



Editorial

Brisbane Water Bridge Club was established in 1975, nearly 50 years ago, by a small group of keen bridge players who had moved to the area. Over the years the club has served as a venue for experienced players as well as introducing hundreds of new players to this great game. It has always been, in our experience, a happy club, free from serious disputes and rancour.

At the recent Committee meeting issues of alleged rudeness and aggressiveness were raised. This is sad. There is no excuse for unpleasant behaviour by any member, be they a grandmaster or novice. Our advice would be to call out any unwelcome behaviour at once, and to report it to the director of the session and/or the recorder. The club has mediation and disciplinary procedures for dealing with such issues, if serious. It must be said, however, that what may be perceived as rudeness was, in all probability, totally unintended. We are all human.

One potential source of offence is the giving of gratuitous advice, which does occur all too often. Few people like to have their mistakes pointed out in front of others, no matter how well intentioned the advice is. They are also unlikely to be able to absorb the advice while thinking of other things. Such discussion is best left till later, and only if requested.

Congratulations Peter Hume



Recently Peter passed his C1 Director's Exam. Peter is now qualified to direct at congress level. This is quite a noteworthy achievement and a real plus for our club. Well done Peter.

(Clearly Peter loves directing)



Jean Pelham Charity Day

Charity Day is creeping up on us. Thursday, 18th May make sure it's on your calendar. The cost is \$15 which includes our now famous lunch (soup and a bread roll). Pre-entry is essential as we need to know the numbers for catering purposes.

We urgently need raffle donations. Please place in container provided in our club room. Our charity this year is the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry.



Happy Birthday Elle

Happy Birthday to one of our members, Elle Vickery. Elle turned 90 during April and enjoyed a dinner with her new BWBC friends at the Everglades Golf Club.



Vale Heather Munday

We note with sadness the passing of Heather Munday, a member of our club for many years. As well as being a keen bridge player she was particularly active with our charity committee which, over the years, raised a great deal of money for local needy causes.

Player Promotions

Last month 7 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players.

Well done... may all your finesses come off.



BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB INC

NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Ampherlaw, Jo	Bronze Regional	101.50
Lambkin, Judith	Bronze Local	25.26
Creasey, Rohan	Club	5.40
Murray, Jenni	Club	5.19
Ashley, Susan	Club	5.15
Pearse, Cheryl	Club	5.14
Girdwood, Carolyn	Graduate	2.21

Mobile Phones

Please inform the Director if you need to have your phone on for some sort of emergency.

Note: Repeat offenders could incur scoring penalties!



Club Results – Special Events

◆ Easter Pairs - (10th April)

Open	1 st - Chris Williams and Jan Clarke -	62.62%
	2 nd - David Bowerman and DashaBrandt -	56.67%
Novice	1 st - Rohan Creasey and Carolyn Girdwood -	60.83%
	2 nd - Graham Woof and Chris Spikeman -	52.92%

◆ Club Mixed Pairs Championship - (21st April)

	1 st - Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan -	62.89%
	2 nd - Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa -	57.41%

◆ Anzac Day Pairs - (25th April)

N/S	1 st - Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan -	61.90%
	2 nd - Jorgen Boettiger and Julie Teague -	59.62%
E/W	1 st - Sylvia Foster and Barry Foster -	61.61%
	2 nd - Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman -	60.12%

◆ Novice Teams - (19th & 26th April)

Team Nicol 1st - Carolynne Mucharsky, Graham Woof,
Edith Marshall, Warren Nicol

Team Stephens 2nd - Allan Charles Adams, Denyse Stephens
Anne Birt - Meryl Duke

BWBC Travellers' Results

◆ Central Coast Bridge Club Congress (18th & 19th March)

52 pairs, in separate open and restricted fields, and 28 teams competed in this event. Best results by BWBC members included...

Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany - 6th in the Open Pairs

Richard Carter and teammates - 6th in the Open Teams

◆ CCLCBC Club Teams Championship (22nd & 29th March)

Team Foster - Barry Foster, Lorraine Lindsay, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa finished in 3rd place, with a (7,0,3) record.

◆ Tasmanian Festival of Bridge (23rd – 26th March)

Two of our members, Beryl Lowry and Marcelle Goslin, journeyed to Hobart and came back with 5.56 Gold Points each. In the restricted pairs they won 5 of their 9 matches, and in the open pairs finished with 4 wins and 2 draws from 11 matches. Well done!

At the Bridge Table

BOARD 17		
BD: 17	♠ 9	Dir: N
	♥ AJT53	Vul: Nil
	♦ KQ932	
	♣ 54	
♠ A8532		♠ QT4
♥ 84		♥ Q7
♦ 64		♦ AT75
♣ 9762		♣ AQJT
	♠ KJ76	
	♥ K962	
	♦ J8	
	♣ K83	

Here is a hand from our Easter Pairs event (10th April) which I thought raised a number of interesting and instructive points on bidding.

The first question is should North open with 1 heart or pass. I think the hand is worth opening. Whether you base this on 'gut feel' or add a couple of 'length points' amounts to the same thing. The hand has good playing strength, better than many 12-point hands. With a hand like this you do want to compete and, if you pass now, it may be too dangerous to come in later.

Still, it is close, in my view, and depends on partnership style. Would your partner be horrified if you opened this hand in first seat?

Suppose you do open 1 heart. What should East do? There seem to be two options, both a bit flawed. The first is to bid 1NT, despite the nebulous heart stopper. This gets across the overall strength and shape of the hand. If partner turns up with as little as Jxx in hearts you have a sure stopper. The other option is to double, but many would want 4 spades in the situation.

If East bids 1NT, South should double (penalty/values) and West should rescue into 2 spades. North will then probably end up in a heart partscore. If, instead, East doubles, South has options, redouble or some kind of heart raise.

Finally, suppose North passes initially. East has a perfectly normal 1NT opening. South is not strong enough to get involved. West should bid 2 spades, if weak and natural, or transfer to 2 hearts and then pass. However, there is more! If West bids 2 hearts as a transfer, North can double to show values in hearts and N/S might still find their heart partscore. They might even get pushed into 4 hearts, which makes on the actual layout.

Who said that bridge was an easy game?

Coming Attractions

- ♦ May Point Score (Best 3 of 5 Mondays)
- ♦ GNOT Qualifier – Friday, 12th May (Gold Points)
- ♦ Restricted Swiss Pairs Club Championship <300MPs (Note: program booklet change) Wednesdays, 17th & 24th May.
- ♦ Jean Pelham Charity Day. Thursday, 18th May (Pre-entry required)

COMING SOON

From the Library - (Jacoby 2NT)



Jacoby 2NT is a comprehensive book on this convention. It covers all the necessary topics for those wishing to learn or revise this strong bid. The book is on the short side so you should be able to get through it in a few days. There are plenty of examples and tips which clearly illustrate the subject matter being treated.

Written by Barbara Seagram & Linda Lee this book is sure to give intermediate players a major contract boost. Why not check with our librarian, Karen Ody, to see this and other books that are available to help your game.

Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan



Random Thought...

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire.

- Howard Hughes

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen - he sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.