

Chapter 3

Consolidation

1994-96

Les Poole's first term as President stretched from late in 1994 to early in 1996. This was a result of the club's financial year being brought into line with the calendar year. From then on, the AGM would be held early in the year. Les's first Annual Report showed satisfaction at the level of support for the club shown by members and the success of the club in maintaining a healthy level of membership. On the other hand, heavy losses in the Congress contributed to a significant loss for the year.

During 1995 a Director's Workshop was organized and a teaching visit by Bill Hunt was arranged.

Having moved from Warwick to Toowoomba, Neville Francis resigned from the position of Vice-President and was replaced by Joan McLellan. The policy of making donations to the Band was continued with a contribution of \$200.

One of the highlights of 1996 was the visit of Philip Alder, a noted bridge writer and teacher, to Warwick. This was part of a teaching and demonstration tour of Australia. Neil Bonnell, then teaching English in a Beijing tertiary college, was idly scanning the China Daily in the college library when he was startled to see familiar names mentioned in the daily bridge column written by none other than Philip Alder. Alder, partnered by Meta Goodman, played in a regular duplicate game at Warwick and won with 70%. He was, however, chagrined to fail in 4H when most other declarers succeeded - and he was the expert! The seeds of Alder's downfall were sown by Les Poole's lead. Holding something like K9872 in spades, Les decided that the seven could be insufficiently encouraging and chose to lead the spade two. Alder confirmed that Les's leads included fourth highest and naturally marked Les with four spades. A little later, Ros Hart had the opportunity to win a trick with a heart ruff. Holding 9-3 in hearts, Ros ruffed high. Alder now had a pretty good picture of the opposition's hands. Les had four spades and four trumps and Ros had a singleton trump. Adler was therefore startled to see Ros ruffing a second time with a trump she shouldn't have had. One down. Local members who were less meticulous about counting simply drew trumps and belted out their winners. Sometimes it doesn't pay to be an expert. Nevertheless, Philip gave the club one of his books to show that there were no hard feelings.

Incidentally, Neil and Beverly had some bridge adventures of their own during their time as English teachers in Beijing. They played every Thursday with an expatriate group which included a member of the staff of the French Embassy. When the annual Diplomats versus China Bridge Association match came around, the diplomats were short of a pair and the Bonnells were invited to fill in. At an early stage in the game, Neil and Beverly were disconcerted to find that their local opponents were speaking (fast) in Chinese before, during and after each hand. Being temporary diplomats posed a problem. Asking "How do we know that you're not cheating?" seemed an undiplomatic way of making a protest. So Neil used a

phrase learned very early by anyone living in China. He said in halting Chinese, "I'm sorry, I don't understand." Apologies all round followed and harmony was maintained. To avoid any suggestion of a contest between the two groups, the Chinese players sat N/S and the expatriates sat E/W. When the Bonnells received a pair of vases as a gift and a pair of bedside lamps for coming third E/W, travelling home by public transport was no longer feasible and a taxi was hired instead.

One of Beverly's students, Hong Feng, was an aspirant to the China Youth Bridge Team. He arranged for Beverly and Neil to play in a teams game being used as training session for aspiring members of this team. Chinese bridge at this level seems to work by using squads of players with potential. This squad had a businessman as its sponsor. Neil was more than a little pleased to make a game by means of an end-play when the contract failed at the other table. He was somewhat taken aback later when Hong Feng's next free choice essay for another teacher was devoted to a description of that hand. Neil was asked to mark the essay, as the other teacher had no knowledge of bridge language. What could Neil do but give it an "A" when the essay concluded, "Mr Neil must be a very experienced player."

Les Poole's first Annual Report is reprinted below.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1994-95-96 (reprinted)

This extended year has been an active and successful one. Membership remains high at 75, the finances are very sound, nevertheless we should not allow ourselves to become complacent, as being in the red by \$1,737.68 for the year is not good. I am a firm believer that any organization should show a profit.

Members are reminded that over the past two years, capitation fees for the QBA increased from \$5.00 to \$8.00 and costs for the Epson rose to \$500. Now that masterpoints are allocated for placings lower than third, there has a considerable increase in the fees to the ABF. From the annual dues of \$15.00 the club retains only \$2.00, as \$13.00 in capitation fees is paid to the QBA and the ABF.

We were saddened by the passing of Mrs Broese in October, 1994. The grand old lady loved the game of bridge; to travel from Allora twice a week speaks for itself.

CONGRESSES

All congresses were a great success and I sincerely thank club members for their support and thank John Rose for being the convener.

OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS

The performances of club members in outside tournaments has been very strong. My congratulations to all.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to the winners of our four tournaments. Well done, Champions.

THANKS

A club such as ours can only function if there is a sufficiently large group of willing helpers to carry out the numerous duties required and no doubt we have those helpers.

My thanks go to John Rose, Neville Francis, Joan McLellan (the Vice-Presidents), John Marley (Secretary), Cath Poole (Treasurer) and to the other members of the Committee for their support at all times. Many thanks to Nea McGinness, our Librarian and kitchen roster lady, to Joan McLellan for the allocation of partners, to John Rose, Neville Francis and Joan McLellan for their time and effort in being successful directors as well as thanks to Ros Hart and Joan McLellan for their effort with a difficult computer. A special thanks to RosHart for the replacement computer at a cost of only \$450. My thanks to Joy Kemp for taking care of the table covers and John Kemp for keeping the tables in good repair. To all the members who did kitchen duties a big thanks, and to Gloria Parker for keeping the bidding pads full. If you can't find a bidding pad, look no further than Gloria. Again a big thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer. I am sure that a lot of us don't realise what a big job they have.

CONCLUSION

I have enjoyed my term as your President and I sincerely thank all members for their support, assistance and kindness to me at all times.

Les Poole
President

It should also be noted that the club's bank account was moved from Metway to the Warwick Credit Union. No reason is given in the minutes for this change, but possibly the Credit Union offered a higher rate of interest.

From the Daily News c. 18th February:

The Individual Championships were completed this week. Neville Francis was a clear winner. He had a great second round of 68%. First round leader, Jean Mapes, hung on to finish second from John Rose and Bob Henzell. Slams were available on four different boards, although many players found that a slam washard to bid with a strange partner. Board 14 was the most straightforward. Four of eight N/Ss found 6NT.

Dealer: E	NORTH	
Vul: Nil	S. AK2	
	H93	
	DAQJ72	
	CK93	
	WEST	EAST
	S. J10643	S. 8
	H. 8752	H. KJ106
	D. 108	D. 9543
	C. 105	C. 8642
	SOUTH	
	S. Q975	
	H. AQ4	
	D. K6	
	C. AQJ7	

Sitting North, Thelma Lucy found the easiest bidding sequence. When her partner opened the bidding with 1NT, Thelma responded with 6NT. After her partner had made thirteen tricks (three spades, a heart, five diamonds and four clubs), Thelma commented that she had almost bid seven no-trumps.

Results:

Wednesday, 14 February (Round 2 Individual Championship):

Red section: N. Francis (68.3%) 1; R. Henzell (61.7%) 2; V. Singleton (55.6%) 3; D. Mathison (53.3%) 4; Joy Kemp & J. Laufer (53.2%) 5 =

Blue section: J. Rose (62.2%) 1; Jenny Smith (58.3%) 2; John Kemp (57.2%) 3; C. Dodd (55%) 4; H. Maxwell (53.9%) 5.

Overall Championship: N. Francis 1; J. Mapes 2; J. Rose 3; R. Henzell 4; John Kemp 5; V. Singleton 6; J. McLellan 7; L. Poole 8.

Chapter 4

Expansion and Innovation

1997-2000

When Joan McLellan became President in 1997, there were only two sessions per week, with Monday afternoon taking over from Wednesday night as the more popular session. As the club's membership shifted towards retirees, day sessions had more appeal, especially in the winter months. One of Joan's innovations was a day-session on Friday. Initially, this was not well attended and became a monthly event, tailored to the needs of country members. The session started at noon and was preceded by an informal lunch.

The formation of a club Appeals Committee was proposed, but although there seemed to be general support, the idea was not acted upon until a few years later. The club's directors, whether they remember it or not, constitute the Appeals Committee.

In 1997, Neville Francis and his partner Adrian Mayers were selected to represent Queensland in the Open Teams at the Australian National Championships. A fund was established to provide support for Neville for the tournament. It was an honour for the club to have its first Queensland representative.

A curious entry for 1998 concerns the proposed purchase of a water cooler for \$500. The minutes of the Committee record that the machine was to be taste-tested, using town water. The minutes went on to say, "If the taste test is passed by qualified testers, the Committee will approve the purchase. Minutes from later in the year reported that the water chiller-filter had been installed and was working well.

The Committee also paid out another \$500 as a donation to the Red Cross.

No club can expect to function without some degree of conflict and tension from time to time, although successive President's Reports paint a consistently rosy picture of club activities. A situation arose where one pair particularly wanted an E/W place at the table because of a problem with eyesight suffered by one of the pair. They began to arrive just before the start of play and on one occasion left when an E/W place was not available. The Committee ruled that players could sit where they liked up to 15 minutes before commencement of play but after that places should be filled in order of arrival. Warwick is surely not the only club which had to point out to players that sitting at a higher numbered table increased the risk of being moved down if not all tables were filled. The Committee also left open the option for members to register a medical condition which might make a particular direction of seating more comfortable for them.

The 1998 AGM saw discussion of the club's financial position. No way was found to cut costs at the congresses, as the proportion of entry fees awarded as prizes was more or less fixed. The other major cost was catering and as Warwick

had established a reputation for the quality of its meals, there was reluctance to economize in this area.

Table money was increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50. A counter proposal that annual subscriptions be increased instead was defeated.

Greg Hardy of the Warwick Ambulance Service was invited to present recommendations to the club concerning first aid. Greg found it difficult to give a summary of what club members might do when confronted with various situations where first aid was needed. He suggested instead that several members undertake the St. John Ambulance course at \$90 per head. Either because of time or financial constraints, this suggestion found no support. Happily, there has been little need for first aid at club activities.

