



Message from Shirley Crockett

I would like to thank all our members for attending Noel's wonderful farewell and doing the Guard of honour which was very comforting to our family.

Also the beautiful cards and letters I received about Noel; it was unbelievable.

Thanks so much - Shirley

Editorial

The World Bridge Games are currently underway, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This event alternates, year by year, with the Bermuda Bowl, as the unofficial world championships of bridge. Teams from 34 countries are competing in the premier event, the Open Teams, with a number of other events also on the program. The Australian open team is Peter Gill, Charlie Lu, Liam Milne, James Coutts, Nabil Edgton and Tony Nunn.

Some of us have had the opportunity of playing against a few of these top players, most recently at the 2022 State Teams finals. Bridge is one of the few activities where amateurs can take on the professionals, without being completely outclassed. The luck element certainly plays a part in this. It is also the case that many bridge hands are fairly straight forward to bid and play. It is on the relatively few difficult hands where the greater skill of the professionals shows out. This is also true at club level, where newer players can take on the grand masters, and sometime prevail.

Frequent Player Reward

The Committee has approved a year end award of \$20 to those members who have averaged playing 2 sessions per week during the calendar year to 30th November, 2024. This award can be taken either as part payment for the Christmas lunch or 4 X \$5 vouchers to use at regular sessions.

A schedule of those eligible will be available in first week of December.



Player Promotions

Last month 4 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done. May all your finesses come off.



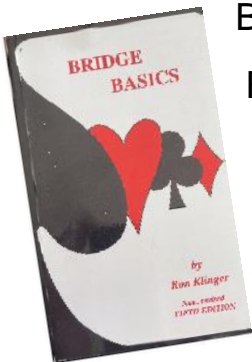
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BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Mathews, Stephanie	Bronze Life	516.33
Adams, Merran	Silver Local	35.27
Beale, Helve	Bronze Local	25.17
Sandra, Bernadette	Club	5.22

Coming Attractions

- ♦ Melbourne Cup – Tuesday, 5th November – 11:00 start
- ♦ Remembrance Day Pairs – Monday, 11th November – 12:30 Start
- ♦ Bridge NSW – **Tournament for Novice Players** – All Wednesdays in November.
 - ♣ All heats will be held within our normal Wednesday afternoon session.
 - ♣ No need to enter. Just turn up with your normal \$5 table fee.
 - ♣ Non-contending Wednesday players may play as normal but will not be scored.
 - ♣ Only eligible pairs can play in the final.
 - ♣ Normal time and place.
 - ♣ Full details can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the club notice board.
- ♦ Summer Teams – Saturday, 7th December – **12:00 start**
- ♦ Christmas Pairs – Tuesday, 17th December – **9:30 start**

From the Library



Bridge Basics by Ron Klinger

Rather than review the whole book I've decided to have a look at a single chapter. A chapter that's so important to our **Newer Players!**

Chapter 10. About 50% of the time our opponents will open before we get a chance. You want to get into the bidding. In Chapter 10 Ron takes you through your **Overcall Options**.

The 1NT Overcall; the Suit Overcall; Responses and doubles. There's a ton of exercises for you to test out your knowledge. Chapter 10 is **less than 5 pages** so you can borrow the book, and in one evening improve your ability to get into the bidding and annoy your opponents.

In the Australian world of bridge Ron Klinger is probably the most famous of all. He's been a prolific bridge writer for so long; who can remember?

There are many books in our club library to help improve your game. Club librarian, Karen Ody, will be pleased to help you find a book suitable for your level of experience.

Results - Club Special Events

♦ Spring Pairs (9th Oct.)

The winners and runners-up were

NS	1 st	David Snow and Jenny Buckley	61.01%
	2 nd	Christine Hadaway and Jackie Wilson	59.38%
EW	1 st	Kathryn Ivits and Trish Byrnes	60.47%
	2 nd	Donelle Foate and Alfred Loomis	57.14%

♦ Individual Championship (15th Oct.)

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

	1 st	Daryll Knowles	60.42%
=	2 nd	Kathryn Ivits	59.58%
	2 nd	Robin Vaughan	59.58%

Results – Further Afield

♦ Muswellbrook Congress (12th -13th Oct.)

This has been a popular Congress for Central Coast players over the years, but numbers have been falling off. Ten teams contested the Teams event, with 1st place going to the Clarke team (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Chris Williams, Sharon Mayo).

♦ Country Teams Zone Final (Tomaree – 29th Sept.)

Three teams from the Central Coast qualified for the Central Coast – Hunter Zone Final. Hunter teams filled the first two places, with third place going to the C3 Team (Chris Williams, Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sharon Mayo) and fifth place to the C2 Team (Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson, Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster).

From the Directors Chair – by Matthew McManus – National Director



Just because a player hesitates, it does not mean that his partner must pass. This is one of the most misunderstood and misquoted aspects of the Law. There is a responsibility on the partner to not take advantage of any information they get from the hesitation, but there is definitely no requirement to pass.

Local Newsletters

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

Long Jetty

[Sept/Oct Newsletter](#)

Gosford

[October Newsletter](#)

Bateau Bay

[October Newsletter](#)

[Bridge NSW Newsletter](#)

At the Bridge Table — By Jaan

Here are a couple of freak hands from the World Bridge Games in Buenos Aires, from the Open Teams event.

♠ AKQT953

♥ -

♦ AKQT4

♣ 3

♠ 742

♥ 9532

♦ 953

♣ K84

♠ J86

♥ KT874

♦ J2

♣ JT6

♠ -

♥ AQJ6

♦ 876

♣ AQ9752

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S

Imagine you pick up the North hand. After blinking and checking again, you are expecting to be opening a strong 2 clubs. Except, your partner gets in first with 1 club.

What now?

If you manage to find the diamond fit, eventually you could check for key cards and discover that South has both missing aces. The grand slam in either spades, diamonds or NT looks a good bet. 7S was bid at 16 tables, 7D at 10, 7NT 3 times, and 3 declarers stopped in 6S. Everyone made 13 tricks. If you look at both hands, it is clear that

7S is not a great contract, needing the J to come down in 3 rounds, while 7D is safer. Still, you can hardly blame North for bidding 7 spades with this hand.

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♠ 732

♥ AQ74

♦ 5

♣ 87654

♠ KT65

♥ J32

♦ QT96

♣ AT

♠ -

♥ 9

♦ AKJ842

♣ KQJ932

♠ AQJ984

♥ KT865

♦ 73

♣ -

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There is no record of the bidding, but it must have been pretty lively. As you can see, E-W have likely games in clubs or diamonds, while N-S can make game in spades or hearts. However, neither side is likely to leave their opponents in peace, and will bid on, as a sacrifice or even hoping to make. At 5 tables the final contract was 7H, doubled. If we look at all the hands, we can see that all four slams look pretty good. Here is a table of the actual results

Contract	Bid	Tricks Made	Contract	Bid	Tricks Made
7Dx	5 times	13 tricks (4), 11 tricks (1)	7D	once	13 tricks
6Dx	6 times	13 tricks (1), 11 tricks (5)	6D	4 times	13 tricks (3)
					11 tricks (1)
5D	7 times	13 tricks (4), 11 tricks (3)	7Hx	5 times	12 tricks (3)
					11 tricks (2)
6Hx	once	12 tricks	5Sx	once	11 tricks

The diamond contracts which produced 13 tricks were all played by East, where it is hard to find the killing defence. Can you find the defence to beat 5 diamonds by West? It seems to me that 6 clubs is cold. Is 6 hearts by South makeable against best defence?

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

Under 100 Masterpoint by BridgeNSW (UHMP)

Brisbane Water Bridge Club (BWBC) is hosting heats and a final for the 2024 UHMP competition at the BWBC clubroom.

Eligible pairs from all clubs in the Central Coast region are invited to participate.

No pre-entry required, just turn up.

Table fee \$5 pp for heats and final.

For further information contact

Peter Hume 0416 138 698

Heats : Wednesdays 6th, 13th & 20th November, 12.30 pm

The heats are regular green point sessions at the club and non-contending pairs (ie pairs with more than 100 MPt) may/will also play in the sessions.

Results are sent to BridgeNSW and eligible (both players < 100 MPt) pairs are in the running for red point awards.

Final : Wednesday 27th November 12.30 pm

Final is only for eligible pairs ... no players over 100 MPt may play in the final.

Any eligible pairs may play in the final, they are **not required** to have played in "heats".

The club will award green masterpoints for the session.

Finals are played in several clubs across NSW and the same set of boards used.

Results are collated by Bridge NSW and assessed for the award of red points based on the overall State results.

