

## From Your President - July '23



### Your Committee

Your committee met last week with a very busy agenda looking at ways in which all club members can be attracted to our bridge sessions, with more innovative competitions and activities. We particularly are interested in how we can encourage more participation in local Hobart inter-club events and in island-wide events. Much discussion took place in reviewing the need to make island-wide sessions more attractive to all members, regardless of experience and masterpoint ratings. More details will be released soon.

Those of you who frequent the TBA clubrooms will have seen several of our members actively revitalising the Club library in the Vera Houdek room. Under the guidance of Hugh Grosvenor they have been busy cataloguing and updated the library format. The committee wishes to thank Sharn Davies, Jo Beck and Leonie Atkins for their great work in the library. I encourage all members to visit the library and make use of the facilities there.

### MasterPoint Promotions

The following members gained masterpoint promotions in June:

Victoria Vyvyan	Graduate Master
Jed Dolwin	Club Master
Tony Preece	Club Master
Garry Dazely	Local Master
Beryl Gelling	Local Master
Anne O'Rourke	Local Master
Kaylene Shaw	Local Master
Jane Malecky	Bronze Local Master
Ann Gee	State Master

Congratulation to all of this group

### Competition Winners

Congratulations also to the winners of these major June events:

Club Mixed Pairs Championship	Ann Paton and David Robinson
July Sunday Swiss Pairs	Mardi Grosvenor and Hugh Grosvenor

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TBA Club Congress:

Open Matchpoint Pairs	Tania Lloyd and Hugh Grosvenor
Restricted Matchpoint Pairs	Katherine Marsden and Pam Halton
Novice Matchpoint Pairs	Jane Malecky and Christine Buell
Open Swiss Pairs	David Robinson and Phil Beck

### **Australian National Championships Perth WA**

The Annual ANC competition has just concluded in Perth Western Australia, and although the Tasmanian teams did not achieve “champion status” there were several very credible performances.

The Open Team consisting of Sandra and Andrew Richman, Mardi and John Grosvenor, and Phil Timmins and Bal Krishna achieved wins against Queensland in Round 1 and West Australia in round 2, and narrow losses to NSW and Qld in round 2.

Considering that four of the six members of the open team were competing at the National level for the first time, the results are encouraging for future years. Mardi and John also competed in and won a congress event against 52 other pairs. Seniors Team pair Felicity Wivell and Roger Swain won the Seniors Inter-State Pairs event, winning a medal and finished 5th overall against 60 pairs.

Congratulations also to Annie Bartlett and Anna Egan who finished 10th in the Restricted Butler Competition, and to Julia Johnson and Geoff Green who finished 11th. A very fine result.

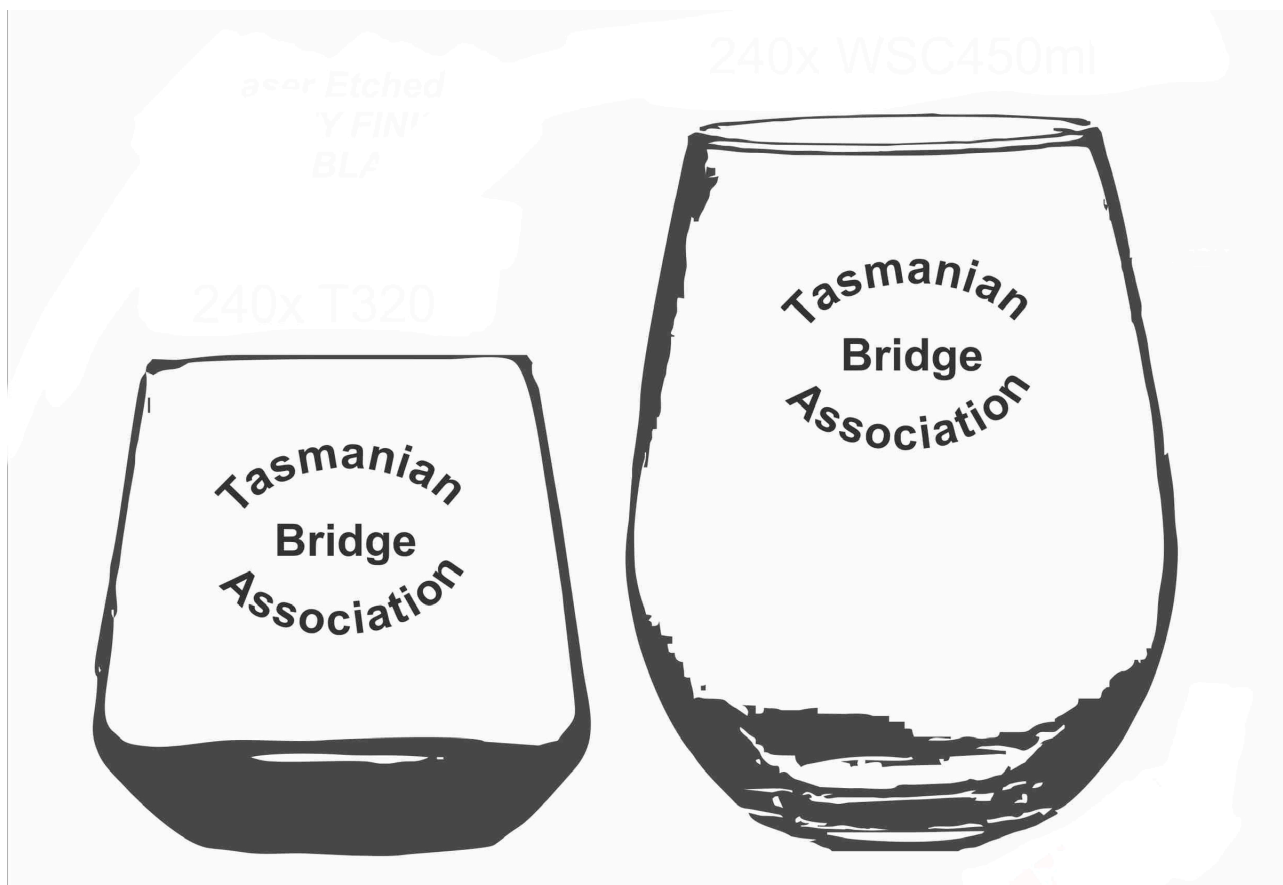
At the concluding cocktail party the ANC Convenor made special mention of our Jeremy Reid thanking him for his valued input in mentoring junior players.

