



Editorial

The year 2023 has been a good one for BWBC. We have welcomed 19 new members to the club and we trust that they will enjoy playing bridge more and more, as they gain experience and learn to appreciate the subtleties of the game. Of course, there is also the opportunity to make new friends and to socialise.

In July we ran a successful Congress, our first face-to-face congress since 2019. We look forward to another great congress in 2024.

In January a few of our members will be travelling to Canberra, to play in events at the Summer Festival of Bridge, which is one of the country's premier events. We wish them every success.

We would also take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a joyous holiday season, and health and happiness in the coming years.

Club Special Events

◆ Christmas Party Pairs (11th Dec.)

Thirty six pairs entered our Christmas Party/Presentation Day Pairs competition. With such large numbers players were divided into two divisions, Open and Novice. All in all we had a great morning of bridge although some players were clearly in celebration mode ahead of others. Director, Chris, soon had the session humming along with the bridge mates scoring both divisions at once. Well done to Chris and Chief Director Christine. Thanks to those others who helped out in all sorts of ways.



Congratulations to our winners.

Open	N/S	Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan
	E/W	Shirley and Noel Crockett
Novice	N/S	Edith Marshall and Helen Cashman
	E/W	Janice Donohoe and Meryl Duke

◆ Summer Teams (16th Dec.)

Eight teams entered our final red point event for the year. Team Hasemore with a 3 - 0 - 1 scorecard had a narrow victory from Team Foster who, in the final analysis, were only 0.47 VPs in arrears. Special thanks to those members who worked to provide a delicious lunch. WD all.

Coming Attractions

- ◆ New Years Cup – Monday, 1st January – 12:30
- ◆ Australia Day Pairs – Saturday, 27th January – 12:30
- ◆ Club Championship – Swiss Pairs – Monday, 29th January (Session 1)



Player Promotions

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

NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Calcroft, Stephen	Bronze National	255.00
Lockwood, Maureen	Graduate	2.02

Annual Fees



What's this?

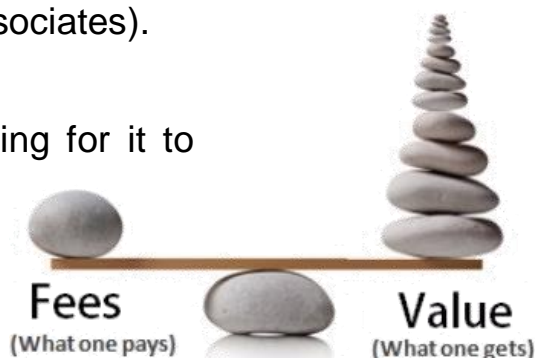
This is how much of your yearly fees go to BWBC. That's right \$10.

The rest of the money goes in capitation fees to the ABF and NSWBA. No complaints tho'. Those in charge do a massive amount of development, organisation and promotion of the game we love.

Note: fees become due in January. This year our fees are set at \$50 for Home Members and \$10 for Alternate Members (Formerly Associates).

Make it easy on yourself... Pay Online!

Why muck about with the club's credit machine; waiting for it to decide if it likes you and print a receipt etc etc. Pay your fees directly into our account and we'll both have an electronic record of your payment.



Home Members – Alternate Members (Associates)

BWBC Membership Fee	\$10	\$10
NSWBA/ABF Fees	<u>\$40</u>	
Total Fees for 2024	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$10</u>

Here are the details you'll need to pay online (your name is essential)

*Your Name *BSB 032527 * Account #166855

BWBC Days Off!

The club will be closed on.....

Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

All other sessions will run at advertised times.



From the Directors Chair – (Australian Director Matthew McManus)

Just because on the hand records Deep Finesse says that partner can make 7NT, it doesn't mean that she has misbid and misplayed when she only makes 9 tricks in 3NT. The Deep Finesse analysis can frequently be quite misleading. It is based on what you could do if you saw all the hands.

From the Library

Intermediate Bridge Play Problems by Tina Zines can be found in our club library.

We've had the book for quite some time but our avid library users seem to have mostly ignored the book. In the book you'll find 50 problems. The page following has the solution to the previous problem. There is an analysis of various options.



The majority of our membership falls into the Novice category so the book is not really for that group. Experienced bridge thinkers will enjoy the challenges presented therein.

Please remember our club librarian, Karen Ody, has a strong knowledge of what's available and is always willing to work with you to find a book that is just right for you.

From the Internet – the Splinter Bid

The internet has loads of bridge lessons. At a recent congress my partner made a splinter bid but my knowledge of the bid is really weak. At a later date I decided to find out more and found there are several YouTube videos that can move your game forward. If, like me, you want to make splinters a part of your game then click on the link for a 12 minute explanation. In the lesson, Andrew Robson, explains his favourite slam bidding tool and shows not only what you need to make a Splinter Bid, but how you should react to partner's Splinter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xK7YGbwxXkM>

From the President – By Jim Routledge

"On behalf of myself and the Committee of The Brisbane Water Bridge Club, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of the Club and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, bright and prosperous New Year.

Despite the lingering challenge that COVID-19 has brought, 2023 has been an excellent year for the Club with many new members and a full programme of regular and special events. Additionally we also experienced an increased participation which we hope will carry on through 2024.

Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you at various Club sessions next year."



Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan



Hey dudes... How good is this?

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST:

Dad

Mum

Wife's gift

Kids

Husband

Grandma

Grandpa

Siblings

Aunts

Uncles

In-laws

Cousins

Neighbors

Teachers

Mailman

Babysitter

Co-workers

His mum and Dad

Finally

If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

- Jonathan Winter