The club obtained a grant of \$500 for teaching purposes, which enabled Neil Bonnell to conduct a workshop on defence, which consisted of several sessions on Monday mornings before the normal duplicate session. One of the hands used in the workshop is printed after Joan McLellan's 2000 report. Anyone not familiar with "Keeping up Appearances" may find it confusing.

Global warming was having its effect on members, as the Band Centre could be quite uncomfortable in hot weather. Members also liked to park their cars under cover on a concrete slab at the back of the building. This raised the ire of Band officials, who asked that this practice cease.

The cost of installing a reverse cycle air conditioning system was estimated to be \$3000. During discussions about sharing the cost, it emerged that the Band itself had no security of tenure in the building and was in an uncertain financial position. In those circumstances, the Bridge Club Committee felt that it could not justify expenditure of that magnitude. Bon Air evaporative coolers were suggested instead.

In other developments in the financial area, Treasurer Cath Poole resigned after ten years in the position. The club's term deposit now stood at \$9000. The Congress fee was raised to \$25 per player - not bad for two days bridge and two big lunches. A donation of \$100 was made to earthquake victims in Turkey.

Possibly one of the most important moves in 1998 was the proposal that the club become an incorporated body. This was seen as necessary in order to protect office-bearers from liabilities incurred by the club. This initiative would occupy a good deal of the time of committee members in 2000.

Neville Francis continued to make his mark in the wider world of bridge. Again, he and Adrian Mayers represented Queensland in the Open Teams at the ANC; Neville and wife Pip came first in the Queensland-Wide Pairs, while Neville and Adrian were second in the World-Wide Pairs.

Joan McLellan's last Annual Report appears overleaf, followed by a hand from the 1998 Defence Workshop.

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It gives me pleasure to present my report for the last year of the twentieth century.

When I took the position of President, one of my aims was to introduce changes that would cater more for the needs of the majority of us who are not the club's top players and therefore not likely to win championships.

With ideas coming from members of the committee and some non-members of the committee, I feel we have succeeded to some extent, by introducing Friday play, two Mondays per year when we draw for partners and a Pair's Handicap Championship trophy, to mention a few of our innovations.

There is still room for improvement in this area.

The last year has been busy, with two congresses, both very well supported, and various special events. There were two Christmas parties, made more interesting by the introduction of some 'fun' prizes awarded during the evening; and organised by Neville Francis.

Once again Neil Bonnell provided a series of lessons and supervised play for members who had already played some bridge, and for this we thank him. There was not sufficient demand for beginners' lessons even though we advertised widely.

MEMBERSHIP: This has remained constant, with a slight increase due to more Stanthorpe and Tenterfield players joining our club. There are approximately 75 members. We were very sad to lose our popular Tom Stabler, who passed on late last year.

OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS: Warwick was well represented in a number of congresses at other clubs, and some of our members added to their red and gold points.

Neville Francis again represented Queensland in the National Teams Event in Adelaide, while he and John Rose played for Darling Downs in the Zonal Teams Championship in Sydney. We are honoured to have players of their calibre in our club.

Blanche Freemantle again organised a successful raffle to help with Neville's expenses for the National Teams Final.

Congratulations to those who were placed in our own competitions.

We also entered the Australia Wide Multi Pairs, Australia Wide Pairs, Queensland Wide Pairs and a Novice Event.

THANKS: Once again I want to thank our very efficient and dependable committee, each of whom carries out his/her specific duties with no fuss, while helping wherever else the need arises.

My thanks go to John Rose and Les Poole, vice presidents, to Pip Francis our conscientious and innovative secretary, to Kath Poole who for ten years was a most efficient and energetic treasurer; to Dorothy Wood who took over the treasurer's job in September. Dorothy has worked hard to learn the ropes quickly, and has done a very good job.

Here I would like to say a long time thank you to a non-member, Jack White, our honorary auditor.

Neil McGinness is our long time and experienced librarian. Noela Collins, Jenny Smith and Dorothy Wood have kept the computer room tidy and the junk down to a minimum, while also seeking out and buying all sorts of items we require. In that area Dorothy made all our new bridge tablecloths of which we are very proud.

Noela has very graciously looked after the allocation of partners for those who require them, while John Rose, Neville Francis and Neil Bonnell have directed sessions and special events with wonderful patience. John has also been convenor of congresses and masterpoints secretary, both time-consuming jobs.

John, Neville and Neil have operated the computer and quickly produced the anxiously-awaited results!

Gloria Parker, helped by Blanche Freemantle, has organised decorations and Gloria has also been in charge of food for congresses and the stationery throughout the year, all done with quiet efficiency. *Joeyelyn Kemp has organized the drinks in a manner that has kept everyone happy at parties and congresses!* Pip Francis has done a wonderful job as Kitchen Director for congresses. Evaline Booth has been in charge of the kitchen roster, not an easy job, and has filled in a few gaps herself.

John Kemp has repaired some of our aging bridge tables through the year.

My sincere thanks go to all of these people, as well as those who take their turn on the kitchen roster and those who have helped in other ways too numerous to mention, all contributing to making my job as president so much easier over the past three years.

I hope all of you have a happy, healthy year, good bridge and pleasant times together.

Joan H. McLellan

Joan McLellan

From the section on pre-empts in the Defence Workshop booklet, June 1998:

Dealer: N	NORTH		
Vul: N/S	S. Q4		
	H. A6		
	D. QJ653		
	C. 10875		
	WEST	EAST	
S. A65		S. 92	
H. J73		H. KQ109842	
D. 98		D. 72	
C. QJ943		C. A2	
	SOUTH		
	S. KJ1087		
	H. 5		
	D. AK104		
	C. K6		

BIDDING:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
(Hyacinth)	(Rose)	(Violet)	(Daisy)
P	H 3	3S	4H
4S	P	P	P

DON'T BE A SHRINKING VIOLET

To keep up appearances, Hyacinth had no hesitation in choosing her sister Violet (the one with Mercedes and the swimming pool) as her partner. Hyacinth dealt and, with only nine HCPs, would have considered it not only wrong, but morally repugnant to open. She therefore passed. Rose was never one to hold back, so she bid 3H.

Now it was Violet's turn to bid. Partner has passed and East has taken insurance against Violet having an enormous hand. With a 6-1-4-2, Violet's shape is magnificent and she has a few good points where they matter. 3S will not get Violet into too much trouble, nor cause Daisy to wilt. She has a routine overcall of 4H, which Hyacinth will regard as presumptuous.

Vulnerable, with E/W not vul., N/S will do better to bid their game than to take the penalty, which is likely to be only 300 at this level. Rose could still be a thorn in her opponents' side by sacrificing in 5H. Violet, with no defence against hearts, should not shrink from bidding 5S, which will make on the dot.

Non-ABC watchers will find this commentary even less intelligible than those who are familiar with *Keeping up Appearances*.

In the last year of the twentieth century (2000AD), John Rose again assumed the

presidency. It was discovered that in order to qualify for incorporation, the club had to adopt a new constitution. This constitution not only had to satisfy the Office of Fair Trading, but also the QBA. A sub-committee of Neville Francis, Neil Bonnell and Joan McLellan was given the task of adapting the model constitution to the needs of a bridge club. A rather short entry in the Committee's minutes later in the year simply records that the new constitution has been adopted.

The issue of reserved seating continued to be a source of tension. No doubt there was stubbornness on both sides. Many club members felt that reserved seating would lead to resentment and that if members wanted a particular seat, then they should be prepared to arrive early enough to claim that seat.

The Committee's decision concerning Molly Redgwell's request was that:

If M. Redgwell wishes to be allocated a special N/S position with respect to a chronic eye problem, she has the right to approach the Director and ask for the privilege; if she chooses to go home rather than ask, then the Director will respect her choice of options.

There the matter appeared to rest. It is probable that Molly did not feel comfortable in approaching a particular director and that was a barrier to the question being settled amicably.

Meanwhile the minutiae of club life flowed on. The February congress attracted 27 tables; beginners lessons were held on Tuesday evenings in the hope of attracting working people; and the installation of ceiling fans was deferred in the vain (as it turned out) hope of securing a building for a clubhouse. The fans were eventually installed in December at a cost of just under \$500. The club has had a mid-session break in daytime games, so it came as a surprise to find in the Committee's minutes a suggestion that a 10-15 minute tea break be taken.

It was decided the last game of the month on each playing day should be scored as a handicap event.

As a result of some members being unhappy about the accuracy of computer scoring, it was resolved that the travelling score sheets should be kept for perusal for three weeks after each game.

Chapter 5

2001-2003

Into the New Century

The first President of the twenty-first century, Evaline Booth, was able to report in a positive way in each of her three annual reports, but nevertheless had some difficult issues to deal with.

The first arose after she received complaints of rudeness from two members about the alleged rudeness of Neville Francis towards them. While these complaints were made in writing, insufficient detail was provided to enable the Committee to mediate satisfactorily in the dispute. Ev Booth consulted Kim Ellaway (Manager of the QBA). Kim's advice was that the club was not obliged to reveal the identities of the complainants. Neville, for his part, consulted Keith McDonald, the President of the QBA, who was of the opinion that Neville was entitled to full information about the complaints and the identities of the complainants.

Neville requested a meeting with the Committee to discuss the issue, but left the meeting when Ev refused to give the information he had requested. John Rose was asked to mediate in the dispute. John's discussions with Neville remained confidential and while neither of the parties was satisfied with the outcome, Neville remained a member and within three years was elected President of the club.

It is unfortunate that the matter had to be referred to the QBA and that one of the results was the formation of groups or factions in a way that had not happened before. That undercurrents persisted is shown by two resolutions of the Committee. The first was the introduction of a dress code, one of the provisions of which was the prohibition of thongs or bare feet. This was dangerous territory, as the formulation of a dress code which could apply to males and females is notoriously difficult. The Committee also sought permission from the QBA to amend the constitution to allow the Committee more flexibility in dealing with members whose conduct merited sanctions. The original constitution provided for expulsion as the only means of disciplining members. The Committee was successful in giving itself the power to use reprimands or suspensions as alternatives to expulsion.

The club lost one its foundation members with the death of Lorna Broughton. Her son Bruce donated a trophy in memory of his mother. He graciously agreed to allow it to be awarded to the winners of a new event: the Novice Pairs Championship.

