



## Editorial

The World Bridge Games concluded early this month in Buenos Aires. Poland defeated Italy in the Open Teams final, with Switzerland in third place. In recent years the European teams have dominated these events.

The State coordinating body (formerly NSWBA and now Bridge NSW) is producing a monthly newsletter, containing congress reports, information on upcoming congresses, and many other topics of general interest. The newsletter can be accessed via the [bridgensw website](http://bridgensw.com.au), or you can subscribe to receive it directly.

By the way, what do bridge at the club and the weather have in common?

Both are unpredictable.

## Christmas Party



## Car Park

Apparently, some users of the car park are entering the area using the exit ramp. Council is reminding our membership to enter using the correct entrance which is located near Woy Woy Little theatre.



## Coming Attractions

- ♦ Summer Teams – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December – **12:00 start**
- ♦ Christmas Pairs – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December – **9:30 start**

## Player Promotions

Last month 6 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done. May all your finesses come off.



[Click here to see your own Master Points](#)

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NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
White, Gwen	Gold Life	1,002.46
Hohnen, Henrietta	Gold Life	843.75
Nichols, Caroline	Regional	50.71
Lewis, Connie	Silver Local	35.06
Ashley, Susan	Local	15.14
Tebb, Jennifer	Graduate	2.11

## Results - Club Special Events

### ♦ Melbourne Cup Pairs (5<sup>th</sup> November)

The winners and runners-up were

NS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fiona and Ross Templeton	56.88%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marilyn Jarrett and Jenny Buckley	56.25%
EW	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	63.43%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hope Tomlinson and Martin Johnson	59.49%

### ♦ Remembrance Day Pairs (11<sup>th</sup> November)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy Wulff and David Adams	71.64%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine Hadaway and Donelle Foate	65.90%

## Results – Further Afield

### ♦ Parramatta Foundation Day Teams (3 Nov.)

The Mitchell Team (Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Regan, Stephanie Matthews and Gary Heyting) finished in a pleasing 9<sup>th</sup> place, in a field of 24, with 4 wins and 2 losses.

### ♦ Mudgee Congress (9-10 Nov.)

This has been a regular event in recent years for some of our club members, but only a few made the journey this year. Jan Clarke and Di Coats finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the Open Pairs (a field of 42) and teamed up with Sharon Mayo and Chris Williams to finish 6<sup>th</sup> in the Open Teams. Well done.

### ♦ Wollstonecraft Pairs (10 Nov.)

This is always a very tough event, with many of the strong Sydney pairs in the field. Wendy Mitchell and Eunice de Vries had a great day, finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. Well done!

### ♦ State Open Pairs (16-17 Nov.)

35 pairs contested the qualifying matches on the Saturday, including 5 from the Central Coast. The top 14 pairs qualified for the final on Sunday. Due to the small numbers, no separate Country Final was held. As the highest finishing country pair, Jan Clarke and Di Coats are the 2024 Country Pairs Champions. Well done, indeed!

## At the Bridge Table — By Jaan

This month I want to discuss a fairly nondescript hand. Such hands come up much more often than the freak hands which are usually featured in Bridge columns.

### North

S – K65  
H – AQ62  
D – QJ72  
C – J2

### South

S – AJ72  
H – 54  
D – KT3  
C – AT54

You are South, and find yourself declarer in 3NT. The opening lead from West is the heart J. There has been no bidding from the opponents. How should you set about trying to make as many tricks as you can? The first steps, as always, are to count immediate winners and make a plan, based on the hands you can see, plus any clues you may have from the

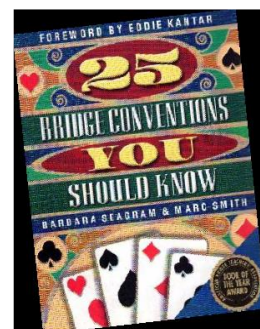
opponents bidding and lead. You have only 4 top tricks, so there is some work to do. The diamond suit can be safely established for 3 tricks, but you are still 2 tricks short. This is a hand where you cannot plan all the way ahead yet.

What do you make of the heart J opening lead? Where is the king more likely to be? We can't be sure, but I would think that it is very likely to be with East. Therefore, play small from dummy on the first trick, not the Q. What about 'cover an honour with an honour'? That only makes sense if it helps you to establish tricks. For example, if you held T98x in hearts, it would be right to play the Q. So you play small, and the J wins. West continues with the heart T. You play small again, and East overtakes with the K, and shifts to a small club. It looks like East held a doubleton Kx of hearts to start with. Dummy's heart Q is now established for your 8th trick. What do you do with the club lead from East? You should duck again. West will probably win with the Q or K.

