

**Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

**ZELDA
OVERHALL
CUP**

Monday May 15

Named in honour of local bridge identity and our club's first patron, this trophy can be won without winning the event!

Anyone can play for the red points, but only players ranked Bronze Regional or below can win the trophy. There is also a special prize for the best pair ranked Silver Local or below.

If you are eligible, make sure your partner is too, even if you need to change your partner for that day. There is a list at the club, or contact Ruth or Julie. Pre-entry is NOT required so come along for the fun.

**CHARITY
DAY
& LEAD-UP**

1. We have already sold kindly donated jams etc. From Friday May 19 we are permitted to bring in donations of wrapped cakes/ biscuits for sale.
2. On *Saturday May 20* our usual 'Trash & Treasure' will instead be a '**Garage Sale**' at RUTH & JOE GRIFFIN'S house: 107, Scenic Highway, Terrigal, from 8am till midday. If you have anything to donate please contact Ruth 0407 854 060 before Friday. Volunteers welcome.
3. Charity Day Pairs (Green Points) is on *Wednesday May 24*.

**** All proceeds to Coast Shelter ****

RECENT RESULTS

EASTER PAIRS

(R) 9 tables Wed Apr 12

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	65.05%
2nd	Pauline Caust & Margaret Regan	61.57%
3rd	Galina & Ian Cameron	60.88%

TEAMS OF 3

(Trophy) 12 teams Mon Apr 24

		Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	Julie Sadler (c), Helen White, Kath Bromley, David Howells	3	0	0	46.04
2nd	Adele Mills (c), Leonie Wain, Marion Ellis, Mei-Hua Crawford	2	0	1	39.01
3rd	David Bowerman (c), Ruth Griffin, Agnes Marsh, Margaret Regan	2	0	1	38.52

For many players this was their first experience of teams competition – we hope you enjoyed it! All except one team gained some masterpoints.

Thanks to Dorothy B for ensuring such a good number of teams – as many as our new venue could accommodate.

ANZAC DAY PAIRS

RealBridge

(R) 4 tables Tue Apr 25

1st	Elizabeth Lawrence & Henrietta Hohnen	65.48%
2nd	Alfie Nation & Jackie Wilson	58.33%
3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Wendy Mitchell	54.76%

AUTUMN PAIRS

(R)

3 tables

MonEve May 1

1st	David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt	68.00%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	67.00%
3rd	Wendy Everitt & Ellen Williams	60.00%

MONTHLY SHIELD (4)

(E)

9 tables

Wed May 3

1st	Peter Mackey & Louis Koolen	64.47%
2nd	Ian & Galina Cameron	62.01%
3rd	Leonie Wain & Richard Webb	56.37%

So far 7 pairs have played all 4 sessions and 7 pairs have played 3 sessions. The leaders are: Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins (118 – 4), Ian & Galina Cameron (104 – 4), Mei-Hua Crawford & Marion Ellis (72 – 4). Also on 72 but

after 3 sessions are Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler, Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell, Richard Webb & Leonie Wain.

CONGRESSES **Best Local Players**

Barrier Reef Congress Cairns April 28 – May 1
 84 pairs contested the Open Swiss Pairs – 8 x 7-board matches. Best Central Coast Region players were Margaret Driscoll & Steve Calcroft (34th). There were also 18 pairs in the Restricted Swiss Pairs.

In the Open Swiss Teams (8 x 14-board matches) Di Coats & Jan Clarke with Chris Williams & Wendy Mitchell achieved 15th out of 42 teams. There were another 16 teams in the Restricted.

Peninsula Congress Swiss Pairs April 29 & Teams April 30
 David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt, Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden travelled to Warriewood for the Teams, achieving 8th place out of 16 in the Open section.

Country Teams Regional Final Sunday May 7
 8 teams from 3 clubs competed at Brisbane Water Bridge Club, directed by Peter Hume. The first 4 teams are eligible to proceed to the Zone Final on Sep 23 & 24 at Tomaree Bridge Club, Nelson Bay.

			W	D	L	VPs
1st	BWBC1:	Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hannan, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa	5	0	2	91.35
2nd	CCBC1:	Stephanie Mathews & Gary Heyting, Sandy Whalley & Berenice Air	6	0	1	85.26
3rd	CCLCBC3:	Patricia Dennis & George Connell, Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	4	0	3	83.91
4th	CCLCBC1:	Sally & Garry Clarke, Di Coats & Chris Williams	5	0	2	79.86

NEW ABF RANKINGS – April Congratulations to:

<i>Bronze State</i>	Len Pascoe Di March
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ON THE HOME FRONT

1) The Move

On Monday, April 17, the Director of the day, Louis Koolen arrived to find all our bridge furniture and items had been re-located to the Teppanyaki Restaurant. The committee had previously inspected this area and agreed that the location would be far more practical than our original area which was going to require the packing and storing of all items at the end of every session, with subsequent set-up for the next session. While some drawbacks were recognised, the privacy of the new venue seemed a big advantage.

Players arrived soon after and with great teamwork the area was organised sufficiently for a (slightly belated) game to occur. Thank you to all who helped then and after the game as well.

