

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

R **EMINDERS**
&
NEWS

1. CCLCBC CONGRESS
September 14/15

In the 90's we held mid-week congresses. Our inaugural weekend Congress was in 2019 with 57 pairs and 32 teams. You will have received a reminder from co-convenor, Margaret Regan, that entries close at **midnight this Thursday, September 5**. So this is your last chance to add to the current entries of 53 pairs and 25 teams. Congress bridge is a great experience as well as providing the chance to earn red masterpoints.

2. CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS

If you are not playing but would like to help out, volunteers are still

needed to 'plate' the sandwiches at lunchtime. Please contact Louis Koolen (0419 281 725) or Margaret Regan (0412 405 576).

3. RAFFLES

Ruth (0407 854 060) is organising raffles at the Congress, with proceeds to go to our new charity, Allawah House. Any donations will be very welcome.

4. AVOID PERFUMES AND AFTERSHAVES

Please bear in mind that some of our members have bad reactions to products with strong aromas. This is accentuated in our poorly ventilated play area.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

**FROM NEXT WEEK PRE-ENTRY
NO LONGER REQUIRED**

Be seated no later than 6.50pm

RECENT RESULTS

SWISS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (C) 8 tables Thu Aug 1 & 8

Pairs played 3 matches each week of 9 boards. Thank you to director Peter Hume for a smoothly run event.

		Wins	Draws	VPs
1st	Chris Williams & Sharon Mayo	4	0	91.20
2nd	Di Coats & Jan Clarke	5	0	86.21
3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Adele Mills	5	0	84.34

FOUNDATION CUP (R) 9.5 tables Wed Aug 21

1st	Alan Bustany & Jan Clarke	64.75%
2nd	Kevin Hughes & George Connell	62.15%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	61.75%

TUESDAY ECLECTIC - August RealBridge 4 sessions

There were only 2 tables on August 14, so the results from this session could not be included because a % result is not produced. Hence the out-rights were calculated on the best 2 out of 3 sessions. Of the 23 people who played, 8 pairs played at least twice with the same partner. The top half of this 'field' (rounded down) received outright awards.

			MPs
1st	Jacqui Wilson & Alfie Nation	58.60%	0.30
2nd	Gary Heyting & Marilyn Scott	56/62%	0.21
3rd	Ellen Williams & Agnes Marsh	53.37%	0.15
4th	Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany	52.45%	0.10

GNOT REGIONAL FINAL - August 2

7 teams competed at Brisbane Water BC, playing 6 x 8-board matches. The winners were CCLCBC(1) - Sylvia Foster, Juan Ooitma, Jim Routledge, Karen Ody. However this team does not want to proceed, so the runners-up will contest the National Qualifying sessions on RealBridge, Sep 20 - 22. Good luck to CCLCBC (2) - Dorothy Berzins, Larry Bryant, Margo Brennan, Alfie Nation, Gwen White.

AUGUST 2024 CONGRESS AND TOURNAMENT REPORT

Coffs Harbour Bridge Congress The big event for August was the Coffs Gold Congress held at the Opal Cove Resort. Overall it was a great event with good food, good friends, challenging bridge.

Welcome Pairs David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt made a fine showing at 3rd place NS in a field of 18. Well done!

Open Swiss Pairs This event hosted 116 pairs over two days. CCLCBC had four pairs finish in the top half of a very strong field: Sally Clarke and Chris Williams finished 16th; Di Coats and Jan Clarke 26th; Greg and Sharon Mayo finished 32nd; Julie Sadler and Anne Grayden finished 48th. Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman, Margaret Regan and Wendy Mitchell, and Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting also played in the event.

Intermediate/Restricted Swiss Pairs CCLCBC was well-represented in this event as well. Alan Bustany and Pauline finished an impressive 5th in a field of 60 pairs. Steve and Mary Colling, Alison and Peter Mackey, and Jann Small and Kevin Hughes also played in the event.

Open Swiss Teams The Clarke team (Sally Clarke, Chris Williams, Di Coats and Jan Clarke) finished a dazzling 7th in the field of 64 teams. Greg and Sharon Mayo teamed up with Michael Simes and Paul McGrath and finished in the top third, coming in at 22nd. The Mathews team (Steph Mathews, Gary Heyting, Julie Sadler and Anne Grayden) managed to stay in the top half, finishing at 33rd. Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman teamed up with Margaret Regan and Wendy Mitchell for this event.

Intermediate/Restricted Swiss Teams Alan Bustany and Pauline Caust played with Steve and Mary Colling and finished well in the top half at 12th place in the field of 28. Peter and Alison Mackey teamed up with Kevin Hughes and Jann Small for this event.

Tamworth 50th Anniversary Swiss Pairs Congress (24 August). Lorraine Lindsay and Bernard Davidson finished 14th in this event.

North Shore Winter Pairs (25 August) Steve and Mary Colling finished 31st in this event.
Steph Mathews

BEGINNERS COURSE

More pupils are required for this course to run:

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 6.15pm, from 17TH SEPTEMBER

If you know of anyone who may be interested please get them to contact Eunice urgently on 0415 937 941 or euny@bigpond.com

BRIDGE HOLIDAY

More participants are needed for this to go ahead.

Check your diary – March 4 to 7, 2025 in the Hunter Valley.

This could be another new experience for you – please contact Louis ASAP: lkoolen@bigpond.net.au or 0419281725

The email from the Secretary on August 22 has more detail.

PROTOCOL BOOKLET

Approval has been given to Community Bridge Club, Bateau Bay to use excerpts from the booklet in their Newsletter, with acknowledgements.

WEBSITE

Have you noticed? Webmaster David Bowerman has added an option to our Home Page: *Club Results (short cut)*

Clicking on this takes you directly to the result of recent sessions.

The other option: *Results*

provides links to the results of various special events such as championships as well as the link (above) to those of regular club sessions.

COMMITTEE CRUMBS – Meeting September 2

On August 21 a number of our Directors, Committee Members and other club members joined the webinar presented by Bridge NSW on the features and use of MyABF.

As a result of this informative, interactive session, our Management Committee has decided to proceed with the adoption of many of the modules, as they become available. An ad hoc committee has been established to plan implementation. It comprises:

David Bowerman (chair), Peter Mackey, Wendy Mitchell, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden.

See p. 9 For some detail regarding registration with MyABF.

PLANNING AHEAD . .

Melbourne Cup - November 5

Parkview Room

The social committee has chosen the colour theme,

LIME GREEN & BLACK

so you can start planning your outfits.

Gina Tapp and Rachel van der Merwe are planning lovely decorations and making FASCINATORS for SALE.

BRIDGE NSW NEWSLETTER

The first issue of Bridge NSW's newsletter (as yet untitled) has just been published. A link to have future issues delivered straight to your inbox is included, as is a call for editorial team members and a name the newsletter competition. » *Bridge NSW Newsletter First Edition*

The Newsletter objectives are to:

- Share positive bridge experiences of individuals and clubs
- Promote to clubs and members the support that Bridge NSW provides
- Promote forthcoming events
- Promote forthcoming development opportunities as players, teachers or directors
- Be a journal of record of Bridge NSW events

From the Bottom Table

In an article appearing in the August Newsletter, Your Correspondent (YC) suggested, in passing, that DDA technology be used to solve a bridge playing problem.

It has come to my attention that many may not know what DDA technology is, let alone how to use it. So, the question arises:

Just what is “DDA Technology”?

DDA is an abbreviation for **Double Dummy Analysis**. It goes under many names, one of which is **Bridge Solver**. Much information on the use of DDA / Bridge Solver is freely available on the internet, so this explanation will address one particular problem: How do I use this technology to show me how to make that extra trick and earn maximum Match Points instead of a bottom board?

On one recent Thursday night, NS pairs were presented with this board:

Most NS pairs settled for a 3NT contract, mainly by South, with one brave pair exploring slam and ending up in 5NT.

One NS pair made the maximum 12 tricks, earning a top board, while other NS pairs made 9, 10 or 11 tricks.

To use DDA on this board, go to the Club's web site, look at the results, and click on your (or any) name, and a list of all boards played will appear. Click on Board 9.

You should see a list of all pairs who played the board, tricks made, scores, as well as the hand record which appears above.

On your computer screen (NOT on this Newsletter link), click on the “Replay and analyze” link. You should see the image which appears on the top of the next page.

