

Wagga Wagga Bridge Club



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NEWSLETTER

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SESSION TIMES:

Monday 6.45 for 7.00 pm start
Tuesday 12.45 for 1.00 pm start
Thursday 5.30 PM, Supervised
Thursday – 6.45 for 7.00 pm start
Friday 12.45 for 1.00 pm start

**** Please be seated and fees paid at least 10 minutes prior to the above times*

Saturday: 12.45 for 1.00 pm start - contact K McMahon 0427 284226 to book in

Need a partner: Register on Pianola Partner Finder or phone Valerie Cook

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Welcome to 2026 Bridge Year

Over the Festive season a limited number of sessions have been held which has been good for those members able to attend.

Now for 2026, your new Bridge Calendar is available at the Club.

Recent Results: 2025 NSW State-Wide

Pairs: Valerie Cook & Jennette Rosetta, with J Currie.

Club: 1st of 17 pairs

State: 27th of 604 pairs



Summer Pairs:

Due to a system failure, a result was not achieved. Hope to reschedule this event soon.

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Upcoming Events:

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 3 February, commencing at 12 noon. Please be seated by that time.

Nominations for all Committee positions are being taken, forms available at the Club.

Voting: If voting is required, this can be completed in person at the AGM, **OR** by having arranged a phone vote to the Returning Officer. If voting is required to determine the 7 Committee positions, the vote cast can be for less than the 7 positions and up to the 7 positions. Voting forms handed out prior to vote.

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Canberra Festival of Bridge is being held over a period of two weeks, commencing 13 January, and wishing good play and success for those Members attending.

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Directors' Course WWBC Thursday 30 April 10am to 3.30 pm: We need to have more trained Directors, so please consider attending. Contact J Currie or I Hamilton to register your interest.

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Improver and Beginner Lessons 2026: It is anticipated that Improver lessons will be held during February for previous beginners, and to hold Beginner lessons from March. Please contact Susan McMahon with names of interested and prospective players.

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Bridge Etiquette:

- * When you are **dummy**, *please keep your hands away from your cards until partner calls for a specific card.*
- * As soon as the movement is called, move quickly and quietly to your next table.
- * **Arriving on time** and being ready to commence play is expected procedure.

Extract from an item in the Canberra Festival of Bridge Bulletin:

'The difference between winning and losing at Bridge':

Concentration – distraction can occur when emotion from what just happened interferes with one's concentration.

Partnership handling – Successful partnerships are all about looking after your partner and ensuring they are in their 'comfort zone'.

Temperament – Getting irritated with partner is one thing, getting annoyed with oneself is also a problem.

Focus – Do not let a distraction interfere with the hand in play.

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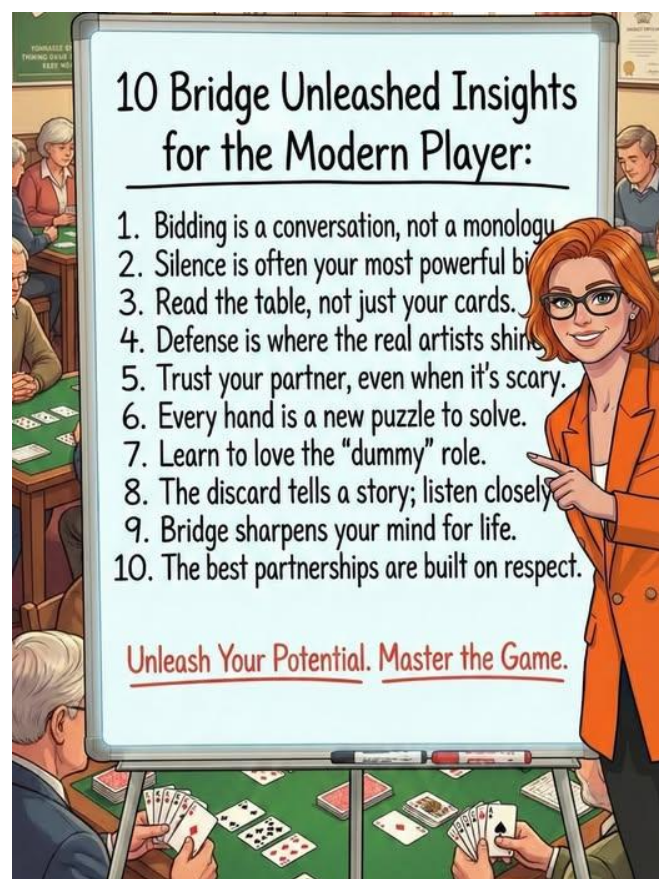
Welfare: Best wishes to all the birthday people, and those who have special celebrations.



If health issues are keeping you away, best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to bridge.

Gloria Davies, who was a member some years ago, passed away on 27 December 2025, aged 98. She will be remembered as a valued member of the Club.

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10 Bridge Unleashed Insights for the Modern Player:

1. Bidding is a conversation, not a monologue.
2. Silence is often your most powerful bid.
3. Read the table, not just your cards.
4. Defense is where the real artists shine.
5. Trust your partner, even when it's scary.
6. Every hand is a new puzzle to solve.
7. Learn to love the "dummy" role.
8. The discard tells a story; listen closely.
9. Bridge sharpens your mind for life.
10. The best partnerships are built on respect.

Unleash Your Potential. Master the Game.