



Editorial

Bridge bidding is like a language, used to convey information between partners. It is vital that partners speak and understand the same language. Even top level international players can and do have bidding misunderstandings, when using highly complicated systems. Less experienced players are well advised to keep their bidding systems simple and natural. Following discussions at the Committee, Christine Hadaway has prepared a basic system card, especially for new players. This can be used as a default for players, particularly when playing with unfamiliar partners in events such as the Upside Down Pairs and Teams of Three, and should lessen the bidding anxiety that new players may feel.

Vale Julie Teague

Club stalwart Julie Teague passed away late last week. Julie played at the club regularly for many years. At this point in time we have no other details but will let you know funeral arrangements as they come to hand.

Charity Day

We managed to raise just over a thousand dollars for Charity Day. All funds will be donated to the Woy Woy Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is a volunteer organisation that makes up food hampers and sells them cheaply to families in need. Thanks to all those who helped out on the day.

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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 INC | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| NAME | RANK | TOTAL MPs |
| Aldersley, John | Bronze State | 119.07 |
| Hughes, Kevin F. | State | 52.99 |
| Adams, Allan | Bronze Local | 25.71 |

At the Bridge Table by Jaan

New players are taught that balanced hands play best in NT and, with an unbalanced hand, you should look for a suit contract. This is sound general advice, but there are exceptions.

One such exception occurs when you have a long (6+) card minor suit which is nearly solid e.g. missing only 1 top honour. Provided other suits are controlled, such a suit can be a good source of tricks for a notrump contract.

Here are two examples from the teams event at the Central Coast Bridge Club Super Congress , earlier this year. Only the East-West cards are shown.

Match 1, board 7 – South dealer.

| West | East |
|----------|------------|
| S – AK2 | S – J9 |
| H - KT87 | H - 3 |
| D - K643 | D – AQT972 |
| C - 82 | C – KT94 |

The bidding might go as follows

| S | W | N | E |
|------|------|------|--------|
| Pass | 1 ♦ | pass | 2 ♣ |
| Pass | 2 NT | pass | 3NT // |

A brief explanation of the bidding: when West opens 1D, East can sense at once that the diamond suit will almost certainly yield 6 tricks. So East can show clubs and, when partner bids 2NT, suggesting stoppers in the major suits, East will have no qualms about trying 3NT. Other bidding sequences are possible.

The results were:

- * 6 pairs played in 3NT, making 9 or more tricks
- * 9 pairs played in 5D, 2 making and 7 going off
- * 8 pairs played in diamond part-scores

Match 4, board 3 – South dealer

| West | East |
|----------|------------|
| S – 9653 | S – K8 |
| H - AK62 | H - 4 |
| D – K82 | D – AQJT75 |
| C – A3 | C – K764 |

The bidding might go as follows

| S | W | N | E |
|------|-----|------|----------------|
| Pass | 1 ♦ | pass | 2 ♦ (inverted) |
| Pass | 2 ♥ | pass | 3NT // |

Notice that the East hands are very similar what are the odds for that?

The results were:

- * 11 pairs played in 3NT, making 9+ tricks
- * 5 pairs played in 5D, with 2 making
- * 7 pairs played in diamond part-scores
- * 1 pair bid and made 6D

Individual hands like these don't prove anything. However, it is clear that it is not easy to make 11 tricks in a minor suit game, and it is fairly rare that this is the only making game contract. However it is also true that one can easily miss minor-suit slams by settling for a 3NT contract.

From the Directors Chair – by Australian Director Matthew McManus



Just because you have a board left to play in the round, it doesn't mean that you have the absolute right to play it. If your table is slow, the director has the power to – and should – tell you not to play the board and take an average, or make some other ruling about the board (eg. maybe average plus or average minus). The biggest and most frequent complaints that the director usually encounters are about slow play. One of his responsibilities under the Laws is to ensure the orderly movement of the session. If you are told not to play a board, you should accept this gracefully

Coming Attractions

- ♦ GNOT @ BWBC – Saturday, 9:30 start. (Entries Closed).
- ♦ President's Cup – Tuesday, 11th June, 12:30 start.
- ♦ GNOT @ Gosford – Thursday, 20th June, 9:30 start.
- ♦ Club Championship for Novice Pairs – 2 sessions
Wednesday, 26th June, 12:30 start.
Wednesday, 3rd June, 12:30 start.



Results - Club Special Events

♦ Interclub Teams (29th April)

16 teams took part, representing all four of the Central Coast clubs, played over 69 board rounds. After a close tussle, the first two teams were only separated by 0.8VP.

1st Team Brandt (Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Pauline Caust , Alan Bustany)
93.15 VPs

2nd Team Coats (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, Dorothy Berzins) 92.35 VPs

♦ Jean Pelham Charity Day Pairs (9th May)

The winners and runners-up were

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| N/S | 1 st | Christine Hadaway and Ann Snow | 56.25% |
| | 2 nd | Meg McGregor and Jenny Buckley | 54.76% |
| E/W | 1 st | Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa | 66.40% |
| | 2 nd | Marcelle Goslin and Donelle Foate | 61.90% |

♦ May Pointscore on Wednesdays (judged on best 3 results)

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 st | Kathy Ivits / Trish Byrnes, average | 60.90% |
| 2 nd | Christine Hadaway / Jacqueline Wilson | 59.80% |
| 3 rd | Graham Woof / Carolynne Mucharsky | 58.30% |

Congress

Our club congress is getting close. Here's everything you need to know.

BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB - SUPER CONGRESS



♦ **Saturday 20th July 9.30 am – Swiss Pairs**

♦ **Sunday 21st July 9.30 am – Swiss Teams**

♦ **Venue: Everglades Country Club 9 - 13 Dunban Rd, Woy Woy**

- Director – Ronnie Ng.
- Enquiries to the Convener – Peter Hume 0416 138 698
- Entry PER EVENT - \$60 per person
- Includes lunch and all day tea and coffee
- Enter on MY ABF
- Separate fields for Novice / Restricted players dependent on number of entries.
- Table limit – 30 tables
- For Restricted Pairs or Teams, masterpoints for each player must be < 300 at 30th June, 2024
- For Novice Pairs or Teams, masterpoints for each player must be <100 at 30th June, 2024



Saturday Pairs Congress

- **SWISS PAIRS**
 - 2 Sessions
 - Best Pair– 1st \$300
 - Best Restricted Pair - \$250.
 - Best Novice Pair - \$200.
 - Prizes for 2nd and 3rd placings dependent on number of entries in each category



Sunday Teams Congress

- **SWISS TEAMS**
 - 2 Sessions
 - Best Team – 1st \$600
 - Best Restricted Team - \$500.
 - Best Novice Team - \$400.
 - Prizes for 2nd and 3rd placings dependent on number of entries in each category

Conducted under the auspices of the NSW Bridge Association. The Australian Bridge Federation has approved the issue of red masterpoints at level B4. All players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations

Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan



