



## Christmas Message from the President



The end of another year has arrived and I would like to send you all Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a very happy New Year on behalf of the Committee, who make sure the Club runs as efficiently as possible. Thank you. I would also like to thank the Tournament Secretary, Chief Director and our team of Directors

who do a wonderful job in organising game formats etc. - by no means an easy task, and to David Adams for his teaching contribution. Recognition also goes to our board dealers, Beryl Lowry and Spider Redgold, with Jim Routledge as their crucial backup. An enormous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our Club and all these members need to be acknowledged for their dedicated contribution. I have no doubt 2026 will present lots more bridge challenges for us all!

## Editorial

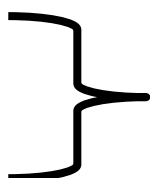
As 2025 comes to a close we can look back on a successful year for our club. We have welcomed a number of new members. A comprehensive program of events has been held, catering for both experienced and newer players. Our congress in July was a success, and we look forward to repeating this in 2026.

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

## Festive Season Pre-Entry Required

Online pre-entry is required for the following dates.

- ♦ Saturday, 27th
- ♦ Monday, 29th
- ♦ Tuesday, 30th
- ♦ Wednesday 31st



A minimum of 3 tables is required for bridge to go ahead.

[Click here to pre-enter on any of those days.](#) Call Peter or Sylvia if you need help to pre-enter online.

**Note:** New Year's Cup red point event is walk in.

## Coming Attractions

### ~ New Year's Cup ~

Our first **Red Point** event for the year.

- ◆ Thursday, (1st Jan) 12:30 start.
- ◆ Cost: \$10, Visitors \$12
- ◆ Winners receive shopping vouchers
- ◆ Best novice pair receive shopping vouchers (minimum 3 pairs)



### Australia Day Pairs

- ◆ Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- ◆ Usual time & place ◆ **Red Points**
- ◆ Cost – Members \$10, Visitors \$12
- ◆ Winners receive shopping vouchers
- ◆ Best novice pair receives shopping vouchers (minimum 3 pairs)



**Note:** Changes to our **red point** events this year.

During 2025 the committee noted, with concern, the falling interest in our special events. In an effort to 'Make our Red Point Events Great Again', the following strategy has been adopted.

- ◆ Prizes will be given on the day rather than at our Christmas Party.
- ◆ The winners will receive \$30 each shopping vouchers.
- ◆ The best Novice pair will receive \$20 each shopping vouchers; providing at least 3 pairs enter.
- ◆ If the Novice prize cannot be awarded then the pair closest to 50% will receive the prize.
- ◆ The entry fee for members will be \$10 from January, 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Player Promotions

Last month 4 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations all. Well done. May all your finesses come off.



BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB		
NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Hasemore, Chris	Gold Life	817.77
Anderson, Steve	Local	16.12
Hall, Michael	Graduate	2.07
Hockley, Marg	Graduate	2.01

## Results - Club Special Events

### ♦ Summer Teams (6<sup>th</sup> December)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Team Bowerman - Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman,  
Wendy Mitchell and Henrietta Hohnen. 57.61VP

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Routledge - Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa,  
Karen Ody and Jim Routledge. 54.04VP

### ♦ Summer Pairs (9<sup>th</sup> December)

A good field of 17 pairs competed in this event. In a very close finish, the winners and runners-up were

1<sup>st</sup> Judy Wulff and David Adams 61.81%

2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Foster and Sylvia Foster 61.31%

3<sup>rd</sup> Jorgen Boettiger and Deborah Guthrie 61.01%

### ♦ Christmas Party Pairs (15<sup>th</sup> December)

Our rooms were overflowing, with 23 tables. The field was divided into 3 divisions: Angels, Elves and Shepherds. Winners and runners-up were

Angels

1<sup>st</sup> - Kay Manning and Phil Fenney

2<sup>nd</sup> - Kerry Anderson and Steve Anderson

3<sup>rd</sup> - Carolyn Harper and Roz Laws

Elves

1<sup>st</sup> - Caroline Nichols and Connie Lewis

2<sup>nd</sup> - Fiona Templeton and Ross Templeton

3<sup>rd</sup> - Blair Glass and Carolynne Mucharsky

Shepherds

1<sup>st</sup> - Judy Wulff and David Adams

2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Hasemore and Martin Johnson

3<sup>rd</sup> - Marilyn Jarrett and Warren Nicol

## Festive Season Cancellations



At the Bridge Table – By Jaan

David and I have been discussing Board 10 which was played for the Christmas Pairs on Monday, across all sections.

I thought it might be an interesting hand to discuss the bidding for the Newsletter. It's a good example of distribution and playing tricks being the clincher rather than the point count.

