

Brisbane Water Bridge Club - Newsletter 2026

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Early this month our club held its AGM at which office holders and general committee members were elected to serve for the next 12 months. We congratulate those elected: Caroline Nichols (President), Connie Lewis (Vice President), Annette Bonnici (Secretary), Mark Mannion (Treasurer) and general committee members Chris Cayley, Denyse Edwards, Barry Foster, Michael Hall and Carolyn Harper.

These people give freely of their time and efforts, and should be applauded, and given every support and assistance.

Coming Attractions at BWBC

- ♣ Saturday, 3rd Oct., Labour Day Pairs – **Red Points** 12:30 start
- ♣ Tuesday, 6th Oct., Club Individual – Postponed
- ♣ Thursday, 15th Oct., Spring Pairs – **Red Points** 12:30 start
- ♣ Friday, 23rd Oct., Teams of 3 – 9:30 start
- ♣ Wednesday, 11th Nov., Remembrance Day Pairs – **Red Points** 12:30 start

Coming Attractions at Nearby Clubs

♦ Gosford :

- Friday, 23rd Oct., Henry Kendall Pairs – **Red Points**
- Tuesday, 27th Oct., Club Championship for Restricted Pairs

♦ Long Jetty

- Monday, 19th Oct., October Pairs – **Red Points**

♦ Bateau Bay

- Friday, 2nd Oct., Spring Pairs – **Red Points**

Standby

Our regular **Thursday standby** will not be available during the month of October.

Friday morning standby continues as normal.



Results - BWBC Special Events

♦ AGM Pairs (7th September)

A total of 20 pairs took part, making it possible to run separate open and novice sections. Winners and runners-up were

Open	1 st Jenny Buckley and Marilyn Jarrett	59.14%
	2 nd Barry Foster and Chris Hasemore	57.75%
	3 rd David Adams and Judy Wulff	57.41%
Novice	1 st Thuy Chapman and Denyse Edwards	61.11%
	2 nd Carolyn Girdwood and Annette Clark	57.41%
	3 rd Caroline Nichols and Connie Lewis	55.56%

♦ Restricted Swiss Pairs Championship (17th & 24th Sept)

18 pairs contested this event, over 2 sessions. The competition was very tight throughout, with the eventual winners and placegetters being

1 st	John Drew and Denyse Stephens	78.27 VP
2 nd	Kerry and Steve Anderson	76.71 VP
3 rd	Fiona and Ross Templeton	76.65 VP

Results – Away Events

♦ Interclub Teams – Bateau Bay (3rd Sept)

A largish field of 16 teams, representing the four Central Coast clubs, took part. The event was won by the Johnman team from the Long Jetty and Bateau Bay clubs (86.19 VP) , with the Foster team (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Chris Hasemore) a close second (82.99 VP).

♦ Gosford (CCLCBC) Congress (5th & 6th Sept.)

The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club held its annual Congress on the weekend of 5th/6th September. Local players were joined by a number of strong players from Sydney and from the Hunter region.

Top third results achieved by BWBC members include

Swiss Pairs (52 pairs)

1 st	Jan Clarke and Di Coats	111.96VP
4 th	Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa	94.78VP
10 th	Gary Heyting and Stephanie Mathews	84.93VP
11 th	Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson	84.65VP
14 th	Dorothy Berzins and Larry Bryant	82.10VP

Open Teams (20 teams)

2 nd	Berzins (Dorothy Berzins, Larry Bryant, Di Coats, Jan Clarke)	80.91VP
3 rd	Foster (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson)	80.22VP

♦ State Pairs and Teams Regional Finals (26th & 27th Sept)

The Central Coast Regional finals were held over two days, at the Central Coast Leagues Club. Our members came away with some good results.

Open Pairs

2nd Jan Clarke and Di Coats 61.78%

Under Grand Pairs

1st Chris Hasemore and Jim Routledge 56.82%
(3rd overall)

Open Teams

1st Foster (Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Chris Hasemore)

Under Grand Teams

1st Adams (David Adams, Deborah Guthrie, Susan McCall, Judy Wulff)

Under National Teams

2nd Murray (Jenni Murray, Qi Hasemore, Caroline Nichols, Carolynne Mucharsky)

At The Bridge Table by Jaan Oitmaa

BOARD 2					
BD: 2		♠ KQJT85	Dir: E		
		♥ QJ	Vul: NS		
		♦ J86			
		♣ J6			
♠ A93			♠ 76		
♥ T754			♥ K9		
♦ K			♦ QT97543		
♣ T9832			♣ 75		
		♠ 42			
		♥ A8632			
		♦ A2			
		♣ AKQ4			
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	1	4	6	6
S	3	1	4	6	6
E					
W					

Here is another interesting hand from one of our club sessions. You are sitting North, as I was, and one way or another you find yourself declarer in 4-spades, after an opening 3 diamond pre-empt from East. The opening lead is a diamond. With any other lead the hand looks cold for 11 or 12 tricks, depending on the heart finesse. It is matchpoints, so overtricks are important. So you win the opening lead in dummy, with the Ace, and start to draw trumps. On the first trump West plays small, and your King holds the trick. Suddenly you have a problem. If you play another trump, someone could take the Ace and cash a couple of diamond tricks, since dummy will be out of trumps. The contract should still be safe if the heart King is onside, but making only 10 tricks may yield a poor score if others are making 11 or 12. So I

decided to leave trumps and play 4 rounds of clubs, to discard my two losing diamonds. Rats! East ruffed the third club and cashed a diamond, holding me to 10 tricks. This was a poor decision on my part since, in light of the opening pre-empt, a bad split in clubs was not that unlikely. I had missed an important clue. West had played the King on the opening diamond lead, almost certainly a singleton. Therefore, if East held the spade Ace, she might have won the first trump lead and given West, her partner, a diamond ruff. Therefore it looked as though the trump Ace was with West. I could have safely continued trumps at trick 3, and made 12 tricks instead of 10.

From the Director's Chair



I would like to clear up a couple of common misconceptions in regards to bidding. Once you have completed writing a legal bid or pass the only person who may allow you to change it is the director.

It has nothing to do with.....

The pen still being on the paper **OR**

Saying you would like to change it in the same breath.

The game is not about breathing or not letting your pen leave the paper. It is about your intent at the time you wrote down the bid. The Director must be called before your partner has written down her bid. Changes can be made after the L.H.O. has bid but not after partner has bid again.

Club Championship for Individuals



Due to circumstances this event has been postponed. More info when it comes to hand.

Christmas Party – Change of Date



Next Saturday...

Labour Day Pairs – Red Point Event

When: Saturday, 3rd October

Cost: Members \$10, Visitors \$12

Time: Usual time & place



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



Paul & Mark
Relaxing After Restricted Championship



Jaan, Chris Sylvia & Barry
Open Regional Champs



Denyse Stephens
John Drey
Club C'ship for Rest'd Swiss Pairs



Judy, Sue,
David & Deb
Under Grand
Regional
Champs

I REMEMBER
WHEN I USED TO SING
'HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES
AND TOES.' NOW, IT'S
'GLASSES, WALLET, KEYS
AND PHONE.'

