



## Editorial

We have a new crew steering the ship, after the recent AGM elections. The new President is Jim Routledge, who, in his fairly short time at the club, has already put forward a number of new ideas and will undoubtedly push forward with great energy. Vice President is Christine Hadaway, who has worked tirelessly for the club, over many years, most recently as Chief Director and Teaching Director roles. The new Secretary will be Ann Snow, another long-time member of our club, while David Adams will take over as Treasurer. General Committee members will be Jenny Buckley, Steve Anderson, Chris Hasemore and Jaan Oitmaa.

## The new BWBC President – Jim Routledge

Jim hails originally from the UK. He has had a career in international business, accounting and finance, which has taken him to many overseas locations. He started playing bridge in Curacao, with other expats. After many years in New Zealand, he and Maria decided to retire to the warm climate of Australia, and chose the Central Coast.

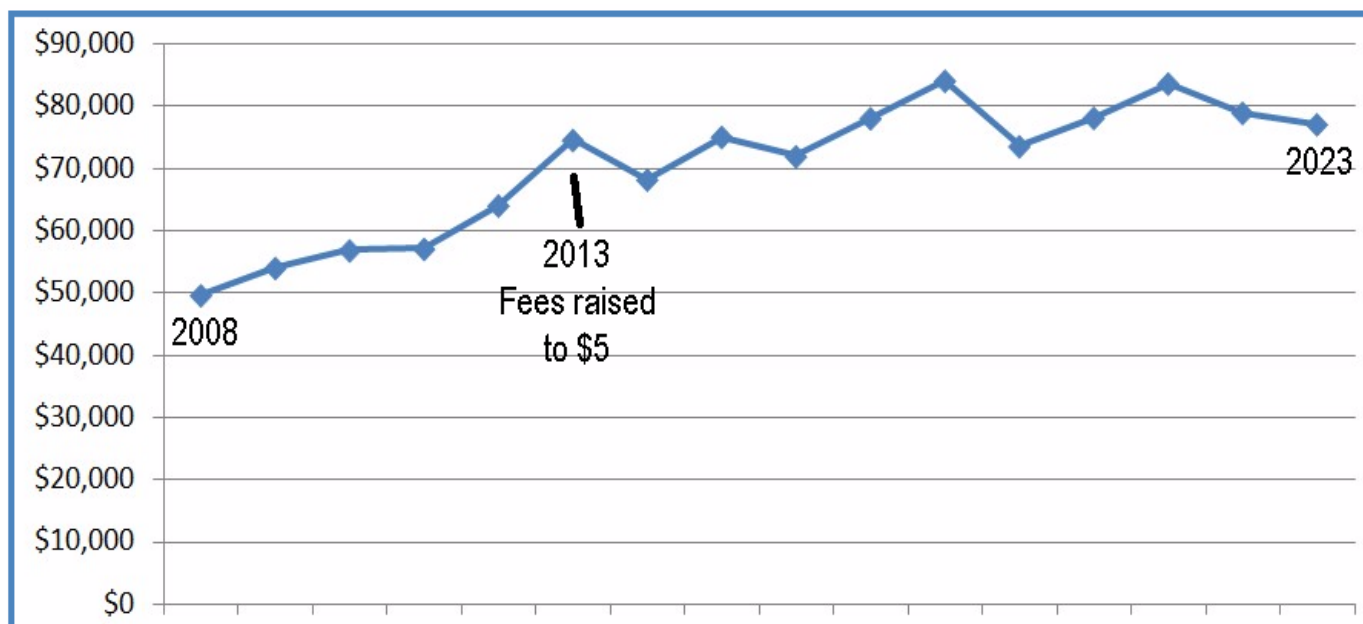
He says that one of the first things he did was to contact the local Bridge Club, BWBC, to continue playing. He says also that he has been very gratified by the warm welcome that he and Maria have received, and he hopes, as President, that he can make a noticeable contribution to the club.



## More on the AGM...

- ◆ Special thanks to our retiring Committee members. A job well done to former President Sylvia Foster, Secretary Barry Foster and Treasurer Beryl Lowry. Not to forget Former Committee members Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson and Laurie Powell. It's important to note most retirees have continuing non-committee roles within the club.

- ◆ At the close of the AGM all the executive positions were filled. We had one vacancy for a General Committee Member. In the time since the AGM that role has been filled by Elaine Hume.
- ◆ For some unknown reason I've been keeping a record of our finances since 2008. In 2013 we raised club table fees from \$3 to \$5. Also from time to time we've raised annual fees to cover NSWBA/ABF Capitation costs. In general we're going quite well financially, particularly surviving the covid years without too much economic damage.



## Club Special Events

### ◆ Eric Gibson Teams (31<sup>st</sup> August)

A total of 10 teams played in the annual event. Winners and runners-up were

1<sup>st</sup> - Team Bowerman (David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Jorgen Boettiger and Deborah Guthrie) (4, 0, 1).

2<sup>nd</sup> - Team Wulff (Judy Wulff, Pamela Joseph, Susan McCall and David Adams) (3, 0, 2).

3<sup>rd</sup> - Team Foster (Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Chris Hasemore and Martin Johnson) (3, 0, 2).

