

Brisbane Water Bridge Club - November Newsletter

Editorial

We play Bridge for a number of reasons, but clearly we enjoy the mental challenge as well as the social interactions. If you are a newer player who is striving to improve your game, one sure way is to try to play regularly with and against those who are more experienced. Another way is to study the game and, these days, there are many instructive videos on the internet. The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) has recently set up a site, Bridge TV Australia, which includes presentations by some of our top players and teachers.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE CROCKETTS

All are invited to see the magical display of Christmas lights at the Crockett's, 380 Booker Bay Road, Booker Bay. Bring your children and grandchildren. You never know you may even run into Santa Claus himself.



Christmas Party Details

- 🌿 12th December at the Ettalong Diggers.
- 🌿 Bridge (also at Diggers) start time 9:45.
- 🌿 Lunch and presentation at the conclusion of bridge.



Vale Pat Deighton

Pat passed away last Wednesday 23/11/22. Her service is on Friday the 2/12/22 at Greenway Crematorium Green Point at 2.00pm. She was a member of our club and on the committee for many years and a great lady.

Results at a Glance - (some full reports at the end of this newsletter)

♣ Melbourne Cup

Pleasing numbers with 17 pairs attending.

N/S: Peter Hume and Elaine Hume E/W Jorgen Boettinger and Julie Teague

♣ Remembrance Day Pairs

21 pairs attended making it possible to play in 2 fields. (6 open and 15 Restricted)

Open: Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa **Restricted:** John Aldersley / Beryl Lowry

Congresses

BWBC members have played in a number of recent congresses, with mixed results.

♣ Tomaree

Saturday Pairs: Noel & Shirley Crockett 11th

Sunday Teams: Crocketts and Vaughans 5th (5 – 0 – 1)

Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Sylvia Foster & Barry Foster. 8th

♣ Southern Highlands

Restricted Pairs: Ian Newton and Blair Glass 6th (4 – 0 – 2)

Jo Ampherlaw and Linda Cunningham finished 8th

Teams: They teamed up to play in the single-field Teams on Sunday, and finished down the field, but creditably ahead of 4 experienced open teams.

♣ Mudgee

Saturday Pairs: Di Coats & Jan Clarke 6th

Sunday Teams: CCLCBC Team Grant 7th.

Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler

At the Bridge Table - The Importance of Timing – By Jaan

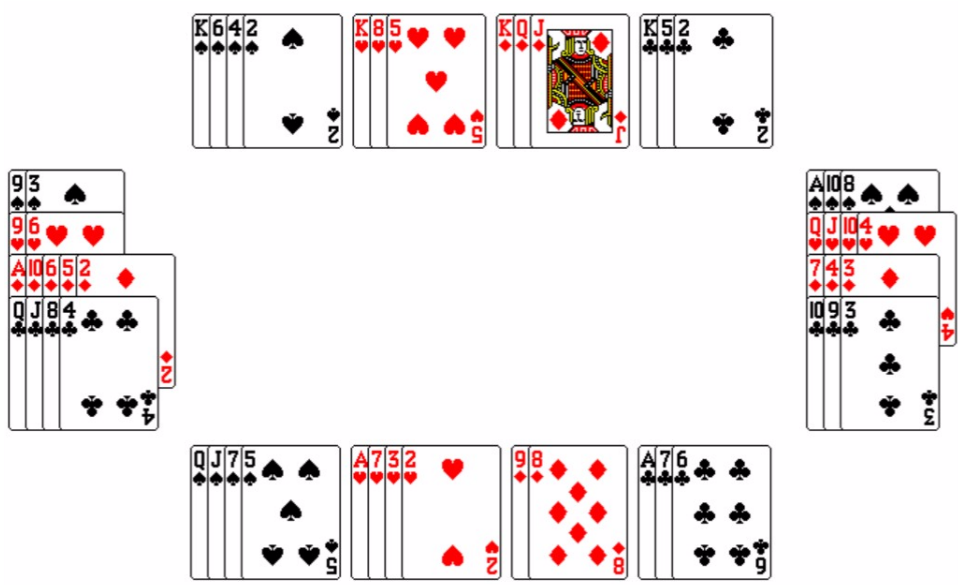
Timing is so important, not only in sports but in a huge range of other activities. It is no surprise, then, that timing can also be of vital importance in playing a bridge hand. Here is a simple example

Contract 4♠ by South,

Opening lead Q♣

You can see 4 potential losers, one in each suit. If you win the first trick and start on trumps at once, East can win and play another club. It will then be too late to set up a discard for your losing club on the diamond suit in dummy. At trick 2 you need to immediately work on the diamond suit. Then you

will have the timing to discard your club loser. There are many more types of situation where timing is vital, both for declarer but also for defence.



