

Newsletter September 2023



Meet your new Management Committee - elected on 9 September 2023

Above L-R: Guy Jarvi (member), Margaret Cusack (member), Ken Cutcliffe (member), Kay Oxley (Secretary), Ken Jones (Vice President), **Lorraine Bryant (President)**, Marjorie Askew (Chair of Play), Peter Rostron (Treasurer) and Robyn Thomas (Assistant Treasurer). [Missing from photo: Geoff Brooks: Assistant Secretary]

Message from the retiring President

Judy Forsyth



2023 President's Report

Thank you, thank you & thank you again. This sums up the gist of my President's report to a tee.

Our teaching programme has continued with gusto again this year. New members are just around the corner. With new members joining our club & the continued trickle of previous members coming back to play, our numbers are slowly growing, which is great to see.

A wonderful idea came about for the construction of storage lockers for handbags etc. This has proven very popular with members & removes the clutter around the room.

We introduced a new style badge for members & supplied all who come through our lessons with one when they join our club.

As raised in the Forum, we were investigating acoustic improvements to our club rooms. With all the outlets in the ceiling, the task eventually seemed too difficult to contemplate.

Purchases made include:-

A new whiteboard for the teaching team because the old surface was in poor condition. However, the old one went to a good home for some children being home schooled.

A new vacuum cleaner.

A new dishwasher.

Much regular maintenance happens on a scheduled basis, involving many local professionals. Some are included below:-

The state of the carpark was raised last year at our Forum. Eventually, improvements were made to rid the area of most puddles. An extended concrete slab near the entry also helps with no puddles to wet our feet.

Repair work has been made on the verandah screen doors – new screening, repairs or replacements to locks and general maintenance.

The extensions to the kitchen sink have been very successful with no more mouldy towels to wash.

We also purchased a small number of additional bidding slip holders.

Some improvements have occurred to the lighting in the verandah area, a must for anyone departing when it is dark.

Guttering at the rear of the building was rusted and leaking. This has been replaced.

The improvements to the gardens have been quite a journey for the past two years. Weeding, mulching, some major trimming with bark chip laid in the rear garden, hedging with a few smaller tasks, yet to be completed.

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Lastly, but most importantly, is the efficient functioning of sub committees using the dedication & experience of many members, to enable our club to run efficiently. Naturally, there will be a few glitches – but it has been my dream to ensure the daily smooth running of all aspects of the club by sub committees, thus easing the burden on the Management Committee.

Having said the above, I charge the incoming Management Committee to ensure these are retained & encouraged as their contribution to Ballina Bridge Club.

As I said at the beginning of this report – thank you. I have not thanked any individuals, groups etc – there are so many members who do that which needs to be done & much more. Thank you for all that you do & you know who you are.

Many thanks again, for the privilege of being President of our club over the last two years.

Judy Forsyth - Retiring President



Life Member's Day was celebrated with cake on Wednesday 6 September 2023 - photo L-R John Fraser, Barbara Meaney, Judy Forsyth and Lyn Graham.



The new President, Lorraine Bryant, with Vice President, Ken Jones, at the AGM.



Howard Jeffery, new Life Member, with Judy Forsyth, outgoing President.

Farewell for Maureen Baker



Maureen joined the club in 1998 and has been a regular attender since then. She has served on both the Play and Management Committees and was a Director for a number of years. We wish Maureen and Dennis a happy life on the Central Coast.

Howard Jeffery



Rank Promotions at end August:

Graduate: Max De Boos

Local: Margaret Cusack

Bronze Local: Betty Johnson

Bronze Regional: Guy Jarvi

Grand Master: Ellen Watson





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Play Committee Report - August 2023

Marjorie Askew



Events Gone:

1. NSW State-wide Pairs Wednesday August 2:

29 pairs competed in this state event held at Ballina, with local results then scored state-wide. 457 pairs competed at 27 clubs across the state.

You can see the state-wide results on the NSWBA website at:

<http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2023&E=swp>

You'll find the overall results and also just the results for the Ballina pairs. Our best performers state-wide were:

Liz and Howard Jeffery: 38th with 60.36%

Ellen Watson and Lyn Graham: 53rd with 59.06%

Cathy and Phil Hocking: 70th with 57.73%.

Competing pairs can also check a board-by-board breakdown of their results by accessing the scoring website <http://australianbridge.com/nswba.php?event=2023SWP>.

