

From the President

Welcome to the September Newsletter. This is a bumper issue with many items of interest.

Our members have participated in a number of congresses over the last few months both at our club and elsewhere with some successes as seen in the Member Achievements section. These events are a great way to broaden our bridge experience and meet players from other clubs.

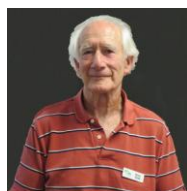
We have conducted two charity days so far this year, for Katie Rose Cottage and Noosaville View Club. These were both very successful thanks to the generosity of members with participation in the raffles and donations. Our final charity day for the year is on Friday 2 November for the RSPCA.

We are also holding a special fundraising day for the Queensland Drought Appeal as many of our members have requested. This will be at our normal Saturday session on 15 September and I hope we will have a good roll up. All table fees as well as donations will go to the appeal. We plan a small "happy day" after the bridge and you are invited to bring along your favourite tittle and some nibbles to share.

This year's beginners' lessons and supervised play sessions are in progress conducted by our popular teacher, Lizi French. The enjoyment is obvious from the smiling faces and frequent laughter throughout the lessons. There are some 30 participants which augers well for our ongoing club membership.

Janelle Kipping returned from her holiday in Townsville with her new Director's qualification. She is a very welcome addition to our valued group of Directors.

That's all from me. I invite you to read on to the following entertaining articles.



Ross Gyde

Around the Club

Charity Days

Thank you members for your ongoing generosity! On 6 June we raised \$2,200 for Katie Rose Cottage Hospice including Malcolm Mawson's generous bid of \$240 for the beautiful patchwork quilt.



Carol Raye (Katie Rose)



Malcolm Mawson

On 6 August we raised \$1,600 for Noosaville View Club/Smith Family "Learning for Life" Program.

The next Charity Day will be on Friday 2 November 2018 for the RSPCA.



Beth Tolley



Marie Biegel & Elma Paul



New Members – Evelyne Mander
Past Members – Wilma Lewis, Tom Smith



Financial Report

The Management Committee recently conducted a review of the club's finances, prompted by concerns that net cash flows from operations have not been sufficient to support necessary capital expenditures.

In 2017 the club's operating surplus was minimal, making virtually no contribution to capital expenditure. Projections for this year indicate a similar outcome is likely but with larger capital expenditures, leading to a larger overall cash shortfall.

These results mean that capital expenditures are being funded mostly from our cash reserves. Over the past few years those reserves have fallen by more than 40%. Capital expenditures budgeted for the next several years exceed available reserves.

As the Treasurer foreshadowed at the last AGM, action will be needed to address such budgetary issues. The Committee has already set in train some cost-saving measures which will make a useful contribution. However, while every effort must be made to keep costs under control, there are limits to what can be expected from this side of the budget. For effective budget repair, significant increases will be needed on the revenue side of the equation.

Our two main sources of income are member subscriptions and table fees. The former will not provide significant extra revenue without substantial increases. Table fees clearly offer the best opportunity to improve cash flows to the extent that is needed and it is likely in time that increases in these fees will be a recommended course of action.

Table fees that require the use of coins involve logistical problems of course for both payment and collection and ways in which such problems might be dealt with will have to be investigated and considered. The Committee advises that such deliberations are in process. Constructive input from members with experience and/or expertise would be welcomed.



The last round of the day will not start until all dirty cups and glasses are returned to the kitchen.



Photos taken at our events could be used on our website and newsletter. If you do not wish to be included please request not to have your photo taken.



Please ensure handbags are stored away from aisles. Their straps can easily become a trip hazard.



If you have moved, changed your phone number or email please let the office know. It's important we have your correct details, including emergency contact person.



Fire Safety

Members of the Management Committee have recently undergone Fire & Evacuation Training. So it's timely to remember to ensure you are aware of emergency exits & evacuation diagrams (posted next to exits). The assembly point is the field car park.

In case of Fire or Evacuation please follow directions of Management Committee Representative who will:

- Sound the alarm
- Call Fire Service (000)
- Evacuate the building
- Fight the fire (if safe to do so)

In this Club we say "Director Please".



Member Achievements

March - Qld Mixed Teams - Jenny Mawson & Michelle Behrens were the only pair to bid & make a Grand Slam on one of the hands.



27 May 2018 – Gympie Golden Jubilee Invitation Pairs

A 1st – Ken Dawson/Dick Trollope
A 2nd – Di Jones/Allison Walker

10 June 2018 – Sunshine Coast GNOT Semi Final

2nd – Simon Andrew/Gwen King/Susan Rodgers/Chrissy Baynes
5th – Philippa Barnett/David Harris/Rosie Green/Tim Ridley, Sam Halvorsen
6th – Lorraine Vachon/Lyndon Sanderson/Peter McNamee +
7th – Carole McDonald/Peter Tall/Barry Midgley/Russell Greenwood
8th – Ken Dawson +++

14 June 2018 – Noosa Imp Pairs

2nd A – Maureen Jakes/Geoff Olsen



3rd B – Margaret & Don Robertson (absent)

