



## Editorial

Welcome, readers, to a new year. May it bring health and happiness, and much enjoyable Bridge?

It seems appropriate, at this time, to consider again the role of the Newsletter. What do you, the readers, want? While we have had comments, largely positive, from older members, we have not heard much from the newer members. Since you, the newer members, are so important to the Club, how can we best serve you? It is not our role to be Bridge teachers, although we do try to include hands or comments which have an instructive element. Do you want more or less of this? Are there other issues which might best be aired through the Newsletter via, say, Letters to the Editors? Would this be of value to the Club?

At this time of year there are two major annual Bridge Events in Australia, the Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra (10-22 Jan.) and the Gold Coast Congress, Broadbeach (17-25 Feb.). A few BWBC members will be playing in these events, and we wish them every success.

## Results at a Glance

### ♣ NSW Under 100 Masterpoint Championships

BWBC players achieved some excellent results in the finals of this event held in December.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| ♦ 50 – 100 division (61 pairs) | Edith Marshall and Warren Nicol – 7 <sup>th</sup><br>John Aldersley and Beryl Lowry – 9 <sup>th</sup> |
| ♦ 25 – 50 division (42 pairs)  | Carolynne Mucharsky and Graham Woof – 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| ♦ 10 – 15 division (38 pairs)  | Blair Glass and Ian Newton – 10 <sup>th</sup>   |
| ♦ 0 – 10 division (48 pairs)   | Cheryl Pearse and Jennie Murray – 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Ros Harvey and Vickie Betts – 8 <sup>th</sup>    |

### ♣ New Year's Pairs

Winners in the first red point event of the year were

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|-------------|--|
| ♦ Open: N-S | Lorraine Lindsay and Richard Carter - 64.06% |
| E-W         | Sally Clarke and Jan Clarke - 58.33%         |
| ♦ Novice:   | Caroline Nichols and Wendy Byrne - 60.12%    |

## Coming Attractions

- ◆ Thursday, 26th January – Australia Day Pairs
- ◆ Saturday, 28th January – Summer Pairs
- ◆ Monday, 30th January – Club Individual Championship  
2 x Mondays
- ◆ Thursday, 2nd February – Interclub Teams @Gosford

## Annual Fees

Club fees are now due.

- ◆ \$36 Home Members \$10 Alternate Members (Associates)
- ◆ 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

## Player Promotions

Last month 10 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 | NAME             | RANK         | TOTAL MPs |
| Oitmaa, Jaan                   | Gold Life       | 758.40    | Goslin, Marcelle | State        | 71.06     |
| Adams, David                   | Silver National | 508.11    | Dillon, Tracey   | State        | 70.92     |
| Raj Mal, Matt                  | Bronze National | 226.53    | Howells, David   | Regional     | 50.04     |
| Jarrett, Marilyn               | State           | 85.64     | Woof, Graham     | Silver Local | 35.10     |
| Goslin, Marcelle               | State           | 71.06     | Reid, Merilyn    | Local        | 15.35     |

## Club Storage Problems Solved

In the last newsletter I made an appeal for a new Chief Storage Officer as the Tomlinsons had decided to retire after so many years on the job. Great News... Chris Hasemore has made some space available in his garage. The move was completed a few weeks ago; quite painlessly thanks to Tom, Chris and a couple of hard working sons. Thanks Tomlinsons and Hasemores for your club support.

## Chief Tablecloth Officers

We never think much about tablecloths. As with all jobs it's always more involved than you think. Thanks to Edith for her efforts over the last years and welcome to our new Chief Tablecloth washer Susan Ashley ably assisted by Kerry Robertson.

## Thanks

Thanks to the Vaughans for helping out with Supervised Play each Friday. High level help where it's most needed. WD.

## BWBC Web Team

Welcome to Laurie Powell who has joined our Web Masters Team. The team is...



Chief Web Master – Peter Hume



Indians – Barry Foster & Laurie Powell.