Board 9 ♠ 983		
Dir: N ♥ KQJ		
Vul: E-W ♦ T74		
♣ AKT4		
♠ A74		♠ QT6
♥ 87542		♥ 963
♦ 982		♦ J65
♣ 96		♣ J532
13	♠ KJ52	N: 5♣6♦4♥5♠6NT
4 4	♥ AT	S: 5♣6♦4♥5♠6NT
19	♦ AKQ3	E:
	♣ Q87	W:
Replay and analyze		

Board 9, Thursday 29 August, 2024

Optimum:
NS 6N; +990
LoTT: 14-15 = -1

Bridge Solver Online:
John Goacher

Double Dummy Solver Module:
Bo Haglund

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ 8 7 5 4 2
 ♦ 9 8 2
 ♣ 9 6

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q J
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ A K 10 4



♠ Q 10 6
 ♥ 9 6 3
 ♦ J 6 5
 ♣ J 5 3 2

13
 4 4
 19

♠ K J 5 2
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ A K Q 3
 ♣ Q 8 7

	♠	♦	♥	♣	NT
N	5	6	4	5	6
S	5	6	4	5	6
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Save

Edit

Play

Options

Help

Analyse

More..

Bridge Solver for Board 9.

To start your analysis, in the bottom right hand corner of your screen, click on 6NT by North.

You should see the image to the right.

This image tells you that, provided NS plays the cards correctly, it doesn't matter what card East leads, it is possible for North to make 12 tricks.

Click on a few other contracts. Look at the difference the first lead makes!

Play each card in turn as it would be played at your table, and see if you can make the maximum of 12 tricks in a NT contract.

This has been just a quick introduction on the basic use of DDA / Bridge Solver. It is up to you, the reader, to decide how to use this technology when reviewing your day's performance at the bridge table. KH

Contract: 6NT by N

NS Tricks: 0
EW Tricks: 0

♠ Q₁ 10₁ 6₁
 ♥ 9₁ 6₁ 3₁
 ♦ J₁ 6₁ 5₁
 ♣ J₁ 5₁ 3₁ 2₁

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. D O N T

Yes, these are the initials of a well-known bridge convention used to compete over a 1NT opening of the opponents. It stands for *Disturb Opponents No Trump*.

However it could also stand for *DO Not Teach* (beginners/improvers!)

Like mathematics, bridge learning is incremental, each step depending on good understanding of the step before. We ask you to trust the qualified bridge teachers to know their pupils and the structure of the courses we offer.

You may well be a better player who wants to share their knowledge. However, we ask you to restrain your good intentions. Many of our newer players are being confused by new ideas and conventions because they have not yet mastered those they have been taught.

2. PROPOSED INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS

Assuming permission is given to use our space at these times:

Saturday mornings – 9.30am – 11.30/12

September 21	Using Rules of 7 & 11 – play & defence
September 28	How to compete over 1NT
October 5	Lead the way with Leads
October 12	Transfer to Minors – the best method

Wednesday mornings – 10am – 12/12.30pm

October 9	5xcard Majors/Puppet Stayman
October 16	No Panic Play in No Trumps
October 23	Better Blackwood
October 30	Jacoby 2NT Convention

\$15 per session (\$7 for repeats), with the usual notes, hand records etc.

I will require pre-entry, so there will be a list at the club to which you can add your name. Alternatively you can email me (Wendy):

wmi20245@bigpond.com

My ABF

About 60% of our members are already registered with MyABF because they have played in our Congress or congresses and events elsewhere. This allows a player to pay for their entry fee using a credit card.

There are many other functions either already available or in development for use in the near future:

1. Payment of table fees for regular duplicate sessions - by setting up bridge credits in advance. The club then receives a monthly amount from MyABF for the sessions held.

and

Uploading of session results to MyABF

Some clubs are already using this function and, having considered the other options available, our directors and committee members are keen to use it.

Procedures for players, directors and the Treasurer will change.

2. Payment of annual club membership fees and general Membership management using MyABF. This function is planned to be ready before the end of the year.

Again, procedures will change for players and the Memberships Secretary, but there will be many advantages for both.

3. Group emails to members or sub-groups of members. This function will simplify the work of our club Secretary and others who need to communicate with our players.
4. Masterpoint Processing The Masterpoint Centre that is currently used has very old software that is being phased out. It's functions will be taken over by MyABF. Procedures will be different for the Masterpoint Secretary but the workload very much reduced.
5. Club Calendar There will be the possibility of all our events being displayed via MyABF

What does all this mean for you, the player?