In February, the club had been granted incorporated status. Other news from the Committee's minutes included a proposal to purchase a bridge clock; a suggestion to move the Wednesday session to the daytime; the refusal of the Southern Free Times to accept the Bridge Club weekly column and results; and a commendation for Neville Francis for his entertaining bridge notes when deputizing for Neil Bonnell.

The year 2002 began with an attendance of 29 tables for the February Congress and the resumption of John Marley's campaign for all members to bring a systems card to each bridge session.

Ev Booth found herself confronted with a common problem for bridge officials and directors. She complained that members did not listen to the notices she gave out. It would have comforted her if she had been able to go to the Canberra Festival of Bridge and seen how little the players listened there. She could even have counted the number of times Chief Director Laurie Kelso went "Shshsh." The suggestion was made that Ev should ring her bell more loudly. At the following meeting Ev was able to report that more aggressive ringing of the bell had been effective.

2003 began quietly enough, with an interactive activity between bridge club members and a group of local young people. The function was arranged by Pam Burley with one activity suited to the younger group, while they in turn played a simplified session of bridge. Christian names were used all round. This worked quite well, except that when Mrs Jubb introduced herself as "Fol" the youngsters were nonplussed. They had never before heard of a first name like it.

The came the bombshell: the City Band informed the Bridge Club that they had asked Council for permission to conduct a child care in the Band Centre and that the times available for bridge would be severely curtailed. Many members felt betrayed by this sudden announcement and felt that the help given by the Bridge Club to the Band was not fully appreciated. For example, there is no hint in the Bridge Club's records of a letter of thanks for the installation of the ceiling fans. In the end, nothing changed, as the Council of the day rejected the Band's application. The only result of the exercise was to convince many Bridge Club members of the need for the club to find its own premises. The Band Committee did hold a meeting with the Bridge Club Committee, but only to negotiate the times at which the Band Centre would have been available. The refusal or inability of the Band to give the Bridge Club the guarantee of a two-year tenure did not improve matters.

An experiment with a 6.30pm start to Wednesday sessions was discontinued when attendances did not improve. A 7.00 pm start time all year round was adopted.

The year ended with a successful Christmas Party at which Neville Francis acted as MC. Another pleasant piece of news was the donation by Ross Smith (husband of member Jill Smith) of a custom-built bookcase and table-storage unit.

Ev Booth's final report is printed on the next page.

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB
President's Report for the year 2003

It is my pleasure to present this report on the activities of our Club during 2003.

Our membership remains fairly static, although we were very sorry to say farewell to John and Joy Kemp. We had a visit of Senior students from some schools which was arranged by the Shire Youth Worker, Pam Burley. They seemed to enjoy the experience, and Neil arranged some lessons at Scots..But we may have to wait a few years for them to attend the club.

In July we were informed by the Band that an application had been made for the premises to be used as a Child Care Centre and that our hours would be greatly restricted.No exact date was given when this would happen. Consequently Committee investigated our options and we had agreed to move into Southern Cross Bowling Club. Then in August we were told that the application for the Centre had not been approved. So committee decided to remain where we were. Since then the Band has increased our rent by \$5 each time we meet.

We had a problem with the Printer, but instead of purchasing a new one,our stationery was changed which is working quite well.

On 28 May we held our 18th Birthday with a dinner, birthday cake and cards. We hope you can come when we celebrate our 19th.this year.

We are grateful to Joan McLellan for taking over responsibility of the Library which was getting a bit out of hand. She has purchased some new books and instituted a proper system. So if you wish to borrow any book, please see Joan so we can maintain proper records.

Thanks to Jill Smith for assisting Joan.

Committee formed an Appeals Committee which was felt should be available in any Bridge Club. Members consist of our Directors.

The Band arranged to have a sign out the front and invited us to have our club included and share the cost to which we agreed.. It was expected to be installed during January.

At our very successful and happy Christmas Party, winners of our competitions were presented with their trophies. They were as follows -

Teams - Bonnells and Francis'

Pairs - J.Rose and T.Usher; Individual - J.Rose; Novice Pairs - D.Moran and Jill Smith;

Handicap Pairs - D.Wood and J.Rose.

The result of a club where everyone works together so well is that there are a lot of people for me to express appreciation. First and foremost are the members of committee who accept their responsibility and act without being asked. Best I've ever worked with.

Then there are the Directors without whom life would be very difficult. To John Rose for convening the Sept Congress and doing so much behind the scenes such as maintaining our Masterpoints which have to be sent away to A.B.F. and we all look forward to seeing our progress. Thanks John.

To Treasurer Anne Gibson who is super efficient in that position. Thanks to Secretary Elizabeth Gray and all the members who contribute by being on the Kitchen Roster.A special thanks to Noela does so much for the club and especially the marvellous job of arranging partners, I'm sure we wouldn't have as many tables each time without Noela.She and Jenny often have a cleanup when we become too cluttered and they certainly make a difference.

.Thanks to Neil for his great notes in the Daily News and for his giving lessons to U3A and also club members.. Congratulations to Neville for his very successful year in State and Australia competitions and thanks for making our party days more entertaining by his distribution of prizes

The highlight of our competition days was when we had a record 13 & 1/2 tables at our Friday Christmas Party on 5th December.

Chapter 6

2004-2006

The End of an Era

It is ironic that when relationships between the Bridge Club and the Band became more harmonious than since 1985, the Bridge Club was at last able to find suitable premises. Neville became the last President to hold office while the Bridge Club played at the Band Centre.

Neville was elected despite the opposition of a small group who never really became reconciled with his position in the club or, for that matter, in the QBA. Two members resigned when Neville became President, but the club quickly settled down and accepted the valuable contribution Neville had to make.

Very early in his presidency, Neville established a good working relationship with Ian McDonald, the new President of the City Band. McDonald had plans for enlarging the building, especially the kitchen, by enclosing the rear verandah. The Bridge Club Committee could see the value of that scheme and debated whether to offer financial help to the project. Sadly, there were divisions in the Band and little progress was made in applying for a grant.

The arrival of a bridge enthusiast, Jenny Johnson, at Warwick High School saw the formation of a strong group of lunchtime bridge players. The club assisted with tutoring and materials. Two members of the group, Christopher Chen and Dean Donovan played at the club several times on Wednesday evenings until, unfortunately, study had to take precedence. At the other end of the age scale, Joan McLellan took beginners classes for the older generation and Neil Bonnell took over the courses Joan had run through U3A. Sadly, when Jenny left the High School after a year, her bridge group could not continue. A hand-delivered letter to the Principal of the High School requesting permission to continue the bridge sessions remains unanswered.

Meanwhile, many Bridge Club members remained unhappy with conditions at the Band Centre. Cleaning did not appear to be carried out regularly and the carpet became increasingly stained. Complaints were also made about the unsatisfactory state of the women's toilet. Efforts to find a suitable building resumed. Many had been unsettled by the child-care centre episode and would not feel comfortable until a permanent home was found. Blanche Freemantle and Ev Booth were always strong advocates for the acquisition of our own premises.

The very successful February Congress was reported in the local press. (See next page.)

Neville's 2005 Annual Report follows the Congress article. Because of his absence at an important tournament, Neville's report was presented by the Vice-President, who attached an addendum to the report:

Large crowd at congress

YOU could hear a pin drop in the Senior Citizens Centre yesterday despite there being 112 people packed into the centre's rooms.

The look of concentration on every player's face showed this game was one of skill and not luck.

Bridge players had travelled from as far away as Glen Innes in northern New South Wales to attend the Warwick Swiss Pairs bridge congress and no-one intended on taking second place.

Warwick Bridge Club president Neville Francis said the game, which he described as "a more complicated version of 500", could often be competitive.

"It can get quite competitive. You are playing against everyone in the room," Mr Francis said.

Mr Francis hailed the day a success, one which he said could have been

made better if he and partner Ralph Parker hadn't missed out on the championship by two match points.

"It is the narrowest of margins in bridge," he said.

Despite the final outcome of the competition, it was clear many players were competing for more reasons than just to take out winning honours.

"You have to love the game," Mr Francis said.

"It truly is addictive if you learn how to play. It is a game of straight-out skill. And you can play it anywhere. It doesn't matter what language you speak, you can still play bridge."

The overall winners were Darko Janzekovic and Jan Varmo of the Gold Coast. For more information about the Warwick Bridge Club contact Mr Francis on 4661 9379.



Game of skill: (From left) Nola Collins, of Warwick, Darko Janzekovic, of the Gold Coast, David Moran, of Warwick and Jan Varmo, of the Gold Coast, competed in the Warwick Swiss Pairs bridge congress yesterday.

♣ ♦ WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB ♥ ♠

2005 President's Report

Well another year has passed us by and I am pleased to report that over all 2005 was a happy time for our Club. The Committee has been very supportive. I would like to thank our retiring secretary - Elizabeth Gray for her 3 years of service.

On the 9th July we had our 20th Anniversary Party. It was a huge success, with old members returning from distant areas and rekindling memories of the "Early days". Many people who could not make the journey contacted us and asked to be remembered.

The Club also hosted very successful one day Congresses in February and November.. It was the first time we held a one day congress in November rather than the usual two day one in September. It proved a huge success with 27 tables. It was an added bonus to have sponsorship from Regency Park of \$ 400.00 and also from the Warwick Credit Union for these events As usual the Millers did the meal which was as fine a feast as any one could have ever desired. Due to the success of these events, we will continue to hold two one day congresses next year.

The Christmas Party was another enjoyable gathering and a fitting climax to our year.

Bill Hunt came from Brisbane to conduct a one day Teaching Seminar this year. Some felt that it was of a standard too high for their level but over all it was a very pleasant day.

We were sorry to lose Les Poole - a long time member of the club in 2005.

The club is in a sound financial position under our new treasurer - Stuart Brown.

On the playing records for 2005 - congratulations to John Rose on becoming a Grand Master and also for coming second in the November Congress. Congratulations to Jill Smith & Fol Jubb for their excellent result in the Australian Wide Pairs. David Moran & his partner did well to win at Goondiwindi and then to win the plate with Noela Collins in the Warwick February Congress . Jill Roe & her partner came second in the February Congress. Shirley & Trevor Mason were 3rd in the consolation in the November Warwick Congress.