+ Well Done to all who took part.

2. Teams Championships, Saturdays August 19 & 26:

We had good/great numbers for our Teams Championships and even better, equal numbers

in both Open and B Grade ie 8 teams. This meant a full round robin over the 2-sessions; so 7 x 9 board matches.

In B-grade at the end of Day 1 the Macdonald team (Colin MacDonald, Chris Bauer, Cally Mail, Terry Lowe) was just ahead of the Brooks team (Geoff Brooks, Brice Mathieson, Margaret Cusack, Rhonda Khong). However in Week 2 the MacDonald team pulled ahead and finished with 7 wins out of 7 matches – and the title.

In the Open, the Leivers Team (Chris Leivers, Ernie Scott, Winston Guymer, Paul Smith) were lying in 3rd place at the end of Day 1, then charged home in Week 2 to win the title.

You can see the full results on the website.

(Oops - we forgot to organise any photos on the day – but winners will be presented at the end of the year Presentations.)

Again: Well Done to all who took part; + it was great to see some of our newer members competing.

3. Life Member's Day Wednesday September 6:

Life Member's Day was celebrated with bridge and cake. Perhaps an extra poignancy this year as we remember, and reflect on, life

members, and members, past and present.

Coming Up:

1. Inter-Club with the Gold Coast BC Sunday September 10:

We're just awaiting confirmation of numbers from the Gold Coast BC and then hopefully we will have 3 teams competing in 3 divisions. Thanks to all who have nominated and I will be confirming specifics as soon as these firm up.

Hopefully our teams practise in the Teams Championships and then some IMPs Pairs sessions will stand us in good stead as we compete for the Neil Raward Cup.



+ Go the Ballina Brigade (aka Ron Klinger 1997 – Janet, Barbara or Helen T can recount the story.)

2. SLL Shield, Wednesdays September 13 & 20:

This is a 2-week event with winners in both Open and B Grade; winners are determined by the best average score over the 2 weeks.

For this special event, and then the upcoming Harvey Norman Men's and Women's Pairs, Play Committee has decided to trial that players nominating must commit for the 2-week event. This will ensure the director can organise an objective/fair 2-week movement.

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■ Marjorie Askew

One substitution player will be allowed over the 2-weeks; as per our substitution regulations (available on our website). If you are having a substitution you must seek approval from the Head Director or Chair of Play; with Mark away I suggest you contact me, or the Event Director is Clive Klugman.

3. Charity Day, Monday October 9:

As advised last month we decided TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR THIS YEAR - and raise some \$s for a good cause. So we're having Bridge and a BBQ Lunch. Bridge will be social AM plus regular PM (or both if you like) and in-between we'll all meet for a splendid Lunch (more details to follow). Lunch is being provided and prepared for us by the Lennox Lions who are joining us in this fundraising effort.

Cost is \$15pp (ie one price fits all) and if cash - notes only please (remember these??) or 3 vouchers on the day or direct bank transfer. + There will be raffles and donations boxes.

All proceeds on the day will go towards our chosen Charity: Glioblastoma Australia – (piece from Rebecca opposite) and poster on page 14.

(We will need to know numbers in advance and any GF or Vegetarian dietary needs – so please keep an eye on the website v booking and also v a closing date.)

So hopefully a mix of regular sessions and then a mix of special events. If you'd like more information on any of these upcoming events, please ask.

Marjorie (Chair of Play)

email: marjorie.askew@gmail.com or call: 0459 023 907

Charity Day 2023

This year the recipient of our annual fundraiser will be a charity and disease that you have likely never heard of.

There is a brain cancer that kills over two thousand Australians every year without regard to age or sex. It has no known cause, no known cure and sadly has a 100% fatality rate with an average life span after diagnosis of only 14 months.

It is called glioblastoma.

Glioblastoma Australia (GBM) is a Registered Charity set up to find ways to assist diagnosed patients in coping with the inevitable radiation and chemotherapy that is the standard treatment designed to give the patient as much time as possible. Research is being carried out in the US, India, Germany, the UK and here in Australia but there is nothing yet that has been a breakthrough.

Glioblastoma Australia can help patients cope mentally and physically with the consequences of diagnosis and treatment by funding cancer nurses in hospitals to give specific care to these people.

Similar to the care given by the McGrath Foundation breast care nurses, patients with glioblastoma need support with overcoming the fear, coping with the debilitating treatments, managing the drugs and hospital visits, affording the dental care required, even to buying a wig to look "normal".