Firstly, the remaining 40% of our membership will need to register with MyABF. We ask you to do this AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

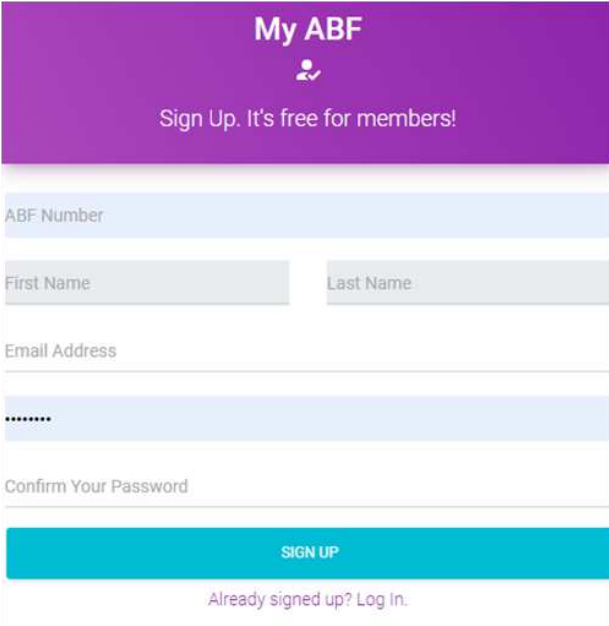
How do you do this? You will need your ABF number and a valid email address.

Go to myabf.com.au and click on the SIGN UP button at the top right. This window will appear.

In the spaces indicated enter your

- ABF number
- Email Address
- A password (at least 8 characters) that you will use when you log in to your account.

Repeat the password on the Confirm Password line.

The image shows a web form titled "My ABF" with a purple header. Below the header, it says "Sign Up. It's free for members!" with a person icon. The form has several input fields: "ABF Number", "First Name", "Last Name", "Email Address", a password field with "*****", and "Confirm Your Password". At the bottom, there is a large blue "SIGN UP" button and a link that says "Already signed up? Log In."

Then click the blue SIGN UP bar, and your account is established.

You will receive an email telling you to click a blue ACTIVATE button to activate your account. (If you don't get this email check your spam folder).

Once you have activated your account the system will automatically log you in and take you to the Dashboard (shown below) so that you can set up the account.

You will now be able to see the *Dashboard* which gives you access to Support, Announcements & Forums and to your (and others') Master-points.

That is all you need to do for now! If you need assistance, any of the ad hoc Committee members or other players will happily help.

If you have not registered in the next couple of weeks, you will be contacted to guide you through the process.

What comes next?

- 1. Set up Payment Details
Click on the green symbol.




Here you can set up your method of paying for *Bridge Credits*.

When Membership Renewals become due, you will be asked to deposit money to this ABF account, say \$100. Then your membership fee, whether it is Home or Associate will be paid from your account to our Club.

When our club is ready to run regular sessions via MyABF, you will need credit in your account so that your table fee will automatically be paid. No more cash for the Standby to collect!

There is an 8-page document which will answer any questions and allay any fears you may have about Bridge Credits - just Google *What are bridge credits and how do they work?*

There is also a series of FAQs about them at <https://www.abf.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Payment-for-Club-Sessions-FAQs-Players.pdf>

- 2. At any time you can Edit your Profile via the  avatar at the top right of the Dashboard
- 3. You can set up *Team Mates* by adding all your regular partners.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – August Congratulations to:

<i>Bronze Regional</i>	Kath Bromley	<i>Graduate</i>	Janet Davies
<i>Silver Local</i>	Wendy Byrne		Tuck Yuen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September

Maureen Bell, Trish Byrnes, Ian Cameron, Pauline Caust, Roy Cotton, Anne Grayden, Suzanne Harrison, Peter Mackey, Tony Manea, Rosanne Ransley, Raquel San Juan, Rachel van der Merwe.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

RealBridge

Tuesdays(E)	12.30pm	Sep 3, 10, 17, 24
Best 2 of 4 for outright awards		

Face-to-Face

Monday	12.30pm	Sep 9, 16, 23, 30
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Sep 9, 16, 23, 30
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Sep 11, 18, 25
Thursday Evenings	7.00pm	Sep 5, 15, 22, 29
No Pre-Entry after 5th		
Fridays	12.30pm	Sep 6, 13, 20, 327

Special Events

Spring Pairs	R	Mon Eve 9
Come along and meet the Monday mob		
Club Swiss Pairs (1, 2)	C/P	Thursday 1, 8
CCLCBC Congress Pairs	R all day	Saturday 14
CCLCBC Congress Teams	R all day	Sunday 15
State Open Pairs (Q1, 2)	R/P (9.30am)	Thursday 26

OCTOBER

Special Events

Henry Kendall Pairs	R	Friday 4
Club Graded Pairs 1	C	Monday 7
Club Graded Pairs 2	C	Monday 14

(A = Bronze National & above; B = National and below)

Wendy Mitchell

Editor