I just want to praise the Committee for the way they have all contributed to the running of events and the Club in general in 2005. Sometimes the rooms we use have been less than tidy and they have worked hard to clean up and make our area more presentable.

We all miss Jenny Smith on our Committee and hope she recovers soon. It is with eager anticipation that I look forward to the next 12 months. Congratulations to the old team and good fortune to the new!

In his report, Neville omitted to mention his own outstanding playing record in 2005. Not only did he win congresses on a regular basis (he was David Moran's partner at Goondiwindi) but he also won the Jimmy O'Sullivan Award for accumulating the highest number of masterpoints by a Queensland player. He was the highest scorer both overall and in his category, that of Silver Grand Master. The highlight of 2005 was undoubtedly his second place (with Magnus Moren) in the ANC Pairs, which earned him a place in the Australian Team at the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships to be held in Melbourne in 2006.

The Australian team is to be congratulated on winning the bronze medal in that tournament. For Neville, based in a country town, to have reached this level was a wonderful achievement. Neville (pictured below) displays his medal.



In the Spring Pairs of 2006, Warwick players filled the first three places, an unprecedented achievement. The report which appeared in the Daily News is reproduced below.

WARWICK REGENCY PARK ONE-DAY BUTLER PAIRS CONGRESS

Despite the presence of several strong pairs from out of town, Warwick pairs filled the first three places, the first time this has happened in some twenty of these events. In the last round, Neil and Beverly Bonnell (139 VPs) played Noela Collins and David Moran (132) at Table 1. At Table 2, Brisbane pair John and Ivy Luck (131) played locals Joan McLellan and Nea McGinness.

In a rather scrappy final set of boards (just one game each in the set), the match at Table 1 ended in a draw. One of the pairs at Table 2 now needed a maximum score or close to it to challenge the leaders. Unfortunately for the Lucks, their cards did not suit a barnstorming finish. In stretching for three games which failed narrowly, they gave McGinness and McLellan sufficient momentum to make their run. Board 26 was their opportunity.

Dealer: E	NORTH	
Vul: Both	S. JT6	
	H. J9642	
	D. T7	
	C. T63	
	WEST	EAST
	S. AK5	S. 974
	H. Q53	H. AK
	D. KJ9	D. 864
	C. AQJ4	C. K9875
	SOUTH	
	S. Q832	
	H. T87	
	D. AQ532	
	C. 2	

The Bonnells set sail for slam, but decided that heroics were not needed and the chances of a favourable lie in diamonds were not good enough. They settled in game and left the way open for a sizeable gain at the other table. McLellan and McGinness also looked at slam, but they too subsided in game. Their eventual 21-9 win left them in second place, four VPs behind the winners. The first three place-getters were seeded 5, 30 and 23 out of 56. For the record, on Board 26, the majority of E/W pairs bid 3NT and, with overtricks less important in a Butler event, were content with eleven tricks. Leading twice towards the K-J-9 of diamonds did not seem an attractive option. Two pairs who did find the optimum line of play were J. Baker/M. Sargent who made 6NT and V. McClement/E. Josey who made 6C.

Full results:

Championship:	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell	(154)	1
	N. McGinness J. McLellan	(150)	2
	N. Collins D. Moran	(147)	3
Plate:	M. McConachy G. Dawson		1
	C. Woolley C. Woolley		2
Consolation	G. Embery H. Reeves		1
	L. Kelley K. Kelley		2

Towards the end of his 2005 report, Neville alluded to the untidy state of the Band Centre, which gave hope to those who wanted the club to have its own premises. The search for a club house had first begun in December, 1992 when a former dormitory building at the Scots PGC College was offered for sale. Preliminary arrangements were made to obtain a loan from the QBA and an expression of interest was lodged with the College. This had to be withdrawn when the Warwick Shire Council would not agree to a timber building being erected on the Council land opposite the Slade campus. A few years later, another timber building became available, this time at the Slade campus, then occupied by "Churchie". On inspection, the building proved to be too old and in much worse condition than the Scots dormitory. The club decided that Churchie was right to get rid of the building.

Nothing further happened until 2003, when Ev Booth re-ignited debate by suggesting that we apply for a Jupiter's grant to build a brick club house. Preliminary estimates showed that at least \$150,000 could be needed. The experience of the Toowoomba Bridge Club suggests that this estimate may have been too low. Even so, many members were deterred by the size of the task, while others felt that they wanted to play bridge and not become fund-raisers.

Perhaps things may have meandered on, except for the opportunity to make a bid for the former scout den in Victoria Park. The Bridge Club's application for a lease was successful. It was clear that the toilets needed urgent attention and that various provisions for the disabled would need to be made.

Two schools of thought emerged concerning the renovations. The first advocated a gradual process, which would involve a minimum of work be done before moving into the building and then gradually improving the building as funds permitted. This approach lost out to the group who preferred to refurbish the building extensively before moving in.

A special general meeting was held to discuss methods of financing the necessary renovations and to determine an order of priority for the work. The club also had to decide whether to accept the lease or not. Table money was increased to \$4.00 per head for members and \$4.50 for visitors. Loans were taken out from the QBA (\$20,000) and ABF (\$10,000). In addition, a fund-raising appeal was launched for donations from members. This was kick-started by Ross and Jill Smith with a donation of \$10,000. Once the official deadline for the appeal had passed, the appeal had raised in excess of \$23,000.

As there were sufficient funds to pay for necessary improvements, the club accepted the offer of a lease. Under State law, a ten-year term was the maximum available.

The order of priority agreed upon was to remove the partitions on the western side of the building, reline the walls and install a suspended ceiling in preparation for air-conditioning. Also an entry ramp had to be provided for members suffering disabilities.

A quote for \$42,000 from MBC Constructions was accepted. Matthew Collins

(the principal) is the son of a club member. The price was considered very reasonable. The final cost was to rise, following decisions made by the Committee. All windows and doors were protected by Crimsafe, which proved its worth when in July, 2010 an attempted break-in through the front doors failed.

Work to be done after the builders had finished included floor covering, a new kitchen and reverse cycle air-conditioning. The club paid for the carpet, but was successful in obtaining grants from the Community Gaming Fund for the other items. The air-conditioning was mercifully installed before the 2007-08 summer. External painting was the final item on the schedule of works.

Following delays in the progress of the builder's work, access was gained in January, 2007. The move was conducted hurriedly and while many members were away. As a result, the Band was not informed of the date of our move. A letter of apology had to be sent. In March of this year, Neville stepped down after three years of solid achievement and overseeing perhaps the most important development in the history of the club.

At the 2007 Annual General Meeting, Neil Bonnell commended Neville on his contribution to the club, while playing at the highest level nationally. Cecilia added her congratulations and thanked Neville for the help he gave to the "lesser players" in the club. Neville was always prepared to partner any player in the club when Pip was not available. He has probably won with more different partners than any other player in the club.

In addition to Neville's success in the Commonwealth Tournament, in 2006 his team reached the final of the Gold Coast Congress, where it took a British team containing the redoubtable Hacketts to defeat them. Earlier in the year, Neville (with Magnus Moren) achieved his first win in the Queensland Open Pairs. In 2007 he won 25 congresses in Queensland, believed to be a record. In the first decade of the new century he won the Jimmy O'Sullivan Trophy more than any other player. Not surprisingly, he became a regular member of the Queensland Open Team at the ANC, until he withdrew after a dispute concerning the composition of an appeals committee.

Having presided over the acquisition of our new club house, Neville handed over to Judy Mobbs the task of settling us into our new accommodation and paying for it.

It was extremely disappointing that before the Crimsafe protective system could be installed and before the club house was occupied, the glass doors at the front of the building were damaged by vandals. Fortunately, the cost of repairs was covered by the builder's insurance.

The final pages of this chapter contain press coverage of various events, photographs of the 20th Birthday Party and the record of a hand you would never want to play.



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Bridge club aces its 20th year

Card gathering: (From left) Noela Collins, Nea McGinness and Sue Valentine shared a laugh at the Warwick Bridge Club's 20th anniversary celebrations on Saturday.

Bridge is the foundation of many social memories for Beverly and Neil Bonnell.

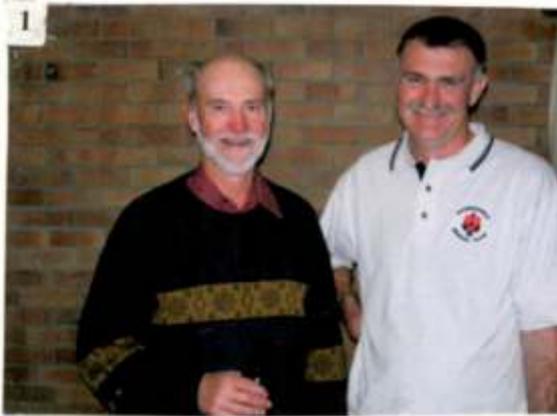
The couple gauged the popularity of the game in the Warwick community when they arrived in 1985 and decided a bridge club was needed.

Their consequent establishment, the Warwick Bridge Club, celebrated its 20th anniversary on Saturday, with Mrs Bonnell delighted so many former members returned for the celebrations.

"We started with about 24 and those numbers have since grown to about 70, so it is wonderful we are still going strong," Mrs Bonnell said.

"People returned from Stanthorpe, Tenterfield, Toowoomba and Brisbane to reunite with the existing Warwick members (on Saturday)." Mrs Collins said four of the original 24 members returned for the celebrations.

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1. John Rose, John Churchett
2. Callie Smith, Cath Poole, Jill Smith, Stuart Brown
3. Beverly Bonnell, Neil Bonnell
4. Florence Slattery, Helen Ferrier, Ann Wedgwood, Anne Gibson
5. Blanche Freemantle
6. (Nearest table) Lesley Kenyon, Joy Kemp, John Kenyon, John Kemp
7. Valerie Rose, Eleanor Miller



A card coup to beat the Cup

By **JOSEPHINE SARGENT**

NEIL Bonnell described the upset as bigger than the Melbourne Cup.

Warwick

For the first time in the history of the Warwick Bridge Club, three pairs were placed first, second and third at the Warwick Regents Park One Day Spring pairs congression last Sunday.

