



## Editorial

Welcome to the BWBC newsletter, being now produced by a new team – Barry Foster and Jaan Oitmaa. It is our hope to produce an interesting newsletter each month which will contain not only club news but, also, items about the wider bridge universe and a few bridge problems. We hope, in particular, to engage with the newer members of our club and to provide a forum for discussion of issues that may concern you. We seek and welcome your feedback.

## Club News

BWBC recently held its Annual General Meeting, at which the following election of officers was made:

- President - Chris Hasemore
- Vice President - Sylvia Foster
- Treasurer - Beryl Lowry
- Secretary - Barry Foster
- General Committee Members: Susan Ashley, Laurie Powell, Kerry Robertson, Jim Routledge and Jaan Oitmaa.

The Committee manages the normal functioning of the club and aims to take a proactive role in promoting and growing the club, as well as responding to unexpected issues as and when they arise. Any member with suggestions or concerns about any aspect of our club is welcome to raise these with a committee member. The committee meets once a month, and the minutes are available on the club website.

## Novice Pairs Championship

This event was held over two days (21 Aug., 7 Sept. 2022). The overall winning pair was Grahame Woof and Carolynne Mucharsky with the excellent score of 61.98%, closely followed by John Aldersley and Beryl Lowry with 60.58%.

## State less than 100 MP Championship

This event, sponsored by the NSWBA is running again in 2022. The format consists of a number of sessions run at club level, followed by finals at a local club (hopefully our club will be chosen). BWBC has completed two such sessions, with another two coming up in October.

- Session 1 (14 Sept.). 1<sup>st</sup> - Marilyn Reid & Anne Birt  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Blair Glass & Ian Newton
- Session 2 (19 Sept.). 1<sup>st</sup> - Ian Newton & Dieter Mucharsky  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Wendy Byrne & Caroline Nichols

## Grand National Open Teams (GNOT)

The regional final was held recently at Central Coast Bridge Club (Long Jetty), with 6 teams competing to progress to the national final in Brisbane. The BWBC1 team (Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa) had one of those dream days when almost everything goes right, and emerged as clear winners.

## At the Bridge Table

Here are two problems to ponder over, a bidding problem and a declarer play problem.

### Problem 1 (bidding)

Your partner (North) is dealer and opens 1♠

East overcalls 2♥ What is your bid?

Your hand (South) ♠ 6 3 ♥ Q J 9 4 ♦ A K 7 ♣ T 7 5 3

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### Problem 2 (declarer play)

You (South) find yourself declarer in 3NT. The opening lead is Q♣. How would you plan to make 9 tricks? (This problem is for newer players only).

North - ♠ K 8 ♥ A Q J 3 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ 7 6 4 2

South - ♠ A Q 5 3 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ K J T 6 ♣ A K

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## Our Club President - Chris Hasemore

We persuaded Chris to give us a few personal details to share with you.

Chris was born in London in 1953 and came to Australia in 1956. He grew up in Sydney and completed a B.Sc. degree at Sydney University. While at Uni. he took up bridge (to meet girls, so he says). After a career as a Mathematics and Science teacher, he moved to Nowra where he played regularly and was club president for a period. He is now retired and lives with his wife Kee at Umina Beach.



## Player Promotions

Last month 6 of our members improved their player rankings. Congratulations all, no doubt you'll be hearing from a friendly club director soon.

BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB INC		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
McGregor, Meg	Bronze Regional	100.44
Cunningham, Linda	Silver Local	35.78
Mucharsky, Carolynne	Silver Local	35.22
Spikesman, Christopher	Bronze Local	25.17
Ashley, Susan	Graduate	2.14
Vickery, Elvera	Graduate	2.12

## Coming Attractions

- NSWBA Under 100 Masterpoints Competition (UHMC)
  - The club is running four sessions :
  - Monday 19th September and 10th October, for players with under 50 masterpoints
  - Wednesday 14th September and 12th October for all players under 100 masterpoints
  - Eligible players may play in all sessions.
- Labour Day Pairs - Monday 3rd October at 12.30pm.
- Oktoberfest Pairs - Monday 10th October at 12.30pm.
- Melbourne Cup – Laurie Powell will have details out soon.
- Christmas Party – At Diggers. Details closer to the time.

## Answers

### Problem 1 (bidding)

This hand occurred in the semi-finals of the World Bridge Championships held recently in Poland, and was reported by Peter Hollands. Peter is a Melbourne based professional who presents regular YouTube videos on interesting bridge problems.

There is no single 'correct' answer to this problem, and our reason for featuring it is to make this point to newer players. There seem to be three possible bids – pass, double and 2NT. Arguments can be made for each of these. In the Poland match the player at one table chose to pass while at the other table the player doubled. We presented this problem to ten experienced players at BWBC and the choices were pass (3), 2NT (6), double (1).

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### Problem 2 (declarer play)

This is an easy hand for experienced players. How did you go?

If you start by taking the heart finesse and it loses then, provided East returns a club, you will lose the race. However, playing on the diamond suit immediately, to establish 3 diamond winners, yields a certain 9 tricks (3 ♠, 1 ♥, 3 ♦, 2 ♣).

There are several important points here

- Make a plan at the outset, for the whole hand if possible, rather than thinking about one trick at a time.
- Look for safe ways to make the required number of tricks, and avoid finesses unless you absolutely need them or can take them safely.

If you have any questions about tricky hands you have encountered recently, or want to tell us about a hand you made using, say, a dummy reversal throw-in squeeze, let us know and we will feature them in a future newsletter.

## Wednesday Start Time

Due to poor attendances we've abandoned Wednesday morning sessions. Therefore, the afternoon session will commence at 12:30.

## Cryptic Clues

These clues point to common Bridge terms or items. Can you find them?

- may have occurred in Washington D.C. last January
- a deal from Budapest, perhaps?
- Californian giant
- Knave with empathy
- pacifier for twins, perhaps?

- jack of hearts
- double dummy
- trump coup
- Goulash
- redwood

Stay safe out there ... Cheers Barry and Jaan

