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September 2024 Newsletter

Presidents Report

Greetings All

I have just read the brief history of Arthur Hoffman's illustrious service to our Club (See the article following prepared by Margaret Plunkett).

What foresight, what persistence to push ahead to result in our present situation.

To honour his contribution the Management Committee has decided to hold the Hofmann Tray Competition on the scheduled Wednesday nights, 4th and 11th of September, even though the regular Wednesday night Sessions have been cancelled, due to lack of numbers. I usually don't go out at nights, but I feel I should do to honour his memory and call on other Members to join me. A big thank you to Doug Meyers for agreeing to direct the evenings.

I get a lot of pleasure watching the generous behaviour of our Members towards each other particularly towards our more mature members. Recently Moly Jean Hunt's partner didn't arrive on a Saturday afternoon. Rather than see Molly Jean have to go home, Anne Johnson volunteered her partner, Neil Benson to play with Molly Jean. Thank you Anne.

A bit of housekeeping. There are still complaints that some Members are a bit generous with the application of perfume. Please be considerate of others who have a real allergy and are really adversely affected.

Another small beef. If the hand towels are close to the end of the roll, please wait until it is all used before replacing it with a new roll.

The Management Committee held a special Committee meeting yesterday to discuss the Roles of the Committee, The Clubs Constitution and Rules and the promotion of Bridge within our Club. There was much enthusiasm displayed by all involved.

If you feel that the earth is moving, you are not wrong. There has been further evidence of floor movement due to that pesky water leak. I think it is slowing and with summer coming on the problem should resolve itself with only minor repairs needed externally.

Happy Bridging

Graham Killoran, President

NOTICE BOARD



Table Fees

Table fees for Bridge sessions are \$8 for members and \$10 for visitors. The club has a "no cash" policy. Payments may be made by MyABF Bridge Credits (the preferred option) or EFTPOS. There is no surcharge on using EFTPOS. Payment by MyABF Bridge Credits benefits the club and players by reducing the time and effort expended in collecting table fees.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

Hoffman Tray (PM) - Wed 4 & 11 September.

Held over 2 Wednesdays Arrive 6.45pm - 7pm Start

Closing date for registration is Friday 30 August.

Friday Rosebowl (AM) - Fri 6 & 13 September

Held over 2 Fridays Arrive 9am - 9.15 Start

Closing date for registration is Tuesday 3 Sept

QBA Teams of 3 <300MP - Sunday 29 September 9am - 9.30 Start.

Enter a team of 3. An Experienced player will be nominated to each team as the Captain/mentor. The captain will then play with each novice throughout the day.

A great experience/opportunity for all players with less than 300mp.

Please contact the club if you need assistance with a team.

Closing date for registration is Wednesday 25th September.

Sewing & Knitting Donation Request

Suzanne Swan is collecting all and any donations of wool, fabric, materials for Care packs for kids. Volunteers use these donations to sew for babies and children going to foster care. No donation is too small. If you have such materials at home that you no longer need, please pop them in the box with the Magazine donations at the club. Thanks in advance everyone!

Reminders

Please don't throw pens away when they run out of ink. We have refills available. Place the pen in the box outside the office door and we will change out the empty ink cylinder for a full one.

We are still looking to add Members Skills to a Club Register - If you have skills or interests that the club could harness, please send an email. This is strictly for club matters only. Thanks!

Tuesday & Friday PM Sessions are now open to all players - regardless of masterpoints. There will always be a section for NOVICE Under 25 masterpoint players.

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Club Teams Championship – Sat 20 July 2024

Eight Teams competed at this years' event. It would be wonderful if more teams were encouraged to participate in this annual day at the Club. Thanks to our volunteers and kitchen ladies for their consistent contributions to these events.



A Grade 1st Place
Dorothy Gehrke/Eugene Pereira/Errol Miller/Robert Barr



B Grade 1st Place
Robyn Wells/ Magdalena Kowalczyk/Helen Baran/Ann Sauer

Mentoring Program

Our club will be running a mentoring program from September through to the end of November. The program matches experienced bridge players to players with less than 30 masterpoints (rookies) who wish to improve their skills and understanding of bridge. The mentor will provide guidance and advice to the rookie.

Each experienced player will mentor a rookie for three (3) regular bridge sessions at mutually agreed times during the mentoring program period. Mentors will receive a free game for any session they are mentoring.

The mentoring program is an opportunity for rookies to improve and develop confidence playing bridge at the club.

Mentors contribute by encouraging and developing newer, less experienced players. Our club will develop as a more cohesive and supportive environment, as well as improving the overall standard of play.

If you are suited to either role and are keen to contribute to the development and betterment of our bridge club, then please become involved in the mentoring program. Further information on how to participate will be emailed to members.



Mentoring

Masterpoints Promotions July 2024

| NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| NAME | RANK | TOTAL MPs | 2024 MPs | 2024 RANK |
| July 2024 PROMOTIONS | | | | |
| Saxby, Geoff | Bronze Life | 405.60 | 20.84 | 1,696 |
| Meyers, Doug | Bronze National | 211.67 | 5.97 | 6,616 |
| White, Graham | Bronze State | 117.16 | 8.74 | 4,625 |
| Peachey, Kay | State | 116.31 | 4.39 | 8,495 |
| Gosney, Karen | State | 101.85 | 26.10 | 1,253 |
| Kowalczyk, Magdalena | Silver Local | 38.82 | 13.72 | 2,837 |
| Killoran, Graham | Silver Local | 36.24 | 6.24 | 6,383 |
| Fincham, Carol | Bronze Local | 25.92 | 4.73 | 8,022 |
| Smith, Janet | Local | 15.75 | 5.29 | 7,334 |
| Martin, Clare | Local | 15.18 | 0.46 | 21,265 |
| Brock, Margaret | Club | 5.16 | 0.57 | 20,510 |
| Drew, Clare | Club | 5.06 | 0.50 | 21,001 |
| Brown, Peter | Club | 5.04 | 1.15 | 17,017 |
| Hornsby, Karen | Graduate | 3.20 | 3.02 | 10,965 |
| Hornsby, Robert | Graduate | 2.82 | 2.60 | 11,945 |
| Doherty, Tom | Graduate | 2.29 | 1.89 | 14,129 |

Our latest New Members -

New Member = Philip Matthews

Reactivated Home members - Catherine Martyr, Thora Pease, Carolyn McKinnon,

New Away members - Peter Robbins, Vadnae (Vad) Furminger

Please welcome them to our club!

NSBC Members – Recent Success

Sunnybank BC Teams of 3 <50MP – Sat 23 July 2024

A Grade - 1st Place

Congratulations to (Capt) Charles Page, Anthony Keen, Janet Smith & Tracey Armour. Pictured with Richard Ward



ABF & QBA Fee Increase in 2025

From April 1st 2025, Both the ABF & QBA Annual Membership Fees will rise to \$23.30 per member (from the current \$20). This is paid once a year, through your home club.

The ABF has announced a \$3.30 fee increase each year for the next 3 years. QBA policy has been to match any ABF increase (hence the increase for 2025), but have since removed this condition from their policy.

Capitation Fee Increases for 2025, 2026, and 2027

| Year | Capitation Fee Increase | New Total |
|------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2025 | \$3.30 | \$23.30 |
| 2026 | \$3.30 | \$26.60 |
| 2027 | \$3.30 | \$29.90 |

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[Australian Bridge Federation » How the ABF is Investing in the Future of Bridge in Australia](#) is available on the ABF Website. (myABF, ABF Site Latest news and click on the Article read more.)

The History of the Hoffmann Tray

At the start of the year the Hoffmann Tray was scheduled to be played on Wednesday evenings 4 and 11 September. As you will be aware, the Wednesday evening session was discontinued earlier in the year due to lack of table numbers. Providing entry numbers permit, this red point event will still be played in 2024.



NSBC was begun in late 1958 and for the first ten years the only weekly pairs session played at the club was a Wednesday evening session. During this time, the club membership grew steadily from 27 to 93 and the average number of tables grew to 20.

The Hoffmann Tray was one of five perpetual trophies introduced and purchased by the club in 1967. The tray is the only one of these five trophies that has continued to be awarded annually through to this decade. Originally it was played as a 3 session pairs event with the same partner each week. The winners in 1967 were Arthur Hoffmann and Harry Sarafov. In 1996, the event was changed to a 2 session pairs event. At its height in 1988, it was contested by 32 pairs.

The event is named after Arthur Hoffmann who was one of the inaugural 27 members of NSBC when it was established. He served on the inaugural Management Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer - a position he also held in 1959 and 1960. After that, he served in various positions most notably as President for 11 terms. In 1973, Arthur was made an Honorary Life Member of NSBC. Arthur last played at the club in 2008 during it's 50th Anniversary celebrations week.

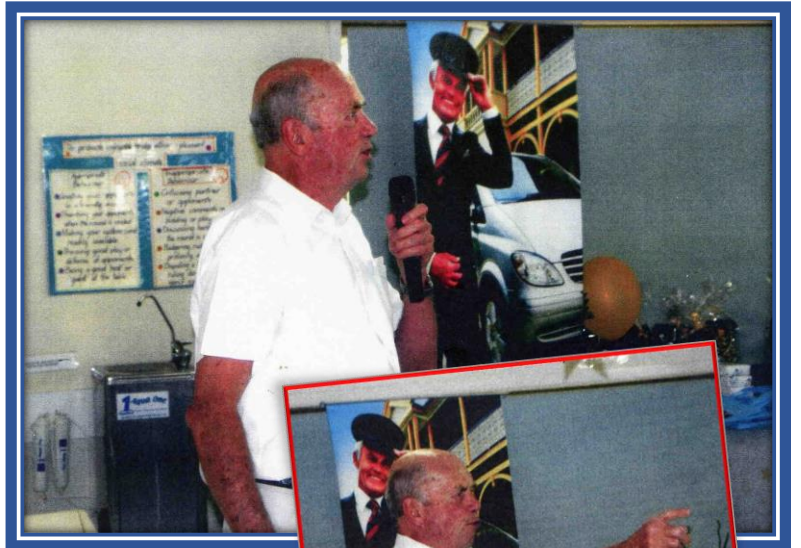
Peter Flower

With much sadness we farewell Peter this week. Peter is relocating to Caloundra to be closer to family.

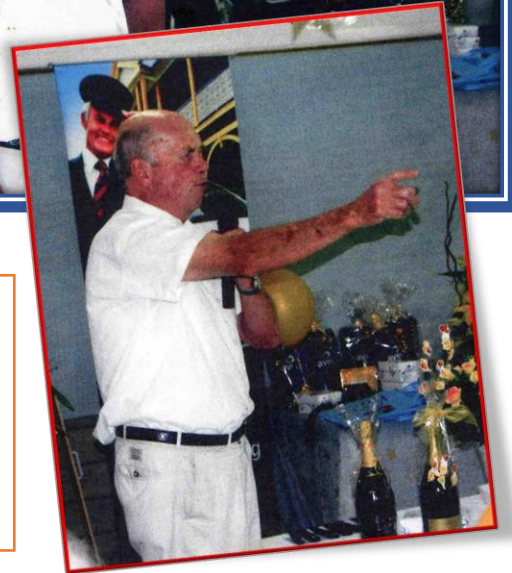
Peter is a well known & much respected member of NSBC. Just over 20 years ago, Peter & his wife Valda joined the club. In 2006 he began directing the Wednesday night sessions and continued to do so until 2022. Also in 2006, Peter was elected to the NSBC Management Committee.

We wish Peter all the very best in this new chapter of life and thank him for all he has contributed to our club over the years.

Peter will still be a regular player at the Caloundra Bridge Club. All the very Best Peter!



Peter seen here in 2008 at the clubs 50th anniversary celebrations auctioning a bottle of Champagne.



Newstead Novice Shield – Tuesday 20 & 27 August 2024

16 Teams played over the 2 Tuesdays. Congratulations to the victorious Graham Killoran & Neil Benson - +5% clear winners. *Well done chaps!*



Newstead Novice Shield Winners 2024