

# SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



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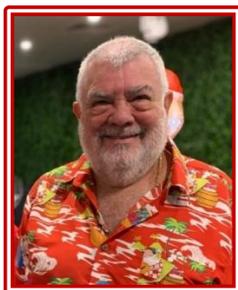
## The Sunnybank DECLARER



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### President's Column

**Greetings, fellow Bridge Lovers.**



2022 has been and gone along with Xmas and New Year. Speaking of Xmas, this year we had another most enjoyable and social Xmas lunch at the Runcorn Tavern. The room was beautifully presented and, as usual, the front-of-house staff were most helpful and friendly. Unfortunately, the food side let

them down somewhat. After talking with the catering manager I am confident that the food issue will be rectified. Your Committee has decided that this year's Christmas Party will be on Saturday 9 December at the Runcorn Tavern. Sunday bridge players will be happy at this news.

While we are mentioning Xmas, our new Social Committee did a great job decorating the club to provide a festive atmosphere.

The later part of 2022 saw a number of personality clashes which I would have preferred not to have happened. I therefore look forward to 2023 with the hope of harmonious bridge playing. After all, that is what we are all here for.

While I am on the subject of bridge we have updated our computer scoring system to Compscore3 and we will no longer be able to say "What was the lead" and someone say "A small spade any one will do." The new one requires the correct direction and the correct lead. You will notice the Bridgemate will tell you if you put the wrong card in. This helps the Director to check for errors or inconsistencies in the entries to the computer.

We have our AGM upcoming on Saturday 11th February. Now is the time to consider who we would like to have as members of the Committee for this coming year.

Until next time, happy bridging.

Doug Matthew (President)

### Convenor's Report

**Upcoming Events**

- Summer Pairs – 2 week event Tuesdays 31st January & 7th February
- AGM – Saturday 11th February. Free game after.
- Moore Trophy - commences Friday 10th February (continues on every second Friday of the month for 10 months).

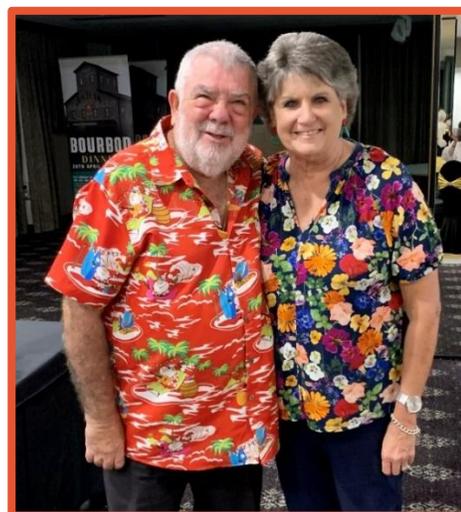
**Club Calendar**

The Club calendar is up and running on the website.

A calendar for the club booklet containing only club events has also been completed.

### Thank you, Sue!

Thank you to the lovely Sue (a.k.a. Mrs Pres) for doing such a great job capturing the Christmas Party fun at the Runcorn Tavern. See page 5 for pics.



## McCutcheon Awards

The McCutcheon Awards are presented annually to the player in each master ranking group winning the most masterpoints nationally during the calendar year.

The James O'Sullivan Award is the Queensland statewide award for the most masterpoints in the year.

Our club is proud to announce that four of our members received awards in 2022. Three of these members received awards in both national and statewide categories.

### Charlie Lu

- Overall, James O'Sullivan winner for the most masterpoints earned by a QBA member during 2022 with 330.22 masterpoints
- Ranked 10th in the nationwide McCutcheon ranking
- Ranked 1st in the Gold Life category in both the McCutcheon and James O'Sullivan rankings

### Watson Zhou

- Ranked 2nd overall in the Queensland James O'Sullivan rankings
- Ranked 1st in the Silver Life category in both the McCutcheon AND James O'Sullivan rankings

### Lilly Jia

- Ranked 1st in the Silver Local category in both the McCutcheon AND James O'Sullivan rankings

### Lyn Tracey

- Ranked 1st in the Bronze Life Queensland James O'Sullivan rankings and 8th in the nationwide Bronze Life rankings

Other club members to rank in the top 20 in their rank in Queensland are Richard Spelman, Bernadette O'Connell, Narelle McIver, Derek Morris, Lee Pitt, Jenny Thompson, Bernice Cooper, Cheryl Martin, Alice Edwards, Davis Zhang, Phil Kay, Runo Simonsen, George Collings and Richard Huysmans.



## Social Sub-Committee News

Firstly, the committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for their suggestions for social activities for the bridge club this year.

After discussion and consideration of the suggestions, the SBC committee has decided on the following activities to start the year off.

