



## Editorial

We have had a successful month, with good player numbers, particularly on Mondays and Wednesdays, which are popular with our newer players. In outside competitions, our players have had considerable success. In particular, we congratulate John Aldersley and Kevin Hughes, the new State Restricted Pairs champions. The Foster Team (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Jim Routledge, Barry Foster) have had victories at the Orange Congress and at the GNOT regional final.

As we approach our AGM, where a new Committee and Office-Bearers will be elected, we should recognise and thank those who have tirelessly served our club during the past year, and welcome those who will steer our club in the coming year.

## Player Promotions

Last month three 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 |
| Bustany, Alan              | Gold Life | 754.96    |
| Murray, Jenni              | Local     | 15.01     |
| Edwards, Denise            | Club      | 5.43      |

## Coming Attractions at BWBC

♣ Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – AGM Pairs – Red Points 12:30 start

## Coming Attractions at Nearby Clubs

### ♦ Gosford :

- Tuesdays, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Sept – Club Championship for Restricted Pairs.

### ♦ Long Jetty

- Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September – Club Championship for Restricted Teams.

### ♦ Bateau Bay

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

## Results - BWBC Special Events

### ♦ Under National Teams (29<sup>th</sup> July & 5<sup>th</sup> August)

A rather small field of 7 teams competed, over two afternoon sessions. The winners and placegetters were

|                 |                                                                           |         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Team Dillon                                                               |         |
|                 | (Tracey Dillon, Jenni Murray, Qi Hasemore, Carolynne Mucharsky)           | 89.05VP |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Team Nicol                                                                |         |
|                 | (Warren Nicol, Edith Marshall, Hilary Owen, Meg McGregor)                 | 81.40VP |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Team Anderson                                                             |         |
|                 | (Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson, Frankie Craven, Marilyn Reid, Anne Birt) | 64.93VP |

### ♦ Eric Gibson Pairs (18<sup>th</sup> August)

Fourteen pairs took part in the event, named after one of our club founders. Winners and placegetters were

|                 |                                 |         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa   | 44 imps |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Judy Wulff and David Adams      | 41 imps |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Barry Foster and Chris Hasemore | 33 imps |

### ♦ Open Pairs Championship (22,29 August)

Fourteen pairs contested this championship.

Winners and placegetters were

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Judy Wulff and David Adams    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 way tie...                  |

David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt, Judy Wulff & Sue McCall, John Aldersley & Beryl Lowry

## Bridgemate Ettiquette

We are finding our Directors are being called on many occasions to fix incorrect scores in the Bridgemates. Please make sure you are following the correct scoring procedure to keep error fixing to a minimum.

The scorer enters the score and when the **<accept>** key is displayed, passes the Bridgemate to their LHO. This person checks that both the board and the score are correct, and if so, hits the **<accept>** key and then the **<OK>** key. The Bridgemate is passed again and everyone can check the result in the results list if displayed for that session.



## Results – Away Events

### ♦ Orange Bridge Club Congress (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August)

- Five of our members travelled to Orange to play in their congress, and came back with some pleasing results.
- In the Swiss Pairs, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa finished 9th (of 60) after being in 3rd place with one match to go. Jim Routledge and Barry Foster finished close behind, in 15th spot.
- In the Teams event on the Sunday, the Foster team managed to finish first.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Foster  
(Barry Foster, Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster)

### ♦ Coffs Coast Gold Congress (12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August)

This is one of the premier events on the Australian bridge calendar, and is a very tough event. A fairly small group of local players took part this year. Top-half finishers by our club members were

#### Open Teams:

Team Hannan (Chris Hannan, Chris Hasemore, Stephanie Mathews, Gary Heyting) finished 28<sup>th</sup> (of 60) with a 4-1-3 record

#### Intermediate Teams:

Team Regan (Margaret Regan, Sue Eastman, playing with Steve and Mary Colling) finished 10<sup>th</sup> (of 28)

### ♦ NSW Restricted Pairs Championship (23<sup>rd</sup> August)

Congratulations to Kevin Hughes and John Aldersley who finished first (of 20 pairs) and are the new State Restricted Pairs champions.

### ♦ GNOT Regional Final (23<sup>rd</sup> August)

Seven teams, from local clubs, took part in this event, held in our club room, to determine the team to proceed to the next stage. The top three finishers were

1st CCBC Team Foster

(Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Jim Routledge, Barry Foster) 75.86VP

2nd BWBC Team Caust

(Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler, Di Coats)  
72.32VP

3rd BWBC Team Wulff

(Judy Wulff, Sue McCall, Gary Heyting, Stephanie Mathews) 65.82VP

## AGM – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept

Don't miss our AGM. Next Monday, commencing at 11:00am.

To begin proceedings we will have a speaker from 'We Care Connect' explaining how the charity works. The usual AGM format will follow with reports, elections and so on. If there is time a general discussion session will be held at the close of the meeting. The discussion session is not part of the meeting.



