



## Editorial

A few weeks ago we held our first 'upside-down' pairs event for the year, with 22 newer players partnered by those more experienced. It was an enjoyable day and, hopefully, provided some insights for both the newer players and 'captains'. March also saw a couple of other special events, so it has been a busy month.

Earlier this year we paid about \$1300 for carpet and chair cleaning. Players please respect the furniture & be careful with crumbs & coffee when "taking a break".

On a personal note, it was nice to catch up recently, at the Great Lakes Congress, with Tom and Hope Tomlinson, former long-time members of our club, who now live at Halliday's Point in the Great Lakes region. Hope now plays regularly with her daughter Robyn, both at Forster and at Taree.

## Player Promotions

Last month 3 of our members moved up the bridge ranking scale. Congratulations all. Well done. May all your finesses come off.



NAME	RANK	TOTAL MPs
Barker, Julie	Club	5.09
Laws, Roz	Graduate	2.33
Hall, Jude	Graduate	2.06

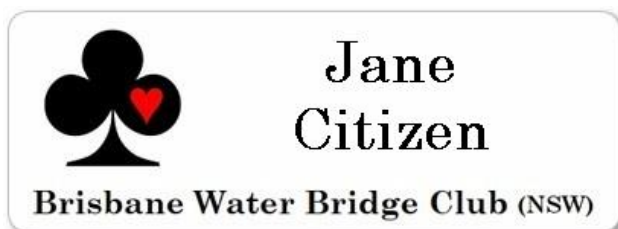
## From the Directors Chair — by Matthew McManus (National Director)



**Just because** an opponent provides an incorrect explanation of a bid, it does NOT mean the Director will automatically adjust the score. The non-offending pair must demonstrate they were actually damaged by the mistake.

## Name Badges

The next order will be made on April 18. The design has been modified and now includes your first name and surname and the name of our club. Cost is \$15 and can be paid with eftpos. If you want a shorter version of your name, please note it on the eftpos docket. Any questions, please contact David Adams on 0413 337 023 or at [davidplaysbridge@gmail.com](mailto:davidplaysbridge@gmail.com).



## Coming Attractions at BWBC

- ♣ Wed., 1<sup>st</sup> April - Club Championship for Novice Pairs #2, 12:30 start
- ♣ Mon., 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Pairs – 12:30 start *red points*
- ♣ Mon., 20<sup>th</sup> April – Interclub Teams @BWBC – 9:30 start.
- ♣ Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April – Club Championship for Mixed Pairs #1 – 12:30 start
- ♣ Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – Club Championship for Mixed Pairs #2 – 12:30 start

## Coming Attractions at Nearby Clubs

- ♦ Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Pairs at Gosford - *red points*
- ♦ Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Country Teams at Long Jetty
- ♦ Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April – Autumn Pairs at Bateau Bay - *red points*
- ♦ Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Pairs at Gosford - *red points*
- ♦ Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Pairs at Bateau Bay - *red points*
- ♦ Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Restricted Pairs Championship at Long Jetty

## Results - BWBC Special Events

### ♦ Open Teams Championship (7<sup>th</sup> March)

Eight teams took part in the event, which was also a qualifier for the State Open Teams, later in the year. At the end of the day the leading teams were

1 <sup>st</sup> Team Foster -	(Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Chris Hasemore)	86.78VP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Hadaway -	(Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate, Stephanie Mathews, Gary Heyting)	83.39VP
3 <sup>rd</sup> Team Ody -	(Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman)	79.97VP

### ♦ Upside-down Pairs (13<sup>th</sup> March)

Twenty Two pairs took part, up from 15 last year. The winners and placegetters

NS	1 <sup>st</sup> - Steve Anderson and David Bowerman	60.42%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Denise Edwards and Judy Wulff	59.23%
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Adi Jones and Susan McCall	52.98%
EW	1 <sup>st</sup> - Fiona Templeton and Jim Routledge	60.12%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Carolynne Mucharsky and Robin Vaughan	58.93%
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Thuy Chapman and Jaan Oitmaa	57.74%

### ♦ Autumn Pairs (17<sup>th</sup> March)

Results were

1 <sup>st</sup> - Susan McCall and Pamela Joseph	65.62%
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Judy Wulff and David Adams	62.15%
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Felicity Fane and Elaine Hume	59.93%

## Results – Away Events

### ◆ Great Lakes Congress (28<sup>th</sup> Feb. - 1<sup>st</sup> March)

This has always been a popular event for our members over the years. Notable results by our members were

#### Swiss Pairs (68 pairs)

6 <sup>th</sup> - Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	89.94VP
10 <sup>th</sup> - Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany	83.99VP
11 <sup>th</sup> - Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman	83.64VP
13 <sup>th</sup> - Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson	82.03VP
21 <sup>st</sup> - Elaine Hume and Peter Hume	78.13VP
22 <sup>nd</sup> Judy Wulff and Susan McCall	77.21VP

#### Swiss Teams (34 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup> - Team Caust	(Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler)	86.01VP
4 <sup>th</sup> - Team Foster	(Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson)	80.75VP
14 <sup>th</sup> Team Brandt	(Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Susan McCall , Judy Wulff)	62.37VP

### ◆ Central Coast Golden Anniversary Congress (19-22 March)

The 50<sup>th</sup> congress of the Central Coast Bridge Club was held in their clubhouse at Long Jetty. Notable results by our members were

#### Matchpoint Pairs (24 pairs)

Jan Clarke and Di Coats finished 1st N/S in the qualifying stage and 5th in the final.

