



Editorial

The flooding that occurred last week at the McMasters Road end of our clubroom is being handled by council. Let's hope for some good news. However, in my 17 years at BWBC, council have handled the flooding many times; sadly not successfully.

The cold and flu season is close at hand. With the inevitable spread of germs, the Committee encourages you to use the hand sanitiser, placed strategically throughout the club. We're keen for players to stay healthy so please use it as you see fit. It is important to remember that the Community Centre is a public place just like a shopping centre. If you feel vulnerable to infection you should wear a face mask when in or around our club rooms.

We remind players every so often, in this newsletter, to place your phone in silent mode or alternatively switch it off during play. In recent times a player made a phone call while play was underway at several tables!



In the next month or so we have scheduled two Novice Club Championships (pairs and teams). Although there are quite a number of Novice events on our calendar for 2025, these championships are the pinnacle. Hopefully, we'll have a full house. For those of you wanting to practice our Friday session is made for you.

AGM – Change of Date

The Committee have advised that the BWBC AGM advertised for 8th September will now be held a week earlier on **Monday, 1st September**. The AGM will coincide with the clubs 50th anniversary. Some special things are in the planning pipeline.



Player Promotions

Last month one of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations Carolyn Harper. Carolyn is now a local master. May all your finesses come off.



Results - Club Special Events

♦ Interclub Teams (5th May)

Eleven teams competed in this daylong event. The winners and placegetters were..

Inter-Club Teams (May 2025)			
1	GRAYDEN (1)	ANNE GRAYDEN - JULIE SADLER - SALLY CLARKE - VIC PIETRASZKIEWICZ	7-0-3
2	TOMLINSON (7)	HOPE TOMLINSON - BARRY FOSTER - MARTIN JOHNSON - CHRIS HASEMORE	7-0-3
3	FOATE (6)	DONELLE FOATE - CHRISTINE HADAWAY - GARY HEYTING - STEPHANIE MATHEWS	8-0-2

♦ Club Championship for Mixed Pairs (7th May)

Winners and placegetters were

1 st	Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	59.72%
2 nd	Donelle Foate and Matt Raj Mal	54.63%
3 rd	Kevin Hughes and Carolynne Mucharsky	53.94%

♦ Autumn Pairs (22nd May)

The winners and runners up were

1 st	Karen Ody and Jim Routledge	61.31%
2 nd	Chris Hasemore and David Snow	60.12%

♦ GNOT Qualifier (24th May)

Eight teams competed in the event. The top half of the field are eligible to progress to the next level. Our club will sponsor the top two available teams to the Regional Final.

1st	Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills, Larry Bryant and Chris Williams	103.70VP
2nd	Eunice de Vries, Margaret Regan, Stephanie Mathews and Gary Heyting	99.92VP



Results – Further Afield

♦ Peninsula BC Congress (3rd – 4th May)

- ♣ Open Swiss Prs – Jim Routledge and Chris Hasemore - 7th (of 26)
- ♣ Teams - Jim Routledge, Chris Hasemore, Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman - 3rd (of 14)

♦ State Mixed Pairs/Country Mixed Pairs (17th - 18th May)

This event was held, as usual, at the Sydney Bridge Centre in Goulburn St. Five pairs from our club and other Central Coast clubs were among the 32 pairs who played in the qualifying session on the Saturday. Two pairs, Wendy Mitchell and Anthony Burke, and Stephanie Matthews with Gary Heyting, made it to the Sunday final and finished respectably in the middle of the field. A separate Country Final

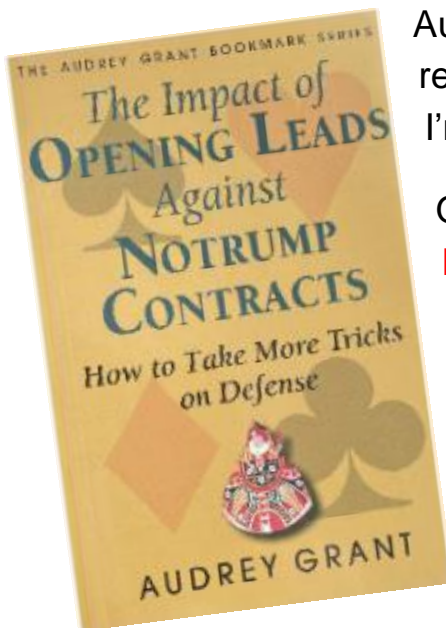
was not held, due to lack of numbers. Those who did not make the final played in the Autumn Swiss Pairs. Alan Bustany and Di Coats had a great match, finishing in first place!