1. A **free BBQ/Sausage Sizzle** will be held after the free bridge session following the AGM on Saturday 11th February. To assist in purchasing food, a notice will be displayed on the noticeboard where members are asked to please write their names if they intend to stay for the BBQ.



2. Commencing next month, February, **Sunday players** are invited to arrive from **11:00am** onwards to catch up with fellow members over a snack and coffee/tea before the bridge session starts at 1:00pm. Please **bring a plate to share** with everyone. It is intended that this event will continue **every Sunday** throughout the year.

Other activities, e.g., visits to other clubs, are planned for the year and these will be advertised in the newsletter and on the noticeboard. So stay tuned.....

Many thanks - the Social Committee

## Welcome New Members!

The warmest of welcomes to our five new members.

- Ping Xie
- Julie Jeffries
- David O'Gorman
- Bob Ren
- Marianna de Jongh

## Promotions – November 2022

Name	New Rank
Davis Zhang	Bronze Local
Bronwyn Taylor	Silver Local
Betty Forsyth	Regional
Doug Matthew	State

# Difficult Hand

Board 1

N/-

♠ K64  
♥ Q873  
♦ 1073  
♣ 842

♠ QJ1093  
♥ -  
♦ K8642  
♣ J109

	N	
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♠ 82  
♥ K642  
♦ AQ95  
♣ K73

♠ A75  
♥ AJ1095  
♦ J  
♣ AQ65

West	North	East	South
<i>Jack</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Richard</i>
	pass	1♦	dbl
1♠	pass	1NT	2♥
3♦	4♥	dbl	pass
pass	pass		

South's double and rebid of hearts is a 'power' double, showing at least 16HCP and 5+ hearts. North, with 4 hearts in support, goes to game.

South has 3 certain losers - a spade, a diamond and at least 1 club, but only if the finesse of the A/Q clubs is onside.

The opening bid plus the penalty double by East indicates he has the KH and at least 3 hearts, so there will also be a heart loser unless you can finesse out his King.

You would like to finesse hearts and clubs through East, but only have 1 entry to North's hand in the KS.

It is obvious that you will need to find a way to get rid of a loser and your only hope is for a 3/3 break in clubs setting up the 4th club to discard a spade loser from dummy, which means you will need to give priority to the club finesse.

Lead is 4D to East's Ace followed by a 2nd diamond which you trump high with the 9H to avoid blocking the heart suit if you need to finesse later.

Since you must lose a club, you should immediately lead a low club which West will win and probably return a 3rd diamond for you to trump reducing your hearts to 3 - the A, J and 10.

Your plan was to make 3 club tricks and to discard a losing spade in dummy, so you can afford to lose 1 heart to go with your diamond and club losers.

You now lead hearts from your hand to try and force out the KH.

You lead the 10H which reveals the 4/0 break and East will probably hold up his KH. You follow with the JH which East also holds up leaving you with the AH, dummy with the Q, 8 and Declarer with the K, 6.

Cross to the KS and take your A/Q club finesse and then lead the AC with both following suit, making the remaining 6C a winner. Lead your AH, reducing dummy and East to 1 heart each. Then play your 6C winner tossing your losing spade.

East is forced to trump with his KH leaving you with the AS and QH to take the remaining 2 tricks.

You have lost only 3 tricks - 1 diamond, 1 club and the trick to the KH and made your contract.

Note: if you must lose a trick, it is almost always best to concede it early while you can retain control. This contract will only ever make if you concede a club on the 3rd trick.

If the opening lead is the QS instead of a diamond you should win with your Ace and if you again immediately concede a club trick you will make this contract.

Richard Spelman



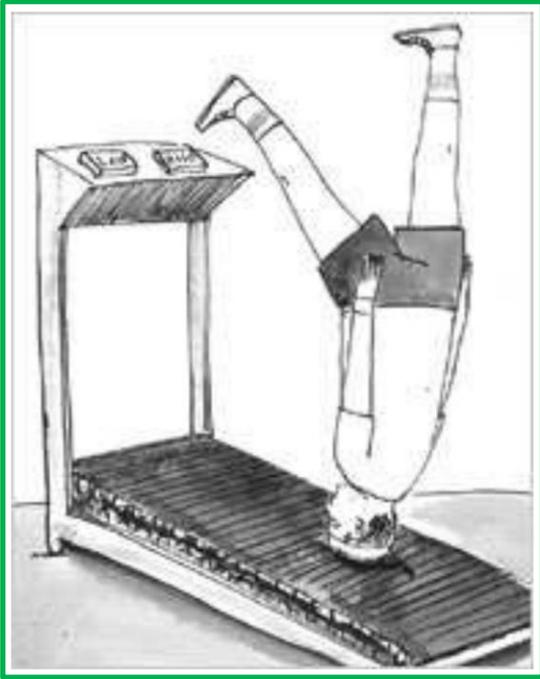
November and December 2022

Ismail Meman / Loretta Lovett twice!!