Famous people such as John McCain (US Senator) and Beau Biden (President Biden's son) have died from this disease.

It has touched our friends here too. Jenny Wardley's husband succumbed to glioblastoma and now Rebecca Rogers' daughter is fighting it.

Your Player Profile - Next time you're making a booking on the website, please check your Player Profile and make sure it's up to date, notably with your email address. If you're not receiving emails confirming your bookings and then reminders/updates, this is a sure sign that your Player Profile needs updating.

(The website uses a different/separate database to the club membership database and some members may not have realised this.)



If your partnership is going to declare a particular board then there are two things you need to resolve

1. The strain
2. The level

Strain is just a shorthand way of saying No Trumps, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs.

When I say level here I am just referring very broadly to part score, game or slam.

I will explore these basic concepts through the lens of partner opening 1NT.

The Strain

Typically, when choosing the strain we look for a Major first. If that does not seem to be possible then we consider playing in No Trumps and the last resort is a minor. Imagine partner opens 1NT (15-17 balanced), what are you thinking with regard to the strain with these hands?

Example 1

South

♠ 95432
♥ 84
♦ J742
♣ 62

If your first thought is “Looks like one of my typical hands” then you want to be sure to bid correctly. What strain do you think is best with this collection? With just a single high card point it is easy to just Pass out of fright. But the level is the second thing to consider, the strain is the first. If the strain is No Trumps then how many tricks will this hand take? Not many, possibly none. On the other hand, if the strain is Spades how many tricks will you take? Hard to say but definitely more than none, five trumps are going to provide a few tricks even if just by ruffing your short suits.

The strain you want to play in is Spades. Partner may only have two but your hand will make two or three tricks more in **Spades** than No Trumps.

Example 2

South

♠ K43
♥ Q63
♦ AQ5
♣ 10932

Once again, what strain do you want to play in? Some people play that when they open 1NT it may not contain a five card Major. In that case, it is easy. There is no eight card Major fit and there is nothing to argue against playing in No Trumps.

But what if your 1NT opening may contain a five card Major? You may have a fancy gadget to find out (some variation on Stayman, perhaps). But using gadgets is not compulsory! Say, partner had five Spades in their 1NT opening, where do you want to play? You have no shortages, you will not be ruffing anything with your hand (remember this is no advantage gained by ruffing in the long hand). There is no advantage to playing in a suit contract and making game in No Trumps only requires nine tricks, not ten. Your hand has the same strength in No Trumps as it does in Spades.

The strain you want to play in is **No Trumps**. Don't use your gadget. All you will do is give the opponents information about declarer's shape without getting any advantage for your side.

Example 3

South

♠ 4
♥ QJ8743
♦ K72
♣ Q102

Easy. You want to play in **Hearts**.



Back to Basics

Paul Smith

The Level

You have made your first assessment of what strain you want to play in. You also need to consider the level — part score, game, slam or not sure (yet).

Example 1 - Not very difficult, you want to play in part score. Playing transfers you would just bid 2♥ and when partner responds 2♠ you can Pass.

Example 2 - You have 11 High Card Points. Partner has promised from 15 up to 17. That gives the partnership at least 26 points, enough for game. But at most 28 points, not enough for slam. Respond 3NT, nothing else. Using Stayman would be wrong. Inviting with 2NT would be wrong.

Example 3 - Eight High Card Points but don't stop counting! Partner opened 1NT so they must have at least two Hearts. That means you have a guaranteed eight card fit. You must add your distribution points to properly evaluate the strength. Your singleton Spade is worth three points because you have a fit. Your hand is worth 11 points. Add to partner's minimum of 15 and you should evaluate that the correct level is game. Playing simple transfers you would bid 2♦, partner responds 2♥. You must rebid 4♥.

Example 4

South

♠ 4
♥ QJ8743
♦ K72
♣ 1092

Very similar to example 3 but a little weaker. Now you have six High Card Points but you still have the three distribution points. The partnership total is now between 24 and 26. You do not know the correct level, maybe part score is correct and maybe game is correct. You have to ask partner.

Your rebid of 3♥ says two things to partner

1. Hearts are trumps, no argument
2. Are you top of your range?

Dir: N

W	N	E	S
	1NT	P	2♦
P	2♥	P	3♥ ¹
P	?		