"There were four or five very good pairs from Brisbane that we weren't expected to beat and they were seeded one to four and sixth," he said.

"The club's been holding this competition for 20 years and this is the best result they've ever had."

Mr Bonnell said other Warwick

Bridge club members were "pretty excited".

"Of all the teams ranked in the top six, we were the only ones placed so it was a total surprise," he said.

Early next year the pairs will be given the chance to defend their titles.

"The Brisbane lot will be back bigger and better," Mr Bonnell said.

"They'll be after us."

With \$200 prize money between himself and wife Beverly, Mr Bonnell said he would spend it on "a nice meal".

"We might wait til we go to Sydney to spend it," he said.



(L-R) Nea McGinness, Noela Collins, Joan McLellan, David Moran, Neil Bonnell,
Absent: Beverly Bonnell

From the Daily News c. 13th October, 2006:

Most bridge players will remember Lucky Eddie, a character in the comic strip *Hagar the Horrible*. Eddie occasionally drops into the Warwick Bridge Club. He was sitting West in one session last week when Board 17 came along.

Dealer: N		NORTH	
Vul: Nil		S. J10	
		H. J2	
		D. K5	
		C. KJ107543	
	WEST		EAST
	S. 52		S. AQ96
	H. 108763		H. AQ5
	D. A10763		D. Q982
	C. 9		C. Q6
		SOUTH	
		S. K8743	
		H. K94	
		D. J4	
		C. A82	

North opened 3C. East doubled and Eddie made a minimum response of 3H. North passed, East raised the bidding to 4H and South sacrificed in 5C. It was the moment of decision for Eddie. Had he been able to see the scorecard, he would have seen that he had no winning option, as no other N/S pair had gone as high as 5C. In the end, he pushed on to 5H, which South might have doubled, but the prospect of East or West having a void in clubs was discouraging. North led a small club, South took the Ace and continued with another club, ruffed by Eddie in hand. Now a small heart came to the Queen, which lost to South's King. Eddie's luck hadn't changed, but there was worse to come. South chose the safe exit of a trump, which at least allowed Eddie to clear trumps.

The diamonds were now broached and the King popped up on the wrong side of the Ace. Eddie had a sick feeling in the pit of his stomach when North returned the Jack of spades. Surely, South didn't have the King! Why not? North had already shown eight points and surely wouldn't have pre-empted with eleven points. When Eddie's worst fears were realised, he had lost every finesse and the Ace of clubs to be two down for -100. To Eddie's consternation, four E/W pairs had bid and made 3NT. Eddie was aggrieved, as he had been reading a book on bidding which said that pre-empting in clubs was pointless. Eddie then claimed that had he sat East, he could have made eleven tricks in no-trumps. His partner replied, "No, you wouldn't. With your luck, the opposition would have led a club and you would have lost the first seven club tricks and at least two Kings."

Results:

Monday, 2 October (11-table Mitchell):

N/S B. Bonnell N. Bonnell (60.1%) 1; J. Mobbs R. Mobbs (59.4%) 2; N. Collins P. Francis (58.9%) 3. E/W N. Francis D. Moran (67.3%) 1; J. Rose V. Rose (62.4%) 2; N. McGinness J. McLellan 58.6%) 3.

Friday, 6 October (10-table Mitchell):

N/S N. Bonnell R. Mobbs (65.9%) 1; A. Gibson H. Ferrier (59.6%) 2.

Chapter 7

2007-July 2010

A New Home

Judy's main task initially was to ensure that the club could afford not only the necessary work, but also the other improvements that many members wanted straight away. A \$30,000 debt was for many a cause for apprehension. A proposal that table money be raised to \$5.00 per person gave rise to vigorous debate. The supporters of the proposal compared it favourably with cinema prices and the cost of a cup of coffee. Opponents referred to the rationale for the previous rise to \$4.00. This rise had been justified by arguing that no further fund-raising would be needed. It was strongly argued that a further increase represented a broken promise to those who had agreed with the increase to \$4.00. Furthermore, fund-raising continued in earnest even after the success of the appeal for donations. Raffles, bring and buy stalls and even a garage sale (which raised over \$1300) were all part of the campaign. To this was added the healthy proceeds of the raffle organized by Blanche Freemantle on the morning of the garage sale. The result, three years later, is that the club is in a sound financial position and the size of the club's debt has been reduced considerably. The ABF has been repaid in full and the club is ahead of schedule in its payments to the QBA.

Fund-raising fatigue did set in. Raffles are now few and far between, although Blanche still manages to raise nearly \$400 at every congress. The club is grateful to Percy Puglisi for his donations of fruit trays over many years.

After the club had been in residence for a few months, the Warwick Shire Council expressed its concern that the exterior painting had not been completed. The assistance of the Women in Custody scheme was enlisted to carry out the work. Potential supervisors attended a training course to equip them to oversee the painting. In the event, the women could not paint that part of the building above a certain height unless expensive scaffolding was hired. A professional painter completed the job.

Once the new kitchen and the air-conditioning system had been installed, the club house was ready for its official opening. This was carried out on 17th October, 2007 by Keith McDonald, President of both the QBA and the ABF. By then the club had adopted a logo, which appears on the cover of this history. A report on the opening appears in Judy's first Annual Report.

Much of Judy's time as President was taken up with the task of settling into our new premises. A leak under the new kitchen sink proved to be difficult to remedy: cleaning and catering rosters had to be arranged and landscaping planned. A comprehensive tree-planting project has been carried out. The Warwick (then Southern Downs Regional) Council was most co-operative in removing moribund trees which were close to the club house. Anne Gibson, Stuart Brown and David Moran have been active in the work of the Garden Committee. The club is grateful to Hewan Gibson for his donation of the handsome timber sign which bears the name of the club. He was closely assisted by Ross Smith.

Name badges for members were arranged with a local jeweller. By the time Judy completed her three-year term the club was comfortably settled to its new home. The air-conditioning system will never satisfy everyone, but members are very pleased to be responsible for their own premises and not to have to re-set the playing area every time we play. Successful grant applications prepared by Jill Smith paid for the kitchen renovation, the air-conditioning and some necessary electrical appliances.

In 2008, Ev Booth announced that she felt that the time had come for her to stand down from the Committee. Judy paid tribute to Ev for her contribution to the club, in particular as a committee member of long standing.

One of Judy's most important initiatives was that of taking action to increase the number of directors. She and Ros Hart spent considerable time studying for accreditation as club directors.

How important that move was, became clear when, early in 2010, the club lost two valuable members (and directors) when Neville and Pip Francis moved to Lowood. Neville had been a tower of strength both as an organizer and director, but also as an authority on the Laws of Bridge. Serving as he did on QBA committees he was able to keep us in touch with many issues that we might otherwise have missed. He and Pip dominated the club's tournaments for a lengthy period. Neville won the Club Pairs Championships twelve times out of the 25 times it has been contested. Neville and Pip were also successful in the Teams Championships in most years. Neville also won the Individual Championship more often than any other club member.

Neville's sometimes abrasive manner masked a genuine desire to help other club members. He was extraordinarily patient when playing with partners of lesser ability. His practice of claiming earlier than other players cared to and his apparent knowledge of the holdings of his opponents did, however, cause suspicion at times. Quite simply, Neville counted everything. This enabled him to build up a picture of his opponents' cards and to know when further play was unnecessary. Not only did he claim early, but he also conceded early, even when there was still room for the opposition to make a mistake. Once the puzzle had been solved, he had no further interest in the hand.

A project which has been handed on the next President is the paving of the area in front of the club house, to be covered by a pergola. There has also been increasing support for the acquisition of the Bridgemate scoring system.

The last financial report of Judy's presidency showed healthy cash reserves, with the capacity to service our ever-decreasing debt comfortably.

Judy Mobbs' report on our first year in Victoria Park will be found on the next page, followed by a photographic record of our moving into the premises in Victoria Park, as well as some entertaining hands played during Judy's term in office.

President's Report.**AGM****12 March 2008.**

It gives me pleasure to present the annual report for the year 2007 in these our own premises which we have now occupied for just over 12 months. The building has proved to be a most satisfactory venue and we should be proud of how special it always looks.

The move was not without trauma and follow up organising took time and effort from so many very willing people – members and friends who have helped in a variety of ways.

Our official opening on 20th October 2007 was an outstanding success. We welcomed Keith McDonald, President of both the Australian Bridge Federation and the Queensland Bridge Association, who formally opened our building in the presence of Warwick Mayor Mr Ron Bellingham and Mrs Bellingham, official guests, and almost all of our members.

We welcomed in all some 100 people who, after the opening, joined us for a light lunch.

My thanks go to many people: to Jill Smith who has been a very competent and efficient secretary. Her applications for grants were successful and the Club received grants for the air conditioning unit from Gambling Community Benefit Fund; for the kitchen from Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund and for electrical goods from Volunteers' Small Equipment Grants.

To the committee members and David Cooper and Rob Valentine, who ably assisted with the project to complete the outside painting of the building with the Women in Custody group;

To Stuart Brown who has been a most diligent treasurer and retires at this meeting after holding the position for 3 years. Our Constitution states that no person can hold the same executive position for more than 3 consecutive years;

To Evaline Booth who has done a fine job as Vice President; to Neville Francis who as immediate past president and one of our Directors of play, was able to put us right with many ABF and QBA problems;

To Neil Bonnell also a director, who very capably looks after news items and results which are published in the Daily News;

To John Rose, also a director, and Master points secretary and convenor of our congresses;

To Joan McLellan our librarian, and very efficient social secretary for the last two years; to Noela Collins who organises partnerships and does all our necessary food shopping as food convenor;

To Anne Gibson, Nea McGinness and Bob Casey who give so willingly of their time and energy in many different ways;

To Vivienne Deacon, Sue Valentine and Jill Roe who have organised our Bring and buy stalls. These stalls and raffles help with ongoing expenses;

To Helen Ferrier who organises the flowers for our congresses; to Blanche Freemantle who organises the raffles at each congress; to Dorothy Wood who has made tablecloths.

To Pip Francis who keeps the congress days running so smoothly and helps us on our friendship days, the first Friday of each month – always an enjoyable day when we have many visitors.

And a big thank you to those who man the kitchen each month, to those who every fortnight, completely clean our Clubhouse, and those who compile the rosters.

