

# Wagga Wagga Bridge Club

## The 38th Annual Congress

13 – 14 AUGUST (SAT – SUN)



**The programme:**  
13 August (Sat)  
Swiss Pairs

14 August (Sun)  
Swiss Teams

**The event was proudly sponsored by:**



### Happy birthday to Wagga Wagga Bridge Club

*by Peter Cross*

Wagga Wagga Bridge Club celebrated its 40th birthday in July and held its 38th Congress the following month. The event was very well organized by the convenor Judy Robertson, ably supported by the committee and a host of members who helped to provide wonderful refreshments for the ever hungry players. Martin Wilcox, the director for the occasion, did his usual excellent job to ensure that the play ran smoothly throughout the weekend.

The clubhouse is located in Bolton Street, a quiet location on the western side of Wagga. It backs onto a popular children's playground, the noise from which can sometimes be a distraction for bridge players, but also provides some amusement. A young boy was recently heard telling his friend, in response to a question about the activities of all those people in that place, "oh, they build bridges in there you know"

This year, 40 pairs played in a Swiss Pairs event on Saturday and 22 teams on Sunday. John McMahan, partnered by Richard McAuliffe, took out the open pairs event with Darryl Almeida and Myra Katz victorious in the intermediate section.

On Sunday the open teams was won by Tom and Jan Hackett, Kae French and Tania Gariepy, whilst the team of Peter Cross, Jan Jackson, Valerie Cook and Dorothy Grady won the intermediate teams event.

A highlight at the presentation of prizes was a special award, and invitation, extended to the winning novice team of Mary Jenkins, Tracy Kurrle, Ann Berry and Thea Dalglish by John Brockwell of Canberra to compete in the Silver Wattle section of the Canberra in Bloom Bridge Festival in October.

John is a long time friend and respected figure in Wagga bridge circles, for it was he who was instrumental in helping to get the Wagga Bridge Club up and running 40 years ago. He was at the club's very first Congress, and many assert that he has played in every one of the 37 Wagga Congresses since.



*Congratulations to the Teams Winner – Jan Hackett, Tom Hackett, Kae French and Tania Gariepy.*



*Well done boys – Richard McAuliffe and John McMahan won in the Pairs.*



*Jan Rava, Yvonne Colhoun and Barbara Hastie are the founding members of the Wagga Wagga Bridge Club.*



As usual, there were many interesting hands played over the weekend and Bal Krishan (West) reports on one that he played in the Pairs event on Saturday partnered by Phil Glover (East).

**Swiss Pairs Session 1**

**Board 15**

Dealer S | Vul N-S



♠ QJ94  
♥ K7  
♦ AK842  
♣ 82

♠ 5  
♥ QJT854  
♦ J9  
♣ A743

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AT3  
♥ A632  
♦ T6  
♣ KT65

♠ K8762  
♥ 9  
♦ Q753  
♣ QJ9

W	N	E	S
			2S <sup>(1)</sup>
P	P	X	P
P	2NT <sup>(2)</sup>	P	3D
X	3H <sup>(2)</sup>	X	P
P	4C	X	

(1) Showing 5 Spades and 4 of another suit  
(2) Rescue bids

The opening lead by East was the ♦10, won by west with the King, North, South contributing the 9 and the 3. Bal returned the ♣8, ♣3, ♣K, ♣9 and East now played ♦6 won by West with the Ace with 5 from South and Jack by North. West played his other trump ♣4 from North, ♣6 and ♣Jack. Declarer now led ♦Q, ♦2 from West, ♠5 discarded by declarer and trumped by East's 5.

At this point East played his ♠A, ♠2, ♠4 and trumped by declarer with the 7.

North then led ♥4, ♥6 from East, ♥9 from South and won by the ♥K. West now played ♦8, ♥5 from declarer, ♠3 from east and ♦7 from dummy.

Matters did not improve for declarer who eventually went down 5 for a penalty of 1400. Had East returned a trump at trick 3 matters would have been even worse suggests Bal.

As Ross Dick suggests in his book *Common bidding mistakes to avoid*, "with misfit hands short of game potential, stop bidding ASAP"

**40 Years of Achievements**

*by Valerie Cook*

Jan Rava and Yvonne Colhoun cutting the 40th Birthday cake, along with Barbara Hastie, founding members of the Wagga Wagga Bridge Club. The Club was established on 17 July 1976, and the 40th birthday was celebrated that week with a luncheon and cards.

John Brockwell was instrumental in assisting Jan and Yvonne with lessons and help in establishing the Club and John has attended many our Congresses.

The Club has developed into a progressive and friendly Bridge venue with a variety of weekly sessions to accommodate our large membership. The annual Congress held in August each year is a very popular event.

...More results can be found [HERE](#).