



Editorial

The main event during the past month has been our 2026 Congress, which has just been held. Strong fields of both local and visiting players ensured tough competition over both days. On behalf of readers, we thank all of our club members who helped in countless ways to make the event a success. It is not possible to name every individual, but special thanks must go to the Congress Convenor, David Bowerman, whose careful planning ensured that everything ran smoothly, and to our Directors Peter Hume and Kevin Hughes.

Player Promotions

Last month 2 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 MP's
Adams, David	Life	617.22
Templeton, Ross	Bronze Local	25.35

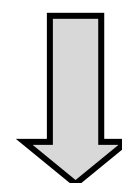
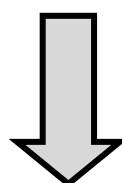
Congress 2026 – Report

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Full Congress wrap up at the
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At The Bridge Table

There were many interesting hands at our recent Congress, including some diabolical distributions. Here are two tricky hands from the last match of the Teams event.

BOARD 19									
BD: 19		♠ 84		Dir: S Vul: EW					
		♥ AKQJT42							
		♦ J5							
		♣ Q2							
♠ AKQT				♠ 965					
♥ 876				♥ 3					
♦ AKQ7				♦ 9643					
♣ K5				♣ A9874					
		♠ J732							
		♥ 95							
		♦ T82							
		♣ JT63							

The first one, board 19, went as follows, at our table. South, The dealer, passed naturally. Sylvia, sitting West, opened a natural 2NT although some others, for systemic reasons, might bid differently. What would you do as North? The wise move would be to pass, and rattle off the first 7 tricks against 2NT (or 3NT if East raises) for +200 or +300. Alas, we are not always wise, and 10 Norths could not resist getting into the action, ending up with 7 tricks in 3H, 4H or 4Hx. A few E-W pairs played in 5C or 5D for 10 tricks. The winning result is 4S by West, reached only 3 times.

Another interesting hand from the same match is board 27.

BOARD 27										
BD: 27		♠ QT5		Dir: S Vul: None						
		♥ Q974								
		♦ T7								
		♣ Q763								
♠ A86432				♠ K						
♥ AK				♥ T82						
♦ AJ53				♦ K8642						
♣ J				♣ KT95						
		♠ J97								
		♥ J653								
		♦ Q9								
		♣ A842								
		♣	♦	♥	♠	NT				
N								6		
S								17	9	
E	3	6	3	5	5			8		
W	3	6	3	5	5					

South will pass and West would normally open 1 spade, followed by a pass from North. The subsequent bidding may depend on system variations. What would you bid as East? I don't think it is clear-cut, but I responded 1NT. I don't think the hand is quite strong enough for 2 diamonds, but some will disagree. Anyway, we ended up in 4S, making 11 tricks. There was a wide range of contracts and results, as shown in the table. The optimum contract of 6D was reached at only two tables. Hard to reach and also tricky to play.

FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 27			
Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
2♠ by EW	+2	-170	3
4♦ by EW	+2	-170	2
2NT by EW	+2	-180	1
2♠ by EW	+3	-200	2
3♠ by EW	+3	-230	4
2♠ by EW	+4	-230	1
3NT by EW	=	-400	1
4♠ by EW	=	-420	1
5♦ by EW	+1	-420	1
4♠ by EW	+1	-450	4
4♠ by EW	+2	-480	2
6♦ by EW	=	-920	2

Coming Attractions at BWBC

- ♣ Wed., 29th July – Under National Teams Session #1 – 12:30 start
- ♣ Wed., 5th August – Under National Teams Session #2 – 12:30 start
- ♣ Tues., 18th August – Eric Gibson Pairs – 12:30 start **Red Points**
- ♣ Sat., 22nd August – Club Championship for Open Pairs #1 – 12:30 start
- ♣ Sat., 29th August - Club Championship for Open Pairs #2 – 12:30 start
- ♣ Thurs 3rd Sept – Interclub Teams Bateau Bay – 9:30 start

Coming Attractions at Nearby Clubs

♦ Gosford

- Fri., 7th August – Foundation Cup – 1:00pm start **Red Points**
- Tues., 25th August – Club Championship for Swiss Pairs – 9:30am start

♦ Long Jetty

- Wed., 19th August – Club Championship for Open Pairs - 09:30am start

♦ Bateau Bay

- Thurs., 3rd Sept – Interclub Teams - 09:30am start

Seniors Room

Council has advised that the Senior's Room is no longer to be used unless officially booked. The room has a silent alarm and if security is called out the club will be fined \$180.



