



BEERWAH CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB PTY. LTD

Newsletter – July 2026 Quarter

A Word from the President

Welcome everyone to our first newsletter for a few years. Thanks for its resurrection goes to Anita, who has also brought our website back to life and relevance. If you haven't visited it recently, please do so.

Our club members have enjoyed some social activities which have included dressing up for Chinese New Year, St Patrick's Day and Friday 13th. Jenny and Jackie won the lucky draw for our Mother's Day flowers.

We have welcomed a few new members to our club. We hope you are enjoying bridging with us.

Unfortunately, we have a couple of members who have been absent from our bridge tables for a while. Maz has injured herself quite badly in a fall, requiring an operation; some recuperation; and a long period of rehabilitation. Jillian has also been missed while she has been absent and in hospital. Unfortunately, she has been unable to return home for her recuperation as Tom has been contagious with the flu. We all hope to see you both sitting around the bridge table again soon.

"May your contracts be makeable and your partners forgiving."

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 7 July, World Chocolate Day - chocolate for all
- Friday, 24 July, Christmas in July, - luncheon after bridge
- Friday, 7 August, International Beer Day – stay for a beer/drink

Famous Person I Met or Seen

T'was on a flight from Townsville to Mount Isa. The aircraft was about to take off, when Senator Bob Katter clambered up the stairs, entering the plane with his oversized hat on his oversized head. Crouched over in one of those small regional planes he made his way up the narrow corridor only to find his seat was already occupied.

Loudly demanding that the startled occupier immediately remove himself. At the same time, capturing the attention of all on board, the hostie rushed to intercede.

Addressing the already seated passenger, she asked him, "Please Sir, may I see your ticket?" The ticket was produced and all was in order. She then asked, "Please Mr. Katter, may I see your ticket?" Well, it was the right seat, only on the wrong flight.

With his red face and tail wedged firmly between his legs, Senator Bob Katter made his way back to the exit accompanied by the laughter and the cheers of all on board.

David Hine

Member Profile - Dianne Hume and Jenny Hobson

When the Perry girls first entered the world at the Manly Hospital in Sydney, they introduced each other and said, “Let’s do this thing.”

So it was that Dianne and Jenny began their lives as mirror images. It was not until entering school as five-year-olds that they became aware of their differences from other children.

Life was a hoot with easy going parents. Their father, a bus driver, was a softy, whereas mum ruled the roost with a firm but, loving hand. They were not well off but that didn’t stop them from having a carefree life with fond memories of everyday visits to their special place, the “Water Lizard Hole” and the surrounding bush area.



Life took a big change when they acquired their first pony, “Brownie”. From thereon, pony clubs and horses ruled their lives. Later, they were given a retired race horse. Their days were filled with horse riding, attending competitions, showing their horses and winning ribbons. Jen went on to become a dressage judge and won dressage championship three times.



As sixteen-year-olds the young women began their working lives in the same bank on Sydney’s Northern Beaches.

Following Di’s marriage at age eighteen and Jen at twenty, horses continued to dominate their interests and activities.

Di married three times (a trifecta) and considers her current husband, Dennis, the best match. Di has two children, a son and a daughter. In contrast, Jen married a first-round stayer, John. They have three children, two sons and a daughter. Di moved to Queensland in 1988, while Jen and John moved in 1981. Both agree it was the best move they ever made.

Both are keen lawn bowlers. As an eight times club champion and three times district bowls champion, Di has a very impressive record.



Excellent gardeners with fabulous gardens they recently downsized their homes when they moved into a lifestyle community in Glasshouse Mountains.

Both are passionate bridge players. They are a much-loved presence in the Beerwah Bridge Club.

Bridge Insight

Quote: "We had a partnership misunderstanding, my partner assumed I knew what I was doing." Unknown.

The rules of Contract Bridge are well defined and some rules we overlook in the spirit of not taking the game too seriously and being "sympathetic" towards our opponents. I wish to share with you some instances where there is unauthorised information that occur quite regularly.

Below is a summary of an article I have read.

- A player may think for a while and then pass. Thinking is a good attribute however it is against the rules if it is suggestive.
- A player reaches for the bidding box picks up a bid or a pass, puts it back, ponders for a moment and then bids or passes.
- A player gives an incorrect explanation for a bid; his/her partner must not attempt to correct the explanation.
- A player makes a mistake in bidding and by their manner makes it clear that this has happened.
- A player makes a mistake in playing a card and by their manner makes it clear that this has happened.
- Particularly during the bidding process there are comments made which may be suggestive. Silence must ensue during the bidding and play of the hand (except when the declarer is playing out of dummy).

Whether we wish to enforce these breaches by referring to the director, that is perhaps a personal matter but it should be discussed at the committee level for a ruling and perhaps a directive given to the members.

Happy Bridging - David Hallam

Jokes

The nervous new bridge player was having a bad time at the table. He finally said to his very experienced bridge partner, "Well, I suppose you've seen worse players." There was no response. So, he said it again, "I said I guess you've seen worse players." His partner looked across at him and replied, "I heard you the first time. I was just trying to think ..."

Driving home from a distant bridge tournament, a married couple were not speaking to each other after a horrible game. They pass by a field where there were many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife, "Relatives of yours?" The wife replies, "Yes, in-laws."

Upcoming Birthdays

- July: 2-Jan, 9-Graham, 10-Norelle, 24-Barbara and 28-Katie
- August: 7-Jenny Donovan, 27-Joan and 30-Judith
- September: 2-Jenny Hobson & Di Hume, 9-Dave Hine and 20-Marianne

Final Thought

"Old Bridge players never die; they just lose their finesse."

Oscar Wilde