



Editorial

The big event this month was our congress, the BWBC Super Congress, which has just been held. This was our club's first face-to-face congress since 2019, and attracted a good number of players at all levels, with 62 pairs and a full house of 30 teams. A full report on the congress is given later in the newsletter. Many thanks to the convenor, Peter Hume, for shouldering the burden of organising the event and for ensuring that all of the numerous tasks were completed in time. Many thanks also to the many other BWBC members who helped in countless ways.

The Committee has endorsed a trial of a new initiative to provide standby partners on a voluntary basis, to allow members whose regular partners may be unavailable at times to still come to the club for an afternoon of bridge. This is not intended to provide regular partnerships, although it could lead to this in some cases. The exact procedure and starting date are yet to be finalised.

Club Special Events

◆ President's Cup (20 July)

A total of 14 pairs played in this annual red-point event. Winners and runners-up were

N-S	(equal)	Christine Hadaway and Blair Glass	53.87%
		Karen Ody and Jim Routledge	53.87%
E-W	1 st	Susan McCall and Pamela Joseph	56.55%
	2 nd	Noel and Shirley Crockett	55.95%

Away Special Events

◆ Central Coast Bridge Club Novice and Restricted Congress (8 - 9 July)

A number of our less experienced members played in this event, including a few at their first ever congress. By all reports they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In the pairs event, notable results by BWBC members included...

♣ 2nd place - John Aldersley and Marcelle Goslin with 5 wins and 1 loss.

♣ 4th place - Wendy Byrne and Caroline Nichols with 4 wins and 2 losses.

Coming Attractions



- ◆ **GNOT** at Gosford; Wednesdays, 16th/23rd August.
- ◆ **Club Championship** - Open Pairs Sat, 26th Aug, 9:30
- ◆ **Eric Gibson Teams** – Thursday, 31st Aug, 12:00 start.

BWBC Super Congress

◆ Swiss Pairs (Open)

A total of 40 pairs entered. Winners were the well known and top seeded Newcastle pair, Greg and Sharon Mayo, with 6 wins, closely followed by the fast finishing and also formidable pair of Paul Weaver and Terry Bodycote. Best results by BWBC members were Jan Clarke and Chris Williams (6th) and Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore (8th).

◆ Swiss Pairs (Novice and Restricted)

22 pairs competed in the Novice and Restricted field. The winners were Richard Carter and Jay Novak. Top results by our club members were John Aldersley and Beryl Lowry (3rd) and Ron Meaney and Marcelle Goslin (4th), each with 4 wins and 2 losses.

◆ Swiss Teams

A full field of 30 teams played on the Sunday. First place went to the Clarke team (Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Chris Williams and Sally Clarke) by a comfortable margin from the Simes team (Michael Simes, Paul McGrath, Chris Dibley and Steven Bock). 5th and 6th places went to the Tomlinson team (Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore) and the Foster team (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Chris Hannan and Helen Millward). Both had their chances, with the Tomlinson team leading at halfway, and the Foster team lying 2nd with one match to go. C'est la vie.

See full report at the end of this newsletter

From the Library - (BID MORE, PLAY MORE, WIN MORE)

Matthew Thomson is an International / Professional player, and importantly, a former member of our club. Matthew even gives us a mention as the place where his bridge career began 😊.



Matthew Thomson

As a 5 year old, I spent the best part of a year in hospital where I played cards daily. My hospital hi-light was mastering of the poker school. It didn't take much encouragement to join the newly forming **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** in early 1975, the beginning of my bridge career.



Wow!

The Book covers a wide range of topics all designed to help you improve. You'll also find a steady stream of short tips which are included every few pages or so. Here's a good example.....

Tip: Never be concerned about a weak doubleton, if you have a balanced hand and the right strength always open 1NT.

At the Bridge Table (J.O.)

I found the following two interesting hands from our recent congress.

BOARD 25					
BD: 25		♠ T75		Dir: N	
		♥ AKQT2		Vul: EW	
		♦ AJ9			
		♣ 75			
♠ Q8				♠ J96432	
♥ 9875				♥ J	
♦ T3				♦ 2	
♣ T8432				♣ AKQJ9	
		♠ AK			
		♥ 643			
		♦ KQ87654			
		♣ 6			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N		6	6		2
S		6	6		2
E	3			3	
W	3			3	

The first hand is from the Pairs. It is board 25 from Match 6.

As you can see, N-S can make 6D or 6H, but only 5 pairs found either. The bidding will not be straight forward, as there is bound to be interference. Most Norths will open 1H but 1NT is also an option. Over 1H, East will likely bid 2H, Michaels, showing a distributional hand with spades and an unknown minor. South might support hearts immediately, but most will surely show their good 7-card diamond suit. West will then know that partner has spades and clubs, and may raise the ante to 5 clubs. North should then show good diamond support and South, with a singleton club, ought then to bid 6D.

The second hand comes from the Teams event, board 3 in match 4.

