



Editorial

Happy New Year to all of our club members and readers. May 2025 bring you health and happiness. We hope that you will come often to the club for challenging games of bridge – it wouldn't be interesting if it weren't challenging.

As far as the monthly newsletter is concerned, we plan to continue the existing format of general news, results and interesting bridge hands. We would welcome suggestions and queries from readers.

From the Treasurer - Membership Fees

Fees for 2025 are now due. Home club membership is \$50 and non-home club membership is \$10. PLEASE remember to include your name on the eftpos docket or on your bank transaction as currently the treasurer has problems with his mind-reading abilities.

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**



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
Foster, Barry	Grand	1,002.20
Hughes, Kevin F.	Bronze State	100.61

Mobile Phones

Please **switch your phone to silent** before the commencement of each session. The **ABF have rules and regulations** governing phones and electronic devices. Repeat offenders could be subject to penalties under rule 21.1. For your interest rule 21 is set out in full at the end of this newsletter.



New Grand Master at BWBC

Congratulations to Barry Foster our latest BWBC Grand Master. It's taken Barry 17 years to reach this special bridge ranking. Barry wishes to thank regular partner Hope Tomlinson who probably earned 800 of the required points with him and participated in the long journey. Also thanks to wife Sylvia for mentoring and encouragement, in addition to earning many points. Team mate Martin Johnson helped with so many of the teams events which are far too numerous to name here.



Life Members

The passing of Noel Crockett has created a vacancy amongst our Life members. The club has a maximum of 5 at any one time. The Committee is inviting all members to consider nominating a suitable person. If anyone would like to nominate a member for Life Membership, the nomination, and supporting documentation should be received by the Committee for their review before the next meeting, due to be held on 11th February, 2025.

Beginners Lessons

Our next group of beginner's lessons will be held starting on Monday, 6th May at 9.30am. Let those you know who may be interested - contact Christine Hadaway 0488 194 737 to book in.

Friday Supervised

Friday supervised sessions have been running successfully with 3-4 tables each week. There are mini talks on varied topics each week (doubles and their meaning, weak 2s, 1NT and responding, some detailed play advice) - occasionally in answer to questions raised by participants, sometimes a topic will crop up through play, and other times the presenters will bring up something interesting. Session times are 9.30 - 11.30, at a cost of \$5 per session. No master points are awarded on Fridays. We would encourage all new players to come to these sessions.

From the Tournament Secretary

March			
1 (9.30 am)	Sat	Club C'ship Open Teams & Country Teams Qualifier	R,P
13	Thu	Jean Peiman Charity Day Pairs	R
24	Mon	Upside Down Pairs #1	P
22 - 23	Sat-Sun	CCBC Super Congress	
27	Thu	CCBC Country Teams	P

The Open Teams / Country Teams qualifier has been rescheduled to Sat, 5th April due to clashes/close timing with various other events.

New Date: Sat, 5th April

Charity Day

The Committee has decided to trial replacing the Charity Day scheduled for 13th March with a Charity Week, to run the entire week from 10th to 15th March. The intent is to share the occasion with those who usually only play on a set day. We are proposing that soup and a roll be served on each day and the cost for this will be \$10 per session. If a member plays more than once that week, it is up to the member whether they pay the normal session fee or the Charity Day fee (with the opportunity to double up on the soups). The red points will be reallocated to another event.

We are asking for volunteers to prepare and serve soup. If someone would like to put their hand up for this could they talk to Christine?



We also discussed which Charity we should support this year. It was decided that we should ask the members to nominate a charity and split the money collected between 2 of these nominations. The Committee will select the charities to be supported this year from the nominations received. If any member would like to nominate a charity, please speak to a Committee member.

Coming Attractions

- ♦ Australia Day Pairs – Monday, 27th January, 12:30 start.
- ♦ Club Championship for Swiss Pairs – Monday, 10th February, 12:30, Session 1.
- ♦ Valentine's Day – Saturday, 15th February, 12:30.
- ♦ Club Championship for Swiss Pairs – Monday, 17th February, 12:30, Session 2.
- ♦ Interclub Teams at Gosford – Thursday, 27th February, 9:30 start.



Note: Entries need to be made online via MyABF. If you're not sure what to do we can help. As with all things it's easy once you know how.

Results - Club Special Events

♦ New Year Pairs (1st January)

A good sized field of 21 pairs started off our 2025 year of bridge. Winners and runners-up were

NS	1 st	Gary Heyting and Stephanie Matthews	60.03%
	2 nd	Christine Hadaway and Jacqueline Wilson	56.16%
EW	1 st	Alan Bustany and Jan Clarke	59.37%
	2 nd	Shirley Crockett and Stuart Crockett	56.74%

Results – Further Afield

♦ Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge (7th – 19th January)

This is one of Australia's premier bridge congresses, with around 1000 players, in many different events at both open and restricted/novice levels. Participation by our club members was less than in years past, but a few who did travel to Canberra came back with some gold points. Particularly notable achievements were

The Coats team (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, Sharon Mayo) finished 6th in the tough National Womens' Team event.

Carolynne Mucharsky and Kevin Hughes, as part of the Khong team, finished 2nd in the 'Bridge Shop' Novice teams event.

Chris Hasemore, playing with Canberra player Peter Lardy, came 3rd in the TBIB 750/500 Swiss Pairs event.

Others came back richer for the experience.

From the Fearless Player

Or How Brave Are You!

Your opponent has 16HCP and a balanced hand.



She opens 1NT in front of you.

♠	Q652
♥	AK2
♦	AQJ
♣	743

♠	AKJ4
♥	J4
♦	8
♣	AKQJT2

You have 19HCP and some very nice clubs and spades.

What will you do?