#### Swiss Pairs (54 pairs)

2 <sup>nd</sup> Jim Routledge and Jaan Oitmaa	81.00VP
10 <sup>th</sup> Di Coats and Jan Clarke	74.54VP
14 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Hughes and John Aldersley (top Restricted pair)	68.62VP

#### Swiss Teams (24 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup> Team Tobin	(Di Coats and Jan Clarke, playing with Judith and Ruth Tobin)	95.63VP
8 <sup>th</sup> Team Foster	(Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Jim Routledge)	66.44VP



# No Bridge on Good Friday

## From the Chief Director by Sylvia Foster

John Aldersley has passed his directors exam. At the moment he is doing Thursday until Jorgen returns from his overseas trip. Kevin and Donelle attended a director's workshop at Toronto recently led by John McIlrath. He highlighted one interesting situation which requires alerting which people may not be aware of. If it is part of your system that a no trump bid does not promise a stopper in the opponents bid suit then it must be alerted.

## At the Bridge Table — By Jaan

This article is aimed at our newer players. Imagine you are sitting South, declarer in a 3NT contract. The opening lead is tabled, and dummy comes down.

	<b>North</b> S – Kxx H – AQJxx D – Jx C – Kxx	
<b>West</b> S – QJTxx H – xx D – Ax C – xxxx		<b>East</b> S – xxx H – Kxx D – xxxx C – xxx
	<b>South</b> S – Ax H – xxx D – KQTxx C – Axx	

One of the best pieces of advice that can be given to beginners is not to play too hurriedly. Take some time to make a plan, based on your sure and probable winners and certain and possible losers. If you can see more than one possible pathway, consider possible risks in each case.

Here is a constructed hand, which is not, in any way, peculiar. The opening lead is the spade Q. Take some time to study the hand. What are your thoughts?

You can see 5 top tricks, so need to build 4 more to make your contract. Suppose you try to set up tricks in the

heart suit. You win the opening spade lead in hand with the Ace, and take the heart finesse. If it works, you can safely return to hand with the club Ace and repeat the heart finesse. On a good day you may then make 5 heart tricks which, with four top tricks in the black suits, will give you nine tricks and your contract. Alas, this is not a good day. The heart finesse loses, East returns a spade to knock out your second stopper, and you only make 8 tricks. Did you see the sure way to 9 tricks? At trick two simply play on diamonds, until the Ace is knocked out. You then have 4 diamond tricks to go with 5 top tricks you started with, making 3NT.

Many years ago, in a tutorial on declarer play, I used a hand like this. I was surprised at how many declarers went for the finesse route. A few still made their contracts, due to poor defense, but, of course, they should have failed.

## Where's Jorgen? Episode Three – By Deb Guthrie

George narrowly avoided Cholera in Tanzania and escaped to Mombasa instead for three days. (It's like a 19<sup>th</sup> century novel, isn't it!)

Next stop Madagascar, some more with no names then Cape Town. I hope you climb Table Mountain George. Then north to Namibia and into Europe.

I quote verbatim:

“Bridge is going pretty well, some of the supervised play people are now joining us in the afternoon, so we have 7 full tables. They still play in the morning as well, so they have a full day of Bridge. We will start a new beginners class after Cape Town so hopefully we will get a few more students. The intermediate class is fairly steady at 10 to 12”.

Oh George, we fervently hope you have hidden reserves of fuel.

-Deb

## Welcome

Welcome Manda Labauschagne and Maureen Baker. I trust you'll enjoy great bridge and the friendliness of our members.



## Membership Secretary by Elaine Hume

- ◆ Coming to the point (March 31) of Membership renewals we have:

	March 26	March 2025
▪ Home Club Members,	120	114
▪ Non Home Club Members	33	44
▪ Life Members	5	5

- ◆ 17 departures from the club, with a range of reasons that include ill health, family commitments, relocations and perhaps disappointments they weren't getting as many slams as they wanted. NHCMS often rejoin when participating so lag a little.
- ◆ Amongst the departures were several whose time in the club extended to hundreds of hours beyond bridge playing: committee roles, teaching, directing, catering, tasking for the Congress over many years, and dealing those boards. Marcelle Goslin, Hope and Tom Tomlinson, Lorraine Lindsey and Martin Johnson (who remains a Home Club member, but Melbourne to Woy Woy doesn't make for frequent playing) have all been generous with their time and we have been lucky to have them. There were many others who also did their bit, and it's all those bits adding up that makes for a functioning club.

## March Special Event Winners



## BWBC members @Central Coast BC Congress



Jan Clark & Di Coats with team mates from another club



## Interclub Teams Day @BWBC

It's that time of the year when the 4 Central Coast clubs get together to battle out a full day of Teams Bridge.

**Interclub**

- ♥ When: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- ♥ Where: BWBC club rooms.

**Teams**

- ♥ When: 9:30 start.
- ♥ Cost: \$40 per player
- ♥ Entries: Online or notice board.
- ♥ Lunch will be provided.

Long  
Jetty

Brisbane  
Water

Gosford

Community  
BC



### Easter Bridge

- No Bridge Good Friday
- Normal Saturday Game
- Monday Easter Pairs (Red Point)



### Easter Pairs

- Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April
- Usual Time & Place
- Members \$10  
Visitors \$12

## Club Championship for Mixed Pairs

Yes... same sex pairs are welcome.

## Club Championship for Mixed Pairs



- ♠ When: Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April – Session #1  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – Session #2
- ♠ Time: Play Commences 12:30

*The Committee would like to pass on their best wishes for a safe and happy Easter*

*– Cheers Barry and Jaan*

A virgin birth I can believe,  
but finding three wise men?