BOARD 3					
BD: 3		♠ Q982		Dir: S	
		♥ 32		Vul: EW	
		♦ KT7			
		♣ QJT9			
♠ K654				♠ A	
♥ Q84				♥ AK75	
♦ Q52				♦ AJ9843	
♣ 852				♣ A3	
		♠ JT73			
		♥ JT96			
		♦ 6			
		♣ K764			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N					8
S					7
E	1	6	4	1	3
W	1	6	4	1	3

I was sitting East and picked up this nice hand. After three passes I opted for a strong 2C opening, in view of the great shape and controls. Some will choose to open 1D with this hand. Partner responded 2NT which, in our agreement, shows 5-8 points, or thereabouts, with no suit worth bidding. I then showed my diamond suit which was raised by partner. While 6D looks a bit risky, I could imagine quite a few possible for partner which would give a good play for slam, so I bid 6 diamonds. The play was straightforward. Only two others found the slam. Most were in 3NT, making anywhere from 7 to 12 tricks.

Needless to say, others may have different views about how to best bid these hands. Let us know and

we might have an interesting discussion.

From the Directors Desk

- ◆ Players are encouraged to make a claim as soon as you know you have the rest of the tricks. This should become a habit with players. Do it thoughtfully and carefully.
- ◆ Once a claim is made play ceases and if all players agree the board may now be scored. If the claim is disputed, by any player (dummy included), the director must be called immediately. However, if all 4 players take action themselves and “play out the hand” the result will stand and players lose all recourse to the Director.

Player Promotions

Last month eight 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
Bustany, Alan	Silver Life	511.02
Cullen, Sally	Life	300.25
Hume, Elaine	National	150.36
Hume, Peter	National	150.27
Sappideen, Tony	Bronze State	169.24
Beale, Helve	Local	15.04
Robertson, Kerry	Club	5.24
Rose, Maria	Club	5.17

Sometimes the Bidding Just Doesn't Work Out! July disaster hand.

Poor South; after opening a weak 2♠ soon found herself in 6♠!

23 S/All ♠ - ♥ AT74 ♦ KJ543 ♣ T854 17 8 7 8	♠ A ♥ 5 ♦ AT876 ♣ AKQ963 ♠ QJ9874 ♥ Q963 ♦ Q92 ♣ - ♠ KT6532 ♥ KJ82 ♦ - ♣ J72	N S N 10 9 ♥ 7 7 ♦ 3 5 ♣ 6 6 ♠ 10 10	E W N 3 3 ♥ 6 6 ♦ 8 8 ♣ 7 6 ♠ 3 2

Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan



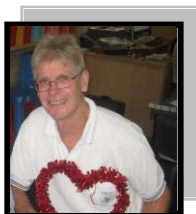
Random Thought...

Having more money doesn't make you happier.
I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Super Congress 2023 - Report

Our congress this year signalled our successful return to face to face bridge. Although not record breaking, our attendance figures were very respectable and certainly allowed for extremely competitive bridge at a high standard. We managed to play in two separate divisions in the Saturday pairs with prizes for the full podium at all levels. On Sunday we had a full house for the teams with prizes for the podium plus best Restricted and unplaced Novices.



Club Tournament Secretary, Peter Hume, took on the role of Congress Convener. Handling a Super Congress is no easy task and a leader must face many challenges before, during and after the event. Happily, we had a large team of helpers to handle issues and we came through unscathed. In fact, our list to remember next year is quite small containing minor items.

Volunteers:

It is not possible to run a congress without the help of volunteers. Many members are needed to assist in all sorts of ways.

- **Food** – This year we decided the major catering would be handled on Saturday by outside caterers, Kings Baked, and on Sunday by the Everglades Country Club. However, our members handled the special treats. Many items were home cooked and very delicious. Well done.



- **Set Up / Pack Up** – About a dozen members signed up for this weighty task. Chairs, tables, boards etc etc had to be man handled all over the place. As we get older the job takes longer and the items seem heavier. All our helpers are in their 70s and 80s and hiring outside muscle is something to look at for our congress future.
- **General Helpers** – Thanks to those who helped in some way. Maybe it was clearing rubbish, performing caddy duties or helping the Director. Great work all.
- **Board Dealing** – This is a huge task and our thanks go out to Marcelle Goslin who dealt the boards in the weeks leading up to the congress.

A great BIG **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you** to all those who helped out in some way to make our Super Congress the great success that it was.

The Bridge.....

All the results are online however I would like to mention some deserving BWBC players.

Saturday

- Players who had a great Saturday finishing in the top ten include Jan Clarke & Chris Williams (6th) and Martin Johnson & Chris Hasemore (8th).

In the Restricted/Novice Pairs competition three of our pairs picked up spots in the top 10. Well done to Beryl Lowry & John Aldersley (3rd), Marcelle Goslin & Ron Meaney (4th) and Carolynne Mucharsky & Graham Woolf (10th).

Sunday

- Our best performance for the weekend came in the Sunday teams.

Congratulations to Team Clarke winners of the congress.

Jan Clarke, Chris Williams, Sally Clarke and Di Coats.

- Some other top 10 performances came from BWBC teams...

♣ **Team Tomlinson 5th** – Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Chris Hasemore and Martin Johnson.

♣ Mostly BWBC Teams

Team Foster 6th – Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Chris Hannan and Helen Milwood.

Team Crockett 9th – Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett, Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon.

- In the Restricted/Novice

Best unplaced novice BWBC Team Ashley

Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson, John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra



Thank you all for a wonderful weekend of 'Bridge' - Barry





**Sally
Clarke**

**Jan
Clarke
Open Teams**

**Di
Coats**

**Chris
Williams**



**John
Simmons**

**Sachiko
Cathcart**

**Sandy
Carter**

**Nerida
Gillies**

Restricted Teams



John Kerry Susan Bernadette
Sandra Robertson Ashley Sandra
BWBC Novices