



Editorial

Readers will be aware that our club AGM is coming up in September. Nominations for Committee positions have closed. However, there are two vacancies to be filled and the Presiding Officer will be calling for nominations from the floor. Also, we will need a new auditor as David Adams is retiring from that non-committee position. The Committee meets once a month, usually on Mondays at 10.30, prior to the usual Bridge session.

The 46th World Bridge Championships are currently underway, at Marrakech in Morocco. The Open Teams Championship, the Bermuda Bowl, is effectively the 'Olympics' or 'World Cup' of Bridge, with teams from 24 nations competing. There are also events for women's teams, senior teams and mixed teams. In each event, the teams play a round-robin against every other team, with the top 8 proceeding to a knockout phase. Unfortunately, after 8 days of gruelling bridge, none of the Australian teams reached the quarter-final stage. Play and results can be followed on the internet.

Club Special Events

◆ Club Championship Open Pairs (26th August)

A fairly small field of 12 pairs played in this Club Championship event, which is also a qualifying event for the State Open Pairs, to be held later in the year in Sydney.

Winners and runners-up were

1 st	Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	62.36%
2 nd	Lorraine Lindsay and Richard Carter	58.55%
3 rd	Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore	54.36%

Away Special Events

◆ State Veteran's Championship (1st – 4th August)

This event was played at Tomaree, over 4 days. Noel and Shirley Crockett finished 8th (out of 30 pairs competing), and, teamed with Ian McKinnon and Virginia Dressler, finished 2nd, out of 12 teams. Very well done!

◆ Coffs Coast Gold Congress

This congress is generally regarded as one of the toughest in the Bridge calendar, and so it proved to be for the BWBC members who played in the different events.

Local players Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany achieved a great 3rd place in the Intermediate Pairs event (68 pairs).

Our other BWBC club's pairs and teams, with little luck and too many mistakes, finished well down the field.

◆ Toronto Teams (20th August)

20 teams competed in this one-day congress. Hunter area teams Adcock and Mayo finished 1st and 2nd respectively. The Raj Mal team (Matt Raj Mal, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman and Brian Richardson) did well to finish 3rd and the Snow team (David Snow, Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson and Hope Tomlinson) also did well, finishing 5th.

Coming Attractions



- ◆ Eric Gibson Teams (Thursday, 31st Aug, 12:00 start).
- ◆ September Point Score (Saturdays, 12:30).
- ◆ Interclub Tms@ Bateau Bay (Thursday, 7th Sept., 9:30).
- ◆ AGM Pairs (Monday, 11th Sept., 12:30 start).

New to our Club

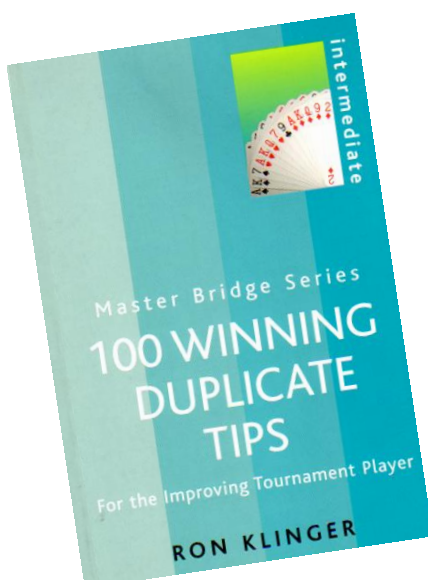
Welcome to our newest members

- ◆ Ros Lunday
- ◆ Geoffrey Warr
- ◆ Meg Warr

I trust you will enjoy many good bridge times at our club.



From the Library



100 Winning Duplicate Tips – by Ron Klinger

Ron Klinger has published a plethora of bridge material over the years. I'm not into reading whole bridge books so I particularly like this one because you can read as many tips as you like without having to read the book cover to cover. Each tip is numbered and has a page or so of backing examples.

Tip 64: *When your side is strong in every suit outside trumps a trump lead is often best.*

Read 1 tip or 100 tips this book is sure to improve your game.

Note: I'm still reading it so you can't borrow it yet but I'll return it next week 😊

At the Bridge Table by (J.O.)

This hand comes from the Coffs Harbour Teams event, board 16 in match 8.

Board 16	♠ A92		
Dealer W	♥ A6		
Vul E-W	♦ JT97532		
	♣ 2		
♠ JT43		♠ Q8765	
♥ Q7		♥ J5	
♦ AK8		♦ Q4	
♣ JT86		♣ AK94	
	♠ K		
	♥ KT98432		
	♦ 6		
	♣ Q753		
9			
11 12			
8			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	3	3	-	2
S	-	3	3	-	2
E	1	-	-	2	-
W	1	-	-	2	-

West passed and Sylvia, sitting North, chose to open 1 diamond. East overcalled 1 spade. I decided, rightly or wrongly, to bid 3 hearts, and this was raised to 4. I made 10 tricks, although the contract can be beaten with an unlikely trump lead. 4 hearts was bid and made at 12 tables.

Back to our bidding.

The North hand is a little light on high-card points, but, in terms of playing strength, it is superior to many 11-12hcp hands, and I like the bid. Aces are undervalued in standard point-count and the hand has good prospects of at least 7 tricks in a diamond contract. I'm still not sure what my best response would be after the spade overcall. I don't think 2 hearts does justice to the hand, although it would not be

forcing in our system, and the suit is not good enough to try for 4 hearts. Partner was justifiably somewhat perplexed about what sort of hand I held, but bravely raised to game. If it failed it would be my fault for bidding to the 3 level with such rubbish. Anyway, we managed to land on our feet.

For interest, I asked a number of club players what they would bid initially with the North hand. Six opted for 1 diamond, and five for passing. A case can be made for either.

Dirty Cups

Please give your cup a rinse before placing in the dish washer. Cups used with the coffee machine are particularly bad and often need a scrub.



Beginners Lessons

Learn to Play Bridge

Next series of lessons begin Tuesday, 5th September at 10am.

Cost \$50 for 7 lessons includes all materials etc.

Phone Christine (0488 194 737) for more information and to book your place.

From the Directors Chair



Matthew McManus writes –

Just because you say you counted your cards, it doesn't mean that you will have 13 of them at the end of the hand. The Laws require players to count their cards before looking at them at the start of the hand. It also requires that this count ensures that you have 13. Many players either don't count or count carelessly. If at the end you find you are missing one or more, expect the worst when the director comes.

Player Promotions

Last month 10 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done... may all your finesses come off.

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NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs	IAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Buckley, Jenny	Bronze Life	401.52	Lewis, Connie	Bronze Local	25.79
Purkiss, David	State	116.38	Durrant, Kerry-Anne	Club	6.50
Harrison, Suzanne	Bronze Regional	102.80	Pearce, Gavin	Club	5.19
Craven, Frankie	Regional	50.00	Sandra, John	Graduate	2.18
Byrne, Wendy	Bronze Local	27.05	Sandra, Bernadette	Graduate	2.09

Bridge Mate (No Play)

Due to circumstances players sometimes have to miss playing a board. There could be many reasons for this. Some players are pressing zero and accepting 'NO Play' that comes up on the screen. However, this is not the correct procedure as the Director has to make an adjusted score.

Here's what you should do if you've run out of time for playing a board. Call the Director. The Director will handle it all. Too easy!



Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan



Random Thought...

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box.

- Italian proverb

