



## Editorial

Let's give a thought to our Directors. Before a card is played, they have to decide on a movement, depending on the number of players and those needing to be stationary, as well as coping with late arrivals and setting up the computer system. During play they must rule on infractions, in both bidding and card play, requiring thorough knowledge of rules and procedures and sensitivity and impartiality. Who would want to be a Director?

Fortunately we have a group of loyal and dedicated members who have completed the Director's training program, passed the examinations, and have been accredited by the ABF. They do not do it for the small honorarium they receive, but out of loyalty to the club. Without them the club would not function. So next time we finish a session, a word of thanks to the Director would not go amiss.

## Novice Bidding

How would you respond with West's hand? You've got a flat 10 points. Partner has just opened 1♥ and South has doubled. You love the hearts you can offer partner but your hand is so flat! What would you do? Upgrade your hand and bid something more aggressive OR downgrade your hand and show a 6 – 9 hcp 2♥.

♠ K76  
♥ KJ5  
♦ JT5  
♣ Q864

		N		
		W	E	
		S	1H	
	X			



You are west. What would you bid? I asked some **prominent Bridge Teachers** their thoughts on this hand....

**Scroll past the joke to find out what they have to say..**



## Reports - Local

### ◆ Teams of Three (14<sup>th</sup> June)

This was, as always, a very enjoyable event in which three less experienced players formed a team with a more experienced 'captain' and played 3 x 9 board matches in a Swiss format. 12 teams competed in the event. First place went to the Routledge team (Kathy Ivits, Alma Van Der Walt, Elaine Hume and Jim Routledge), with 3 wins. Runners up were the Tomlinson team (Beryl Lowry, John Aldersley, Marcelle Goslin and Hope Tomlinson) with 2 wins and 1 draw.

### ◆ Winter Teams (24<sup>th</sup> June)

Nine teams signed up for this one all keen to produce their best games in what is considered the fairest form of bridge i.e. teams. Director Hume set up a 4 x 8 board tournament which, sadly, contained the dreaded triangle. However, it is what it is and teams set about bidding their best contracts. Team Hasemore won the day with 4 wins. Team Lindsay finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with the same number of wins but 23 Imps in arrears. Team Routledge filled the final podium spot with a 2 – 1 – 1 scorecard.

Special mention to Rookie Team Durrant. It can be tough going when the experienced teams are in full flight. You guys acquitted yourselves well and made the most of the learning experience.

♣ Team Hasemore – Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson, Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster.

♣ Team Lindsay – Lorraine Lindsay, Richard Carter, Wendy Mitchell & Dorothy Berzins.

♣ Team Routledge – Jim Routledge, Karen Ody, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa.

♣ Rookies – Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Birdwood, Jennifer Tebb & Irene Irvine.

## Reports – Away

### ◆ State Seniors Championship (30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June)

This annual event of the NSWBA, comprising both pairs and teams, was hosted this year by the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club at Gosford. Notable results by our club members were...

**Pairs** - ♣ 4<sup>th</sup> Sally Clarke and Chris Williams      ♣ 7<sup>th</sup> Di Coats and Jan Clarke

**Teams** - ♣ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sally Clarke, Chris Williams teamed with international representatives  
Warren Lazer and Pauline Gumby

♣ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sylvia Foster, Lorraine Lindsay, Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman

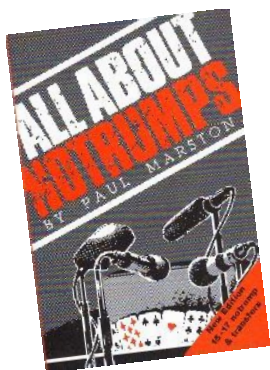
## ◆ Newcastle Congress (17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June)

A small number of our members competed in the pairs event and/or teams. Well done to Shirley and Noel Crockett, who finished 11th in the pairs, and 7th in the teams, with teammates Ian MacKinnon and Virginia Dressler.