Well Done Tasmania.

### **Monthly Multi Sessions**

Last month I mentioned the new monthly Multi sessions which have been introduced to reward regular attendees of sessions throughout each month. I am pleased to advise that we have purchased a quantity of superb engraved cocktail glasses and stemless wine glasses which will be awarded as prizes to monthly winners. See the image below. These laser engraved glasses will look very impressive in your home “bragging box”.

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### TBA Members Survey

The TBA Members Survey I mentioned last month is now ready to “go live”.

All TBA members will be sent a link to the survey early August and I encourage you all to put some time aside to have your say. We are very keen to hear your thoughts about the TBA club – what you like and what you think we can do better or differently. Hard copies of the survey will be available for those who do not feel confident with the internet. Survey results will be shared with all members once the survey has closed.

The more members who participate the better.

### Upcoming events

Just a quick reminder of upcoming July/August events:

July 21	Roger's Teams
July 30	Board-a-Match Teams
Aug 4	Friday am Red Points Pairs
Aug 7	Jackpot Pairs
Aug 19-20	Eastcoaster Swiss Pairs Orford

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### Eastcoaster Dinner Menu

There was feedback from last years Eastcoaster event that we needed to improve the Saturday night Dinner. This year the dinner will be held in the main waterfront restaurant and the excellent menu is attached for your perusal.



#### SPRING BAY RESTAURANT

### Tasmania Bridge Association

#### ENTREE

Slow Braised Brisket and Cheddar Croquettes with grilled corn and smoked paprika mayonnaise.

Ginger and Chili Fish cakes with red curry coconut sauce and mango slaw.

Dukkha Spiced Chicken Skewers with beetroot hummus and flatbread croutons.

#### MAINS

Grilled Lemon and Herb Salmon with parsley mash roasted cauliflower and pine nut vinaigrette.

Roasted Striploin with duck fat potatoes, honey carrots and red wine beef jus.

Turmeric Spiced Chicken breast with vegetable couscous and charred lemon butter sauce.

#### DESSERT

Chocolate Brownie Sundae with vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, caramel sauce and toasted peanuts.

Toasted Lemon Meringue pie with mixed berry coulis and whipped cream.

Strawberry Cheesecake with strawberry sauce and whipped cream.

Please note: (GF) Gluten Free (GFO) Gluten Free Option (V) Vegetarian (VG) Vegan

Our meals are prepared in kitchens that handle nuts, shellfish, and gluten. Whilst all reasonable efforts are taken to accommodate guest dietary needs, we ask that guests with serious allergies speak to our waitstaff before ordering to determine allergen requirements.

Eastcoaster Tasmania

There are still spaces available, both for the bridge tournament and the dinner. It will be a great weekend!!

Have FUN!!!

Graeme Poulton, President