Coming Soon to a Club Near You

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Monday, 2nd June - Charity Week
Tuesday, 10th June - President's Cup - 12:30 start
Wednesday, 18th June - Club C'ship Novice Pairs - 1
Thursday, 19th June - CCLCBC Gosford GNOT - 9:30
Wednesday, 25th June - Club C'ship Novice Pairs - 2
Saturday, 5th July - Winter Teams - 12:30 start
Sat/Sun 19/20 July - BWBC Super Congress

From the Library



Audrey Grant is one of the great bridge teachers with a reputation spanning the entire bridge world. For our novices I'm recommending the first chapter, "The Oldest Maxim".

Quote "The conventional lead of the 4th highest card from a long suit is the simplest and most effective single aid to counting and good defense that has yet been devised".

Audrey explains the why behind this quote. She delves into, promotion, length and the finesse. Of course there are exceptions and they are dealt with in later chapters.

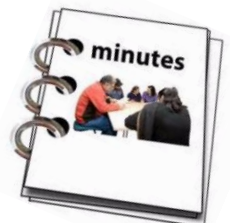
However, at this point in time, I'm not recommending newer players go on. For experienced players the later chapters

provide some insightful ways of making sure you get the maximum tricks available as a defender.

There are many books available in our club library. Check with club librarian, Karen Ody, who will be only too pleased to help find a book suitable for your level of bridge experience.

Minutes of Committee Meetings

For those of you interested in the minutes of Committee Meetings you can find a copy of them Online at the BWBC web site. There is a click through link in the main menu.



At the Bridge Table – By Jaan

This hand was given in a recent Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club newsletter, and is reproduced here with permission. I thought it was interesting and instructive.

	North S – K2 H – 79 D – AKJ64 C – AK43	
West S – 74 H – Q85 D – T98 C – QT865		East S – JT653 H – KT74 D – 2 C – 972
	South S – AQ98 H – A632 D – Q753 C – J	

Imagine you are South, in a contract of 7 diamonds. How do you go about it? Looking at it from declarer's seat, it may not be obvious, even to experienced players. There are 4 apparent losers, 1 spade and 3 hearts. Suppose you exchange seats with partner, and now look at it from the North hand. Things look better! There are now 3 losers, 1 heart and 2 small clubs. The heart can go on a spade winner in the South hand, and the 2 small clubs can be ruffed in the South hand. Be careful with timing

and entries.

A play like this is known as a **dummy reversal** and the opportunity comes about reasonably often but, for some reason, is easy to miss.

Reminders

BWBC Super Congress – Entries Open

- ♣ This club congress is on 19th July (Pairs) and 20th July (Teams).
- ♣ Entries are open and already 12 teams and 18 pairs have entered ... don't miss out as there is a limit of 32 tables each day.
- ♣ Entry and details via MyABF.
- ♣ As the congress dates approach we will be asking for volunteers to make/donate cakes etc. Also help will be required for setting up the playing area.
- ♣ Inquiries to convener David Bowerman ... 0420 295 758 or [email david42b_a1@gmail.com](mailto:david42b_a1@gmail.com)

Next Week is Charity Week

- ♣ Monday, 2nd through to Saturday, 7th June
- ♣ Lunch - \$10 for soup and bread roll
- ♣ 11:30am start.



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

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State Seniors Congress

Great news. Club stalwarts Elaine Hume and David Adams finished 6th out of 44 duos contesting the Senior State Championship held at the Central Coast Leagues club. Fantastic effort; well done.

Quite a number of Gosford players, who have strong links to our club, also deserve congratulations. Well done to Pauline Caust &

Alan Bustany (3rd), Di Coats & Jan Clarke (4th), Sally Clarke & Sharon Mayo (8th).

All the best to the full squad of local players who will be contesting the teams tomorrow.

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