¹ I have 6 Hearts and need help to make game

The 1NT opener can now re-evaluate their strength in the light of what you have told them. For example, if North has a doubleton Club then they could add one point as there is a Major suit fit (because you told them).

Example 5

South

♠ KJ432
♥ KJ4
♦ 1092
♣ 62

Q1) What strain should the contract be in. Don't know — Spades if partner has three or more, No Trump otherwise

Q2) What level should the contract be. Don't know — Game if partner is maximum, part score otherwise. Any which way you look at this hand you should see nine points. Eight Hard Card Points plus either one length point in Spades if the

final contract is No Trump or one distribution point in Clubs if the final contract is Spades.

Yikes! This looks like a problem hand, we know neither strain nor level. Start by using the transfer bid of 2♥. Partner will rebid 2♠. Looking back at example 4 you should realise that bidding 3♠ would be wrong because that tells you partner that you have six Spades which is not true. In this case you should rebid 2NT.

Dir: N

W	N	E	S
	1NT	P	2♥
P	2♠	P	2NT ¹
P	?		

¹ I have *exactly* 5 Spades and need help to make game



I have exactly 5 Spades and need help to make game.

That bid tells your partner that you have exactly five Spades (with only four you would not transfer, with six or more you would rebid your suit).

By not bidding game you are *inviting*, asking partner to make a judgement call based on the information you have given them.

Partner's opening might be

♠Q107 ♥Q86 ♦AK95 ♣A53 — A minimum opening but a fit with your Spade suit - 3♠

♠Q7 ♥Q86 ♦AKQ5 ♣KJ103 — A maximum but no Spade fit - 3NT.

♠Q1096 ♥AQ87 ♦87 ♣AK98 — Only 15 High Card Points but add a distribution point for the Diamond suit because you have a known nine card Spade fit — 4♠

Final Thoughts

The main advantage of transfer bids is not that the strong hand gets to be declarer. That is nice but the more important thing is that responder, who has the most to show, get two bites at the cherry. The first bid (the transfer) gives some information but partner must respond and then responder can give even more information.

Rebid	Meaning
Pass	I am weak but think my hand will make more tricks in a suit than No Trump
2NT	I have exactly five cards in my suit. I have almost enough strength for game. You decide if the contract should be 2NT, 3Major, 3NT or 4Major depending on your strength and shape
3Major	I have a six card Major. Please Pass if you have a minimum or bid game with a maximum (don't forget your distribution points partner)
3NT	I have exactly five cards in my suit and enough points for game. Please Pass or bid four of my Major.
4Major	I'm the boss and I'm telling you this is where we are playing

PS - The reason for this topic is that I have seen a few auctions lately that went

Can you see what is wrong with this auction? 3♠ means I don't know the correct level, please PASS if you are minimum. But then East decides there is enough strength for slam!

Huh? You asked partner to Pass at the three level with some possible hands but actually had strength for slam.

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	2♥	P
2♠	P	3♠	P
4♠	P	4NT	P
5♥	P	6♠	<end>



Player profile - Darryl McMahon

Darryl is a very recent member of Ballina Bridge Club, just shy of a masterpoint. He is a regular Monday player.

Darryl has provided a quirky and very interesting profile Don't worry too much about preempting your partner, Darryl. We have all been there and sometimes done even worse things.

Enjoy your play at Ballina Bridge Club.

■ Rob Eldridge



Tell us about where you were born, and your key memories about your early years.

For those who support Rugby Union, and the rest, you round ball folk, I forgive you, who needs to feel ashamed.

The All Blacks have won the Bledisloe Cup Championship slam 51 times, someplace up there in the history books with the Tootells.

Yes, I was born in Auckland New Zealand where all boys we were given a pair of footy boots not long after their Christening.

We were by no means a God-fearing family.

I recall my childhood, the eldest of three siblings thriving in a small middle-class community nestled next to the seaside esplanade.

Most days we fished for sardines by utilizing glass preserving jars stuffed with day old bread and then carefully placed thigh deep on the tidal sands, until the inquisitive were enticed and then trapped with a sealing hand.

No woke agenda back then, we schooled with the

Maori, we saw no division, there was no division, just kid stuff, we were all colour-blind back then.

It's been a long while since my last migratory visit to my Aotearoa, but I hear there have been changes, my home is now a sharded and tattered memory, too much time has passed.

