respectful attitude of the players themselves who, if they finished early, did not disturb or disrupt those still playing. You could have heard a pin drop in the room if we had not put down carpet. Thank you all for your consideration in this regard.

My special thanks to Gaynor Ryan our Congress Coordinator who has established an easy to follow protocol for the running of these events.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to all players. The winners were:

A Group -

1st - Tom and Gabrielle Elich (Toowoomba)

2nd - Maree Filippini and Roxane Blaylock (Redcliffe)

3rd - Tony Bowmaker and Kyle Gilchrist (Redcliffe & the Queensland Bridge Club)

B Group -

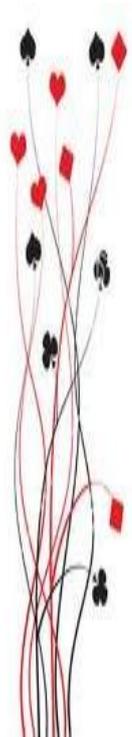
1st - Kaylene Lingard and Lesley Wilson (Gympie & Mid Mountains Bridge Centre)

2nd - Bobby MacNee (Hurrah!) and Bruce Gough (Noosa & Toowong)

3rd - Tom Dunsmuir and Bill Smyth (Caloundra)

Kath McKay
Congress Convenor





* Photos by Michelle Behrens



From the Games Director

** Important – Please read **

Following the need for a ‘room reset’ a few weeks ago (because of one pairs late arrival) visitors from a very large Victorian Club related how their Club dealt with this problem.

At their Club everyone must be seated in their starting positions 15 minutes before play. The Director/s can then formulate the proposed movement/s.

Five minutes prior to start time the Director enters the scoring room and then no alterations are permitted.

If your partner hasn’t arrived you leave. Latecomers are not allowed entry. No exceptions are made.

These rules produced some turbulence initially but are now universally accepted as being in the best interest of the club as a whole, and protests are non-existent.

To illustrate how disruptive a reset can be, some weeks ago the room was prepared for:

1 x 10 Novice – share and by Mitchell

1 x 10 Intermediate – share and by Mitchell

1 x 13.5 Open – appendix Mitchell

This set up requires 3 sets of boards and was set accordingly.

Then at 12.30pm someone realized that their partner wasn’t coming so all boards in the room had to be retrieved and a 4 set (13 tables requires 2 sets) distributed throughout the room. The resultant 15 minute late start was unfair for the overwhelming majority who have had the courtesy to be punctual.

So, Noosa it’s up to you. Encourage your fellow members not to leave their appearance until the last minute. The situation will be monitored and unless there is considerable improvement, a similar regime will be adopted in our Club.

Di Quigley

Scoring News

In future, Pairs events that have previously used Butler Scoring will be scored using Cross-imping. The notice board has an explanation of the advantages and examples of the differing calculations. Alternatively you might like to read Peter Busch’s blog regarding the subject on the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club’s website - www.suncoastbridge.com.au

Kevin’s Corner



When to overtake?

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
	1D	1S	1NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Partner (West) leads the King of Spades. This is what you as East can see.

	North	
	S. 93	
	H. K3	
	D. AQJ1097	
	C. AQ8	
West		East (you)
(on lead)		S. AJ10852
S:K		H. QJ4
		D. K2
		C. 65

Your planning: - you can see that the King of Diamonds is your reentry to your Spades. You know that Declarer has 3 or 4 Spades to the Queen, 7. What do you do?

That’s right, OVERTAKE the Spade King with your Ace and lead Spades until you force the Queen. How you can set the contract by two tricks if you do not overtake, the declarer will make the contract with an overtrick. A likely layout would be:

	S. 93	
	H. K2	
	D. AQJ1097	
	C. AQ8	
S. K		S. AJ10852
H. 108753		D. QJ4
D. 63		H. K4
C. 109742		C. 65
	S. Q764	
	H. A96	
	D. 852	
	C. KJ2	

Kevin Feeney



Coming Events

- Swiss Spring Teams Congress – 14 September
- Paul Marston's Events:
'Slam In a Suit' 9-11 October 2014
NBC members special price* \$70.00 for 5 lessons or \$17.50 p/lesson
AND
"Noosa Bridge Week" 12-18 October 2014
NBC members special price* \$165.00
ONLY TEN SPACES AVAILABLE AT THIS PRICE
Entry forms are on the notice board.
* Membership of at least 6 months is required.

How can I help?

Volunteering can be as little or as much time as you are willing to commit. Stacking or emptying the dishwasher is something that is always helpful when you are having a sit out. Or, possibly helping with the car park gate opening or as the 'On Duty' member for the day. Every little bit helps to share the load & continues to maintain the wonderful legacy set out by our founders so many years ago.

Members Achievements

Noosa Teams Championship 2014

- 1st – David Harris/Di Stagg/Tim Ridley/Kendall Early
2nd – Ross Gyde/Pam Hawkins/Barry Midgley/
Dick Trollope
3rd – Georgina Cassels/Colleen Grant/Kiyomi & Kemal Avunduk

Noosa Novice Pairs – 24 August 2014

- B) – Juniors – 2nd Bobby MacNee +
Wine Prize for achieving the Best Result beyond their seeding:
A) – Seniors – Rosie Butler/Fred Harrison
B) – Juniors – Rob Peard/Gail Smith

New Members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined the club since the beginning of the year.

Lesley Bloomfield	Kevin O'Farrell
Judy Carne	John O'Ryan
Br Paul Creevey	Ann Peden
Greg Dewar	Helen Philpott
Robyn Donnelly	Suzy Piercy
David Freeman	Helene Procter
Isobel Furnival	Ian Purnell
John Garland	Br Hugh Reilly
Brian Goldberg	Simon Reeve
Beryl Gosbell	Margaret Richards
Peter Hagan	Kerry Roberts
Harvey Hauswirth	Wendy Ruttan
Joy & Neville Hazlett	Judy Spork
Marguerite Hondow	Billie Stekhoven
Anna Jadach	Rod Sykes
Judy Kitcher	Syl Thiebaud
Helen Lawson	Steven Tompkins
Wilma Lewis (rejoined)	Syl Thiebaud
Judy Mawbey	Iris Voght
Brian Mead	Dee Williams
Tracey Murray	

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

Recycling

We would like to encourage all members to assist the Club to be more recycling savvy. In this regard all main bins have now been labeled accordingly. Please note that your table bins are for clean paper ONLY. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