## ◆ NSW Teams of Three (4<sup>th</sup> June)

This event was run in Sydney, in the same format as our club event. Marcelle Goslin, Carolynne Mucharsky and John Aldersley were teamed up with Australian representative Bruce Neill, and finished 2nd in the Novice Division, a great result!

## From the Library



**All About Notrumps** is a comprehensive book on basic notrump bidding and play. It covers all the necessary topics for those wishing to learn or revise notrump concepts. 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 Paul Marston this book is sure to give new and intermediate players a notrumps boost. Why not check with our librarian, Karen Ody, to see this and other books that are available to help your game.

## Player Promotions

Last month six 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
Cotton, Roy	Life	346.09
Ivits, Kathryn	Bronze State	162.92
Van Der Walt, Alma	Bronze State	162.11
Cunningham, Linda	Regional	52.12
Harper, Carolyn	Club	5.63
Galea, Fiona	Graduate	2.05

## Bridge Trivia

Have you ever wondered how many bridge hands you will pick up over your bridge career – 10,000 or 100,000 or 1 million? It is not hard to make a rough estimate. Let's say you play 3 sessions a week, say a total of 80 boards. If you play 40 weeks a year, for 40 years that comes to  $80 \times 40 \times 40 = 128,000$  so 100,000 is a reasonable estimate. This is roughly the odds of picking up a hand with 27 points or one with a 10 card suit. I'm still waiting...

## At the Bridge Table (2 x interesting hands from the State Seniors)

BOARD 23					
BD: 23	♠ AKT73	Dir: S			
	♥ AQ972	Vul: ALL			
	♦ J74				
	♣				
♠ QJ652		♠ 984			
♥ 85		♥ 4			
♦ AKT3		♦ 965			
♣ 64		♣ KQJT92			
	♠				
	♥ KJT63				
	♦ Q82				
	♣ A8753				
	♣				
	♦				
	♥				
	♠				
	NT				
N		2	5	2	3
S		2	5	2	3
E	1				
W	1				

The hand was played 15 times. 9 pairs found their way to 6H, played by South. Of course West, on lead, cashed the A, K of diamonds and that was that. 6 pairs managed to stop in 4H making, for a large gain of 13 IMPS. It is not easy to bid big hands with voids, since Blackwood often does not help, but strong players should be able to find the lack of diamond control and stay out of the hopeless slam. Still, hopeless slams often make. Suppose that the diamond ace was in the East hand. With no clues from the bidding, West would be unlikely to find the diamond lead, and declarer could then discard 2 diamond losers on dummy's spades.

The second hand comes from our recent Teams of 3 event, board 20.

BOARD 20					
BD: 20	♠ K9	Dir: W			
	♥ Q9873	Vul: All			
	♦ AJT873				
	♣				
♠ 7		♠ QJ52			
♥ A654		♥			
♦ Q		♦ K54			
♣ KJT9765		♣ AQ8432			
	♠ AT8643				
	♥ KJT2				
	♦ 962				
	♣				
	♣				
	♦				
	♥				
	♠				
	NT				
N	-	5	4	3	-
S	-	4	4	3	-
E	5	-	-	-	2
W	5	-	-	-	2

Hands where each side can make a game are rare. As you can see, N/S can make game in either hearts or diamonds and E/W can make 5 clubs. The best result for N/S was 5 diamonds doubled for making, for +750. One E/W pair, who shall remain nameless, bid to 6 clubs, missing two aces – perhaps they took a deliberate sacrifice. In any case, they had the last laugh as the opponents failed to take their two aces in time. As might be expected, there were some big swings on the board – 16, 15, 13, 13, 12 IMPs. Only in one match did both pairs play in 5 clubs, for no swing. It is also clear that there are good sacrifices here for both sides, but making such decisions at the 5-6 level difficult.



## Welcome New Members (brand new and re-activated)

Welcome recruits. I trust you will enjoy your time at our club.