What is/was your occupation? What did it involve and what work achievements are you most proud of?

A man of many skills, a Master of none
Landscape, builder's labourer, carpenter
Diamond then Seismic driller
Radiographer, Mammographer, Sonographer
Non-Destructive Rail Technician

Property developer

Most proud... first male to train at Breastscreen, Royal Women's Hospital Brisbane

Where and how did you meet your partner?

Joan's girlfriend and my best mate were siblings.

Serious scheming, online technology, we both lived in different States.

A protracted search for the preverbal Red Flags

My mate...she will never find anyone Daz.

Joan's girlfriend...well he looks ok.

Finally, we meet, I am late...I lose my keys in the Strawberry punnets at Byron Woolworths.

At last, consummated, converted, we both have never looked back.

No babies this time round

Player profile - Darryl McMahon

What family do you have and what do they do?

My eldest son and his wife live in Byron Bay.

We are blessed with two grandchildren, Venice and Harper.

My younger two children, adults now, both live and work fly in fly out Perth W.A

5.What led you to taking up Bridge? Do you have previous experience playing cards?

Absolutely no experience, besides Snap and Fish played during primary school holidays.

I made a promise to Joan in Nambucca Heads some 15 years ago.

If she learnt to play tennis, I would learn to play Bridge...I lied...she was not born to be a sport star.

Well, here I am fighting for last place in the Monday Competition at the Ballina Bridge Club.

If I could just remember not to pre-empt my partner.

So far what has been the greatest challenge for you in playing Bridge? Have you any humorous situations you wish to share?

Wondering where to find the joy in defence.

Fronting up with Joan and hearing my partner address Peter Rostron as Meatloaf.

Meatloaf is Peter's Xmas specialty dish made from select cuts of pork and veal, apparently no reference to his waistline.

What other interests do you have outside Bridge? Please expand.

Offshore sailing followed closely by tennis, tennis and tennis.

Bruce, Carmel and Ken can explain.

Looking back over your life what would you say are the key factors that have influenced you the most.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

I was fortunate to experience my developing years in a golden era, to live in a region of the globe, isolated from conflict, and great wars.

Life was comfortable, the world felt safe, you could laugh, you could cry, all without judgement or condemnation.

You had the comfort of a full belly in the evening, you drifted off to sleep and entertained your dreams in a warm bed.

You simply knew right from wrong there was no subterfuge.

Simple is now complicated.

Naivety is now indoctrinated.

I have been blessed.



Winners of the Thai by Night birthday vouchers:

Congratulations, September winners are:

Mary Doohan and Peter Waggott



New graduates from the recent Beginner's class.

Photo above (L-R) Fay Keegan, Deb Carlbergg, Mario van Eck and Lida Lewis



1. Introduction

Bridge is not about conventions but about the basics of card play. When playing singles bridge, everyone plays with everyone else and the only conventions are the most basic. What is important is your carding and this is where you can achieve your best gains at bridge.

After mastering carding there are a few conventions that are considered mandatory – these are: -

- Stayman
- Transfers over 1NT
- A version of Blackwood

I would consider checkback as the next most important convention. It comes up more often than Blackwood and is therefore something that I promote as a convention to add to your inventory. It is hard for me to remember a session without checkback.

2. The scenario

What do you bid after these sequences with the following hand?

1C-1H-?

1C-1D-?

♠ A Q 9 6
♥ T 8 6
♦ K 8
♣ A T 9 7

We were taught to bid our 4 card suits up the line. Thus the answer to the questions is most likely 1S.

Modern thinking tells us to skip the 1S and bid 1NT. Why would we do this and miss our 4-4 spade fit?

There are several reasons, let's look at each of them.

2.1. The correct hand plays the contract

Do you want to let partner bid and play 1NT? We usually try and let the stronger hand remain hidden. Partner will thank you for bidding 1NT and saving them from this fate.

♠ 8 4 3
♥ K 9 5 3
♦ T 9 7 6
♣ Q J

2.2. Who plays 3NT

If you open 1C with this hand

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J T 8
♦ Q 8 5
♣ K T 9

If partner bids 1NT after your 1S, they get to play 1NT, with the strong

hand exposed.

