

# Brisbane Water Bridge Club - June Newsletter 2026

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Hooray, the days are getting longer although cold weather will be with us for a while yet. Good weather for playing bridge.

Our annual Congress will take place shortly. As of now, the Pairs field is close to being full, but there are still places in the Teams. It seems that teams is a less favoured format, although it is a fairer contest, since the luck element is reduced. We would encourage our newer players to have a go at teams competition.

The Central Coast Bridge Club at Long Jetty is holding a Restricted/Novice Congress on 25-26 July, the weekend after our congress. This is another opportunity for our newer players to have a go and build their experience.

## 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
Ashley, Susan	Bronze Local	25.16
Hasemore, Qi	Bronze Local	25.05
Coulson, Debra	Graduate	2.20
Jamieson, Karen	Graduate	2.03

## Coming Attractions at BWBC

- ♣ Sat., 18<sup>th</sup> July – BWBC Pairs Congress – 9:30 start
- ♣ Sun., 19<sup>th</sup> July – BWBC Teams Congress – 9:30 start
- ♣ Wed., 29<sup>th</sup> July – Under National Teams Session #1 – 12:30 start
- ♣ Wed., 5<sup>th</sup> August – Under National Teams Session #2 – 12:30 start

**BWBC Congress  
18th & 19th July  
Entries Now Open**

## Coming Attractions at Nearby Clubs

### ◆ Gosford

- AGM and Anniversary Pairs – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July – AGM @11:00

### ◆ Long Jetty

- Novice and Restricted Congress. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Novice & Restricted Congress**

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 a.m.

## Results - BWBC Special Events

### ◆ Presidents Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> June

12 pairs competed in the event. Winners and placegetters were

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Buckley and Marilyn Jarrett	64.44%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Adams and Judy Wulff	58.52%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	55.93%

### ◆ Jean Pelham Charity Day – 8<sup>th</sup> June

The event was run in two sections, with 14 pairs in Open/Restricted/Novice and 9 pairs in a separate Rookies section. Winners and placegetters were

Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy Wulff and David Adams	67.90%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Heyting and Stephanie Mathews	65.12%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Foster and Chris Hasemore	57.72%
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Rookie	1 <sup>st</sup>	Annette Clarke and Carolyn Girdwood	69.44%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mona Maher and Sarah Salt	57.64%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kerry Anderson and Steve Anderson	56.94%

### ◆ Winter Teams – 27<sup>th</sup> June

Eight teams competed over 4 rounds, in a Swiss format. The leading teams were

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hasemore - (Chris Hasemore, Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa)	57.01VP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ody - (Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman)	53.00VP
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wulff - (Judy Wulff, Susan McCall, Deborah Guthrie, Joan Walsh)	48.81VP

## Results – Away Events

### ◆ Newcastle Congress 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> June

A few of our members travelled to Newcastle for their annual congress.

Top third finishes (of 48 pairs and 24 teams) include

Pairs	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Routledge and Jaan Oitmaa	76.46VP
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Clarke and Sharon Mayo	72.14VP
Teams	1 <sup>st</sup>	Foster - (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Jim Routledge)	84.76VP
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Bodycote (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Paul Weaver, Terry Bodycote)	75.73VP

## At The Bridge Table

BOARD 14					
BD: 14	♠ J62			Dir: E	
	♥ 5			Vul: None	
	♦ QT82				
	♣ J9653				
♠ 4			♠ AQ7		
♥ AKJT9			♥ Q8742		
♦ 73			♦ AK96		
♣ AKQ72			♣ 4		
	♠ KT9853				
	♥ 63				
	♦ J54				
	♣ T8				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N					4
S				17	15
E	5	5	7	2	6
W	5	5	7	1	5

This hand came up at our recent Charity Day, and I thought it might be of interest, particularly to our newer players.

The hand was played 7 times in the Open/Intermediate section and 4 times in the Rookie section. The optimum contract is 7 hearts, which was reached at only one table, in the Open section. Four Open pairs reached 6 hearts, while one stopped in 5 hearts. The rookies all stopped in 4 hearts, making 12 or 13 tricks.

How to reach 7 hearts? East would normally open 1-heart. They have a good hand, but not good enough for a strong 2-club opening. A bold South might butt in with 2-spades, but a pass

looks normal. West has a huge hand, opposite a 1-heart opening from partner. A fairly experienced player might think along the following lines

- we have at least a 10-card fit in hearts
- partner cannot have more than 3 points in hearts and clubs together, so must have at least 8-9 points in my weak suits, spades and diamonds
- the best contract will depend on how many aces partner has. If 1 ace, then 6-hearts should be OK. If 2 aces, there should be a good play for the grand slam.

Note that West needs to know only about aces. If partner holds K,Q in both suits (10 points) this is of no use, while 2 aces (8 points) is gold. There are various ways to bid this hand, but a direct Blackwood (key card) bid of 4NT seems as good as any, and finding partner with 2 aces, and the trump Q, West can bid 7-hearts with confidence.

Why did our rookies stop in 4-hearts? Perhaps they were not familiar with the Blackwood ace-asking convention. If so, this is one convention that is well worth learning. Most of the others can be left alone, initially.

As a final comment – what should South lead against a heart contract? At 5 tables, including 2 in the Open section, South led a spade. It is true that South does not have a clear-cut lead and any lead might turn out badly. I venture to say that a spade is the worst choice, although here 13 tricks can be made against any lead. Why was a spade chosen? 'Fourth highest of my longest and strongest suit', you may say. This is a good principle against a low level NT contract, but not against a suit contract, particularly against a slam. A passive trump lead, which is least likely to give away anything, looks best.

## Christine Hadaway – by Caroline Nichols

We were sad to hear that Christine Hadaway has moved out of the area and is currently being looked after by family north of Wyong.