We currently have 70 financial members whom we hope will all play bridge for many, many years. Sadly, we have lost three of our members over the last few months, while some others have left the district.

It has been a pleasure to welcome new members and we hope they will enjoy lots of good bridge and pleasant company with our very happy group.

Help with play has been benefiting new players as well as others who feel the need to brush up on their game. This is held on Wednesday afternoons.

Our congresses for the year were very successful. The Senior Citizens Hall is most suitable and we hope to negotiate to hold future Congresses in that venue.

Congratulations to those who did so well at our congresses and at congresses in far flung places. Neville Francis made us proud to have him as a Warwick member as the winner of the James O'Sullivan Award for the Queensland player who won the most Masterpoints for the year 2007. Congratulations Neville.

I have had a busy and exciting year as President but it would not be possible without the wonderful support of not only the committee, but all of our members.

Thank you to you all and we hope for many more happy and fulfilling years.

From the Daily News c. 13th August, 2007:

The Warwick team of John Rose, Valerie Rose, Noela Collins and John Marley came from behind to win the Darling Downs Teams Championship. With one round to play, Snook (Toowoomba) led by 10 VPs from Rose (Warwick) and Sinclair (Dalby). A 16-14 win in the final round would have given Toowoomba an unbeatable lead. A mere 15-15 would have meant that their worst possible result would have been a tie for first place.

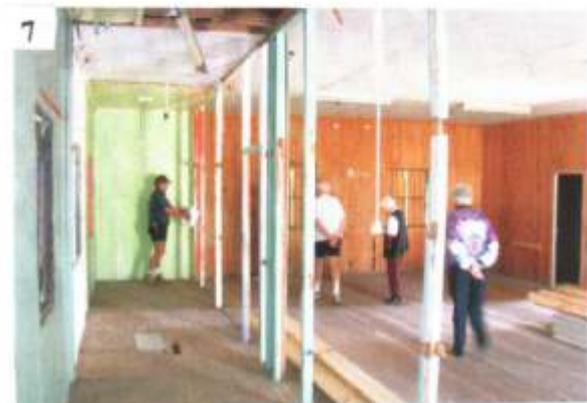
Toowoomba played Dalby in the last round, while the Rose team played another team from Warwick. Board 26 proved to be crucial.

Dealer: E	NORTH	
Vul: Both	S. AQ754	
	H. --	
	D. AK	
	C. KQJ763	
	WEST	EAST
	S. K2	S. 108
	H. J1073	H. Q98642
	D. QJ963	D. 1052
	C. 92	C. A10
	SOUTH	
	S. J963	
	H. AK5	
	D. 874	
	C. 854	

When Dalby beat Toowoomba by a wide margin, the Rose team had to win well to stay ahead of both Dalby and Toowoomba. Noela Collins and John Marley sat N/S. They avoided the potentially fatal 6S contract and settled on 6NT by North, not the most obvious destination. The problem facing declarer (Noela) is a lack of communication with dummy. With the Ace of clubs missing, declarer must find a way of entering dummy to take the spade finesse. Declarer started on clubs at the first opportunity and found the friendly 2-2 split, after East ducked the first round of clubs. It now didn't matter what East returned. Declarer could win any lead and enter dummy with the eight of clubs and take the spade finesse. 6C can also be made, again taking advantage of the lucky eight of clubs. (The Chinese have always known that 8 is a lucky number. Have you noticed that the Olympic Games opening ceremony will commence at 8.08 pm on 08/08/08?)

At the other table, N/S counted their points and stayed in 4S, making twelve tricks on a heart lead. This is one of two leads (the other is a trump) which allows twelve tricks to be made in spades. So the Rose team picked up 13 IMPs on this deal and won the event by 4 VPs, with Dalby second and Toowoomba third.

1. Band Centre, Bridge Club home
1985-2007
2. Scout Den in 2006
3. Former Washroom
4. Old kitchen
5. Eastern wall under construction
6. Western wall before renovation
7. Western and northern walls during renovation



1. Beau Ferrier, Neville Francis, Rob Valentine, Hewan Gibson, Ross Smith with the new club sign
2. The clubhouse on opening day
3. ABF & QBA President Keith McDonald, Bridge Club Pres. Judy Mobbs, Mayor SDRC Ron Bellingham
4. Listening to speeches
5. Lesley Kenyon receives a trophy
6. Time for refreshments
7. Anyone for bridge?



From the Daily News c. 31st August, 2007

One of the club's most respected analysts recently declared, "one cannot live by Aces alone." The hand which prompted this aphorism was found on Board 17 last

Dealer: N	NORTH		
Vul: Nil	S. 1042		
	H. K10		
	D. AQ104		
	C. K1043		
		WEST	EAST
		S. K987	S. QJ3
		H. 7654	H. QJ2
		D. J6	D. K832
		C. 952	C. QJ7
		SOUTH	
		S. A65	
		H. A983	
		D. 973	
		C. A86	

There is along-standing debate about the value of an Ace. Charles Goren gave the value as 4 points, compared with 3 for a King and so on. Some later experts have argued that an Ace should be valued at 5. When you have bid to 3NT and partner tables a dummy such as South's, you may well think that Aces are worth less than 4 points.

At one table, one East found the excellent lead of the Queen of spades. There are players who favour leading a spade against no trumps if the opposition has made no effort to find a spade fit. In this situation, declarer can hold up dummy's Ace until the third round and maroon West's King, but two tricks have been lost, with the King of diamonds and a couple of Queens to follow. At another table, East led a conventional fourth highest diamond and N/S made their 3NT. Perhaps we can add another motto: "Beware the player who leads spades against no trumps."

Full results:

Monday, 20 August (9-table Mitchell):

N/S J. Mobbs R. Mobbs (55.1%) 1; E. Gray M. Gifford (54.5%) 2; R. Valentine S. Valentine (51.1%) 3

E/W N.Francis D.Moran (72.5%) 1; Jenny Smith D. Wood (59.8%) 2; N. McGinness J. McLellan (59.6%) 3.

Wednesday, 22 August (3-table Howell):

B.Bonnell N. Bonnell (60.4%) 1=; J. Rose D. Wood (60.4%) 1=

Friday, 24 August (7-table Mitchell):

N/S J. Rose V. Rose (57.4%) 1; R. Hart J. McLellan (54.0%) 2; Jill Smith (C. Poole (52.4%) 3.

E/W N.Francis Jenny Smith (65.9%) 1; C. Lihou D. Wood (55.7%) 2; B. Casey E. Casey (49.3%) 3.

From the Daily News c. 18th December, 2007:

Last Wednesday, while players were sorting their cards on Board 21, East was taken aback to hear North ask, "Have you got AKJ and a small club?" When East, somewhat puzzled, did not answer, North continued, "I think that my partner has four hearts to the 1098 and four diamonds, including the A-Q. West has the missing diamond honours." "Oh," said East, "are you trying to do a Neville Francis on us?" "I don't know about that," replied North, "but I played this in 1NT on Monday and went one off when most others made." Obviously, the board had not been shuffled since Monday's game and this had to be put right before further play could go ahead. As the players were sorting their re-dealt hands, North asked East, "What were you going to lead on the original hand?" "Ace, King of clubs," replied East. "Well," said North, "I wish that you had been playing against me last Monday."

The original Board 21 from Monday is shown below:

Dealer: N		NORTH	
Vul: N/S		S. AK2	
		H. AK3	
		D. 983	
		C. Q1087	
	WEST		EAST
	S. QJ1094		S. 65
	H. 5		H. QJ762
	D. KJ106		D. 75
	C. 932		C. AKJ6
		SOUTH	
		S. 873	
		H. 10984	
		D. AQ42	
		C. 54	

On Monday, against our hapless North, East led the heart six, which allowed North to make three heart tricks, but kept East in control of the clubs. With little choice, North decided to try to develop tricks in diamonds, but West won each time and exited with a spade. In the end North went one down. East had not heard that in a situation like this you lead spades. Then the result would have been two down.

Full results:

Monday, 17 December (9½-table Mitchell):

N/S J. Rose D. Wood (58.1%) 1; B. Bonnell G. Dayus (57.5%) 2; M. Gifford F. Wells (54.3%) 3.

E/W N. Francis D. Moran (71.1%) 1; N. McGinness J. McLellan (62.5%) 2;
S. Valentine R. Valentine (54.4%) 3.

Wednesday, 19 December (3-table Howell):

S. Brown N. Francis (64.0%) 1; S. Valentine R. Valentine (61.0%) 2.

From the Daily News c. 8th February, 2008:

At the recent South-West Pacific Teams, the team in which Neville Francis played reached the quarter-finals. Playing in the same tournament, but much further down the field, Neil and Beverly Bonnell managed a great escape on Board 17 of the second

Dealer: N		NORTH	
Vul: Nil		S. A93	
		H. 95	
		D. 854	
		C. A7654	
	WEST		EAST
	S. 4		S. K82
	H. AKQJ9874		H. --
	D. Q6		D. AKJ972
	C. 98		C. KQJ2
		SOUTH	
		S. QJ10765	
		H. 1032	
		D. 85	
		C. 103	

After North passed, West (Neil) was amazed to see East open the bidding with a strong 1C, showing 16+ points. With eight virtually certain heart tricks in hand, West bid 4NT (Ace ask). East's response showed 1 or 4 controls. With two controls missing, the best contract available to E/W was 5H. Having misinterpreted East's response, West asked for Kings and received an apparently positive response. West bid an enthusiastic 7H, missing two Aces. (It was very late in the week and nearly 300 boards had been played.) It was North's turn to be surprised and North could not resist doubling the hopeless contract. Fearing a bad break in hearts, East bid 7NT, which again goaded North (the more experienced of the N/S duo) into a double.

South, the junior partner, was so convinced that North had asked for a heart lead that the 2 of hearts hit the table a split second after the bidding had finished. Once West's single-suited hand was displayed, East could count fourteen tricks if the diamonds split

7NT, doubled and making, was worth +1790 to E/W, as against -300 had South led a black suit. South was devastated at making the wrong lead, but only after Beverly and Neil had left the room did they realise that as West had bid 4NT and 5NT, West should have been declarer and North, with the two missing Aces, should have been on lead.

