

# Brisbane Water Bridge Club - December Newsletter 2024

*Merry Christmas*

The BWBC wish our members, their families and all those out there in the world of Bridge a wonderful Christmas.



## Editorial

As 2024 comes to a close we can look back on a successful year for our club. We have welcomed a number of new members. A comprehensive program of events has been held, catering for both experienced and newer players. Standby players are now provided on most days, allowing players to come for a game if their regular partner is not available. Our Congress in July was a success, and we look forward to repeating this in 2025.

We wish all of our readers a very happy holiday season.

## 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
Lowry, Bob	Silver Local	35.32
Mucharsky, Dieter	Bronze Local	25.37

## From the Treasurer - Membership Fees

Fees for 2025 are now due. The total fee for the coming year is \$50, which includes \$40 in affiliation and capitation fees to BridgeNSW and to ABF. For non-home club members the fee is \$10. Please pay these as soon as you can.

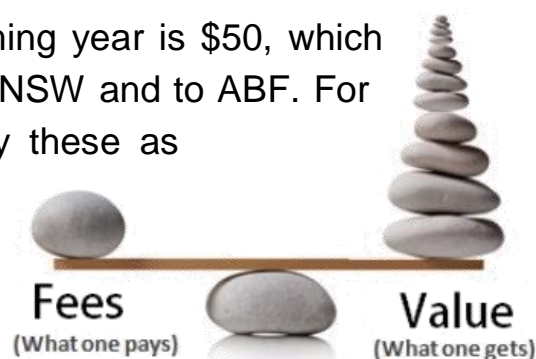
### Pay online or at the club

Here are the details you'll need to pay online.  
(your name is essential)

\*Your Name      \*BSB 032527      \* Account #166855

## Coming Attractions

- ♦ New Years Pairs – Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 12:30 start.
- ♦ Australia Day Pairs – Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 12:30 start.



## Results - Club Special Events

### ♦ Summer Teams (7<sup>th</sup> December)

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Team Mitchell (Wendy Mitchell, Dorothy Berzins, Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman)	57.24VP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Team Caust (Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Jan Clarke and Di Coats)	51.76VP

### ♦ Christmas Party Pairs (17<sup>th</sup> December)

Our rooms were overflowing, with 21 tables. Winners and runners-up were -

Open	NS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Hannan and Chris Hasemore	64.60%
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christine Hadaway and Donelle Foate	63.13%
	EW	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hope Tomlinson and Martin Johnson	57.41%
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorraine Lindsay and Bernard Davidson	54.55%
Novice	NS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Lowry and Dieter Mucharsky	64.60%
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frankie Craven and Spider Redgold	58.94%
	EW	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Hughes and Carolynne Mucharsky	61.00%
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan Ashley and Kerry Robertson	59.67%

## Results – Further Afield

A number of results were regrettably omitted in the November newsletter.

### ♦ Sydney Spring Nationals (19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.)

Richard Carter , playing with Sydney player Jay Novak, won the U500 Matchpoint Pairs, and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Intermediate Pairs. Stephen Calcroft and Roy Cotton finished close behind in 4<sup>th</sup>. Great results!

### ♦ Mudgee Congress (9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

6<sup>th</sup> place in the Teams event went to Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Anne Grayden and Julie Saddler. Apologies to Anne and Julie for the earlier error.

### ♦ BNSW Spring Swiss Pairs (17<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman had a fine result, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a strong field of 20. Well done!

### ♦ BNSW State Open Teams (29<sup>th</sup> Nov. – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.)

Ten teams, from around the State, had qualified for the final, held on Realbridge online. A combined Central Coast/Hunter team (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sharon Mayo and Sally Clarke) were in 1<sup>st</sup> place after the qualifying rounds. They were defeated by the eventual winners, Sydney 1, in the playoff on Sunday, but were crowned Country Teams Champions. Congratulations on a really fine achievement!



## At the Bridge Table — By Jaan

Have you ever been squeezed by your partner? I don't mean as a gesture of affection - rather the opposite.

North – ♠Q95	
West – ♠J7 – ♥T	East – ♠KT – ♣Q
South – ♠A2 – ♣T	

First, consider this defender problem, when each player has 3 cards left. Let's suppose South needs 2 more tricks to make game, and West is on lead. If West leads the heart T, East is squeezed and forced to discard a card they cannot afford.

Whichever choice they make, South will make 2 of the remaining tricks – work it out. This is known, technically, as a **'Suicide Squeeze'**. On the other hand, if West leads a spade, East will make 2 tricks.