Subsequently adjustments have been made to the layout and the lighting improved. Members have treated the carpet for mould and cleaned mould from the windows. The toilets will be cleaned every day from now on.

Reminder: Players should have drinking vessels with lids for both hot drinks & water if they taking water to the table. Some considerable time has been spent trying to get shattered glass out of the tiles.

2) Teacher Accreditation

The committee has nominated Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell for ABF accreditation as teachers under the new scheme.

3) Presentation Day: Prize monies for 2024 have been increased: \$50 for Club Championships; \$40 for other prizes; & up to \$30 for the Zelda Overhall special prize.

4) Playing Director: As RealBridge conditions are different to F2F bridge, with a great reduction in Director calls, it is both possible & feasible that the Director be able to play in Red Point events. A motion was passed by the Committee to enable this to occur.

5) Thursday RealBridge is struggling again. If you can support it please do - and tell your friends! Only \$5 a game, club membership no longer required.

COMING SOON:

Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Please consider participating in these events. We are keen to promote contact between clubs and it is always enjoyable and interesting to play other people at other places!

12/5: GNOT qualifier

5/6: InterClub Teams

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Tuesday & Wednesday May 30 & 31: State Seniors Pairs Championship

Thursday & Friday June 1 & 2: State Seniors Teams Championship

Director - Ronnie Ng

Convenor Louis has preparations under control but with 32 pairs and 14 teams we still need more entries! This is a great chance to meet players from outside our area. People who help serve lunch will be given \$20 per day. Last minute call ups will also be recompensed.

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. Eunice's Beginners group are consolidating their knowledge before starting supervised play.
2. Improvers Course: Wednesday Evenings, **6.15pm**.
Each session starts with review of homework exercises. Anyone who wants refresh their understanding of any of the remaining sessions is welcome to join in.
- May 10 7. Pre-empts & Defence; Second Hand Play; Ogust
- May 17 8. Review and Practice of Conventions

\$10 per session OR \$5 per session for repeating players.

Followed by SUPERVISED PLAY: 6 weeks @ \$5 per session

3. Intermediate Workshops:

The next group of workshops will be on *Friday mornings*. The topics are all on Communication and Card Play in Defence (\$10 per session):

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| May 12 | 1. Opening Leads |
| May 19 | 2. Reverse Count, McKenney discards |
| June 9 | 3. Second hand play |
| June 16 | 4. Third hand play |

Wendy M

WIDEN YOUR HORIZONS . .

1. Hunter Central Coast Website

As mentioned last month, you can check out this initiative at <https://huntercentralcoastbridgezone.com/> or via the link on our Home Page.

2. Bridge Champions Website

Paul Dalley is a member of the Australian team that is going to play the Bermuda Bowl this year. He has recently developed a website which is aimed at bringing high quality ideas from top experts in Australia and around the world, on all aspects of bridge including bidding, declarer play, defence and more: www.bridgechampions.com

The site has free articles and quizzes (at various player levels) every day, but otherwise it costs \$15 a month to use.



The advertisement features a man in a light blue shirt and glasses, looking down at a hand of cards. The background is white with red geometric shapes. The text reads: **BRIDGE CHAMPIONS**, **ELEVATE YOUR BRIDGE GAME**, **BY PAUL DALLEY**. Below this, it states: "My goal is to help bridge players improve more than they thought was possible." and "I have spent years studying the game and it has not been easy. I have read hundreds of books, talked regularly with top experts around the world, and spent countless hours analysing hands. I want to take what I have learned from my journey and make things much simpler and more accessible for anyone else wanting to improve." At the bottom, there are icons for a globe and an email envelope, with the text "BridgeChampions.com" and "paul.dalley@hotmail.com".

3. Australia Wide Knockout Teams

An exciting new concept from the Australian Bridge Federation –

The ABF is holding Australia Wide Knockout Teams open to all affiliated clubs. Six sessions will be played on the second Tuesday of each

month on RealBridge, commencing Tuesday, 13th June at 7.30pm. There are four categories in which our club can compete:

- 1) Open
- 2) Less than 750 masterpoints
- 3) Less than 100 masterpoints
- 4) Less than 50 masterpoints.

Each player must be a home club member, or have played at least 10 times at our Club in the past year. The club pays your entry fee, so no cost to you!

If you are interested in playing or want more details, contact Julie Sadler on 0402 246 391.

NSWBA Restructure Update *Jake Andrew, Project Manager*

In January 2023, John Scudder, the Chairman of the NSW Bridge Association (NSWBA), advised of the major recommendations of the NSWBA Strategic Review and shared the executive summary of that report.

To repeat, the major recommendations and priorities of the strategic review were for the NSW Bridge Association Limited, which currently owns Sydney Bridge Centre, to:

- create clear legal separation between the NSW state peak body (which manages bridge across NSW and supports all affiliated clubs) and the local Sydney club; and
- reassess the sustainability and strategic desirability of owning the 162 Goulburn premises, and sell if needed.

