

# "The Bridge News"

January 2022



## Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc.

### Dear Club Members,

Christmas and New Year have now come and gone and we are well into the middle of a hot and steamy La Nina summer. Good weather for working off those extra kilos we put on over the festive season. Unfortunately we are still in the grip of Covid-19 and by now most of us will know someone close who has contracted Covid and had to isolate...a sign of the times going forward.

Given that a large portion of us bridge players are grandparents we are finding many of these Covid cases occurring in our children and grandchildren as they are under more pressure to move around in society to earn their living and look after their children's needs. However, I guess one up-side for us 'oldies' is that we don't have to move around quite so much and can therefore stand a better chance of staying Covid free.

Unfortunately for the bridge club, numbers have been down due in part to the school holidays and also that some of us are resisting the temptation to come along to bridge due to Covid, which is understandable however, there are some positive signs that numbers may be starting to improve (7 tables, last Thursday). Keep it up!

A few notable improvements at bridge are:

- ◆ A new two drawer Fisher & Paykel dishwasher has been installed and is performing well
- ◆ The hot water heater which had been previously repaired has now been repositioned at a lower height to make it safer and easier for shorter patrons to access
- ◆ Your committee is in the process of reinstating a partner-arranger system which, on the BWBC website provides a "Partner Arranger" tab on the LHS menu for a contact to phone. A sheet on the notice board will also allow you to place your name and some details for finding a partner for future sessions.

**Programme Booklet:** A new 2022 Programme Booklet has been completed and is now available at the club. **Don't forget to pick up your copy next time you play!**

**Membership Renewals:** The club's membership year for 2022 commenced on 1 January 2022. We would encourage you to pay your membership subscription renewals for the coming year at your earliest convenience, \$36 for Home Club and \$10 for Non Home Club members. You can pay by direct debit if you prefer through Westpac Woy Woy, BSB: 032 527, Account: 166 855. Many thanks to those who have already paid. Please remember you need to have paid by 31 March otherwise you will become inactive and will need to reapply (you don't need that hassle!).

**Emergency Contact List:** has now been completed and is kept in the clubroom for convenient access. Thanks to all those who contributed...any more entries/amendments gratefully received.

**Congratulations** to the winners of the following special events conducted since our last newsletter:

#### Christmas Party Pairs:

<b>Open:</b>	Jacquie Wilson—Chris Hasemore (N/S) Noel Crockett—Shirley Crockett (E/W)
<b>Novice:</b>	Carolynne Mucharsky—Blair Glass
<b>Rookie:</b>	Annette Clark—Susan Ashley (N/S) Dee Logan—Kerry Robertson (E/W)
<b>Christmas Pairs:</b>	David Bowerman—Dasha Brandt
<b>New Year's Cup:</b>	Martin Johnson—David snow (N/S) Ed Vaughan—Robin Vaughan (E/W)

Still more exciting and challenging events planned ahead so keep abreast of the latest by reference to the "Coming Events Calendar" on the home page of our website ([brisbane-water.bridge-club.org](http://brisbane-water.bridge-club.org)).

**Standby available at Tuesday PM sessions:** Starting Tuesday 1 February, Peter Hume will be standby director. If your partner is unavailable and you are looking for a game on Tuesday afternoon, you can come to the club and you will find a partner.

**Dedicated Novice and Rookie Sessions:** Remember that we are currently holding extra parallel bridge sessions for <50MPs on Mondays (PM) and <10MPs on Wednesdays (PM). To keep these sessions viable we would like to achieve a minimum of four tables at each session and would appreciate your increased support.

**NOTE:** Just a reminder that the Monday parallel session has recently been changed from <70MP to <50MP.

**Learn-to-play Bridge Lessons:** A new series of lessons will commence on Monday 7 February @ 10:00am for 6 weeks followed by supervised bridge games. The cost is \$60 for six lessons and practice sessions. Let your friends know and ring Christine on 0488 194 737 for registration.

To keep us challenged and engaged your next 'bridge puzzle' has been attached, courtesy of George Boettiger.

Stay safe, enjoy your bridge, and **'Happy Australia Day' to all.**

*Graham*