The expert was much more to blame than the novice. Left to her own devices, without North doubling, South would automatically have led the Queen of spades. What's more, it was North who should have had an Ace on the table before anyone else had a chance to do anything.

From the Daily News c. 4th December, 2009

Last Monday, the winners on handicap were Joyce McKeen and Barbara Reid. They scored a top in unusual circumstances on Board 11.

Dealer: S		NORTH	
VUL: Nil		S. Q864	
		H. 10742	
		D. QJ	
		C. 753	
	WEST		EAST
	S. 10975		S. 2
	H. K653		H. Q8
	D. --		D. AK109742
	C. AKJ86		C. 1092
		SOUTH	
		S. AKJ3	
		H. AJ9	
		D. 8653	
		C. Q4	

There is a well-known political figure who once advised voters (of his Party) to vote early and often. There are bridge players who follow this advice by bidding early and often. Sometimes it is better not to chatter too much. On this hand, Joyce and Barbara did well by remaining silent. South opened 1D, followed by a conservative pass by West. North, with only five points, had no reason to speak. East wisely passed, leaving South to play in 1D with a 7-0 split in the opposition's trumps. North's doubleton Q-J of diamonds is of no value at all. In the end, South did well to make three tricks, but conceded a penalty of 200, which gave Joyce and Barbara a top score. No E/W bid and made game, although one pair did make twelve tricks playing in 3D.

It was with great sadness that the Bridge Club said farewell to Pip and Neville Francis, who have moved to Lowood. Each made a significant contribution to the club: Pip as a former Secretary, as a director, a helper behind the scenes and for just being Pip. Neville is a former President, director and teacher. As players, they won more club championships than anyone else in the club. (Neville's playing record outside the club has been described earlier in the text.) Pip won her share of tournaments and once came third (playing with Roman Morawiecki) in the Queensland Mixed Pairs Championship.

Neville has set the hands for Queensland-Wide Pairs for the last two years. This year's selections contained hands of the kind that Neville loved to play.

Board 6 is a good example.

Dealer: N	NORTH		
Vul: E/W	306542		
	H. Q9765		
	D. 42		
	C. J		
		WEST	EAST
		S. K	S. J9
		H. AJ4	H. K10832
		D. KQ93	D. AJ87
		C. AQ965	C. 107
			SOUTH
			S. AQ873
			H. --
			D. 1065
			C. K8432

Most E/W pairs at Warwick found the heart game, but had to contend with a 5-0 split in trumps. As declarer, Neville would not have been daunted. He would have considered that the contract was "frigid" on any lead, including "your left boot". Once you have discovered the bad news about trumps, you need to count your losers. You cannot avoid a spade loser, but assuming that the King of clubs is onside, you can afford to lose two trumps, as long as you ruff away the losing spade from hand. Forcing North to ruff a diamond or a club will keep control of trumps and hold North to two heart winners.

Had Neville and Pip sat N/S, they would undoubtedly have competed as high as 4S, forcing E/W to go to the five level if they wanted to play the contract. For the record, 5D by East is another makeable game. It was probably "frigid" as well and could, as Neville was often heard to say, have been made by his mother.

Chapter 8

Reflections

In its early days, the Warwick Bridge Club grew from 24 members to 70. This success was achieved through a series of lessons which attracted youngish professionals as well as retirees. The strong group from the Hermitage Research Station was a valuable asset for the club. Other members came from existing rubber bridge groups and players of other games such as 500. Now there are only two survivors of the Hermitage staff and the flow of potential players has dried up. Of the foundation members, the following are still playing at the club: Beverly Bonnell, Neil Bonnell, Mary Johnston, Marie Mangan, John Marley, John Rose, Anne Wedgwood and Fiona Wells.

In common with other clubs, our club has an ageing membership. Several members played into their nineties, as Blanche Freemantle, May Lamb and Florence Slattery are doing now. Nevertheless, there is still a decreasing pool of people able to take on leadership roles. In 1985, at least 50% of club members were working either full-time or part-time. Now there are just a few doing that. As has happened elsewhere, night games have become less popular. Warwick has kept its Wednesday night going, as it caters for the small group still with a day job. Even so, important events have been transferred to the day-time and recently committee meetings have been moved from 6.00 pm on Wednesday to 12 noon on Monday.

Despite a slight decline in membership numbers, the percentage of players attending regularly has increased. This has kept the club in a sound financial position. On the other hand, Warwick is now much less well represented at congresses at other clubs. Increasing age and the rising cost of accommodation have taken their toll.

Club members in the past had a formidable record in congresses and major events. Neville Francis has been an Australian and Queensland representative, a multiple winner of congresses and the Jimmy O'Sullivan Trophy. John Rose was our second Grand Master, having won many congresses, including the Queensland Graded Teams, on this way to that status. Neil and Beverly Bonnell won several country congresses and were members of the team which won the Eva Hardy Trophy in 2001 for best Senior Team in the NOT in Canberra. Bob Henzell won back-to-back Queensland-Wide titles; and former non-home club member Roman Morawiecki remains a feared opponent on the Queensland bridge scene.

A way has to be found to attract younger players into the club and to develop players who can build on this record. Various efforts to introduce school students to bridge have stimulated interest initially, but with no established youth networks that interest dried up.

Perhaps bridge authorities world-wide need to address the difficulty ordinary club members have in coping with the complexity of the Laws of Bridge and the alerting regulations. Reverting to a system of alerting any artificial bid would help club

members. More complex regulations could be in force at tournaments at a higher level. Most of these regulations seem to be aimed at preventing cheating. Perhaps anyone involved in cheating should be banned from the game altogether as a way of dealing with the problem, rather than making the game too complex. At the club level, directors try to explain players' obligations, but these explanations are soon forgotten.

Many potential members are put off by the apparent difficulty of the game or by the perception that current members take the game "too seriously." Maybe bridge clubs should do what churches often recommend, "Bring a friend."

The final word must be one of appreciation of the contribution made to the club by so many members in a multitude of ways. The annual reports of the Presidents name many of them, but there are others whose contribution is made quietly behind the scenes. Not least of these is William Martin who has dealt our congress hands (apparently with help from his mother) for many years. No one can ever remember there having been an error in these hands. To all these helpers, the club is deeply indebted.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Name	Title	Year joined			
Amprimo, J.*	Mr	1990	Forrester, M.	Mrs	1987
Bathersby, M.	Mrs	2004	Francis, N	Mr	1988
Bickley, E.	Ms	1992	Francis, P.	Mrs	1988
Blundell, M.	Mrs	1986	Freemantle, B.	Mrs	1986-
Bonnell, B.	Mrs	1985-	Gibson, A.	Mrs	1993
Bonnell, N.	Mr	1985-	Gifford, M	Mrs	1987-
Booth, E.	Mrs	1990-	Goddard, S.	Mrs	2009-
Bradford, M.	Ms	1996	Graham, T.	Mrs	1985
Brett, A.	Mr	1994	Gray, E.	Mrs	1994-
Broese, E.	Mrs	1985	Green, A.	Mr	1985-
Broughton, L	Mrs	1985	Green, I.	Mrs	1985
Brown, S	Mr	1992-	Green, G.	Mrs	2008-
Bryant, D.	Mrs	1986	Greenup, L.	Mrs	2004
Bryant, D.	Mr	2007	Grier, D.	Ms	2001-
Bryant, F.	Mrs	2007	Griffiths, I.	Mrs	1986
Bryce, D.	Mr	1985	Gunn, A.	Mrs	1986
Bryce, M.	Mrs	1985	Hales, J.	Mrs	1985
Buchbach, D.	Mr	2007	Hardes, L.	Mrs	2007-
Cameron, D.	Ms	1995	Hart, R.	Mrs	1990-
Campbell, P.	Mr	1985-	Head, S.	Mrs	2010-
Casey, B.	Mr	2005-	Heath, W.	Mr	1993
Casey, E.	Mrs	2006-	Henshaw, V.	Mr	2010-
Chapman, R.	Mrs	2003	Henzell, R.	Dr	1985
Churchett, J.	Mr	1985	Higgins, M.	Mrs	2004
Clark, E.	Mrs	1986	Hilsdon, R.	Mr	1986
Clarke, S.	Mrs	2004	Hohenhaus, R.	Mr	1985
Cobon, H.	Mrs	2007	Hughes, P.	Mrs	1992
Cobon, L.	Mrs	1986	Inglis, B.	Mrs	2001
Collins, N.	Mrs	1993-	James, L.	Mrs	2010-
Cooney, R.	Mrs	1986	Jenkin, P.	Mrs	1985
Cooper, D.	Mr	1993-	Jenkins, D.	Mrs	1986
Cooper, M.	Mrs	1993	Jenner, L.	Mr	1985
Crichton, S.	Mrs	1986	Johnson, J.	Ms	2004
Cusack, M.	Mrs	2008	Johnston, M.	Mrs	1985-
Dayus, G.	Mr	2008-	Johnston, P.	Dr	1985
Deacon, J	Mr	1998-	Jones, J.	Mrs	1985
Deacon, M.	Miss	1986	Jordan, A.	Mrs	2007
Deacon, V.	Mrs	1998-	Jubb, F.	Mrs	1990
Dempsey, D.	Mrs	1995	Kelly, M.	Mrs	1987
Dodd, B.	Mr	1994	Kemp, John	Mr	1985
Dodd, C. OAM	Mr	1990-	Kemp, Joy	Mrs	1985
Doherty, E.	Mrs	1986	Kemp, Joycelyn	Mrs	1989
Doherty, N.	Mr	1990	Kenyon, J.	Mr	2000-
Donovan, D.	Mr	2004	Kenyon, L.	Mrs	2000-
Dorfield, M.	Mrs	1986	Keogh, J.	Mrs	2004
Duggan, C.	Mrs	2005-	Kiss, J. (Chappy)	Mr	1996
Dunne, P.	Mr	1996	Lamb, M.	Mrs	1986-
Embery, G.	Mr	2006-	Laufer, J.	Mr	1987
English, C.	Mrs	1995	Lee, L.	Mrs	2000
Evans, J.	Mr	1994	Lethbridge, P.	Mrs	1994
Evans, O.	Mrs	1986	Lihou, C.	Mrs	2006-
Ferrier, H.	Mrs	1993-	Lihou, G.	Mr	2008-
Finlay, M.	Mrs	1993-	Lomas, B.	Mrs	1995
Fletcher, S.	Mrs	1987	Lucy, T.	Mrs	1987
Forbes, R.	Mr	2008-	Lyons, R.	Ms	2005
			Lysaght, E.	Mrs	1986