If West continues with a spade or a club, you get a free finesse and can now knock out the diamond A, giving you 9 tricks. The safest return for West is a heart to your Q. You must now knock out the diamond A, while you still have the heart A. You now have 8 tricks for sure, and the ninth will have to come from a spade or club finesse. With no further clues, the club finesse, playing for the K,Q to be in different hands is approx. 75%, and seems the best chance. It works, so you made your tricky contract. Most declarers are going off, so you get an equal top!

## From the Library - (Barbara Seagram Books)

Barbara Seagram is one of my favourite Bridge authors. Each book is highly organised into specific chapters making it easy to find something on the aspect of bridge you are looking for. **I really like the way it's not necessary to read the whole book.** Usually, you choose a topic and in no time at all you can find **half a dozen pages** treating that facet with tips, main point summary and some examples with answers for you to work through. We have most of the Seagram books in our library. Why not check with Chief Librarian, Karen Ody, to find the best book to help you and your partner.





# From the Directors Chair – by Peter Hume



## A common call for the Director – Insufficient Bid

**Insufficient bids** : a player makes an insufficient bid and the **director is called**. For example

N	E	S	W
1NT	pass	1H*	director called

Director asks if the player to the left of the insufficient bid wishes to accept the bid.

If accepted, the auction proceeds as normal.

If not accepted, the offender must correct to a legal call.

To make a legal call the offender then has 3 options:

1. Correct the bid to the lowest level which specifies the same denomination (in the above example that bid would be the lowest legal bid showing hearts, which over 1NT is 2D)
2. Correct the bid to a comparable bid – something which has the same meaning as the intention of the original insufficient bid (in our example there is nothing likely to be comparable other than a bid showing hearts. For example 2H or 3H are not comparable bids.)
3. Make any other sufficient bid or pass. In this case, offender's partner must pass at their turn for the rest of the auction.  
(Note : if the offender becomes a defender in case 3 there are possible lead restrictions.)

## Strategies for players

### When is it best to accept an insufficient bid :

- ♣ it may allow you to bid your second suit at a lower level
- ♣ it may allow you to repeat your bid at the original level
- ♣ if you originally passed you may be able to respond to your partner's bid at a low level

### When is it best to not accept an insufficient bid

- ♣ you may oblige the offender to raise their bid to an uncomfortable level – or they may choose to make a call that is not comparable and their partner must pass at their turn

### What to do if you (as offender) can't find a comparable call

- ♣ pass if you don't think you can find a good contract
- ♣ if you think you can make a good contract (eg game or slam) then go straight there, your partner can't do other than pass at their turn

## Comparable calls



(Also relevant when a player corrects a bid out of turn)

To deem a call comparable, it must:

- have the same or a similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or
- define a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or
- have the same purpose (such as a relay or asking bid) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.

If the illegal call does not provide any substantial information other than what is subsequently conveyed by the legal call, that legal call is deemed to be a 'comparable call'.

## Friday Supervised Session - by Jim Routledge

The regular supervised Friday session with Christine Hadaway has concluded for this year on November 29th. Christine has devoted a great deal of time and effort in order to assist those less experienced improve and move into the open sessions and she deserves a well-earned rest.

However, Friday sessions will continue through into 2025 based on a revised format with no fees, no green points awarded and a shortened session from 10:00 until 12:00.

All members welcomed.

## Dealer Backup - by Jim Routledge

Marcelle Goslin does an amazing job with using the dealing software and dealing machine to create and prepare boards for all regular sessions.

We are looking for a volunteer to learn how this process works so that they can step in when she is away or unable to keep the boards dealt up to date.

Please contact Jim Routledge if you are interested in supporting the club in this way.

## Local Newsletters

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

**Long Jetty**

[Latest Newsletter](#)

**Gosford**

[November Newsletter](#)

**Bateau Bay**

[November Newsletter](#)

Bridge NSW Newsletter N/A

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

**In Other News**

Club member Anne Birt participated in the Pan Pacific Games held recently on the Gold Coast. She came home with a swag of medals. Well done Anne.



Hey dudes... How good is this?

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST:**

Dad	Mum
Wife's gift	Kids Husband Grandma Grandpa Siblings Aunts Uncles In-laws Cousins Neighbors Teachers Mailman Babysitter Co-workers His mum and Dad