



Editorial

Our club has turned fifty years old. The occasion was celebrated with a nice lunch, held immediately after the Annual General Meeting on the first of the month. We would like to think that the club will still be prospering in another fifty years time.

New office-bearers were elected at the AGM – Caroline Nichols (President), Chris Hasemore (Vice President), Barry Foster (Secretary) and David Adams (Treasurer). General Committee members were also elected – Steve Anderson, Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, Donelle Foate and Elaine Hume. These people give freely of their time and efforts, and should be applauded, and given every support and assistance.

Our New President

Caroline was born in England but spent the first 8 years of her life in Perth WA. On the family's return to the UK she was schooled in Kent and thus commenced her love of cards - in the dormitory at boarding school after 'lights out' during the lengthy light summer evenings.

After a 6 month stint in Paris she went to a London Secretarial Training College and having achieved the goal of 120wpm shorthand and 70wpm electric typing she landed some interesting PA/Secretarial roles in London where she flatted with friends enjoying the theatre and party scene.



After marrying and having children she returned to Sydney, followed by 2 years in Canberra, back to Sydney and then back to live in the north west of England (dreadful climate) and in 2000 returned to Sydney permanently finally settling on the Central Coast in 2004. During these years she was awarded a distinction in Advanced Home Economics, completed a travel course and then prior to retirement had a spell in retail working for both Sportscraft and Country Road where she learnt to master her skills with the odd difficult customer!

She very much hopes she can add to the contributions made by Jim's Presidency and has a great Committee to help her achieve this.

Pam Lumby – 90th birthday

Last Monday, club stalwart, Pam Lumby turned 90. Pam is still keen and quite competitive with partner Carol Long.

Many happy returns



Life Member

At our AGM Christine Hadaway was voted in as our latest Life Member. Christine has been a member of the club in excess of 20 years. During that time she has filled many roles including President, Vice President, Chief Director, Teaching Officer and more. Many positions she has held multiple times often holding several positions at once.

Congratulations Christine, a well deserved accolade.



Player Promotions

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

| BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB | | |
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| NAME | RANK | TOTAL MPs |
| Cotton, Roy | Bronze Life | 438.35 |

New Players

Last month the following players joined our club. Welcome to

- ♣ Reactivated member - Rosemary McCabe
- ♣ Transfer In – Jane Black, Kay Manning, Linda Dowling & David Adams.
- ♣ Home Club Membership – Jane Jovani



We trust you will enjoy playing in the friendly atmosphere at BWBC.

The Demise of **Red Point** Events

At the last Committee meeting members recognised that our special red point events have slowly lost prestige and thus member support. Members arrive not knowing they

are scheduled for that day and have generally shown a lack of interest. In an effort to spark interest the Committee approved the following plan.

- ♣ Reinstatement prizes to be awarded on Presentation Day.
- ♣ Revert to the one winner format (Howell or Arrow switch movements).
- ♣ Winning pair to receive a bottle of wine prize on the day.
- ♣ Best placed Novice pair to receive a bottle of wine prize on the day.
- ♣ Reinstatement the Special Events Gallery for winners' photo.
- ♣ Work to report event in Peninsula News.
- ♣ Full event round-up on Face Book.
- ♣ Full wrap up of event on BWBC website.

Coming Soon to a Club Near You

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- ♣ Sat, 4th October – Labour Day Pairs – 12:30 Red Points
 - ♣ Tues, 7th October – Club Championship Individual – 12:30 (sign up on notice board or online)
 - ♣ Wed, 16th October – Spring Pairs – 12:30 Red Points
 - ♣ Mon, 27th October – Teams of 3 – 12:30 (sign up on notice board or online)
 - ♣ Tue, 4th November – Melbourne Cup (\$15) – 10:00 start

From the Directors Chair – by Australian Director Matthew McManus



So you think you're a fast player?

Try this quick quiz... by MATTHEW MCMANUS

The major complaint that directors have to deal with is slow play (although air-conditioning does come a close second). Whether it's because there's no time to play all the boards, whether it's players waiting for a table to finish so they can move there or because most of the players are hanging around for tables to finish play so the director can make the draw for the next round, slow play is the main cause of discontent for most players. So, if you are brave enough to take it, here is a quiz to see if you are one of those players who cause dissatisfaction...are you ready to start? [Click here to go to Matthews quiz...](#)

Results - Club Special Events

♦ Anniversary Pairs (1st Sept.)