Peter Talty, John Thorndyke, David Thorndyke, Stuart Clark, Jennifer Poole and Josephine Howie.

## Coming Attractions



### BWBC

- Thurs, 20<sup>th</sup> July, President's Cup.
- Sat/Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July BWBC Super Congress

### Other

- Sat/Sun 8th/9th July. Novice & Restricted Congress  
Central Coast Bridge Club



## BWBC Super Congress

Our congress is only a month away. Only 3 spaces left in the teams; plenty of room in the pairs. For the Saturday pairs we need donations of cakes, slices, anything suitable for morning and afternoon tea. For Friday, Saturday and Sunday we need table and chair helpers. Volunteers please let Sylvia or Peter know.

**Congress History** – In 2013... yes; 10 years ago! We had our largest congress ever. Organised by former President Louis Koolen we had 71 Teams and 52 tables for the pairs. Players came from Perth, Launceston, Gold Coast, Canberra, Manning, Northern Tablelands, Southern Highlands, Blue Mountains, Hunter, Sydney and the Central Coast. There were more than 65 Grand Masters present. From memory it was our biggest money spinner ever clearing over \$7000.

### And the results...

Our own Helen White won the Restricted Pairs (must have left before I could get a photo). Hope and I managed 3rd. Club stalwarts Carol Long and Faith Ross won the Novices.



## Special General Meeting (17<sup>th</sup> July)

Members will know that a Special General Meeting (SGM) has been called for the 17th July. Our current membership is just under 200 and according to our club constitution 9.5 members are needed to request a SGM. The number of signatories is more than double that required.

The full request will be posted on the club notice board next time I'm at the club. Probably Thursday. The request contains some background info as well as all the signatures supporting asking for the meeting. It's important to understand a signature supporting the request for a meeting is not a vote. It's probable some members want the meeting but not the outcome.

The committee has to take a neutral position and cannot give either side advanced opportunities not available to the other side. Therefore, other than procedural information, we will not be making space available to either side on our website, Facebook or newsletter for lobbying. No doubt individual committee members will have their own personal views on the subject and may take opportunities as they arise to have their say. Any Committee member or club officer expressing an opinion is their own and is not to be taken as a position adopted by the full committee.

*Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan*



## Random Thought...

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.  
- Prince Philip

## Novice Bidding (here's what the teachers think)

- **Lorraine Lindsay** – (Central Coast Bridge Teacher for decades)  
“I’d redouble showing quality support for partner’s suit. This hand is too good for a 2♥ bid”.
- **Wendy Mitchell** – (Central Coast LCBC teacher)  
“With my regular partner I’d bid 1NT showing a good 2♥ raise. However with beginners I’d stick with a 2♥ bid”.
- **David Beauchamp** – (Sydney Professional, Prolific Bridge Teacher & Australian Representative)  
“The hand is so flat I’d be bidding 2♥. It’s likely we’d miss game on this one but if I was feeling frisky I might go 2NT showing a better than normal heart fit. With east’s hand it’s possible he could do something more”.
- **Michael Courtney** – (Highly regarded Sydney Bridge Teacher)  
“2♥s for me. We’d miss the game contract. The hand is so flat”.
- **Michael Prescott** – (Highly regarded Sydney Bridge Teacher, Professional player)  
“The hand is so flat but too good for a single raise. I’d redouble and rebid hearts later”.

- **Karen Ody** – (BWBC Teacher)

“Normally with a flat hand like this I’d do a single 2♥raise. This hand is quite good and in this instance I’d bid 2NT after the south double indicating better support for partners opening.”

- **Sylvia Foster** – (BWBC Teacher)

“With this type of hand I teach players to do a single raise. Experienced players may look for other alternatives”.

- **Christine Hadaway** – (BWBC Teacher)

Novices have enough trouble remembering bids. Keep it simple. A 2♥raise will suffice on this flat hand.

Here is the full hand.... what was your bid?

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