2.3. We will miss our fit

Here are the two hands

♠ A Q 9 8 ♥ J T 8 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ K T 9	W	E	♠ T 7 6 5 ♥ K Q 6 4 ♦ 4 2 ♣ J 8 7
Makeable status 24/24			
Makeable contracts			
N S E W			
C	7	8	5 5
D	8	8	5 5
H	5	6	7 7
S	5	6	7 7
NT	5	6	7 7

♠ K J 2
♥ A 7
♦ A K J 3
♣ 6 5 4 3

The bidding will have gone 1C-1H-1NT – we have missed our 4-4 spade fit? Had opener bid 1S, partner would now bid 2S – contract fails. 1NT makes and 2S does not. Having 8 spades between the two hands probably gives us an extra spade trick in NT. You don't have to worry about missing your 4-4 fit if you don't have the points to continue.

2.4. Can we find the fit?

Opener bids 1C and responder bids 1H, followed by 1NT, bypassing the 4 spades.

♠ A Q 9 8 ♥ J T 8 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ K T 9	W	E	♠ K T 5 4 ♥ A K 9 6 2 ♦ A J ♣ A 3
Makeable status			

Using simple traditional methods, responder with this hand can bid 2S. Opener knows responder is strong and either has 4-4 in the majors or 5-4 in the majors or better. We have not lost our fit.

There is however a better solution to this problem of missing our 5-3 or 4-4 fit and that is using one of these conventions

- Checkback
- two way check back
- new minor forcing

Each has its pros and cons. I think two way checkback is the most flexible and thus will present it below.

3. Two way checkback

After Stayman, transfers, and Blackwood, I would recommend that the next convention you learn is two way checkback. It comes up often, if not every session.

How does it work?

The auction goes 1C-1H-1NT - After opener has rebid 1NT, they may have 3 hearts and 4 spades in their hand. Therefore responder with 10+ points can use two way checkback to uncover these holdings.

3.1. How does it work?

After opener has rebid 1NT, responder can use these conventional bids

- 2C – transfer to 2D, 10/11 invitational
- 2D – game forcing

Or

- 2 repeat major – to play
- 2 other major – if hearts, no game interest, if spades 4-4 invitational 10/11
- 2NT – 10/11 balanced

3.2. 2C by responder

2C by responder asks opener to bid 2D. It shows 10/11 points, invitational. After 2D, responder further describes their hand. For example rebids a 5 card major.

3.3. 2D by responder – GAME FORCE

2D by responder shows a game force hand. Opener now shows

- 4 of the other major first
- Without 4 of the other major, 3 of responders major
- If none of the above, 2NT

Responder can now place the contract.

4. Examples

4.1. What about this hand?

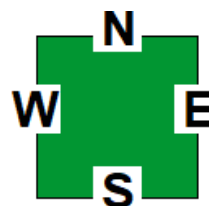
You open 1C, partner bids 1D, you bid 1NT. Yes, that's right, don't mention

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J T 9 8
♦ Q 8
♣ K T 9

your majors. Even with 4-4 in the majors you can bypass them and bid 1NT.

4.2. Finding a spade fit

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J T 8
♦ Q 8 5
♣ K T 9



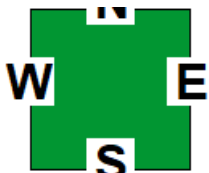
♠ K T 5 4
♥ A K 9 6 2
♦ A J
♣ A 3

In this example the bidding will proceed as follows – West is dealer

1C 1H
1NT 2D*
2S* 4NT*
5C* 5D*
6C* 7S
2D – game force checkback
2S – 4 spades
4NT – RCKB in spades
5C – 1 or 4 keycards
5D – do you have the Q of trumps
6C – yes and the K clubs

4.3. Finding a heart fit

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J T 8
♦ Q 8 5
♣ K T 9



♠ K T 5
♥ K 9 6 3 2
♦ A J 3
♣ A 3

In this example the bidding will proceed as follows – West is dealer

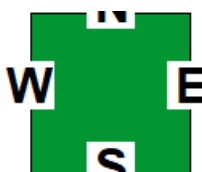
1C 1H
1NT 2D*
2S* 3NT*
4H* Pass
2D – game force checkback
2S – 4 spades
3NT – we have game, since I don't have 4 spades, I have 3 hearts
4H – place the contract

Since partner used 2D to show either 5H or 4-4 in the majors, opener can happily bid 4H showing their 5-3 fit.