The Committee wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank her for her vast contribution to our Club over the past 25 years from her teaching skills to organising a number of Congresses, implementing bridge-mate and dealing machine technology. Most recently she was Chief Director but over the years she had a multifaceted role within the club. Best wishes, thank you for your service.



## Lessons Coming Soon...

### Beginners Lessons

- ◆ Commencing - Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- ◆ 9.30 to 11.30am
- ◆ Cost: \$6 per lesson.
- ◆ Contact David on 0413 337 023 or davidplaysbridge@gmail.com



David Adams

## Charity

\$924 was raised from our Jean Pelham Charity Day activities. The money was split evenly and sent to 'We Care Connect' and the 'Woy Woy Food Pantry'.

We received the following communication from We Care Connect.

*Dear Brisbane Water Bridge Club Members  
Thank you so much for your wonderful donation.*

*We Care Connect exists to fundamentally reverse the impact of childhood disadvantage. In 2025, we helped over 11,000 children. The number of children affected by family violence and the risk of homelessness is increasing, along with those affected by long-term illness and disability. First Nations children are also an increasing proportion the children we help. It is through your generous support that we will be able to support more children and assist more families.*

*Your support funds We Care Connect programs such as:*

***Begin Bright:*** Newborn – 4 yr old clothing, nappies, cots, linen, prams, car seats and baby carriers to keep families safe, social and mobile.

***Youth Connect:*** 12 – 18 A critical time for clothing, shoes, toiletries and sanitary products, school supplies

***Children's Clothing:*** Quality tops, bottoms, PJs, socks, shoes, undies, Jackets, hoodies, trackies – carefully selected to ensure every child is delighted by their clothing pack.

***Christmas and Back to School:*** So a disadvantaged child can feel valued and cared-about by a community who understands the importance of love and belonging to all children and young people.

## State Championships in 2026 by Peter Hume Tournament Secretary



### New "Under National" category for State Championships in 2026

BridgeNSW are running Championships in both Teams and Pairs for players whose masterpoint ranking is **under National**.

**Are you eligible** - check your masterpoint ranking at the [ABF Masterpoints website](#) and against the [Masterpoint Ranking Table](#)

The format is club selection events followed by regional finals leading to state finals.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club will run selection events as follows:

♠ **Under National Teams:** 2 sessions at 12.30 on Wednesdays 29<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August.

♠ **Under National Pairs:** 2 sessions at 12.30 on Mondays 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August

The club will sponsor the best 4 pairs and the best 2 teams to the regional finals.

Regionals finals scheduled:

♠ Pairs 26<sup>th</sup> September

♠ Teams 27<sup>th</sup> September

### Entry

♠ Pre-entry is essential, on the [BWBC pre-entry web page](#) or on the club noticeboard.

♠ Table fee \$20 per person.

♠ Your chance for red points and the opportunity to win a state championship.

♠ More information at [BridgeNSW](#)

♠ Inquiries to Peter Hume - 0416 138 698

## Sorry Partner by Elaine Hume

BOARD 23				
BD: 23	♠ Q	Dir: S		
	♥ AQ76	Vul: ALL		
	♦ A82			
	♣ QJ953			
♠ K986432		♠ T7		
♥ J32		♥ K85		
♦ 4		♦ KJT7		
♣ 74		♣ AKT6		
	♠ A15			
	♥ T94			
	♦ Q9653			
	♣ 82			
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT			
N	1	3	1	1
S	1	2	1	1
E			2	
W			3	
				15
			4	14
				7

Warm congratulations to BWBC winners of the Newcastle Congress Teams event. There are many stories to be told, here's one of mine.

I took part in the two day Bridge Congress, Saturday was Pairs, Sunday Teams.

All up, 12 x 9 board matches -108 boards for the weekend. And we come to the last board - board 23 at our table on Sunday afternoon.

RHO (W) opened 3S, I had 15 points and knew the 3S was a weak bid. It was the end of the day, and a touch of whimsy MADE me want to interfere, I had a NT hand, I counted my cards and bid 4 clubs, presuming partner would have something to help...

East doubled, rather than supporting his partner, and round about now I noted "we" were

vulnerable...

Partner did nothing to save me...

Not helped by realising that I had miscounted my clubs, they shrank to 5 from my original count of 6.

I moved further into panic mode.

He who had doubled had done the smart thing, sitting over my hand with a few of the right cards. My attempt to draw out 2 of their big clubs let his C10 be a winner. I played my AS on my singleton QS, losing the chance of promoting my JS. The computer says I could have made 7 not a mere 5...

If I hadn't bid at all, if E hadn't doubled, if I had played it better, the score would have ranged from -140(3S by W making) to -200(if I wasn't vulnerable) to -400 (4C by me off 4) to -870 (2SX by W) but at my table all of the above gave our opponents a score of 1400.

Our team members returned to the table anticipating a win, but my whimsical adventure took our winning stand of 12VPs and turned it into a -3 loss for the round. Any of the other results would have seen us keep a win of 3 to 6. I can only apologise. Again.

At many tables 3S wasn't bid letting N's 1NT succeed, at others, South in 3 and 4D suggests N doubled and S salvaged, only giving up 100.

What did I learn?

You need to stop and think – no matter how late in the day.

You need a better hand to outbid a pre-empt.

Count your cards.

Check vulnerability.

Consider doubling.

Consider doing nothing.

Whimsy has no place at the bridge table.

*Stay safe out there... – Cheers Barry and Jaan*

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**It must have been  
a rough divorce**



**June Special Event Winners**



**Newcastle**



**Presidents Cup**



**Charity Day**



**Presidents Cup  
Rookies**



**Winter  
Teams  
Rookies**



**Charity Day  
Rookies**



**Winter Teams**