Three pairs ended up in 5♣ making after opponents went to 4♥.



At the Bridge Table – By Jaan

The premier event at the Summer Festival is the South West Pacific Teams. This is run over 4 days and consists of 12 matches of 20 boards. As you can imagine, it is extremely gruelling and the competition is fierce.

BD: 4		♠ Q7543	Dir: W	
		♥ J52	Vul: ALL	
		♦ 7		
		♣ K743		
♠			♠ K862	
♥ AKQT976			♥ 8	
♦ 2			♦ JT9864	
♣ QT652			♣ A9	
		♠ AJT9		
		♥ 43		
		♦ AKQ53		
		♣ J8		
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠	NT		
N			3	
S			3	
E	3		4	2
W	2		4	1

I found two hands from this year's event, which seem particularly interesting.

The popular contract was 4 hearts Deep finesse says this can be made, but the play can be tricky if North gets off to the singleton diamond lead and South returns a D. As far as I could see, the only solution is for West to ruff high, then lead a small club to the ace and return a club to the J, Q and K.

North is then on lead and cannot lead a heart or a club, either of which gives West a free finesse. North therefore has to lead a spade, which is ruffed by West. West can then ruff a small club in dummy with the trump 8, return to hand with another spade ruff, draw trumps

and claim. If a reader can find another solution let us know.

Thirty pairs managed to make 4 hearts or more, while 17 failed. Nine N-S pairs played in 4 spades, with 3 making.

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BD: 11		♠ 987	Dir: S	
		♥ T754	Vul: None	
		♦ 96		
		♣ 6542		
♠ 63			♠ AK52	
♥ AQ982			♥ K63	
♦ J5			♦ AKQT74	
♣ KQ93			♣	
		♠ QJT4		
		♥ J		
		♦ 832		
		♣ AJT87		
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠	NT		
N				
S				
E	2	6	6	4
W	2	6	6	4

Deep finesse says that E-W can make 12 tricks in diamonds, hearts or notrumps. Twenty one declarers made 6H, 3 made 7H, 2 made 7D, 4 made 6D and 2 made 6NT. Thirty four declarers failed in 6H, while one played in 5 clubs, making 7 tricks. A bidding misadventure perhaps? Six diamonds is pretty easy. Without a trump lead, you can arrange to ruff both spade losers, making 13 tricks. With a trump lead you win in dummy with the J, lead the club K discarding one of your spade losers and setting up a club winner for the other losing spade. A 6H contract is much trickier. Suppose North leads

anything but a club. West will get the lead and lead the trump Ace, noting the fall of the Jack from South. If you believe this, then you can finesse North out of the heart T and take all 13 tricks. You still need to take the finesse as a safety play, to ensure 12 tricks. An opening club lead is more difficult. If you ruff this, you will go down, as you will not be able to pick up the trumps for no loser. All of this is highly anti percentage. A normal trump split of 3-2 would provide an easy 13 tricks, but the pessimists would prevail here.

From the Directors Chair – by John McIlrath (Chair, Directing Committee Bridge NSW)



What is a revoke

but a failure to follow suit to the card led.

But can we help our partner, either dummy or fellow defender!!!!

Can we correct a revoke? Provided neither you nor your partner has played to the next trick, we can correct. For a defender, the card played becomes a MAJOR penalty card. For the declarer, the card is returned to the hand. If it is too late to correct the revoke, then it has been ESTABLISHED. Play continues and when finished the Director will establish the “Automatic Trick Adjustment” – (Law 64) to be transferred to the non-offending side and assess whether this restores equity on the hand. Please note it is NOT a penalty.

Remember that you can inquire about a possible revoke (Law 61B) as follows: -

1. Declarer may ask a defender (ed. Do not suggest this!)
2. Dummy may ask declarer, but NOT a defender. Dummy may ask at the END of play.
3. Defenders may ask one another and may ask declarer (ed. Do not suggest this!)

N.B. One cannot establish a revoke at trick 12. We just play the cards correctly.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Director?

There is a Directors' Course coming up in Maitland on 11th March.

Contact: John McIlrath – Chair, Directing Committee Bridge NSW

email: - directing@bridgensw.com.au

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



“Don’t step on it... it makes you cry.”

21. MOBILE PHONES, OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND COMPUTERS

- 21.1 Mobile phones (and similar electronic communication devices) must be switched off during session time, i.e. until the scheduled finishing time of the session. If, anywhere within the playing area, a player's mobile phone sounds during session time, or if a player consults a mobile phone during session time, that player's unit shall receive a warning for the first offence and shall be penalised 3 VP (9 IMPs) for each subsequent offence in teams events (including Butler pairs) and 50% of a top in pairs events. (Note that players and playing units are entitled to only one warning per unit.)
- 21.2 Any player, for pressing professional or personal reasons, may request the Director to grant an exemption from the provisions of Paragraph 21.1 of these Regulations. If the request is granted, the Director may make whatever arrangement he/she deems appropriate to allow the player to use the phone. In making such an arrangement, the Director must be cognizant of the amenity of other players.
- 21.3 Before the commencement of each match or stanza, the Director should instruct players to switch off their mobile phones. However, players cannot rely upon such an instruction and failure of the Director to issue it in no way diminishes:
- (a) A player's obligation to observe all regulations that apply to mobile phones
 - (b) The penalties that apply.
- 21.4 During any session that is broadcast on BBO, no kibitzer or player may consult any type of electronic communication device.
- 21.5 Players reaching the (semi-) finals of all teams events will be required to lodge their mobile phones and other electronic means of communication with the Tournament Staff for safekeeping during each play period.
- 21.6 The Supplementary Regulations may impose additional restrictions and/or penalties on inappropriate use of mobile telephones and other electronic devices.