



Editorial

The health of any club depends on attracting and keeping new members, and so it was pleasing to note that the recent ABF survey identified BWBC in the top 20 clubs nationally in gaining new members. This is a tribute to the hard work put in by Christine Hadaway in attracting novices to the game through an extensive teaching program, and to Christine and to Sylvia Foster for nurturing new players through teaching and supervised play sessions. The club owes them a huge vote of thanks.

Club President Chris Hasemore is currently experiencing medical issues. He is on the mend but for the time being has asked Sylvia to take over the Presidency and Jim Routledge the Vice-President role. Chris is back at the bridge table and hopes to resume duties asap.

We take this opportunity to wish all of our readers peace and joy for the holiday season, and look forward to a great bridge year in 2023.

Christmas Lunch

Some 80 members gathered at Ettalong Diggers on Monday 12th Dec. for our annual Christmas Lunch and Awards day. A very pleasant occasion. Entertainment was provided by The Silver Chords Barbershop Quartet, including our club member Graham Woof. John Aldersley also showed a fine singing voice. Here are a few photos from the day.



Coming Attractions

The 2023 program booklet is at the printers and hopefully will be available before the New Year. However keep in mind Monday, 2nd January for New Years Cup (**Red Points**) and Australia Day Pairs later in the month.



BWBC Days Off!

The club will be closed on.....

Christmas Day # Boxing Day # New Year's Day.

All other sessions will run at normal times.



Annual Fees

At the end of each year comes the dreaded time when we have to hunt up the membership for our yearly subscriptions.

Note: fees become due 1st January. This year our fees are set at \$36 for Home Members and \$10 for Alternate Members (formerly Associates). It is important to note that quite a large slice of your bill is paid in affiliation fees to the ABF and NSWBA.



Pay at the **club** OR pay **online**.



Here are the details you'll need to pay online (your name is essential)

*Your Name

*BSB 032527

*Account #166855

Vale Colin Mitchell

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Colin Mitchell. Colin was a huge figure in Bridge on the Central Coast, and previously on the Sydney Bridge scene. He had played a major role at the Leagues Club bridge and was a Patron and Life Member of that club. He was also a member of our club and often played with his wife Wendy in Special Events.



Team Bowerman are NSW Country Team Champions

The Bowerman team (David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa) played in the State Open Teams finals over the weekend 9th-11th December. After seven 10-board qualifying rounds, against 4 strong city teams and 3 other country teams, they finished in 2nd place overall. Having thus qualified for the playoff for 1st and 2nd place overall, they were automatically declared winners of the Country Section. The playoff on Sunday, against a team of representative players, was always going to be tough and our team did not make it, but are well satisfied with the results.

Player Promotions

Last month 4 of our members improved their player rankings. Congratulations all, no doubt you'll be hearing from a friendly club director soon.



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NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
White, Helen	Bronze National	200.05
Calcroft, Stephen	National	207.70
Purkiss, David	Bronze Regional	100.32
Glass, Blair	Local	16.63

Trivia Challenge Results

In the last newsletter we posed the problem of finding movie titles that include the word 'bridge'. Mr. Google sent in the following 20

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The bridge on the River Kwai - A bridge too far - Bridge of spies - Bridge of dragons Bridge to Terabithia - The bridges of Madison County - A view from the bridge - Across the bridge - Bridge to

silence - Bridge to the sun - Crossing the bridge

The bridge at Remagen - The bridges of Toko - Ri - The girl on the bridge

The bridge to nowhere - Under the bridge - The bridge of sighs - Waterloo bridge

However, the undoubted BWBC Bridge Trivia Champion is John Aldersley, whose submission included these plus some 180 more, a total of over 200! The list is available for doubters.

Finally

Club stalwarts, Tom & Hope Tomlinson, have been our chief storage officers for too many years to count. Under their house, Tom created a dug out for all our spare congress equipment. The time has come for them to pass on the job to a new volunteer.

Basically, we need about 3 square metres for tables and countless side tables (all stackable). If you can give up part of your garage please let a committee person know.

In addition to a host of other things, our thanks go to the Tomlinsons not only for providing storage but also for delivery and pick-up as the need arose. Well done Tomlinsons.

Merry Christmas ...

Cheers Barry and Jaan



Rudolph The sleigh would be a lot more fun to pull if the driver didn't weigh 700lbs.

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Blitzen He weighs only 700 pounds?

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Cupid LOL!

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Dasher Seriously! How about that practice run yesterday? He's all, "I'm tired of these sluggish take-offs." Well, I'm tired of hauling a hippo!

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