A total of 28 pairs took part, making it possible to run separate open and novice sections. Winners and runners-up were

Open

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| N/S | 1 st | Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore | 58.80% |
| | 2 nd | Matt Raj Mal and Sue Morris | 54.34% |
| E/W | 1 st | Barry Foster and Sylvia Foster | 64.12% |
| | 2 nd | Kevin Hughes and Ron Meaney | 58.04% |

Novice

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| N/S | 1 st | Frankie Craven and Spider Redgold | 68.75% |
| | 2 nd | Caroline Nichols and Connie Lewis | 55.00% |
| E/W | 1 st | John Sandra and Bernadette Sandra | 60.83% |
| | 2 nd | Qi Hasemore and Meg McGregor | 57.08% |

♦ Novice/Rookie Teams Club Championship

The event was won by the Hasemore team (106.41 VP), with the Ashley team a close second (105.04 VP) and the Harper team third (90.78 VP).

Hasemore team - (Qi Hasemore, Denyse Stephens, Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis)

Ashley team - (Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson, John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra)

Harper team - (Carolyn Harper, Josephine Howie, Anne Birt, Merilyn Reid)

♦ Restricted Swiss Pairs Championship(17th & 24th Sept.)

18 pairs contested this event, over 2 sessions. The competition was very tight throughout, with the eventual winners and placegetters being

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| 1 st | Carol Long and Kerrel Walker | 78.79 VP |
| 2 nd | Carolyn Harper and Roz Harvey | 77.31 VP |
| 3 rd | Hilary Owen and Meg McGregor | 76.10 VP |

Away Special Events

♦ Interclub Teams – Bateau Bay (4th Sept.)

A largish field of 16 teams, representing the four Central Coast clubs, took part. The event was won by the Clarke team (81.93 VP), with the Foster team a close second (79.71 VP).

Clarke team (Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sally Clarke, Sharon Mayo)

Foster team (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Jim Routledge)

♦ Gosford (CCLCBC) Congress (13th & 14th Sept.)

The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club held its annual Congress on the weekend of 13th/14th September. Local players were joined by a number of strong players from Sydney and from the Hunter region. The Open Pairs saw local players on top, but the visitors prevailed in the Teams.

Top half results achieved by BWBC members include

Open Pairs (30 pairs)

- 1st Sally Clarke and Sharon Mayo
- 2nd Stephanie Mathews and Gary Heyting
- 3rd Chris Williams and Helen Milward
- 4th Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa
- 6th Donelle Foate and Christine Hadaway
- 9th Eunice de Vries and Wendy Mitchell

Restricted/Novice Pairs (22 pairs)

- 3rd Kevin Hughes and John Aldersley

Teams (22 teams)

- 6th Williams (Chris Williams, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills, Helen Milward)
- 8th Eastman (Sue Eastman, David Snow, Rosemary Miller, Margaret Driscoll)
- 10th Foster (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Jim Routledge)

At the Bridge Table – By Jaan

This hand was shown in the July newsletter. It comes from a club game a few months ago. Imagine you are sitting West, in a contract of 6NT, and receive the diamond 5 lead. How should you play this to give yourself the best chance of making 12 tricks. Before reading on, try to make a plan (cover the N-S hands).

There are only 9 top tricks – 2 spades, 3 hearts, 1 diamond and 3 clubs. The opening lead has forced out your diamond Ace, so you can't afford a loser in any other suit,

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| <p>West</p> <p>S – T8 H – A983 D – AJT87 C – T7</p> | <p>North</p> <p>S – Q94 H – 65 D – K9653 C – 842</p> | <p>East</p> <p>S – AKJ5 H – KQ4 D – 4 C – AKQ63</p> |
| | <p>South</p> <p>S – 7632 H – JT72 D – Q2 C – J95</p> | |

although you can set up another diamond trick by force. You still need to create two more tricks elsewhere.

There are a number of possibilities.

If the opposition clubs split 3-3, your long clubs will provide the two tricks needed. (this is about 35%)

If the opposition hearts split 3-3, you will gain one trick.

If the spade finesse works, you will gain one trick.

How can you best combine there possibilities?

Remember, the goal is 12 tricks. It would be a mistake to take the spade finesse first. If it loses, you will be down at once, without trying the other chances. I think that the best line is as follows. Win trick 1 with the diamond Ace and play the Jack, creating a second diamond winner. Then try the club suit. If the suit splits, as it does here, you have your 12 tricks. If it does not split, then you will need both the heart split and the spade finesse.

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Congress for Novice and Restricted Players

The Central Coast BC, at Long Jetty, will be holding a congress especially for Restricted and Novice players. No Grand Masters or Intermediate players... just players like you. Save the date - November 22nd and 23rd.

[Click here for full details...](#)

Sydney Spring Nationals

This event is held each year at the beautiful Canterbury Race Course. It's a **Gold Point** event so the standard of competition is sure to be testing and at the close of play you'll have a good feel for how you're progressing in the bridge world.

Dates - 18th to 26th October 2025

[Click here for full details...](#)

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