The aim of these recommendations is to **create long-term success** through clear purpose and objectives, and clearly aligned resources for both:

- a NSW state bridge body, working with and on behalf of all affiliated clubs across NSW; and
- a flourishing bridge club in the centre of Sydney.

Since the update sent in January, several changes have occurred:

1. Three working groups have been set-up to determine and allocate responsibilities, make recommendations for each group, and liaise with you

where necessary:

- **Strategy Core Group (SCG)**, being four representatives of the NSWBA Council (former and current), to govern the overall strategic review project, determine the legal structure and change process, and assess timing options.
- **Sydney Bridge Centre Working Group (Club WG)**, comprising 10 members representing Sydney Bridge Centre. This group have met several times since February 2023, and have begun to plan for the changes to the constitution, premises options, budgeting, and resource requirements.
- **New South Wales Working Group (State WG)**, representatives from several affiliate clubs across the state (including Sydney) met in late March to commence agreement on a governance structure and how they wish to work, define their purpose and objectives, and determine necessary committees and focus areas.

2. Creation of a **Transition Project Manager** role, a temporary part-time position to assist the NSWBA implement the agreed change in direction. This role has now been appointed, and I am really pleased to take on this role to help secure the long-term success for bridge across NSW and within the Sydney metro area.

3. A **draft timeline** has been developed with the aim of collaboratively agreeing a fair and amicable separation, plan for a smooth transition, and set-up both organisations for long-term success.

The NSWBA has already consulted widely in surveys, focus groups, and workshops, for your input on the need for change and the desired direction. All feedback has been captured, documented and considered. Please contact me at this email address (pm.transition@nswba.com.au), or face-to-face if you see me at an event, if you feel you have something important that remains unsaid, or have other key feedback.

Part of my role is to update you regularly on planned changes and timing. I expect to send you updates like this every few weeks to help keep us all aligned and informed.

Thank you for your help and support,

Jake Andrew

NSWBA Transition – Project Manager

31 March 2023

LOOKING FOR A PARTNER ?

Contact Ruth Griffin: 0407 854 060

TEAMS SCORING AND TACTICS

At the recent Teams of 3 players were given some strategies for Teams because the scoring differs from Pairs.

I have selected a few hands from the Barrier Reef Congress to illustrate some of these. Jan Clarke & Di Coats sat NS at our home table and Chris Williams & I sat EW at the opponent's table.

Match 2

Board 17, Nil Vul: The makeable game contracts were 3NT N, 4NT S, 4H N or S. Jan & Di bid and made 3NT for +400. At our table I was allowed to play in 2SX for -100. Nett +300 for +7 IMPs. Even down 2 double for -300 this would be a positive. However if I am kept to 5 tricks, doubled, then -500 would result in a nett score of -100 and -3 IMPs.

Board 21, NS Vul: At our table we allowed 4H by N to make 11 (-650) when it can be kept to 9 tricks. At the other table 4SX by W was defeated by 2 tricks, +300. Nett score -350 and -8 IMPs.

Board 26, All Vul: This time bad defence by the opposition allowed me to make 3C (+110) when I should only make 7 tricks. Jan & Di defended well so that 3C made 7 for +200. Nett result +310 and +7 IMPs.

Board 27, Nil Vul: We bid correctly to 3NT which Chris, East, played well for +400. At the other table E did not find the right line of play and was down 1, +50 to us. Nett +450 and +10 IMPs.

Match 7

Board 2, NS Vul: 4S by Chris made the possible 10 tricks, +420. At the other table the opponents only bid to 3S, making 10, for -170. Nett +250 and +6 IMPs.

Board 9, EW Vul: 3D by me made the possible 11 tricks, +150. However at the other table EW bid the 5D game, -600. Nett -450 and -10 IMPs.

(BTW - we won both the matches above.)

Wendy Mitchell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for May :

Margaret Campbell, Garry Clarke, Bernie Davidson, Chris Hasemore, Frank Pellarini, Oscar Tap, Paul Unger.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome the following and add his phone number to your Program Book: Frik Gautschi (0404 467 097)

BRIDGE FRIENDS LUNCH

Sunday 28th May 11.30 am - please contact Ruth 0407 854 for details

COMING EVENTS

MAY

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	May 9, 16, 23
Thursdays	12.30pm	May 11, 18, 25

Face-to-Face

Monday	12.30pm	May 15 , 22, 29
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	May 15, 22, 29
Wednesdays	1.30pm	May 10 , 17, 24
Fridays	12.30pm	May 12, 29, 26

MAY

Special Events

President's Cup	R	Wednesday May 10
Zelda Overhall Cup	R	Monday May 15
(Best Bronze Regional & below; Special Prize Best Silver Local & below)		
Charity Day Pairs		Wednesday May 24
State Seniors Pairs		
Championship	R	Tues/Wed May 30/31

JUNE

Special Events

State Seniors Teams		
Championship	R	Thu/Fri June 1/2
Monthly Shield (5)	E	Wednesday June 7
Winter Pairs (RealBridge)	R	Tuesday June 13
Club Swiss Pairs	C/P	Fridays 23 & 30

Wendy Mitchell

Editor