

# Exciting News at Bridge Inner West!

July 2013

## Meet the new owners

**Vanessa Brown** is originally from England and moved to Australia 20 years ago. She has been playing bridge for 10 years, and playing in National Championships since 2009. She is a capable Director and fantastic Supervisor.

**Will Jenner-O'Shea** is from Ceduna in country South Australia and learnt to play bridge in Adelaide. He has represented Australia in several bridge events, including the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. He has built a successful career teaching at clubs all around Sydney.



*Vanessa Brown and Will Jenner-O'Shea  
at the Gold Coast Congress 2013*

Playing together, Vanessa and Will won the Mixed Teams Championships in Canberra in 2011 and the Mixed Teams in Gold Coast in 2013. They also won the non-ASEAN Cup in Bali in 2012. Most importantly Vanessa and Will reckon they were the "Best Dressed Pair" at the Hawaiian themed night at this year's Gold Coast Congress!

Vanessa and Will are both very passionate about the game. When holidaying they always find a local game as it's fun to play at any level, and a great way to meet people.

Since they are new to Bridge Inner West, they would love to hear any feedback that you have. Is there anything you would like them to do, anything they could be doing better? Let them know!

### Suit Combination Problem:

How do you play this suit for the most number of tricks?  
You can lead from any hand.

- 1)     ♥ AK43            (Dummy)  
         ♥ J1098            (You)

And how about this suit?

- 2)     ♠ AK32            (Dummy)  
         ♠ J654            (You)

*Answers on the back page*

### Bidding Problem:

Your partner opens 1♦ playing Standard with a better minor.

Here is your hand:

- ♠ 6  
♥ J32  
♦ KQ875  
♣ Q943

What would you respond?

*Answer on the back page*

## Our Vision for Bridge Inner West

We plan to continue running Bridge Inner West as a teaching club, running several beginner's courses throughout the year. The best source of new beginners is referral from existing players, so if any of your friends might be interested in learning, send them our way! The next course is on Saturdays, starting July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

We are keen to run some new sessions. Helen tells us that there is some interest in a new daytime game, so starting in July we are going to run a Wednesday morning training session and duplicate (details on the back page).

As an experienced bridge teacher, Will has an abundance of lessons at all levels, so expect to see Improver, Intermediate and Advanced lessons advertised in the near future.

As an extra service for the players, we plan to give a short bridge talk by Will or Vanessa before every game. We will present a challenging bridge hand, bidding or play problem. For anyone interested, just turn up 10 minutes before game time. There are some example bidding and play problems on the left.

We are keen to grow the club, making small changes along the way, adding new sessions and lessons where possible, while maintaining the friendly and social atmosphere. Your suggestions of new session times or feedback is very important to us.

We thank Helen for giving us the opportunity to run Bridge Inner West and wish her all the best in her retirement. We look forward to seeing Helen and you at the bridge table.

*Vanessa & Will*

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## New Session on Wednesday Morning!

Starting on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> we will be running a new session on Wednesday Mornings at the Writer's Centre, Rozelle.

The session will begin at 10am with an Intermediate lesson for about an hour. The lesson will involve a short introduction of a topic and then playing four hands and analysing them. There will be notes and hand records provided and you can ask questions at any stage. Then from 11am until 1pm there will be an Intermediate level duplicate game with expert supervision available. You are welcome to come to the lesson only, or the duplicate, or both. You don't need to book, or bring a partner, just turn up.

The topics covered in July will be Competitive Bidding, and are suitable for club players at all levels, except beginners.

### This Month's Lesson Topics:

July 10<sup>th</sup>: Overcalls & Responding

July 17<sup>th</sup>: Takeout Doubles & Responding

July 24<sup>th</sup>: Handling Interference

July 31<sup>st</sup>: Competitive Bidding Judgement

### Costs:

Lesson only, 10am – 11am: \$10 members  
(\$13 Visitors, \$8 Concession, \$5 Students)

Duplicate, 11am – 1pm: \$10 members  
(\$13 Visitors, \$8 Concession, \$5 Students)

Both (Lesson *and* Duplicate): \$15 members  
(\$19 Visitors, \$12 Concession, \$7 Students)

### ... also, meet Mac!

**Mac** is a 7-year old West Highland Terrier who likes walks in the park, sniffing trees and eating bacon. He is very friendly and engages with people, but if he has had a big stroll in the park he is happy to just lie down out of the way and watch the bridge world go by.



*Mac – King of his Garden*

We are very happy to accommodate players without partners to all games, just turn up 15 minutes before game time and let us know.

### Suit Combination ANSWERS:

How do you play this suit for the most number of tricks? You can lead from any hand.

1) ♥ AK43 (Dummy)

♥ J1098 (You)

The goal here is to make four tricks, and not lose any.

**With an 8-card fit missing the Queen, the odds are to finesse.** Best play is to lead the ♥A first (in case of a singleton Queen) and then cross to hand with a different suit and lead the ♥J, planning to play low from Dummy unless the ♥Q is played.

You will make four tricks if the Queen is a singleton, or if it is on your left hand side.

And how about this suit?

2) ♠ AK32 (Dummy)

♠ J654 (You)

This suit looks the same as the previous one, but this time you don't have the ♠10 or ♠9. **You can't afford to lead an honour for a finesse unless you have the adjacent honour.** If you lead the ♠J and it gets covered with the ♠Q then you will still lose a trick to the ♠10 or ♠9.

The best odds here are to simply play the ♠A and ♠K hoping the ♠Q drops. If it does, you will make all four tricks. If it doesn't, then you are likely to make three tricks.

### Bidding Problem ANSWER:

Your partner opens 1♦ playing Standard with a better minor.

Here is your hand:

♠ 6

♥ J32

♦ KQ875

♣ Q943

What would you respond?

Assuming you play normal limit raises, I would bid simply 2♦, despite having 8 HCP and a singleton. If you add 3 additional points for the singleton and you bid 3♦ (11-12), partner will hopefully bid game, but might go for 3NT, avoiding the dreaded 5-of-a-minor. Great bidding from partner! When you put down your dummy in 3NT, she will ask where your 11 points are. Good question!

**As a general rule, don't get too carried away adding shortage points when raising minors if playing in No-Trumps is still an option.**

If you play Inverted Minor raises, then you should bid 3♦ (pre-emptive) rather than 2♦ (10/11+ points).