



Editorial

As we are preparing this newsletter, we are about to hold a special annual event, the Eric Gibson Teams. Eric Gibson was one of the founding members of our club, and was known personally to a few of our long time members. He was one of twelve people who met at the Woy Woy Progress Hall on 1st September 1975, which voted to form the Brisbane Water Bridge Club. Next year will be our club's 50th anniversary.

We have a document, written by Eric Gibson, which outlines the club's history from 1975-1995. Would any of our current members undertake to add more recent history?

AGM

With our AGM only a couple of weeks away and our BWBC year coming to a close it's time to thank those members who have put so much effort into the club to ensure it runs as smoothly as possible. Firstly, to the Committee headed by President Routledge. There are so many jobs to be done and some such as the Secretary and Treasury involve almost daily attention. Well done to the Committee members who have handled their jobs so expertly. Our club also requires workers outside the Committee. Special thanks to our Chief Director Christine and her band of directors who make their weekly sessions run so well. We also need to thank all those involved in dealing the boards, giving lessons, keeping masterpoints records, tournament organisation, the library and so on. We have a Big club with so many jobs Big and small to be done. Thanks to all those members who have so willingly stepped up to the plate when the call went out for help.

Player Promotions

Last month 5 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done. May all your finesses come off.



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BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Goslin, Marcelle	Bronze State	115.81
Adams, John	Regional	51.19
Durrant, Kerry-Anne	Local	16.83
Sandra, John	Club	5.29
Clarke, Annette	Club	5.16

Coming Attractions

- ♦ Saturday, 31st August – Club Championship Open Pairs – Session 2 12:30 start.
- ♦ Wednesday, 4th Sept – Restricted Swiss Prs Club C'ship (1) – 12:30 start.
- ♦ Thursday, 5th Sept – Bateau Bay Interclub teams – 9:30 start.
- ♦ Monday, 9th Sept – AGM – 11:00 start
- ♦ – AGM Pairs (**Red Points**) – 12:30 start.
- ♦ Wednesday, 11th Sept – Restricted Swiss Prs Club C'ship (2) – 12:30 start.
- ♦ Monday 30th Sept – Teams of 3 – **12:15** start.

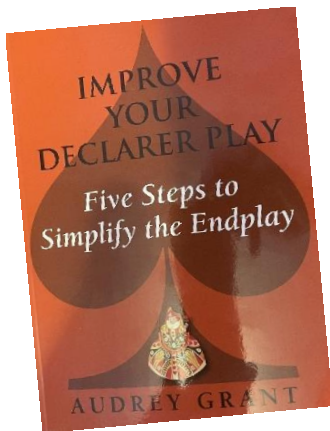
Club Championship for Restricted Pairs

- ♦ Swiss format ♦ Two Wednesdays, 4th & 11th Sept
- ♦ Open to members with <300Mpts ♦ Cost \$15
- ♦ Pre-enter online or on the clubroom notice board
- ♦ Usual time and place



From the Library

Audrey Grant is a Canadian contract bridge teacher and writer. Audrey is known for her powerful bridge teaching methods and quality instruction books. She is global personality in our bridge world.



Improve Your Declarer Play – the book focuses on developing the endplay technique to improve your game. So what is an endplay? It's the technique of losing a trick to an opponent forcing her to return a favourable lead back to you. It typically occurs near the end of a deal.

In the book you are taken through 5 steps so that when you play your exit card the defender has no winning options. In poker they would say you hold all the aces. The book contains bidding suggestions, card play tips and of course, a ton of practice deals to cement each of the 5 steps.

When I finish with the book I'll pop it back in the library for you to borrow. In the mean time we have a range of other Audrey Grant books just waiting for you. As always you can check with club librarian, Karen Ody, and she will point you in the direction of a book suitable for your level of experience.



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Results - Club Special Events

♦ Upside-Down Pairs (31st July)

This is always a popular event at the club, for players of all levels. This year 19 pairs took part. The winners and runners-up were

NS	1 st	Jacqui Wilson and Wendy Byrne	57.02%
	2 nd	Jim Routledge and Steve Anderson	56.60%
EW	1 st	Ed Vaughan and Bob Lowry	58.60%
	2 nd	Peter Hume and Beryl Lowry	57.26%

♦ Eric Gibson Teams (29th August)

Eight teams signed up for this special day held in memory of founding member Eric Gibson. There were a number of hands that required desperate bidding to find that elusive contract. A number of novices fielded teams. All acquitted themselves well.