Lessons Coming Soon...

Beginners Lessons

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



David Adams

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

Congress 2026 – Wrap Up

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David Bowerman took on the role of Congress Convener. Handling a Congress is no easy task and a leader must face many challenges before, during and after the event. Happily, we had a large team of helpers to handle issues and we came through unscathed. In fact, our list to remember next year is quite small containing minor items.

The congress was held at Ettalong Seniors Hall. Although much smaller than the Community Centre it fulfilled all our needs and there were a number of pleasing compliments.

Special Thanks

When making individual thanks there is always a risk of leaving someone out. However, here goes... (Note: It's impossible to get photos from the women)

David Bowerman

Congress Convener
Job... too difficult to describe.
Thanks David



Peter Hume

Congress Director &
Tournament Secretary
Silent achiever. Completed
all sorts of background
tasks.
Thanks Peter.



Kevin Hughes

Assistant Director,
Caddy, great all
rounder.
Thanks Kevin



Jim Routledge & Beryl Lowry

Board Dealers.
Massive job completed
over many days. Thanks for your effort



Volunteers:

It is simply impossible to run a successful Congress without volunteer support. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who stepped up across so many areas:

- **Food** – Most of us cringe when the word '**kitchen**' is mentioned. Many difficult tasks are somehow achieved there. Well done workers your contribution is impossible to assess. (see photo for some of our tireless workers).

A Big thanks to those members who supplied food. Many items were home cooked and very delicious. Well done.

- **Set Up / Pack Up** – Some members signed up for this weighty task. Chairs, tables, boards etc etc had to be man handled all over the place. As the years roll on the job takes longer and the items seem heavier. Well done all. A special thanks also goes to the young assistants we hired from the Bingo group, who helped lighten the load and speed up the process.
- **General Helpers** – thank you to everyone who pitched in throughout the weekend. Maybe it was clearing rubbish, performing caddy duties or helping the Director. Great work all.

A great BIG ***Thank you, Thank you, Thank you*** to all those who helped out in some way to make our Congress the great success that it was.



Focus on BWBC.....

Full results are available online, but we would like to give a special shout-out to our standout local BWBC players:

Saturday Pairs

Open Division: Competition was tough, but local players secured 5 of the top 10 spots!

- 4th: Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman
- 5th: Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell
- 7th: Stephanie Mathews & Gary Heyting
- 8th: Barry Foster & Chris Hasemore
- 9th: Di Coats & Jan Clarke

Restricted / Novice Division:

- 5th: Tracey Dillon & Marcelle Goslin
- 6th: Edith Marshall & Marilyn Jarrett

Sunday Teams

Open Teams: Two local teams broke into the top 10.

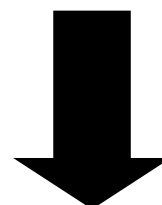
- 4th: Team Mitchell (Eunice De Vries, Wendy Mitchell, David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt)
- 7th: Team Hasemore (Chris Hasemore, Barry Foster, Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster)

Restricted Teams:

- Team Dillon (Tracey Dillon, Carolynne Mucharsky, Marcelle Goslin & Ron Meaney) finished as our top-performing local team.

Thank you all for a wonderful weekend of 'Bridge' – Barry

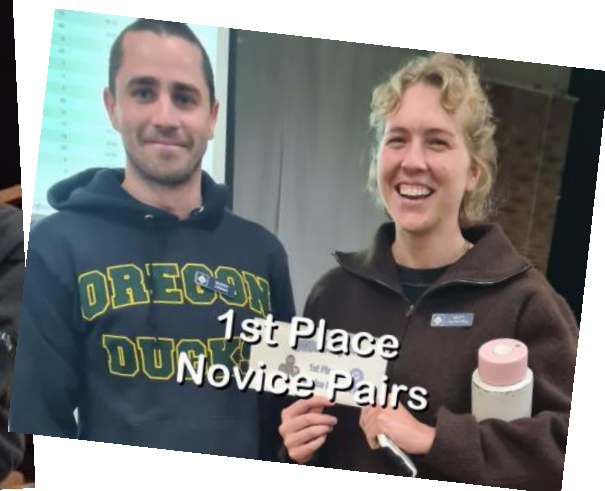
Now check out the photos







Restricted Teams - 1st



1st Place
Novice Pairs



Open Teams - 2nd



1st Place
Open Pairs



2nd Place
Restricted Pairs



3rd Place
Open Pairs

