



Editorial

Preparations are well in hand for our 2024 Congress, to be held in late July. Further details will be available closer to the time. Club congresses are like inviting neighbours over for a cuppa and a game of bridge: on a larger scale. They provide an opportunity to meet, socialize and compete with like-minded members of other clubs, to promote our own club and to earn those coveted red points. Our grandmasters have gained most of their points through congresses.

There is a need for a few of our newer and younger members to become more involved in this, and not leave it to the octogenarians. Our congress convenor, Peter Hume, has indicated a wish to step down after this year. This is an opportune time for someone to put up their hand and to work with Peter this year, to learn how it works. A bit of energy and organisational skill is all that is needed.

Don't forget our Charity Day. It's only 2 Thursdays away. All money raised goes to the Woy Woy Food Pantry.

What's happening on Charity Day?



It's all happening on **Thursday, 9th May**. The bridge will commence at the usual time and place and the cost is \$15. To make the day special the Charity ladies will be serving lunch. Beginning at 11:45am they'll be serving a delicious variety of soups and a bread roll.



Charity Day Raffle



- Tickets available at the club.
- 3 for \$5
- Variety of prizes including a basket of goodies.
- Donations happily accepted.
- Drawn during Charity luncheon

Reading the Newsletter by Barry



Do you read the newsletter on your phone or a computer? Recently, I read an article about the presentation of newsletters. According to the author research has shown that in 2024 large numbers of people read newsletters on their phone; in portrait mode. He suggests if you want your newsletter to be read you must cater for this group as well as the computer and ipad/tablet users. To this end this newsletter has been

produced twice to cater for all readers. If you read it on your phone please let me know about your experience.

Player Promotions

Last month 4 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
Hughes, Kevin F	Regional	51.11
Drew, John	Regional	50.28
Reid, Marilyn	Bronze Local	25.05
Greenfield, Michael	Local	15.12

From the Directors Chair – by Australian Director Matthew McManus



Just because an opponent claims a certain number of tricks, it does not mean that that is the result if they have already won more than that. For example, declarer is in 1NT and takes the first seven tricks. He then concedes the rest, saying, “One off”. You have a responsibility to correct him – “No, you made your contract.”

Coming Attractions

- ♦ Jean Pelham Charity Day – **Red Points** - (Thursday, 9th May)

Raffle donations desperately needed. **Pre-entry essential.**
Cost \$15 includes lunch.

Our charity supports the Woy Woy Food Pantry.

- ♦ State Seniors Championship (28th -31st May)

COMING SOON!

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.



New Members

Last month the following players joined our club. Welcome to Clive Cowham, Pauline Holmwood, Suzanne Rochester, Ins Fine, Michael & Judith Hall and Stephen Hockley. We trust you will enjoy playing in the friendly atmosphere at BWBC.



New Session - starting Friday 3rd May!



Open Supervised will start on Fridays @10am with a short lesson by Christine. This duplicate is open to all players, so an experienced player can play with a new player as a mentor and players can come without a partner. Lessons for supervised players are on Mondays @ 10am.

Improver lessons - at 10am every Wednesday in May.

- May 1st - DONT (**D**isturb **O**pponents **1NT**) a very good way to enter the bidding after the opponents open 1NT.
- May 8th - Slam bidding with Key Card.
- May 15th – 4th Suit Forcing.
- May 22nd – Bergen Raises.
- May 29th – Jacoby 2NT game raise response to a major suit.



Write your name on the notice board or phone Christine on **0488 194 737**.

At the Bridge Table by Jaan

This month I am presenting two interesting problems, one on bidding and one on declarer play.



Bidding

This is a hand that occurred in the club on Wednesday 3rd April. West dealt and East-West passed throughout. Only the North-South hands are shown.

North

S - AK

H - JT

D - AKJ3

C - KQJT3

South

S - QT

H - AK986

D - 7

C - A9654

The contracts and results at 6 tables were:

▪	3NT	N	12 tricks	20%
▪	7 clubs	N	13 tricks	100%
▪	6NT	N	13 tricks	70%
▪	5 clubs	N	13 tricks	0%
▪	6NT	N	12 tricks	40%

How would you and your partner bid this hand, starting with North?

Playing a basic standard system, I think North is best to open a strong artificial 2 clubs, although 2NT is OK if you play 20-22. South's response depends on system details. Many play 2 diamonds here as a waiting bid, others might bid 2 hearts as a 'positive' response with a good suit. South clearly sees enough combined strength for a slam and should not stop below slam level. In my view North should now bid 3 clubs, showing at least a good 5-card suit. South can check on key-cards and, finding 3, bid a confident 7 clubs. Even if North decides to bid 2NT at their 2nd turn, the club fit and grand slam can still be found, although not so easily. 6NT is a reasonable contract, although should only make 12 tricks.

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Declarer Play

This is a neat declarer play problem that I came across, watching a YouTube video presented by Gavin Wolpert, a top American player and teacher. Again, only the North-South hands are shown.

North

S - 764
H - A543
D - Q4
C - KQJ7

South

S - A5
H - 7
D - AK652
C - T8654

South opens 1D and West overcall 2D, showing at least 5-5 in the major suits. You finish up in 5 clubs, and West leads a small diamond. You win in dummy with the Q, and pause to think. It looks very much like a singleton lead, so there is the danger of a ruff coming. You lead the club K from dummy, hoping that the Ace is with West but, alas, East plays the Ace and returns the diamond Jack. This is the crucial moment. If you reflexively cover the Jack, as many might, you have lost your contract. West will ruff and you still have an unavoidable spade loser. You need to duck the Jack. Dummy can take care of any further diamond leads, and you will preserve your A,K of diamonds on which you can later discard dummy's two spade losers.

When presented as a problem it may not be too hard to find the right play. Would you find it at the table?

Club Special Events

♦ Easter Pairs

Nine tables. Mostly bridge lovers but it was good to see a sprinkling of new faces.

NS	1 st	Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany	60.76%
	2 nd	David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt	59.92%
E/W	1 st	Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore	59.00%
	2 nd	Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	58.30%

Click here for full report. [Easter Pairs](#)

♦ Club Championship for Novice Teams

Great news. Five teams all with our newer players. Congratulations all.

1st Team Drew - Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis, John Drew & Wendy Byrne

2nd Team Nicol - Warren Nicol, Edith Marshall, Graham Woof, Carolynne Mucharsky

Click here for full report. [Novice Teams](#)



♦ ANZAC Day Pairs

15 pairs. Two or three slams to refresh those bidding skills.

1 st	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	65.48%
2 nd	Karen Ody & Jim Routledge	60.26%
3 rd	Sue Eastman & Helen White	58.65%

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Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan

