



Editorial

Our Congress is approaching fast. Space is limited to 30 tables, and entries are coming in. We encourage club members, particularly newer members who have not experienced a bridge congress, to enter before numbers fill. There will be separate fields and prizes for Novice and Restricted players, if numbers permit.

Now that winter has well and truly arrived, we will all be looking at indoor pursuits. What better than bridge at the club? A number of special events are coming up in the next month or so.

Player Promotions

Last month 2 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done. May all your finesses come off.



NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Crawford, Mei-Hua	State	119.04
Lovell, Leonie	Local	15.03

Bridgemate Etiquette

In recent times the committee has become concerned about the way in which the reading of bridgemate scores (out loud) is ruining play for nearby tables. Currently, the percentage scores have been removed. North/South are in charge of the Bridgemate scoring devices. Please observe the following points to ensure play proceeds quickly and checking is fair for all players.



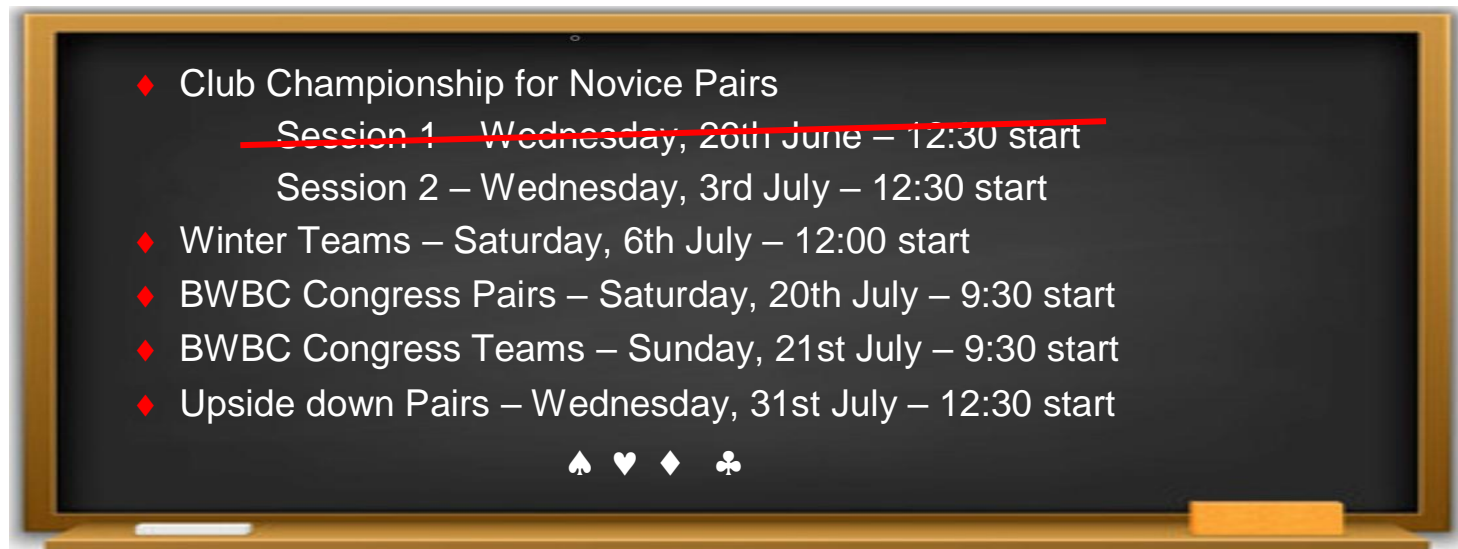
- ♦ If you are the operator put down your opening lead before entering data. This enables declarer to study dummy. Declarer will take a few moments to plan the play and during this time the data can be entered making a considerable saving in time.
- ♦ When checking scores quickly look and pass it around **without reading scores**. Every player can check and read themselves if they so wish.
- ♦ Due to circumstances players sometimes have to miss playing a board. There could be many reasons for this. Here's what you should do if you've run out of time for playing a board. Call the Director. The Director will handle it all. Too easy!

Bridge Cruise

There has been the odd mention of the club including a bridge cruise in our program. Christine is currently looking at whether this is a feasible option for our membership.



Coming Attractions



From the Directors Chair – by 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.