16 June 2018 – Sunshine Coast Imp Pairs

3rd A – Abigail Wanigaratne +
2nd B – Margaret & Don Robertson
1st C – David Delgado +

17 June 2018 – Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams

1st A – Tim Ridley/David Harris/Philippa Barnett/Geoff Hart
2nd A – Ken Dawson +++
3rd A – Maureen Jakes/Geoff Olsen ++
1st B – Chrissy Baynes/Susan Rodgers/Rozanne Thomas/Sandy Long
3rd B - Don & Margaret Robertson/Dorothy & Adam Hertelendy
2nd C – David Delgado +++

14 July – Bundaberg Pairs

2nd – David Harris /Tim Ridley

15 July – Bundaberg Teams

1st – David Harris/Tim Ridley/Pam Hawkins/Ross Gyde

15 July 2018 - Gympie Club Teams Championship

1st – Neville & Adele Harington/Ed & Jan Beckett
3rd – Kevin & Pat Feeney/Jeanette Roughley +

21 July 2018 – Moreton-Bribie Imp Pairs

1st A – David Harris/Di Stagg
3rd B – Adam Hertelendy +

22 July 2018 - Moreton-Bribie Swiss Teams

3rd B – Adam & Dorothy Hertelendy/Angela Hall +

20, 27 July & 3 August – Club Teams

Winners - Philippa Barnett/Rosie Green/David Harris/Tim Ridley
Runners up - Janelle Kipping/Pamela Hawkins/Peter Tall/Carole McDonald/Hilary French



5 August 2018 – Sunshine Coast Teams

2nd A – Tim Ridley/David Harris/Philippa Barnett/Geoff Hart
3rd A – Peter Tall/Carole McDonald ++

11 August 2018 – InterClub Teams at Noosa

Winning Club: Coolum

C Grade Winners –
Lesley Bloomfield/
Katherine Collins/
Greg Murray/
Maggie Murray



1 & 2 September 2018 – GNOT Final

1st – Rosie Green/Philippa Barnett/David Harris/Tim Ridley/Sam Halvorsen

9 September 2018 – Noosa Teams

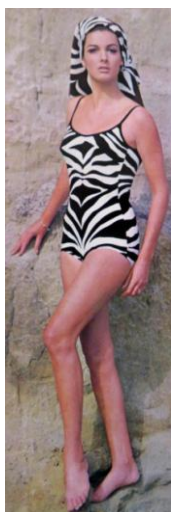
1st A – Geoff Olsen/Maureen Jakes ++
3rd A – Susan Rodgers/Chrissy Baynes/Gwen King/Simon Andrew
2nd B – Adam Hertelendy/Kiyomi Avunduk/Renate Petit/Peter Coppin



Member Profile: Marlo Douglass

Near the mouth of the Snowy River in East Gippsland lies the idyllic village of Marlo, where back in the 1940s a family called Waters ran the local pub. The owner and his wife loved the place so much, they kindly bestowed its name on a treasured daughter.

In the 1960s the former publican's wife went on to create several huge scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings and photographs of that same daughter, who started her meteoric modelling career by winning the coveted *Oscar* at the Mannequin Academy of Melbourne, went on to be proclaimed *Victorian Model of the Year* in 1966 and graced the catwalks of Georges, Myer and Waltons for more than a decade.



Actually our Marlo seems slimmer, but she doesn't wear swimsuits to bridge.

After doing a course in commercial art at Caulfield Tech, she had taken Melbourne by storm in an era of Jackie Kennedy type fashion. Somewhat an Audrey Hepburn lookalike, and a favourite of the Wool Board (she was photographed with twin lambs - one over each shoulder) she became a magnet for the top fashion photographers.

People say if you can remember the Sixties you weren't there; but thanks to Marlo's mother and her amazing clipping collection, it is easy to chart her progress. In that era the models would have three or four jobs within 24 hours: dashing from modelling bras to furs to beaches to Georges parades, all on the same day. Marlo says now the top models do an average of one job a month, and are paid a fortune for it.

Marlo Waters became Mrs Bill Douglass over 55 years ago, which will amaze bridge players who encounter

the still statuesque auburn haired bombshell today. Despite the flowers from stage-door Johnnies, the enterprising Mr Douglass managed to keep hold of his prize and in due course they became the parents of two beautiful daughters and are now also grandparents twice over.



A mix of Liz Taylor with a little Princess Margaret thrown in.



Who cares about the knitting pattern when it's on someone like this.

Marlo bought her first Porsche, a bright yellow 911, with an inheritance from her father. This beloved vehicle was later followed by a stream of elegant chariots including two more Porsches, the most recent of them now gracing the Bridge Club car park. Before becoming motorised (from the age of five actually) she rode horses at the Waverley Riding School, won heaps of ribbons in Melbourne's Royal Easter Show, and even taught riding to finance the agistment of her own pony.

When Bill became sufficiently interested in trail bikes to attach two to the back of his E-type she enthusiastically joined in, eventually becoming an ultra glamorous motorbike rider, zooming into the city from Beaumaris in frightfully fashionable flared pants, to the delight of passersby.

After the modelling years Marlo and a friend ventured into the jewellery business before she and Bill bought the Collingwood Indoor Tennis Centre which she helped to manage for 12 years. The couple moved north about 20 years ago to live near the golf course at Noosa Valley, where Gabriel Poole redesigned a house for them.



Siren of the 60's

Marlo then devoted spare time to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre at Eumundi for 14 years, sometimes working 10-hour shifts helping the furred,



feathered and four-footed back to health. She also joined the Bridge Club, doing classes with Bev Salter.

Four years ago they moved to Settlers Cove. The Noosa Springs Golf Club is now a favourite haunt. Last month Marlo won their monthly medal and did so well in a subsequent Stableford she went out and bought a new set of golf clubs. She and Bill are from the same mould: he bought a new sportscar when he turned 80. Presumably we can look forward to another Porsche - perhaps a yellow one - in our carpark when the elegant Marlo does the same.

by Susie Osmaston



Library Report

The project to update our Club library is complete. Old outdated books have been discarded; suitable books that have been in reserve have been added to the shelves; and the computerised register of holdings has been updated.

It now seems timely to review the overall functioning of the library. Why do we maintain a library? What sorts of material should it contain? Should we add information about online and computerised services? Why have so many books been stolen by members? Should we manage borrowings differently?

There are obvious responses to the question, why maintain a library. Of course to provide technical advice and ideas on bidding systems and on card play odds and tactics. One of my answers to this question is best illustrated by a hand taken from a library book, The Hands of Time by Mark Horton.

The hand opposite was played in the Bermuda Bowl (teams world championship) of 1997. In a match between the USA and Norway, the E player for the USA, Eric Rodwell, opened 1H; his partner in the W seat, Jeff Meckstroth, replied 3C; E now bid 3NT; but W pulled this to 5C.

When N led the D7, declarer could see that 3NT was cold but there were three losers in his 5C contract. Yet Meckstroth managed to make his contract. Could you? See solution later.

♠ K 7 5 3
♥ K 8
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ 3 2

♠ T 4
♥ Q 3
♦ 5
♣ A J T 9
7 6 5 2

♠ A 9 8
♥ J T 6 5 2
♦ A T 2
♣ K 8

♠ Q J 6 2
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ Q 8 6 3
♣ Q

I have been custodian of the library since 2004, and each time a stock-take has been carried out, I have had to report to the Management Committee that numerous books have been removed from the shelves with no record. Our listings record 12 copies of The Language of Bidding, but now only one copy is in circulation. The Club bought five copies of Audrey Grant's Improving Your Judgement, Opening the Bidding. They are all gone.

Back to the 1997 world championship hand. On the D7 lead, in normal tempo declarer W called for the D10 from dummy. This trick was won by S (Helgemo) with DQ and he returned a small D. Meckstroth discarded the H3 from hand as he won the trick in dummy with DA. Declarer now played a small H from dummy to his singleton Q, won by N with the K. Declarer could later reach dummy and play the HJ for a ruffing finesse through S, thus discarding a S from hand.

How inspiring that our game facilitates such exciting and daring deeds. And our library has records of them.

Geoff Hart



In Memoriam
Rosie Butler
Tessa Townend



“GUESS WHO?”



PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3

ANSWERS TO LAST “GUESS WHO?”



Gerald Schaaf



Jane Dalziell



Barry Midgley

... That we have several members keen on bee keeping.

Here are some very interesting facts about nature’s gift – the honey bee.

A bee's society comprises of the Queen who lays around 2,000 eggs each day, the Worker who is a female whose mission in life is the survival of the colony, and the Drone.

The worker does all the work! She cleans the hive, nurses the brood, tends to the Queen and drones, guards the hive, regulates the hive temperature, builds comb, stores the honey and forages for nectar, pollen and propolis. In a strong colony there are about 40,000 workers.

The Drone is a male who does nothing much except to live in hope of mating with the Queen. If he does mate, he drops dead immediately afterwards! He has at least passed on his genes to future generations.

Honey is a unique food containing minerals, vitamins, protein, natural sugars and enzymes. It is also known for its medicinal qualities.

A bee can fly up to 5 kms scouting for nectar. Bees make over 20 million foraging trips to make just 1 kilo of honey travelling up to 500,000kms. Bees suck nectar through their hollow tongue and then store it in their stomach and return to the hive where enzymes are added to convert it to honey.

A hive of bees needs about 125kg of honey and 32kg of pollen a year for their own needs to keep their colony strong and healthy. Humans 'rob' the hive's excess for consumption.

Bees communicate through dance, vibration and body chemical signals (pheromones). They need to tell their sisters back at the hive all about the location of new sources of pollen, honey and water.

Bees are vulnerable worldwide. Scientists predict that a lack of bees will lead to a food crisis. Around 70% of our foods are pollinated by bees. Use of herbicides and pesticides and GMO (genetically modified) foods are the main causes of the decline in Earth's bee population.

It has been written that Albert Einstein said, “If all the bees disappeared off the surface of our Earth, then man would have only four years of life left.”

Still time for plenty more bridge hands!