Barry Foster & Laurie Powell.

## Partner Arranger

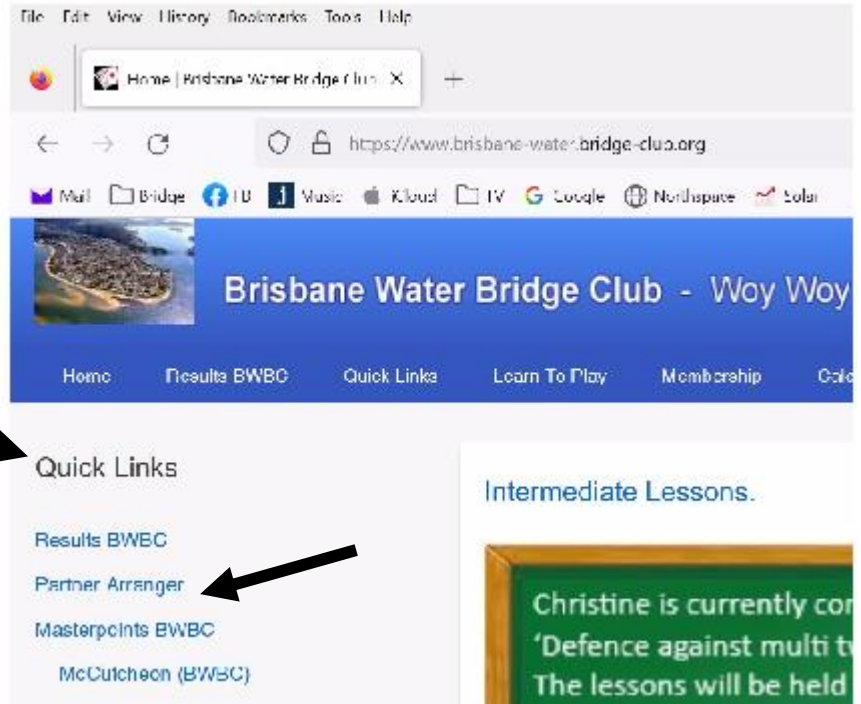
Looking for a partner? There's a 'Partner Arranger' section on our web site with instructions.

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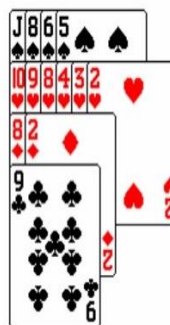
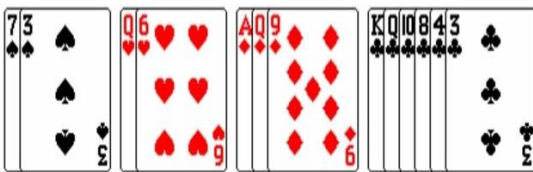
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## At the Bridge Table (from JO)

Carolyn Nichols and Wendy Byrne encountered this hand playing Stepbridge



# **You are North.** You open a natural 1♣.

# **South**, with this massive hand, responds 1♦.

# The opponents pass.

# **North** makes the normal rebid of 2♣. It would be premature to support partner's diamonds at this stage, as she may only have 4.

# Now the focus is on **South**. With this hand, opposite an opening bid, she will be thinking of slam. How can she best convey this to North?

There seem to be a few different options

### Souths Options

- bid 4♣. This should really be forcing but does not convey the strength and North might pass! ✗
- bid 5♣. North will definitely pass! ✗
- bid 3♦. This is not really forcing and North will probably pass. ✗
- bid 4♦. The suit is not solid enough. ✗
- bid 4NT (RKCB for clubs, implying support). North will show 2 key cards and the club queen, and South can then confidently bid the club slam. ✓



This month, I would like to look at a hand played recently at the club. This is board 26 from Monday 5th December.