### ◆ AGM Pairs (11<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

A good field of 23 pairs took part. Winners and runners-up were

N-S 1<sup>st</sup> - Elaine and Peter Hume 62.01%

2<sup>nd</sup> - Christine Hadaway and Ann Snow 59.47%

E-W 1<sup>st</sup> - Sylvia Foster and JaanOitmaa 63.13%

2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Hasemore and Martin Johnson 63.05%

## Away Special Events

- ◆ Interclub Teams (Community Bridge Club, Bateau Bay – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.)  
This was the first such event held by the Bateau Bay club, and congratulations to that club for turning on such a successful event, with a total of 18 teams, from all clubs on the Central Coast. The top two teams were
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Team Clarke (Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sally Clarke and Chris Williams).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Team BWBC1 (Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa).
- ◆ GNOT Central Coast Regional Final (10<sup>th</sup> Sept.)  
This was the final qualifying event, with the winning team proceeding to the national finals in Brisbane in November. A combined BWBC/Leagues Club team of Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore, Julie Sadler and Anne Grayden were winners. Second place was taken by the Clarke Team.
- ◆ Leagues Club Congress (16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.)  
The CCLC Bridge Club ran a successful Congress with 56 pairs, in two divisions and 24 teams. Noteworthy results by BWBC members included
  - Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open Division Pairs
  - Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore, Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster – 8<sup>th</sup> in the Teams event 3 wins.
  - John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry, Elaine and Peter Hume, with subs. Suzanne Harrison, Chris Hannan – 11<sup>th</sup>, with 2 wins and 1 draw.

## Coming Attractions



- ◆ Labour Day Pairs – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 12:30 start.
- ◆ Tuesday Point Score – All Tuesdays during October.
- ◆ Spring Pairs – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October – 12:30.
- ◆ Melbourne Cup – Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November – 11:00 start.

## New to our Club

Welcome to our newest member.

- ◆ Spider Redgold



## At the Bridge Table – ‘Seeing Through the Cards’.

**Seeing Through the Cards** is the title of a talk given by Jessica Brake, at the recent Coffs Harbour Congress.

Jessica is a young Sydney based professional bridge teacher and player, and has represented Australia at a number of international events. The following is reproduced with her permission.

This is an introductory quote...

‘The ability to use **all** the information available to you when playing bridge is one of the skills that separate good players from great players. Pay close attention during both the bidding and the play, and you can often tell a lot about the opponent’s hands, or perhaps even play as though you can see all the hands’

Jessica presented 4 hands, for the audience to consider. Here are the first two, with comments. The hands are not easy for the average player, but when you see the solutions, the logic is compelling.

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## From the Directors Chair



I would like to clear up a couple of common misconceptions in regards to bidding.

Once you have completed writing a legal bid or pass the only person who may allow you to change it is the director.

It has nothing to do with.....

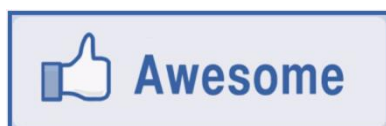
**The pen still being on the paper or**

**Saying you would like to change it in the same breath.**

The game is not about breathing or not letting your pen leave the paper. It is about your intent at the time you wrote down the bid. The Director must be called before your partner has written down her bid. Changes can be made after the L.H.O. has bid but not after partner has bid again.

## Player Promotions

Last month 3 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done... may all your finesses come off.



BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Snow, David	Silver Life	501.91
Mucharsky,Carolynne	Regional	50.45
Nichols, Caroline	Silver Local	35.24

## Useless Fact

Ten years ago, in September, the carpet tiles were laid in our clubroom. We offered to pay for them to be laid in the Seniors Room as well but the Seniors thought there would be a problem with their craft activities.

*Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan*



## Random Thought...

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.

- Harrison Ford

Pre internet chat room using  
An old version of windows...



# Seeing Through the Cards – by Jessica Blake

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**Board 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K  
♥ K Q J 8 4  
♦ J 10 5 3  
♣ Q 7 2

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♠ 7 5 4  
♥ A 10  
♦ 9 8 4 2  
♣ 9 8 6 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

North leads the K of hearts. South should unblock the Ace and return the 10 and their side cashes three heart tricks. North may then switch to the J of diamonds.

In isolation, the percentage play in spades is of course be to finesse the King, hoping it is with South. However, South has denied holding 6 points, and has already shown up with 4 - they cannot have the King of spades! West's only hope is to play the Ace of spades, and hope North's King is a singleton.

**Board 2**

East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ 7 6  
♥ A 8 5 3  
♦ J 10 9 4 3  
♣ 5 4

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This time it's the defenders that can use inferences to help them defeat the contract. North leads the JD. South wins, and switches to the 9H. North must decide whether to win, and return a heart immediately (hoping partner has a singleton H), or duck (playing whatever card is encouraging in your methods) and hope to give partner a ruff later. What clues do they have? A singleton heart would give West 4 hearts, and they denied that in the bidding! Duck the Ace. When Declarer draws trumps partner can win, play their last heart, and we can win and give them a ruff for one down. Well done. Note if South does not have the Ace of spades then the defence could still succeed if South has two club tricks.