Results - Club Special Events

◆ BWBC GNOT Qualifier (1st June)

This event is the first stage of the Grand National Open Teams run by the ABF. Nine teams took part, with the first two qualifying for the next stage, the Regional Final, to be held at our club on August 4. The two top teams, at the end of an 8-match round-robin, were:

- 1st Coats (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, Chris Williams)
- 2nd Fane (Felicity Fane, Matt Raj Mal, Elaine and Peter Hume)

◆ Presidents Cup (11th June)

The winners and runners-up were:

N/S	1 st - Christine Hadaway and Ann Snow	57.14%
	2 nd - Felicity Fane and Peter Hume	53.27%
E/W	1 st - Karen Ody and Jim Routledge	66.96%
	2 nd - Susan McCall and Pamela Joseph	52.08%

Results – Away Events

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

This was held over two full days and two half days, at the Gosford Leagues Club. The fields were smallish with 38 pairs and 15 teams. In the pairs event, leading results by our members were: Di Coats and Jan Clarke (7th), Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa (8th) and Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster (10th).

In the teams event, leading results included:

1st Coats (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sharon and Greg Mayo)

5th Johnson (Martin Johnson, Jim Routledge, Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster)

6th Bowerman (David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa)

♦ Newcastle Congress (15th - 16th June)

The pairs event was won by the strong Sydney pair of David Weston and Julian Foster. They also teamed with Greg and Sharon Mayo, to win the teams. BWBC teams finished in mid-field, with the Tomlinson team 7th and the Foster team 8th.

♦ Gosford GNOT Qualifier (20th June)

Ten teams competed in a nine board round-robin. The winners and runners-up were:

1st Foster (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody, Jim Routledge)

2nd Mayo (Greg Mayo, Di Coats, Sally Clarke, Chris Williams)

BWBC Congress – July 20th – 21st

Our club congress is only 3 weeks away. It's time to fire up your partner and some team mates and get those entries in. To enter you must use the MyABF website. Here's what to do.

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Google MyABF

www.myabf.com.au

My ABF

Sign Up. It's free for members!

ABF Number

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Create Your Password

Confirm Your Password

SIGN UP

Already signed up? Log In.

Fill in all your details

Click Sign Up

Once signed up you will receive an email with a button to activate your account.

Open your account. There are all sorts of things to see but you are looking for **calendar**.

Scroll through the calendar until you find Brisbane Water Super Congress. Click on it to see full details.

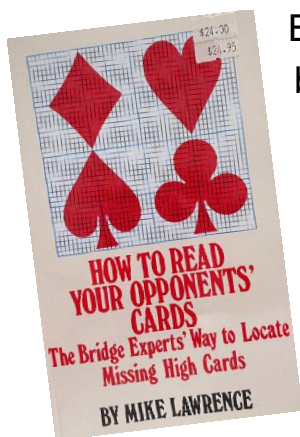
The full details are lengthy. Scroll down until you see program. You will be able to enter there.

If you've got a problem call Peter Hume and he will arrange registration and payment for you 0416 138 698

From the Library

How to Read Your Opponents' Cards

The Bridge Experts' Way to Locate Missing High Cards



Bridge players are continually sending messages to each other. Firstly, by their bids during the auction, and secondly, by the cards they play at crucial times. The opening lead is the most obvious but not the only way for opponents to tell you what hidden gems they may or may not have. Author, Mike Lawrence, takes you through a multitude of ways your opponents can expose vital information of value to you to make the most of your cards.

Sample

In the sample below, an analysis by declarer quickly surrenders all the secrets held by her opponents. See the bidding below:

W	N	E	S
1 ♥	Dbl	4 ♥	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After this somewhat spirited auction, West starts off with the 5♥. The 10♥ from dummy gets the jack from East.

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Now is the time for declarer to extract information from her opponents to make the 5♣ contract.

- ♦ After counting the Hcps we place EW with 17.
- ♦ Due to the opening lead West does not have both the A♥ and K♥.
- ♦ East is marked with both the A♥ and J♥ making up 5 of the EW 17 Hcps.
- ♦ West must have opened with exactly 12 Hcps.
- ♦ Declarer is now certain that all the missing honours are with West. **Most importantly,** the Q♣ and Q♠ which must be finessed to make the contract.

NORTH	
♠	A 10 2
♥	Q 10 9
♦	K 8 6 3
♣	A J 2
WEST	
♠	Q 6
♥	K 8 6 5 2
♦	A J 4
♣	Q 7 5
EAST	
♠	9 8 7 5 3
♥	A J 7 4 3
♦	10 9
♣	6
SOUTH	
♠	K J 4
♥	—
♦	Q 7 5 2
♣	K 10 9 8 4 3

We have 3 copies of this book in our club library. For advice on suitable reading for your level of bridge check with club librarian Karen Ody who will be pleased to help.

Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan



BRIDGE

YOU'RE JUST TRYING
TO GET THE BID SO YOU
WON'T BE DUMMY AND
HAVE TO GET UP AND
MAKE THE COFFEE!