| BOARD 26 |          |        |         |   |       |
|----------|----------|--------|---------|---|-------|
| BD: 26   | ♠ 9872   |        | Dir:    |   |       |
|          | ♥ T7     |        | Vul: AL |   |       |
|          | ♦ QJ5    |        |         |   |       |
|          | ♣ Q762   |        |         |   |       |
| ♠ K3     |          | ♠ AQ5  |         |   |       |
| ♥ KJ     |          | ♥ AQ9  |         |   |       |
| ♦ AT93   |          | ♦ K742 |         |   |       |
| ♣ AJ983  |          | ♣ K54  |         |   |       |
|          | ♠ JT64   |        |         |   |       |
|          | ♥ 865432 |        |         |   |       |
|          | ♦ 86     |        |         |   |       |
|          | ♣ T      |        |         |   |       |
|          | ♣        | ♦      | ♥       | ♠ | NT    |
| N        |          |        |         |   | 5     |
| S        |          |        |         |   | 16 18 |
| E        | 7        | 6      | 3       | 4 | 7     |
| W        | 7        | 6      | 3       | 5 | 7     |

As you can see, E-W have 34 hcp between them, and really should get to the par contract of 6NT, played by either side.

**Some East players** will open 1NT (playing 16-18). The simplest route to slam is then for West to respond 4NT (quantitative and invitational, not Blackwood) which East, having a maximum, should raise to 6NT.

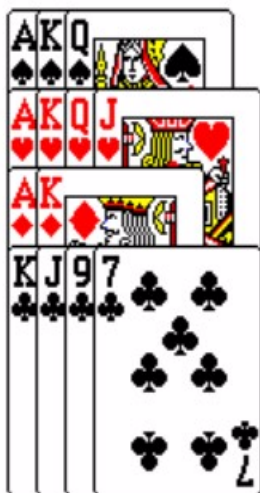
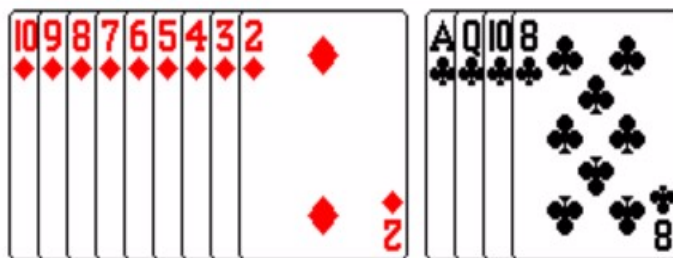
**Other East players** (playing a 15-17 NT) may open 1♦. Whatever West responds, East should then show a strong balanced hand, whereupon West should bid the slam.

**The play in 6NT** appears straightforward. Counting winners, there are 3 top winners in both spades and hearts, and 2 in diamonds, and therefore one needs 4 tricks from the club suit. You can lead a top club from either hand and, noting the fall of the T, only need to lose a club to the Q, making 4 club tricks and a total of 12.

If you played this hand as E-W and did not get the par result, this is worth discussing with your partner. What went wrong in the bidding and/or in the play?

## Bridge Trivia (6 Points making 13 tricks)

Consider the following hands



Imagine that you, as South, are in a contract of  $7\clubsuit$  (!), doubled (of course) by West, and the lead is  $7\clubsuit$ . Playing carefully, you can make 13 tricks.

This is the famous (or infamous) 'Duke of Cumberland' hand, which was apparently rigged during a game of Whist (a forerunner of Bridge) in the time of George III of England, and resulted in a large financial loss for the Duke.

A very similar hand was used in the James Bond movie 'Moonraker', where Bond, sitting South, outwits his enemy Sir Hugo Drax.

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Stay safe out there...

Cheers Barry and Jaan

**P.S.** The Wednesday afternoon trial of an open session could do with some more pairs.

## Random Thought...

As I sat, strapped in my seat waiting during the countdown, one thought kept crossing my mind ... every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder!  
-John Glenn