Mackie, J.	Miss		1988	Roe, J.	Mrs	2004-	
Major, S.	Mr		1991	Rofeta, H.	Mrs		2004
Mangan, M.	Mrs	1985-		Romein, M.L.	Mrs		1993
Mapes, J.	Mrs		1985	Rose, J.	Dr	1985-	
Marley, F.	Mrs		1985	Rose, T. J.	Mr		1989
Marley, J.	Mr	1985-		Rose, V.	Mrs	1990-	
Marsden, S.	Mrs	1988-		Ruhle, J.	Mrs	2007-	
Martin, L.	?		2001	Rule, J.	Mr		1985
Mason, S.	Mrs	1998-		Sheeran, T.	Mr	2002-	
Mason, T.	Mr	1998-		Simpson, M.	Mrs	2008-	
Mathieson, L.	Mrs		1995	Singleton, V.	Mrs		1987
Mathison, D.	Miss		1988	Slattery, F.	Mrs	1986*	
Matthews, V.	?		2001	Smith, C.	Mrs		1993
Maxwell, D.	Mr		1986	Smith, Jennifer	Mrs	1993-	
Maxwell, H.	Mrs		1986	Smith, Jill	Mrs	2002-	
McCasker, R.	Mr		1985	Spooner, J.	Mrs	2004-	
McCheyne, R.	Mr		1995	Stabler, J.	Mrs		1996
McCorquodale, M.	Mrs		1986	Stabler, T.	Mr		1996
McDowall, E.	Mrs		1987	Stratton, M.	Mrs		2007
McGinness, N.	Mrs	1987-		Taylor, R.	Mrs		1992
McKeen, J.	Mrs	2007-		Torrisi, C.*	Mr		1990
McLaren, F.	Mrs		1990	Tranberg,	Mrs		1994
McLaren, I.	Mr		1990	Usher, T.	Mr		1990
McLellan, J. OAM	Mrs	1987-		Valentine, R.	Mr	1999-	
Miller, E.	Mrs		1986	Valentine, S.	Mrs	1999-	
Mobbs, J.	Mrs	2004-		W. Lauder	Mr		1992
Mobbs, R.	Mr	2004-		Walsh, M.	Mrs		1985
Moran, A.	Mrs	2007-		Warren, B.	Mr		2004
Moran, D.	Mr	2001-		Warren, M.	Mrs		2004
Morawiecki, R.	Mr		2004	Wedgwood, A.	Mrs	1985-	
Munson, L.	Mrs	2007-		Wells, F.	Mrs	1985-	
Murdoch, C.	Mrs		1985	Wilson, M.	Mrs		2001
Murray, J.	Mrs	2002-		Wood, D.	Mrs	1994-	
Newcombe, K.	Mrs		1986	Worthy, D.	Mrs		1989
Newman, J.	Mrs		1994				
Newman, P.	Mr		1994				
Noye, B.	Mr		1992				
Osborne, J.*	Mrs		1986				
Osborne, M.*	Dr		1986				
Paine, B.	Mrs		2000				
Park, J.	Mrs		1986				
Parker, G.	Mrs		1992				
Parker, K.	Ms		1992				
Poole, C.	Mrs	1987-					
Poole, L.	Mr		1987				
Porter, P.	Ms	2002-					
Radke, M.	Ms		1989				
Redgen, F.	Mrs		1986				
Redgwell, M.	Mrs		1987				
Reeves, D.	Mrs		2004				
Reeves, H.	Ms	2005-					
Reid, B.	Mrs	2007-					
Robin, T.	Mrs		1985				
Robson, E.	Mr		1986				
Robson, T.	Mrs		1986				

*Played several times.

Membership status

uncertain.

A hyphen after the date indicates current membership.

Pairs		CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS Teams	
1985	*****	*****	*****
1986	P. Campbell R. McCasker	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell J. Churchett R. Henzell	
1987	J. Rose R. Hohenhaus	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell J. Churchett R. Henzell	
1988	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell J. Churchett R. Henzell	
1989	J. Churchett R. Henzell	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose J. Rule	
1990	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell J. Rose J. Churchett	
1991	R. Henzell J. Rose	J. Marley J. Laufer P. Campbell R. Henzell	
1992	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell	N. Francis P. Francis R. Henzell J. Rose	
1993	J. Rose N. Francis	J. Laufer T. Usher J. Rose V. Rose	
1994	J. Rose N. Francis	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose V. Rose	
1995	V. Rose T. Usher	P. Campbell N. Francis J. Rose V. Rose T. Usher	
1996	J. Rose N. Francis	P. Campbell N. Francis J. Rose v. Rose	
1997	N. Francis P. Francis	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose V. Rose	
1998	N. Francis P. Francis	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose V. Rose	
1999	N. Francis P. Francis	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose V. Rose	
2000	N. Francis P. Francis	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell J. Marley D. Wood	
2001	J. Rose T. Usher	N. Collins R. Hart, N. Francis J. McLellan, J. Smith	
2002	N. Francis P. Francis	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose T. Usher	
2003	N. Francis P. Francis	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell N. Francis P. Francis	
2004	J. Rose D. Wood	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell N. Francis P. Francis	
2005	N. Francis P. Francis	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell N. Francis P. Francis	
2006	N. Francis P. Francis	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell N. Francis P. Francis	
2007	N. Francis P. Francis	N. Francis P. Francis J. Rose D. Wood	
2008	N. Francis P. Francis	N. Francis R. Hart J. Rose V. Rose J. Smith	
2009	C. Lihou D. Wood	R. Hart L. Kenyon C. Lihou D. Wood	
2010	J. Rose V. Rose	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell G. Embery H. Reeves	

Individual	Handicap	Novice Pairs	Spring Pairs
1987	M. Lamb J. Park		
1988	J. Churchett	K. Hilsdon R. Hilsdon	
1989	J. Rule	C. Poole M. Redgwell	K. Dawson P. Porter
1990	J. Rose	P. Campbell R. McCasker	P. Dobney A. Mayers
1991	J. Rose	E. Booth C. Murdoch	K. Bishop L. Bishop
1992	P. Francis	J. Rose V. Rose	A. Pryde K. McDonald
1993	J. Rose	L. Broughton C. Murdoch	A. Pryde K. McDonald
1994	N. Bonnell	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell	W. Hunt R. Lachman
1995			A. Pryde K. McDonald
1996	N. Francis		C. Hyne K. Bishop
1997	P. Campbell		A. Pryde G. Thomas
1998	N. Francis		I. Dahler A. Mayers
1999	N. Francis	C. Kiss C. Poole	I. Dahler A. Mayers
2000	M. Mangan	N. Francis P. Francis	H. Beaumanis A. Tuxworth
2001	J. Marley	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell	H. Beaumanis A. Tuxworth
2002	J. Rose	D. Mathison A. Wedgwood	L. Heron J. Rose
2003	N. Francis	J. Rose D. Wood	N. Francis J. Solomon
2004	N. Francis	H. Ferrier A. Gibson	N. Francis J. Solomon
2005	N. Francis	J. Rose V. Rose	D. Croft R. Morawiecki
2006	N. Francis	R. Hart L. Kenyon	N. Francis R. Parker
2007	N. Francis	N. McGinness J. McLellan	B. Bonnell N. Bonnell
2008	B. Bonnell	L. Munson C. Poole	N. Francis R. Parker
2009	N. Bonnell	L. Munson C. Poole	L. Moses R. Touton
2010	J. Mobbs/ N. Bonnell	C. Dodd D. Moran	T. Powell G. Dawson

YEAR	PRESIDENT	CLUB OFFICE-BEARERS		
		VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1985-86	Neil Bonnell	Paul Johnston	Beverly Bonnell	Beverly Bonnell
1986-87	Neil Bonnell	Paul Johnston	Beverly Bonnell	Beverly Bonnell
1987-88	Neil Bonnell	Paul Johnston	Beverly Bonnell	Beverly Bonnell
1988-89	Neil Bonnell	John Rose	Beverly Bonnell	Dorrie Jenkins
1989-90	Neil Bonnell	John Rose	Beverly Bonnell	Beverly Bonnell
1990-91	John Rose	John Kemp	Beverly Bonnell	Cath Poole
1991-2	John Rose	John Kemp	Beverly Bonnell	Cath Poole
1992-93	John Rose	Neville Francis	Beverly Bonnell	Cath Poole
1993-94	John Rose	Les Poole	Beverly Bonnell	Cath Poole
1994-95	Les Poole	N. Francis/J. McLellan	John Marley	Cath Poole
1995-96	Les Poole	Joan McLellan	Colin Dodd	Cath Poole
1997	Joan McLellan	Les Poole	John Marley	Cath Poole
1998	Joan McLellan	John Rose	John Marley	Cath Poole/D. Wood
1999	Joan McLellan	John Rose	Pip Francis	Dorothy Wood
2000	John Rose	Neil Bonnell	Joan McLellan	Dorothy Wood
2001	Evaline Booth	Neil Bonnell	Joan McLellan	John Marley
2002	Evaline Booth	Neil Bonnell	Joan McLellan	Anne Gibson
2003	Evaline Booth	Neil Bonnell	Elizabeth Gray	Anne Gibson
2004	Neville Francis	Neil Bonnell	Elizabeth Gray	Anne Gibson
2005	Neville Francis	Neil Bonnell	Elizabeth Gray	Stuart Brown
2006	Neville Francis	Neil Bonnell	Jill Smith	Stuart Brown
2007	Judy Mobbs	Evaline Booth	Jill Smith	Stuart Brown
2008	Judy Mobbs	Stuart Brown	Jill Smith	Jill Roe
2009	Judy Mobbs	Jill Roe	George Dayus	Stuart Brown
2010	Neil Bonnell	Judy Mobbs	George Dayus	Stuart Brown