Two hands from Hell

Here are two diabolical hands from the recent Mudgee Open Teams.

5		♠ K8732	Dir: N
		♥ AQ43	Vul: N-S
		♦ Q853	
♠ 864	♠ AKQ9732		
♥ AJT95	♥ 4		
♦ 98	♦ K2		
♣ KT7	♣ J42		
11	♠ JT5		
8	♥ Q6		
13	♦ JT765		
8	♣ A96		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N 1 4 - - -	
		S 1 4 - - -	
		E - - - 4 3	
		W - - 1 4 3	

I am sitting East, in the perfectly reasonable contract of 4♠. North has bid hearts, and the lead is Q♥. I can see 2 likely losers in clubs and 2 possible losers in diamonds. I win the lead in dummy and, since this is my only sure entry to dummy, I lead a diamond towards my King. North goes up with the Ace and returns a heart. What would you do? There are two possible problems. If I ruff low, South may be able to overruff. If I ruff high and the trumps split 3-0 I will have a trump loser. I decide, rightly or wrongly, to ruff high. South follows with another heart, so a low ruff

would have worked. And, you guessed it, the trumps are 3-0, so South now has a trump trick, and I only make 9 tricks.

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23		♠ AJ9	Dir: S
		♥ T9	Vul: Both
		♦ A73	
		♣ A9743	
♠ K72	♠ T863		
♥ AQ	♥ 7		
♦ KQT52	♦ J864		
♣ Q86	♣ JT52		
13	♠ Q54		
16	♥ KJ865432		
2	♦ 9		
9	♣ K		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N - - 5 1 -	
		S - - 5 1 -	
		E 1 1 - - 2	
		W 1 1 - - 2	

I am sitting East again. South opens 4 hearts, with both vulnerable. My partner doubles. Now this has some danger, but so does passing. I think the double is certainly reasonable. North decides to redouble, and we have nowhere to run. The contract makes with an overtrick and we get a score of -1480.



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.



BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB INC		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MP's
Drew, John	Silver Local	37.02
Nichols, Caroline	Bronze Local	25.58
Creasey, Rohan	Graduate	2.16
Robertson, Kerry	Graduate	2.05

Trivia Challenge

How many movie titles can you think of that include the word 'bridge'. We can think of 3 or 4, but there are undoubtedly more. Let us know of any you think of. Alternately, if you send us a list with the largest number we will award you the **Bridge Trivia Champion** title. We will include a list of all received in the next newsletter.

Stay safe out there ... Cheers Barry and Jaan

Our wireless doorbells sitting on their chargers....



Tomaree Congress (29-30 Oct.)

A small number of BWBC members played in this, always friendly, event. Noel and Shirley Crockett gained 11th place in the pair on the Saturday, and teamed up with Ed and Robin Vaughan to gain 5th place (out of 29 teams) in the Sunday teams, with 5 wins and 1 loss. The Brandt team (Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Sylvia and Barry Foster) finished 8th, with a 4-0-2 record.

Southern Highlands Congress (5-6 Nov.)

Four of our newer players journeyed to Bowral to play in this popular congress. In the Restricted Pairs section Ian Newton and Blair Glass finished in 6th place with a (4-0-2) record, while Jo Ampherlaw and Linda Cunningham finished 8th. They teamed up to play in the single-field Teams on Sunday, and finished down the field, but creditably ahead of 4 experienced open teams.

Mudgee Congress (12-13 Nov.)

A few of us travelled to Mudgee for this event, which is always popular and had a full list of entries. The Saturday Swiss-Pairs was run in 3 separate fields: Open, Restricted and Novice. Our newer members may wish to note this for 2023. The competition in the Open section was fairly tough, with the best results being Di Coats/Jan Clarke 6th in the open Pairs. The CCLCBC team of Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Anne Grayden and Julie Sadler finished a creditable 7th in the Open Teams. Our other results are best forgotten.

Stop Press – GNOT



BWBC Team Foster qualified for the GNOT final held in Brisbane. They were knocked out in round 2 by none other than Team Klinger. In the repechage they managed a great 22nd out of 60. Great work guys.
Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Lorraine Lindsay and Chris Hannan.