



Editorial

As readers will be aware, our 2024 Super Congress has just been held. Although we didn't quite fill entry quotas, a strong field of both local and visiting players participated in some challenging bridge. A vote of thanks to all of our members who helped in innumerable ways to make the event a success. It is not possible to name every individual, but special thanks must go to the Congress convenor, Peter Hume, whose careful planning ensured that everything ran smoothly. Our Director, Ronnie Ng, ran the event with his usual efficiency. A report on the Congress is given later in the newsletter.

Congress Raffle

We raised over \$500. All money to the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry.

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
Marshall, Edith	Bronze Regional	100.19
Snow, Ann	Regional	50.87
Howie, Josephine	Graduate	2.02

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, 31st July
Upside down Pairs – 12:30

Saturdays in August
Monthly Point Score

Thursday,
29th August
Eric Gibson Teams –

Saturday,
24th August
**Club
Championship for
Open Pairs (1) –
12:30**

Saturday,
31st August
**Club
Championship for
Open Pairs (2) –
12:30**

From the Directors Chair –

by Australian Director Matthew McManus



Covering the bidding slip...

Covering the bidding slip is not something we normally do at our club. However, according to the rules after the 3rd player has played to a trick the bidding slip should be covered. If, after this time, a player uncovers the bidding slip the Director can impose a penalty. Mathew McManus suggests Directors explain the rule and only penalise players who repeatedly make the infringement.

Results - Club Special Events

♦ **Novice Pairs** (26th June & 3rd July)

This event was contested over two days, by 13 pairs.

The winners and runners-up were

1st Carolyn Harper and Kerry Robertson 63.19%

2nd Leonie Lovell and Kevin Hughes 59.95%

♦ **Winter Teams** (6th July)

Eight teams took part. The winners and runners-up were

1st Team Ody (Karen Ody, Jim Routledge,
Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa) 63.72VP

2nd Team Hadaway (Christine Hadaway,
Donelle Foate, Robyn and Ed Vaughan) 57.02VP

BWBC Congress – July 20th – 21st

A total of 56 pairs played over 6 x 9 board rounds on the Saturday, with 32 pairs in the Open field and 24 in Restricted/Novice.

The winners of the Open Pairs were Sydney players Michael Prescott and Anthony Burke, with a (6,0,0) record. Second place went to our local pair of Sally Clarke and Chris Williams. Other good performances by our members include: 5th by Jan Clarke and Di Coats, 6th by Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa, 7th by Christine Hadaway and Donelle Foate.

The Restricted/Novice Pairs was won by Jennifer Barnes and Frankie Craven, with second place to Vic Pietraszkiewicz and Berenice Air. Alma Van Der Walt and Kathryn Ivits finished as the leading Novice pair, in 5th position overall.

On the Sunday, 24 teams played in a single field. Competition was tough, and the top three seeded teams didn't make the podium. The Weaver Team (Paul Weaver, Terry Bodycote, Di Coats and Jan Clarke) won in a tight finish from the Meyers Team (Jenny Barnes, Kerry Rymer, Kit Meyers, Fiona Fawcett).

The Woof Team (Graham Woof, Caroline Nicholls, Kevin Hughes, John Drew) finished as the top Novice team.

Membership

Welcome to returning members
Sue Morris, Susan Hill and
Vicki Betts and new member
Barry Freeman.

welcome

Vale Brenda Maloney

Long time member, Brenda Maloney, passed away earlier this month. For many years Brenda enjoyed playing bridge at our club with husband Pat. They attended club events until illness forced them to move closer to family. Brenda liked to help out at the club and would support activities such as the Christmas Party and Congress with special treats and some home cooking.



Learn to Play Lessons

♥ Next series of lessons:

Monday, 19th and

Wednesday, 21st August.

♥ Start time: 10:00am.

♥ Cost: \$50 for 8 lessons

♥ All materials supplied.

♥ Call Christine to register your
interest 0488 194 737.

At the Bridge Table - Slams a plenty - By Jaan

It has been calculated that around 13% of boards allow the possibility of a slam. Given that some of these are not biddable realistically, and some can only be made via an anti-percentage play, a reasonable rule of thumb might be that a slam might be bid and made on perhaps 5% of boards, about 1 in 20. So it was very unusual that, in match 5 of our recent Congress pairs event, the hand records show that one or more slams can be made on 6 of the nine boards. Here are 4 of the realistic ones.

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*Stay safe out there –
Cheers Barry and Jaan*



Board 12.

Here N/S can make a grand in hearts or NT. Provided West doesn't get frisky and open 3 clubs, North will open 1-spade and South can key-card to find no aces

missing, and should bid to at least 6-hearts. Nobody found the grand slam. The small slam was only bid by 9 of 16 pairs in the open and 2 of 12 pairs in the restricted/novice.

12		♠ AQT74				
W/NS		♥ 653				
		♦ J92				
		♣ AQ				
♠ 985			♠ J632			
♥ 7			♥ J8			
♦ T86			♦ KQ43			
♣ KT9873			♣ J62			
13		♠ K				
3	8	♥ AKQT942				
16		♦ A75				
		♣ 54				

Board 13

This hand is not quite as easy to bid, and nobody found even a small slam, although a grand is possible in either minor, although not a good contract to be in.

13		♠ QJT8				
N/AH		♥ J42				
		♦ J96				
		♣ 863				
♠ -			♠ K7632			
♥ T6			♥ AK985			
♦ AQT843			♦ K			
♣ AKJT5			♣ 94			
5		♠ A954				
14	13	♥ Q73				
8		♦ 752				
		♣ Q72				

Readers can puzzle over a good bidding sequence.

Board 18

It is not often that you hear partner open and you are looking at 20 points. In the open field, all 16 pairs bid to a slam, with 7 pairs bidding and making seven.

18		♠ 7	
E/NS		♥ T63	
		♦ JT843	
		♣ J762	
♠ AJT		♠ KQ62	
♥ AKJ952		♥ Q84	
♦ AK5		♦ 7	
♣ 5		♣ AKQ94	
	♠ 98543		
2	♥ 7		
20	16	♦ Q962	
2		♣ T83	
			E W
			N 7 7
			♠ 6 6
			♥ 7 7
			♦ 2 2
			♣ 6 6

In the restricted/novice field 5 of 12 pairs reached a small slam.

Board 14

There are 34 hcp between the hands, and 6NT should be reached by most pairs. It is not so easy to bid to the grand, as neither

14		♠ AJ43				N S
E/-		♥ Q75				N 7 7
		♦ AQ62				♠ 5 5
		♣ A2				♥ 7 7
♠ 9852		♠ KT76				♦ 7 7
♥ 632		♥ K94				♣ 7 7
♦ T83		♦ 97				
♣ T63		♣ 9754				
	♠ Q					N
17	♥ AJT8					♠
0	♦ KJ54					♥
17	♣ KQJ8					♦
						♣

hand has a long solid suit. East will pass in 1st seat and South will most likely open 1-diamond. North will bid a natural 1-spade and South might then bid 2NT, showing some 17-19 points, or reverse into hearts. In either case North should find 6NT. 11 open pairs and 4

restricted/novice found the slam. Seven is a poor contract, but one pair bid and made 7-diamonds.