How is West to know? Even experts might misread this position. The lesson is – be careful of cashing winners when there are few cards left, as partner may well be put under pressure.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

North – ♠9632 – ♥A87 – ♦T86 – ♣853	
West – ♠JT5 – ♥Q9 – ♦Q942 – ♣Q742	East – ♠Q4 – ♥JT432 – ♦J73 – ♣KJ6
South – ♠AK87 – ♥K65 – ♦AK5 – ♣AT9	

Here is a full hand, taken from an on-line article by David Bird and Martin Hoffman, based on an actual deal.

South opens 2NT and is raised, somewhat optimistically to 3NT. West leads the diamond 2. How would you play this, as declarer? It would be reasonable to duck the first trick, and win the diamond continuation. Then cash the A,K of spades and give up a spade, won by West. West leads another diamond to your remaining honour. You then cash your established spade, winning in dummy, and lead a club to the 9 and Q. At this stage declarer has 5 tricks and defenders 3. The following cards remain, with West on lead. West, having worked hard to establish the long diamond, decides to cash it. East can wriggle or glare as much as they like, but it won't help a bit. Any other lead by West should hold declarer to 8 tricks.

North – ♠ – ♥A87 – ♦ – ♣85	
West – ♠ – ♥Q9 – ♦Q – ♣74	East – ♠ – ♥JT4 – ♦ – ♣KJ
South – ♠ – ♥K65 – ♦ – ♣AT	





# Christmas Party and Presentation

Our Christmas Party and Presentation was held immediately after our Tuesday session. There was plenty of good cheer and it was clear some members had started their celebrations earlier than others.

## Our Club Champs



### Our 2024 champions are:

Open Pairs – Stephanie Matthews and Gary Heyting

Restricted Swiss Pairs – Peter Hume and Qi Hasemore

Novice Pairs – Kerrie Robertson and Carolyn Harper

Novice Teams – Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis, Wendy Byrne and John Drew(absent).

Individual – Daryl Knowles

Open Teams – (Not present)

Swiss Pairs – (Not Present)

### Club Standby



Tracie Dillon has kindly agreed to take on the Saturday Standby job.

We now have Standbys available on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.



# Quarterly Point Score — By Peter

In lieu of the monthly point score, in 2025 the club will run **Quarterly Point Score** competitions, an opportunity for pairs to earn additional green masterpoints as a reward for their **regular** attendance.

## How will it work?

It will apply to every playing day of the week and will score results for pairs who attend a minimum number\*\* of sessions on a given day in the quarter.

\*\* See the table below

Here as an example: Mondays in the first quarter (Jan - Mar) of 2025

There are 13 Mondays in Q1 (Jan - Mar).  
Excluding special events (Australia Day Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Upside Down Pairs) there are 9 regular session Mondays which count towards the quarterly point score.  
For Q1 Mondays, a pair attending 5 or more sessions is competing. If playing at more than 5 sessions, their best 5 Monday results are taken.

Quarter	Day	Days incl	Minimum to count		Quarter	Day	Days incl	Minimum to count
Jan - Mar	Mon	9	5		Jul-Sep	Mon	11	6
	Tue	13	7		3	Tue	13	7
	Wed	12	7		3	Wed	8	5
	Thu	12	7		3	Thu	12	7
	Sat	11	6		3	Sat	9	5
Apr-Jun	Mon	11	6		Oct-Dec	Mon	11	6
	Tue	12	7		4	Tue	11	6
	Wed	9	5		4	Wed	13	7
	Thu	12	7		4	Thu	12	7
	Sat	12	7		4	Sat	12	7

## Friday Supervised

Friday Supervised is currently in recess during the festive season. The session will reopen at the end of January. Marcel will take on Directing duties. All members who feel they can benefit from supervised activity are welcome to attend. No need to have a partner.

## From the Directors Chair – by Matthew McManus



**Just because** an opponent claims a certain number of tricks, it does not mean that that is the result if they have already won more than that. For example, declarer is in 1NT and takes the first seven tricks. He then concedes the rest, saying, “One off”. You have a responsibility to correct him – “No, you made your contract.”

## No Bridge

The club will be closed Christmas and Boxing Days. All other sessions will be at the advertised times.

## New Years Pairs



**BWBC wish our members, their loved ones and all those out there in the world of 'Bridge' a wonderful New Year.**

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**Q: Will there be bridge on New Year's Day? (Wednesday)**

**A: Yes**

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- ◆ Our first **Red Point** event for the year.
- ◆ Next Wednesday (1st Jan) 12:30 start.
- ◆ Cost: \$7, Visitors \$9



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