Two Way Checkback

4.4. Invitational – passed

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J T
♦ Q 8 5
♣ K T 9 5



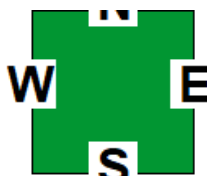
♠ K T 5
♥ 9 7 6 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ A 4 3

In this example the bidding will proceed as follows –
West is dealer

1C 1H
1NT 2C*
2D* 2H*
2NT* Pass
2C – transfer to diamonds
2D – forced
2H – 5 hearts and 10/11 points
2NT – this is our best contract

4.5. Invitational – accepted

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J 3
♦ K J 9
♣ K T 9 6



♠ K T 5
♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ 8 3
♣ A 4 3

In this example the bidding will proceed as follows –
West is dealer

1C 1H
1NT 2C*
2D* 2H*
3NT Pass
2C – transfer to diamonds
2D – forced
2H – 5 hearts and 10/11 points
3NT – this is our best contract

4.6. Bypassing checkback

♠ A Q 9 8
♥ J 3
♦ K J 9
♣ K T 9 6



♠ K T 5
♥ 9 7 6 5 2
♦ 8 3
♣ A 4 3

In this example the bidding will proceed as follows –
West is dealer

1C 1H
1NT 2H*
Pass
2H – 5 hearts, less than 10 points

Ballina Mah Jong Club News

Six members of the Ballina Mahjong Club participated in the Annual Australasian Mahjong Festival held in Caloundra 20th to 24th August. The host club in Caloundra conducted a smooth and streamlined competition in the Sunshine Coast Function Centre adjacent to the RSL, culminating in the Presentation Dinner. The theme for the evening was “Colour My World” attended by 116 players and many spouses from as far afield as Hobart, Perth and New Zealand! It was also the 30th Anniversary of this Festival.



- Vanessa Reynolds

Winners at home for August -

4th	Joy Lowien
11th	Jeanette Henwood
18th	Joy Lowien
25th	Shirley Atkinson

Photo top left: Standing: Ronda Taylor, Barbara Ellan, Val Heinritz, Lorna Simpson Front: Vanessa Reynolds and Susan Allan

Interclub Teams Event

Breaking news! The Interclub teams event was held with teams from the Gold Coast. The event was divided into 3 Divisions. Ballina Bridge Club have retained the Neil Raward Cup for another year.



Marjorie Askew with Paul Brake holding the Cup.



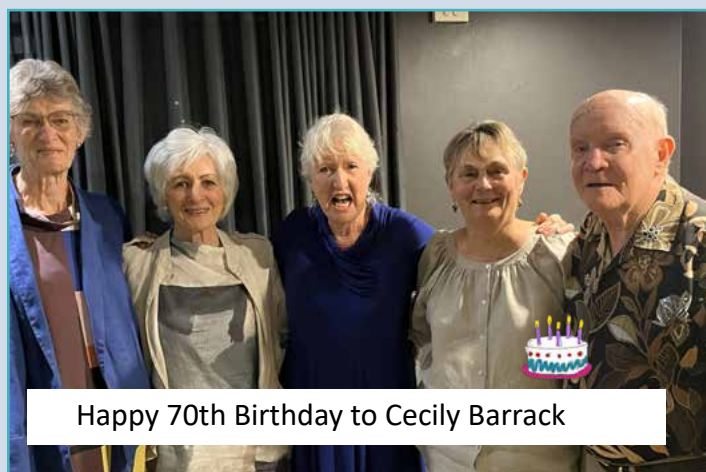
Division 1 winners: Howard Jeffery, Liz Jeffery, Paul Smith and Winston Guymer



Division 2 winners: from the Gold Coast - Shayne Palfreyman, Sonja Palfreyman, George Powis and Patricia Powis



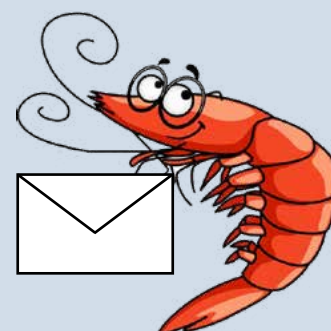
Division 3 winners: Lorraine Bryant, Chris McDowell, Jenny McDowell and Ken Jones



Happy 70th Birthday to Cecily Barrack

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OUR 2023 CHARITY DAY

is on

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

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SOCIAL BRIDGE AM + LUNCH AT NOON

and/or

LUNCH AT NOON + BRIDGE PM

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