## Vale Marilyn Whigham – Life Member

### A Tribute to Marilyn

Marilyn's journey in bridge began in 1991 at Brisbane Water Bridge Club (BWBC), taking her first lessons from Lorraine Lindsay. Lorraine's passion for the game, paired with her sharp play techniques, instilled in Marilyn a lifelong appreciation and love for bridge.

Having been an active member through BWBC's early years—spanning its time at the Ocean Beach and Umina Beach surf clubs before settling into its current home at the

Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy—Marilyn was a cornerstone of the club's community. Over nine years, she dedicated herself to executive leadership:

- ♠ Secretary: 1993–1996
- ♠ President: 1997–1999, 2001
- ♠ Vice President: 2000

Beyond her executive roles, Marilyn served as a director, running Saturday and Wednesday night sessions for several years. She also contributed her time and effort as an office bearer for the Central Coast League Club Bridge Club (CCLCBC).

An avid competitor, Marilyn earned the rank of Silver Life Master and travelled widely for congresses and tournaments, fondly recalling trips to Canberra, the Gold Coast, Taree and Forster. For Marilyn, the true highlight of the bridge scene was always the lasting friendships and shared laughter.

Her parting words of wisdom for fellow players remain simple and timeless: "Make sure you enjoy your bridge."



Marilyn enjoying Christmas Party with bridge partner and friend Judy Wulff

## From the Directors Chair – by Australian Director Matthew McManus



**Just because** you have a board left to play in the round, it doesn't mean that you have the absolute right to play it. If your table is slow, the director has the power to – and should – tell you not to play the board and take an average, or make some other ruling about the board (eg. maybe average plus or average minus). The biggest and most frequent complaints that the director usually encounters are about slow play. One of his responsibilities under the Laws is to ensure the orderly movement of the session. If you are told not to play a board, you should accept this gracefully

## At The Bridge Table by Jaan Oitmaa

| BOARD 7  |   |         |          |   |    |
|----------|---|---------|----------|---|----|
| BD: 7    |   | ♠       | Dir: S   |   |    |
|          |   | ♥ 87432 | Vul: ALL |   |    |
|          |   | ♦ T973  |          |   |    |
|          |   | ♣ 8632  |          |   |    |
| ♠ K7     |   |         | ♠ QJT853 |   |    |
| ♥ KJ9    |   |         | ♥ T5     |   |    |
| ♦ A5     |   |         | ♦ KQJ4   |   |    |
| ♣ AKT754 |   |         | ♣ 9      |   |    |
|          |   | ♠ A9642 |          |   |    |
|          |   | ♥ AQ6   |          |   |    |
|          |   | ♦ 862   |          |   |    |
|          |   | ♣ QJ    |          |   |    |
|          | ♣ | ♦       | ♥        | ♠ | NT |
| N        |   |         |          |   |    |
| S        |   |         |          |   |    |
| E        | 3 | 3       | 2        | 5 | 5  |
| W        | 4 | 4       | 2        | 5 | 5  |

This hand was played at a recent Wednesday session at our club. It was submitted by one of the players, as an interesting hand to discuss. Indeed, I think it is an instructive hand, particularly for newer players, as nobody achieved the optimum result

The dealer, South, has a completely normal opening bid of 1-spade and I'm sure everyone would do the same. What should West do? It seems that, at most tables, West overcalled 2-clubs. This seems natural, but has a serious flaw. It is important to have a restriction on the strength range of immediate overcalls, otherwise partner is left in the dark. It is normal to restrict this to something like 10-16 high card points. If it is unlimited, how

can partner make an intelligent follow up? The standard approach with a stronger hand is to double at this point. Wait a minute – isn't this supposed to show support for all other suits? Not in this situation. West will bid again at their next opportunity, showing that their previous double was what is known as a 'power double', showing a hand too strong for an immediate single level overcall.

After a double from West, North may cringe but has no bid to make. What should East do, in response to partner's double? I don't think it is entirely clear cut. From East's perspective, West may have some 12-point hand with scattered values, and 1-spade doubled may well make. Still, that would not be the end of the world and East has no attractive bid, except to pass and hope for the best.

After East passes and the dust has cleared, South has made 2 tricks only, and East-West score up +1400, for 5 light, doubled and vulnerable. South did nothing wrong, except sit in the wrong direction on the day.

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



John and Kevin  
NSW Restricted Champions



Carolynne, Tracey, Jenni & Qi  
Under National Teams



Sylvia and Jaan  
Eric Gibson Pairs & Open Pairs Club Champs



**2nd Novice Pairs**  
**Caroline Nichols & Connie Lewis**



Barry, Jaan, Sylvia and Jim  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - GNOT



Orange Congress Teams  
Jim, Jaan, Sylvia and Barry  
1<sup>st</sup> Place -

Pre internet chat room using  
An old version of windows...

