



Editorial

At our recent Annual General Meeting our present office-bearers, Jim Routledge (President), Christine Hadaway (Vice-President), and David Adams (Treasurer) were re-elected unopposed, for another year. Two new general committee members were elected, John Sandra and Dasha Brandt, replacing Chris Hasemore and Jaan Oitmaa, whose 3 year terms expired. Elaine Hume, Jenny Buckley and Steve Anderson continue as members of the Committee. The work done by our Committee is essential in keeping the club both functioning and forward looking.

We have copies of a small booklet 'Bridge Protocol' in the clubroom, available free to members. This booklet was produced by the Gosford Leagues Club Bridge Club, and made available to our club at cost. Newer players may not need to be familiar with all of this immediately, but the booklet will be a good reference as they progress.

Club Directors Course

The next course will run on 15th November at the Lindfield rooms of the North Shore Bridge Club. Interested? See Christine.

Player Promotions

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

BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Bromley, Kathleen	Bronze Regional	100.22
Byrne, Wendy	Silver Local	35.13

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Coming Attractions

- ♦ Teams of 3 – Monday, 30th September – **12:15** start
- ♦ Spring Pairs – Wednesday, 9th October – 12:30 start (**Red Points**)
- ♦ Club Championship for Individuals – Tuesday, 15th October – 12:30 start
- ♦ Melbourne Cup – Tuesday, 5th November – 11:15 start

Christmas Party

There is a change to the arrangements for the Christmas Party which will now be held on Tuesday, 17th December at Ettalong Diggers. The Committee is considering whether to hold the bridge session at our normal club venue and travel on to eat afterwards at Diggers given the difficulty associated with transporting tables and equipment. Updates will be given shortly.



Mentoring

Jenny Buckley has been very busy organising partners for the mentoring programme. Contact her if you would like to join in these arrangements.



Please also refrain from making any unrequested observations about these “Buddies” bidding and play at the table.

Friday Supervised Sessions

Christine runs the Friday morning Supervised session which is particularly helpful for the new or less experienced players to gain valuable playing experience without the pressure of normal sessions. No partner needed.

Bridge Evenings - Central Coast Leagues Club

It's good to see members of CCLC (Gosford) joining various sessions held at our club with many of our own members playing there as well. For those looking for an evening game they have sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings which have become popular, particularly for those who work or are busy during the day.

Results - Club Special Events

♦ Club Championship for Open Pairs (24th & 31st August)

This is one of our club's premier events, and also serves as a qualifying event for the State Open and Country Pairs Championship. This year the winners and runners-up were

1 st	Gary Heyting and Stephanie Matthews	60.71%
2 nd	Karen Ody and Jim Routledge	56.40%

♦ **Club Championship for Restricted Swiss Pairs
(4th & 11th September)**

This is an important event for our newer players, and was hotly contested. After two sessions, the leading pairs were

1 st	Qi Hasemore and Peter Hume	59.9%
= 2 nd	Connie Lewis and Caroline Nichols	55.3%
2 nd	Edith Marshall and Wendy Byrne	55.3%

♦ **AGM Pairs (9th September)**

A good sized field of both experienced and newer players took part. The winners and runners-up were

NS 1 st	Christine Hadaway and Donelle Foate	61.14%
2 nd	Susan Ashley and Kerry Robertson	57.26%
EW 1 st	Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore	60.19%
2 nd	Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster	59.86%

Results – Further Afield

♦ **Community (Bateau Bay) Bridge Club
Interclub Teams (5th Sept.)**

A tough day's bridge, at The Entrance Leagues Club, with 14 teams from all the local clubs competing. The Johnman team (Peter and Kerrie Johnman, Stewart Duxbury and Brian Richardson) won comfortably, with the BWBC Foster team (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody and Jim Routledge) in second place.

♦ **Tomaree Congress (7th & 8th September)**

A few of our members travelled to Port Stephens for this congress. In the Swiss Pairs, Sylvia and Barry Foster finished 11th and Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman 12th (out of 50), and combined in the Teams but finished down the field.

♦ **Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Congress (14th - 15th September)**

Quite a few of our members played at Gosford. Results worth mentioning include John Aldersley (playing with Kevin Hughes from Gosford) 7th (of 28) in the restricted pairs. In the Swiss Teams we did a little better, with 5th Sadler (Julie Saddler, Anne Grayden, Larry Bryant and Chris Williams), 7th Hume (Elaine and Peter Hume. Felicity Fane and Tracey Dillon), 8th Foster (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody and Jim Routledge).