Hajja Li / Derek Morris  
David Crocker / Willi Lim

## Improving Cognitive Skills through Bridge

Here's one way to exercise your brain. Another way is playing bridge.



In the 2019 Netflix documentary, 'Inside Bill's Brain: Decoding Bill Gates', when asked what his greatest fear is, Gates responded "I don't want my brain to stop working".

As one way to counter this, he took up bridge. He does have an advantage at the bridge table in that his partner is Warren Buffett, one of the most successful share traders in the world.



For a 20-minute read on how playing bridge keeps you sharp click [here](#). From the ABF website.

## Need a partner?

Here are some options

1. Invite someone you've met at sessions or lessons
2. Contact Tomasina DeLuca on Mob: 0450 644 749 (for a day partner) or Jan Parker on Mob: 0434 127 741 (for a night partner).
3. Use Pianola to publish a Partner Finder Advert (instructions in May newsletter)

## Table Vouchers

Buying a book of table vouchers is a great way to save money (you get 11 games for the price of 10) and avoid the risk of being caught short of cash before a game. A book of vouchers is \$50. Members can pay cash at the club or pay online. The Club's bank account details are: **BSB 484-799 Account No. 000860772**. If you pay online, please include your name and the word "voucher" as a transaction reference.

## Quiz

What do the following have in common with bridge?

1. A Compass
2. A Magician
3. A theatrical play
4. Alice in Wonderland
5. American Presidency
6. An identical twin
7. Auctioneer
8. Bridegroom
9. Cardiologist
10. Court Room Trial
11. Cruise Ship
12. Film Set
13. Forensic Pathologist
14. Gardener
15. Golfer
16. Jeweller
17. Railways
18. Tennis
19. The Armed Forces
20. Ventriloquist

Answers on page 6.

# Christmas Party Fun!!



## Teacher's Corner

**JACOBY TRANSFERS** (For newer players and those who don't play transfers)

This convention is used after partner has opened 1NT, 2NT or overcalled 1NT.

Responder makes an artificial bid that requests partner to bid the responder's long suit and does this by bidding the suit directly below it.

### Why is it better to play transfers?

Most players say, "It is so that the player with the strong hand becomes declarer and does not have to put their hand down as dummy".

This is advantageous but, in my opinion, the greatest benefit is that responder can describe their hand more accurately and keep the bidding low if needed. A natural 2-level response to 1NT is a weak take-out and opener then passes. A 3-level response is usually game forcing.

Hand 1 ♠ KJ984 ♥ A63 ♦ 76 ♣ 952

Hand 2 ♠ KJ984 ♥ AK3 ♦ 76 ♣ 952

Hand 3 ♠ QJ8753 ♥ A63 ♦ J6 ♣ 95

All of the above hands are very similar. Game may be possible with all of them. Without using transfers, responder will be forced to bid 3S, as it is unknown whether there is a fit in spades. Hand 3 has a fit (i.e. opener must have at least 2 spades and responder has 6 spades) but is too weak to bid directly to 4S.

**Hand 1** - After the transfer bid (i.e. responder bids 2H, opener re-bids 2S), responder then rebids 2NT. Shows exactly 5 spades and 8/9 HCP. Opener can pass without a fit and 15/16 HCP. The contract is still at the 2 level. NICE!

**Hand 2** - Responder's second bid will be 3NT showing better points than Hand 1.

**Hand 3** - Responder will transfer to spades then rebid the spade suit. This shows at least 6 spades and invitational values. Opener now chooses the final contract (either spades or NT) without having to guess.

It is so much easier for responder to describe their hand when using Jacoby Transfers.

## Beginners' Lessons

The next lessons commence on Saturday 28 January. There are currently 14 people enrolled and I am happy to accept more people to join the classes. Thank you to all of those who have been active in helping to promote the bridge lessons.

Sue Holburt - Teacher



## Quiz Answers

1. North, south, east, west
2. Tricks
3. Lead
4. Queen of Hearts
5. Trumps, no trumps
6. Double
7. Bid
8. New suit
9. Hearts
10. Defence
11. Deck
12. Director
13. Post mortem ☺
14. Spades
15. Clubs
16. Diamonds
17. Signals
18. Grand slam
19. Majors, ranks
20. Dummy

## Almoner's Report

Any member with news about the health or wellbeing of current or past members can contact Ros Purchase, the Club's Almoner, on 0411 546 921.