1 st	Chris Hannan, Sue Eastman, Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster
2 nd	Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate, Ed Vaughan & Robin Vaughan

Results – Further Afield

♦ Coffs Coast Gold Congress (13th – 18th August)

This is one of the premier events on the Australian Bridge calendar, and always attracts a strong field from both NSW and from interstate. This year was no exception. The Open Pairs was won by Justin Mill and Mike Doeke, who also combined with James Coutts and Justin Williams to win the Open Teams.

We are pleased to report excellent results by our club members Sally Clarke, Chris Williams, Di Coats and Jan Clarke. Sally and Chris finished 16th in the Open Pairs and Di and Jan finished 26th, out of 116 entries. They combined to finish 7th out of 64 in the Open Teams. Well done indeed! Well done also to Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany, who came 5th, out of 60, in the Intermediate Pairs.

From the Directors Chair – by Australian Director Matthew McManus



The Ubiquitous Lead of 2 of Diamonds

If you look at the online results of any session which has been scored using Bridgemates and where the opening lead has been recorded, you will notice that the two of diamonds has been led a disproportionate number of times. Many players tend to be rather careless when entering the opening lead because "*it doesn't matter*". Although it is very convenient to press the "2" button and then the "diamond" button, I would like to implore you to be more conscientious when entering the opening lead.



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Bridge NSW

For quite some time our state bridge leaders have been working towards changing from New South Wales Bridge Association to **Bridge NSW**. The changeover is finally complete and Bridge NSW recently published their first newsletter. Here is a link to the newsletter which will give you a wider view of what's happening in NSW.

[Bridge NSW August Newsletter](#)

Local Newsletters

If you are into newsletters and want to know what's happening coast wide here are the links you need.

Long Jetty

[August Newsletter](#)

Gosford

[August Newsletter](#)

Bateau Bay

[August Newsletter](#)

Fees

The yearly club fees you pay at BWBC contain a large component of ABF capitation charges. Recently, the ABF announced fee increases of \$3.30 for each of the next 3 years. The cost of masterpoints has also risen. No doubt the new committee will have club fees on their first agenda following the AGM.

September Congresses

- ♦ Illawarra Bridge Association – Wollongong – Swiss Pairs – Sunday, 22nd Sept.
- ♦ Hunters Hill BC – Butler Swiss Pairs – Sunday, 29th Sept.
- ♦ Cowra and District BC – Pairs and Teams – Sat/Sun 7th / 8th Sept.
- ♦ Tomaree – Pairs and Teams - Sat/Sun 7th / 8th Sept.
- ♦ Central Coast Leagues Club – Pairs and Teams – Sat/Sun 14th / 15th Sept.

At the Bridge Table – How to avoid finesses: Endplays - By Jaan

We all know how to finesse. With no other clues we expect this to work around 50% of the time. Can we do better, without peeking? Yes, sometimes, if the hands are suitable, there can be a 100% play.

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Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣



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At the Bridge Table - continued

North

S – ATx

H - QJxx

D – xxx

C – xxx

South

S – KJx

H - AKxxx

D – AKx

C – xx

Consider these North-South hands. You are South, in a contract of 4 hearts, and the opening lead is the club Ace, followed by the King, and a 3rd club, which you ruff. You then draw trumps, which split 3 -1. You have lost 2 tricks in clubs, and there is an unavoidable diamond loser. If you can guess the spade position, you can finesse and avoid a spade loser, making your game. **But** the finesse can be taken either way – how good are you at guessing?

This contract is 100% secure! All you need to do is to play off the A,K of diamonds and then your final small diamond. Whichever opponent wins, they will be 'end played'. They can either play a spade, giving you a 'free finesse' or give you a ruff and discard, allowing you to dispose of your potential spade loser. Neat, isn't it!

Another name for this type of play is 'strip and throw in', which describes the process well. You strip the two hands of cards which would allow the defenders a safe exit, and then throw the lead to one of the opponents, forcing them to concede a trick to you. Endplays are generally considered to be an 'advanced' topic, and some can be quite difficult to foresee and execute. But the idea is simple - if you have the right hands and know to look out for endplay positions. **Audrey Grant has written a great book for beginners, which is in the BWBC Library.**



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