Some Bridge Jargon

- ♦ a '**split deck**' means a deal with close to 20 points a side.
- ♦ a '**monster**' is a huge hand, in terms of high cards.
- ♦ '**double dummy**' means, literally, with two hands exposed. This means that each player can '**see**' all the cards.
- ♦ '**green**' and '**red**' mean not vulnerable and vulnerable, respectively.
- ♦ a '**hook**' means a finesse.
- ♦ to '**build**' tricks means to establish extra tricks.
- ♦ a '**psyche**' is a crazy bid, made for tactical reasons to fool the opponents. This is legal, as long as partner is also fooled, but not recommended.

From the Directors Chair –

by John McIlrath – Chair Directing Committee



Imagine the situation when declarer wins the trick in their hand but they call for a card from dummy first (that is they have led from the wrong hand). What do you do as a defender?

Fact 1 – there has been an infraction AND you have certain rights. Please call the Director to advise you. The problem

is that this does not occur. Normally you just tell the declarer that they are playing from the wrong hand and so they correct it. You have done yourselves an injustice!!!

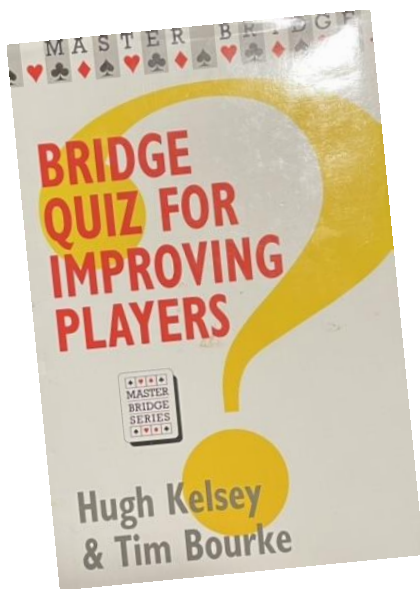
Fact 2 – Either defender MAY accept the lead from the wrong hand. The Director will give you both this option and will go with the first one of you to speak. If that was simultaneous, then they go with the person who was next to play after the irregular lead.

Refer to LAW 55 – Declarer's lead out of turn.

John McIlrath 26/09/24

From the Library

“The book contains 60 stimulating and instructive problems in the play of the cards”. That's a quote from the 'Forward'. It seems the quizzes are designed for middle of the road players and higher. Therefore, it's not really for our novices. For players with five plus years experience, it will provide you with a wealth of thought provoking challenges.



The thing I love is each quiz is self contained taking up 2 pages. No long chapters. No need to read the whole book. Do one quiz or many it's up to you.

Authors Kelsey and Bourke are well known in the 'bridge world' having won various titles and written numerous books.

Karen Ody is our club librarian and is happy to help you make a selection

suitable for your level of experience.

Local Newsletters

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

Long Jetty

[July/Aug Newsletter](#)

Gosford

[September Newsletter](#)

Bateau Bay

[September Newsletter](#)

[Bridge NSW September](#)

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At the Bridge Table — By Jaan

Here is an interesting hand from our recent Novice Pairs Championship

(Session 1, board18) East dealer N/S vul.

		North		
		S -		
West		H Q3	East	
S KT982		D AQ97432	S QJ7643	
H K762		C J952	H J85	
D K86			D J	
C 4			C K73	
		South		
		S A5		
		H AT94		
		D T5		
		C AQT86		

Most East players would, I think, open 2 spades (or 2 diamonds, if playing multi-twos). South has two options – 3 clubs or double. I think double is better, but you need to have a tolerant partner, as you don't have diamond support you have promised. However, on

this hand a 3 club overcall works out better. West, now, has a difficult choice. Do you raise to 4 spades immediately, or do you content yourself with 3 spades, hoping to play it there. There are two points of view. If South has bid 3 clubs previously, then, if you bid 4 spades immediately, there is psychological pressure on North to bid 5 clubs as 'insurance'. If South has, instead, doubled then bidding 4 spades, immediately, seems better, as it may be difficult for North to continue. However, on this hand, North has an easy 5 diamond bid. Who said bidding is easy?

In practice, 5 E/W pairs were allowed to play in a spade contract and 1 N/S pair played in 5 clubs, making 11 tricks for a 'top'. In fact, 7 clubs and 7 diamonds are makeable if you see all hands, but that is fairyland stuff.

Stay safe out there –
Cheers Barry and Jaan

