

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

February 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the start of a new year, I hope it is a happy and healthy year for all members. At our Committee meeting on 16 January, we approved applications for eleven new members. A very warm welcome to all those members. On saying this, I am asking ALL members to please wear your name badge (a simple matter of courtesy) and it is hard for both new and established members to remember the names of more than 300 players. We do have a club name badge, but if you wish to make your own, that is quite acceptable. When members arrive at your table, please welcome them by name. Our club is recognised as a friendly one, so let's maintain this image. As this may be my last report prior to the AGM, I would like to sincerely thank all of the 2008/09 Committee members and the Directors. They are a very professional and caring team. It has been a real pleasure being your President this year.

Lyne Collins
President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual General Meeting and any subsequent general Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on FRIDAY 13 MARCH, commencing at 10.00 a.m. Please note the change to the earlier start.

MOTIONS: If you wish to propose a motion for the General Meeting, please submit it in writing to the Secretary no later than **27 February 2009**. The correct form of motion should be one sentence, starting with the word "THAT" and be clear in meaning. It should be signed by both the proposer (mover) and the seconder.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for the 2009 Officers and members of the management Committee must be handed to the Secretary on the official nomination form, duly signed, no later than **27 February 2009**.

RIGHT TO VOTE: A members whose subscription is more than one month in arrears is not entitled to vote.

With Deep Regret

It is with deep regret that we advise the passing of two well loved members, Rosie Sutherland and Bob Lee (husband of Susie).

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

John Woodrow Geoff Hore
Barbara Taylor Ian Cochrane



Janice Galvin Margaret McEwan
Alan Turner Alan Pringle
Susan Watt Reid Docherty
Doug Byrnes

LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS - FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2009

There will be two series of lessons for beginners conducted by David Henderson and Bev Salter. Bev's classes will start on Monday 2 February and David's classes on Wednesday 4 February. Lessons will begin at 9.15 am (please be there by 9.00 am) and will be held weekly for eight weeks. The cost is \$65 which includes morning tea and a text book. If you have friends or associates who have ever expressed an interest in learning to play, please let them know. A list will be compiled at the club. Those interested can contact Bev on 5474 4630.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

The Gold Coast Congress runs from 28 February to 7 March this year. Several of our members will be playing (at various levels). We wish them all every success and we hope they have a really good time and do well.

SWOOP TROPHY - This trophy (for the best Noosa Team at the Gold Coast Congress) was donated by John Fell. He wanted the Head Director to be responsible for the award of the trophy.

Condition: *ALL team members are to be financial members of the Noosa Bridge Club at 31 January of the current year.*

The trophy is awarded to the best team, which could be in any category - Open, Seniors, Restricted or Novice.

To obtain the best result overall, the Director will start looking at the top 10% in each category. If no team achieved a position in the top 10%, then Director will consider the top 20% and so on.

MANY NEW BOOKS ADDED TO CLUB LIBRARY

A considerable number of books have recently been added to the Club library.

During their visit to Noosa in September, Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff donated eleven books to the Noosa Bridge Club. Then, more recently, our own Simon Andrew donated a further five interesting books.

On this occasion, the opportunity has been taken to assign to these new books spare spine numbers that have become available due to earlier consolidations - so all the new books cannot simply be found as the highest number in our collection. Instead, the new additions have been identified by yellow highlighting in the Listing by Reference in the white catalogue binder.

To research the entire collection for works on particular topics or by particular authors, use the Library Listings in the white catalogue binder. There are listings in order of spine number (Reference), in order of Author, and in order of Topic.



Also in the white folder, in a pocket inside the front cover, are a number of Recommended Readings Lists on particular topics.

It is your library. It is a quality collection. Reading can be a great way to improve your game.

Geoff Hart
Library Acquisitions.

A NOTE FROM KEVIN FEENEY

You may have heard the expression "the power of shape". Here is a hand I played recently (sitting South).

Dealer : South
Vul: Nil

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A8732
K84
AKJ73
AJ1076
KQ5
A952
4
53
4
Q1076
Q109852

KQ9842
J1094
J3
6

S	W	N	E
P	1S	2S*	3S
5C**	5S	6C	P
P	P		

NOTE:
*North's 2S showed Hearts and a minor
**South's 5C was for Pass or Correct to Diamonds.

I tried to remain calm and show no expression but I was thinking "How can *pard* bid to 6C when both hands are weak?"

When dummy came down I thought "Wow! I am in with a chance. Cross ruff, and if the 5th heart comes good, I can discard a diamond."

All went well. 6 Clubs makes. Wow! What a partner! What a fantastic bid! I smiled at my partner and said "Well bid, Patricia. Who else would have guessed that missing two Aces, two Kings, two Queens and three Jacks, that a small slam might make!"

She smiled and said "If my hand has a void, then all of the hands must be off-shape. Haven't you heard of the power of shape?"

Six Spades is an excellent sacrifice. Best defence against the Spade contract would be the lead of the Ace Hearts followed by a *small* Heart and a ruff. The *low* Heart tells your partner that you have the Ace of the *lower suit* so back to the Ace of Clubs for another ruff.

If on the other hand, *pard* leads the Ace of Clubs, play the *Queen* of Clubs to tell partner to switch to the *higher suit* Hearts and continue as above.

Kevin Feeney



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PRIZEWINNERS 2008

Club Championships Pairs

Winners Kevin Feeney & David Harris

Runners-Up Maureen Jakes & Dick Trollope

Novice Championships Pairs

Winners Doug Carlson & Julia Carlson

Runners-Up Chrissie Baynes & Lorraine Vachon

President's Trophy Nett Event

Open Joy Coop & Jan O'Connell

Novice Doug Carlson & Julia Carlson

Tony Delaney Graded Pairs

Open Ian Brown & Carole Robinson

Restricted George Koul & Brian Manuel

Club Championship Teams

Winners David Harris, Geoff Hart, Lanny Smith,
Peter Tall.

Runners- Up Chrissie Baynes, Kendall Early,
Mike Flanagan, Larry Norden

Pro-Am Pairs

Winners Ross Gyde & Lorraine Vachon

Swoop Trophy for the Best Noosa Team at the Gold Coast Congress

Ken Dawson, Kevin Feeney,
David Harris, Geoff Hart

Joan Rathbun Memorial Trophy For the Novice who has gained the most points at the Club this year:

Lorraine Vachon

*calculated on masterpoints gained by a member who started the year (October 1) as a novice. Masterpoints gained in the Club only, are taken into consideration. Calculation done by the Tournament director. **Trophy** engraved + #30*

Encouragement award - For the Best performing Nil Master

Tom Tribe

calculated on masterpoints gained by a member who started the year (1 October) as a nil master. Masterpoints gained in the Club, only, taken into consideration. Calculation done by Tournament director.