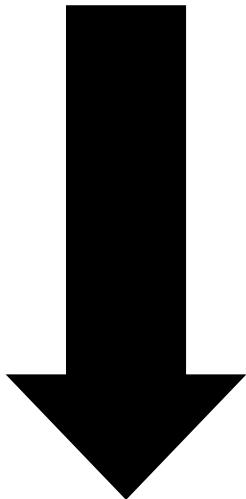
At our table, the bidding went, 1 club, pass, 1 heart from David, pass, 2 diamonds from me (reverse, showing 16+ and at least 5 clubs/ 4 diamonds). The next bids are the interesting ones (3H & 3NT), and have caused a great deal of discussion in our house! I was supremely lucky to have had the Ace of spades in hand, to win the spade lead. 13 tricks were then off the top.



BOARD 10					
BD: 10		♠ 8			Dlr: E
		♥ KT9632			Vul: ALL
		♦ AQT			
		♣ KJ5			
♠ QJ943				♠ KT762	
♥ J74				♥ 85	
♦ J95				♦ K63	
♣ 74				♣ T98	
		♠ A5			
		♥ AQ			
		♦ 8742			
		♣ AQ632			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	7	5	7	1	7
S	7	5	7	1	7
E					
W					
					13
					5 6
					16

Response by Jaan

You are sitting in the South seat, and the East dealer passes. If you open 1C, North will respond 1-heart and, again, you have no good bid. On the other hand, if you open 1NT your partner in the North seat, with a good 13 hcp plus a 6-card suit and a singleton, should see the possibility of a small slam and investigate further. North can bid 2D (a transfer to hearts) and over your 2H response can ask for keycards and bid the slam. Thirteen tricks are there in either notrumps, hearts or clubs. Surprisingly, only one pair found the slam (6 clubs). Most declarers were in 4 hearts, making 13 tricks.



At the Bridge Table  
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## Hand #2

New players are usually advised not to open 1NT with a hand containing two doubletons. This is sound advice for beginners, but experience teaches us that there are definite advantages in relaxing this restriction, if the hand is suitable.

This hand comes from our recent Summer Teams event (match 1, board 7). Suppose you pick up the West hand, and see a pass from South. You have two options.

If you open 1D your partner will respond 1S. You now have no good bid. Your hand is too strong for 1NT and too weak for 2NT. You might bid 2-hearts (a reverse) and the optimum contract of 3NT might still be reached, but probably played by East, with

the strong hand exposed and the unwelcome lead of the club Q. Most experienced players would open the West hand with 1NT, East will bid 3NT, and that will be that. The opponents will have received little information, and the opening lead will come up to the strong hand.

BOARD 7							
BD: 7	♠ KJT4	Dir: S Vul: ALL					
	♥ J42						
	♦ 543						
	♣ 975						
♠ AQ		♠ 87652					
♥ K875		♥ AQ3					
♦ AT972		♦ J6					
♣ K6		♣ A43					
	♠ 93						
	♥ T96						
	♦ KQ8						
	♣ QJT82						
	♣	♦	♥	♠ NT			
N						5	
S						16	11
E	2	5	5	3	5		8
W	2	5	5	3	5		

## Christmas Tips from our Grand Masters

**Christine Hadaway:** Accuracy is paramount in bidding.

**Sylvia Foster:** Don't play to the first trick too quickly; plan how you are going to play the hand when dummy goes down.

**Martin Johnson:** Bridge is a partnership game.

**Hope Tomlinson:** I feel that bidding is like having a conversation with your partner, i.e. describe your hand accurately and that gives your partner the opportunity to assess the best contract to be in with the information given.

**Robin Vaughan:** Look at each player's card as it hits the table.

**Ed Vaughan:** 'just keep adding up to 13.

**Barry Foster:** Always keep track of the trumps.

**Karen Ody:** There are thousands of great tips in our library books.

**Shirley Crockett:** Christmas is a very special time to spend with family & friends.

## From the Treasurer - Membership Fees

Note: fees become due in January. This year our fees are set at \$50 for Home Members and \$10 for Non-Home Club Members.

Pay online



OR

at the club



Here are the details you'll need if you wish to pay online.

(Your name is essential)

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

**Please include your name in the description on your bank deposit or if paying at the club, on the EFTPOS docket.**

*Stay safe out there – Cheers Barry and Jaan*

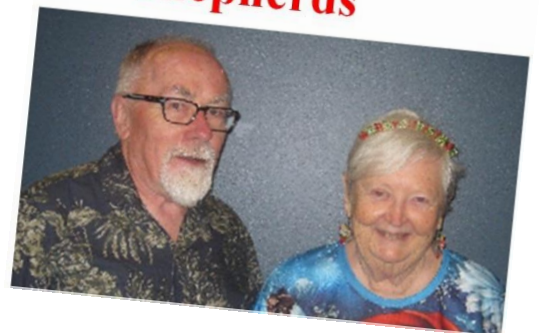


## Winners of the Christmas Bridge

### Elves



### Shepherds



### Angels





Hey dudes... How good is this?

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST:

Dad

Mum

Wife's gift

Kids

Husband

Grandma

Grandpa

Siblings

Aunts

Uncles

In-laws

Cousins

Neighbors

Teachers

Mailman

Babysitter

Co-workers

His mum and Dad