



Editorial

In a few days time we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our club. From a handful of enthusiasts in 1975, we have grown to be a successful club with more than 150 members. We can be proud of our record in introducing many people to this great game and in providing a pleasant and supportive environment for our members.

As we approach our AGM, where a new Committee and Office-Bearers will be elected, we should recognise and thank those who have tirelessly served our club during the past year, and welcome those who will steer our club in the coming year.

Bridge is played at many levels, from small local clubs in country towns, to larger clubs in the cities, through small and large congresses, and to the international level. At the moment the 47th World Championship of Bridge is taking place in Denmark. A couple of interesting hands from this event are discussed later in this newsletter.

AGM

BWBC AGM – Mon, 1st Sept, 2025

♥ **Meeting commences 10am.**

♥ **Apologies to the Secretary**

♥ **50th Anniversary**

♥ **New Life Member**

♠ **AGM Pairs Red Point event**

♠ **Usual time and place.**

♠ **Cost \$7 Visitors \$10**

♠ **Free bridge for those Participating in luncheon.**



Player Promotions

Last month 5 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations players. Well done. May all your finesses come off.

AWESOME

BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Caust, Pauline	Bronze Life	400.44
Regan, Margaret	Bronze Life	400.02
Calcroft, Stephen	Silver National	339.30
Lowry, Beryl	Bronze State	144.89
Birt, Anne	Regional	50.98

Coming Soon to a Club Near You

Saturday, 30th Aug. - Club Championship for Open Pairs Session 2 - 12:30

Monday, 1st Sept. - Anniversary Pairs – 12:30

Wednesday, 3rd Sept. – Club Championship for Novice Teams (2) – 12:30

Thursday, 4th Sept. – Interclub Teams Bateau Bay – 9:30

Results - Club Special Events

♦ Eric Gibson Pairs (21st August)

A rather small field contested the event. Equal winners were

1st Martin Johnson and Christine Hadaway 56.25%

1st (eq.) Sylvia Foster and Barry Foster 56.25%

♦ GNOT Country Regional Final (3rd Aug.)

Seven teams from the local bridge clubs contested this event, to determine the Central Coast team to contest the national GNOT final later in the year. Top results were:

1st CCLCBC3 (Jim Routledge, Karen Ody, Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa)

2nd CCLCBC1 (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, Sharon Mayo, Ros Roworth)

Away Special Events

♦ Coffs Coast Gold Congress (12th – 17th August)

This is one of the toughest annual events and always fills quickly. A fairly small number of local players took part this year. Top-half finishers were

♣ **Open pairs:** Alan Bustany and Chris Williams - 29th (of 112)

Chris Hasemore and David Snow 50th

♣ **Intermediate pairs:** Margaret Regan and Robyn Rogers 17th (of 68)

♣ **Open teams:** Alan Bustany, Chris Williams, Chris Hasemore and David Snow 33rd (of 58)

Restricted teams: Roy Cotton, Stephen Calcroft with Mary and Steve Colling 13th (of 32)

Others enjoyed the tough competition and will hope for better luck next year.

At the Bridge Table – By Jaan

The World Championship of Bridge is a team competition, with four sections: Open (Bermuda Bowl), Women (Venice Cup), Mixed (Wuhan Cup) and Seniors (d'Orsi Trophy). Each event starts with 6 days of a round-robin qualifying session where each of the 24 entered teams play each other in 14-board matches. At the time of writing, this has just concluded. The top 8 teams then go on to a knockout section of

quarter-finals, semi-finals and then the finals. Sadly, only the Australian Women's team made it to the next stage.

As we know from our own experience, 14-board matches are too short to truly reflect the strength of the two teams. A single difficult decision on one board can decide the match. Here are two interesting boards which could have decided the matches either way.

West S – H – KQT8642 D – 9643 C – T83	North S – KJT53 H – J9 D – J85 C – KQ4	East S – A9 H – A7 D – AKQ2 C – AJ762
	South S – Q87642 H – 53 D – T7 C – 095	

How would you bid the East hand, after partner opens 3-hearts and North passes? You can find out that partner has the K and Q of hearts, and see a very likely 12 tricks. Should you settle for a small slam? This is what the Australian pair did, in the match against Sweden. The Swedish pair went to 7-hearts, which makes, gaining a swing of 11 IMPs. If the grand slam fails, the match would have gone to Australia. In the Bermuda Bowl, 15 pairs bid and made 7-hearts, while

8 stopped in 6. In the Venice Cup, 8 pairs bid the grand slam while 13 pairs played in 6-hearts. It is a close decision.

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West S – T63 H – Q8 D – JT97653 C – 9	North S – 9 H – KT75432 D – K C – T643	East S – QJ7542 H – 6 D – Q2 C – AJ72
	South S – AK8 H – AJ9 D – A84 C – KQ85	

This hand comes from Round 16 where Australia was playing USA2 in the Open section. The Australian pair, sitting North-South, stopped in 4-hearts, making 12 tricks. The USA pair went to 6-hearts, making 11 tricks. This was a 14 IMP swing to Australia, who won the match 54-41.

As you can see, 6-hearts looks like a very good contract, beaten only by the club Ace lead and club ruff. Rather lucky for Australia.

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

