

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**MELBOURNE**  
**CUP DAY**

**Tuesday 5th November**  
**Parkview Room**

A day of winners!

- The Lime and Black theme
- Elegant decorations by Gina and Rachel
- Beautiful flower arrangement by Marion
- Directing by Alan and his announcement of handicap results
- A great choice of food and plenty of it
- A quiz to test us all
- Gwen and team on the sweeps
- Only one horse

A huge thanks to the Social Committee and all others who helped.

Some photos pp 7 & 8

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Most members are becoming familiar with this

invitation and have been receiving our club session results via MYABF.

Or are you one of the 47 CCLCBC members not yet registered with MYABF?

Why are we asking?

- All your session results will be emailed directly to you with a link to see the complete details
- Your CCLCBC membership fees for 2025 will preferably be paid via MYABF
- All your table monies in 2025 will be paid via MYABF.

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## RECENT RESULTS

### **HENRY KENDALL PAIRS (R) 10 tables Fri Oct 4**

1st	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell	62.70%
2nd	Gary Clarke & Patrick Hawkes	60.65%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	59.49%

### **TUESDAY ECLECTIC October RealBridge Best 2 of 5 sessions**

Of the 23 people who played during the month, 8 pairs played with the same partner at least twice. After choosing their best two scores, four of these pairs (half the field rounded down) earned extra masterpoints in the form of outright awards:

			<b>MPs</b>
1st	Jacqui Wilson & Alfie Nation	57.86%	0.23
2nd	Jan Clarke & Chris Williams	57.48%	0.16
3rd	Mary & Steve Colling	56.57%	0.12
4th	Gary Heyting & Marilyn Scott	56.18%	0.08

### **GRADED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Mon Oct 7 & 14**

Directed by Louis Koolen, both sections played three board rounds each session.

#### *Grade A (Bronze National and above) 5 tables*

Each week 3xboard rounds were played against the 9 other pairs.

1st	Jan Clarke & Di Coats	64.18%
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	56.89%
3rd	Shirley Ross & Margaret Regan	54.22%

#### *Grade B (National and below) 5.5 tables*

1st	Kath Bromley & Peter Hall	63.22%
2nd	Tony Canavan & Frik Gautschi	57.81%
3rd	Vic Pietraszkiewicz & Jane Stephens	57.49%

### **MELBOURNE CUP PAIRS**

**12 tables**

**Tue Nov 5**

#### *North-South*

1st	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell	64.53%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	59.68%
3rd	Di Coats & Jan Clarke	55.12%

### *East-West*

1st	Margo Brennan & Gwen White	60.14%
2nd	Henrietta Hohnen & Chris Hannan	58.69%
3rd	Di March & Judith Sherson	53.45%

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## **OCTOBER 2024 CONGRESS AND TOURNAMENT REPORT**

**Labour Day Matchpoint Pairs (7 October):** Helen Milward played with Paul Weaver in this event and finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall out of 24 EW pairs.

**Muswellbrook Congress (12-13 October):** Jan Clarke and Di Coats and Steve Calcroft and Roy Cotton finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the pairs qualifying round earning them a place in the finals. Di and Jan finished an equal 5<sup>th</sup> and Steve and Roy finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the final pairs play-off. Jan and Di with Chris Williams and Sharon Mayo walked away with first place in the teams, over 50 IMPs ahead of the second place team. In the Butler Pairs Chris Williams and Sharon Mayo finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Di Coats and Jan Clarke finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the field of 20. Well done to all!

**Pennant Hills Bridge Club Teams (13 October):** Twenty-eight team competed in this event Helen Milward teamed up with Paul Weaver, Helen Lowry and Jake Andrew and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Regan, David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt finished 16<sup>th</sup>. Steph Mathews, Gary Heyting, Louise Lewis and Shan Lawson stayed afloat at 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Spring Nationals (October 19 – 27)**

A few of our members ventured to Sydney to play in various pairs and teams events, against the toughest opposition: Sue Eastman, Steve Calcroft, Roy Cotton, Pauline Caust, Sharon Mayo, Sally Clarke. Both Ronnie Ng and Alan Bustany directed at this prestigious congress.

*Steph Mathews*

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## **BRIDGE EDUCATION**

1. **Beginners:** This Tuesday evening group has 8 regular participants. They have one more lesson, then a few weeks consolidating followed by supervised play which will bring them to Christmas.

2. **Improvers:** The first part is under way **Wednesday Evenings** with 13 attendees. Next sessions are:

November 13	Interposing – Overcall or Double; 3rd Hand Play
November 20	Mixed Practice + Rule of 20
November 27	Mixed Practice + Rule of 7

If you would like to join any of the above for practice/review, please advise Wendy.

### 3. **Workshops – Intermediate/Advanced**

The Wednesday workshops on *Puppet Stayman* was held on October 9.

Unfortunately, subsequent workshops have been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Anyone wanting these topics (No Panic No Trump Play; Better Blackwood (Roman Keycard +); Jacoby 2NT Convention) should contact Wendy who will consider offering them in a different time slot.

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### **COMMITTEE CRUMBS – Meeting November 4, 2025**

1. Membership Fees for 2025 have been set at:
  - \$5 for Associate membership
  - \$48.30 for Home Club membership, comprising \$5 CCLCBC, \$20 affiliation with Bridge NSW, \$23.30 capitation for ABF
2. The scoring method for the eclectic event Monthly Shield will be based simply on the best percentage score, in line with other eclectics, enabling the use of Compscore to calculate the winner
3. Eva Hartzell will again sponsor a High-Low Pairs event
4. An offer by David Snow to sponsor a similar High-Low Teams event has been accepted.
5. Thursday evening sessions will be ‘eclectic’ in months that have 5 Thursdays (best 2 out of 5)

## CLUB PROGRAM BOOKLET FOR 2025

Julie Sadler has nearly completed the program for next year. As you know, we include member names and phone numbers for easy contact and these need to be accurate.

Please advise if:

1. YOU ARE NOT REJOINING - your name can be deleted from the booklet
2. YOUR PHONE NUMBER HAS CHANGED - we need to update it

To do either of the above, email Wendy Mitchell at

[wmi20245@bigpond.com](mailto:wmi20245@bigpond.com).

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There are benefits for all

- A huge drop in workload for the Treasurer and Membership Secretary who will not have to laboriously track individual payments into the Club bank account
- No need for you to bring cash and for it to be collected – a fall in workload for the Standby and Director and far fewer trips to the Bank by the Treasurer.

What should an unregistered member do?

- If you are not intending to renew your membership with our club for 2025, then you can do nothing (except advise Wendy)
- If you are intending to renew with us, then we ask you to follow the simple process to register.

Here are two of the easy pathways to register:

1. From our club Home Page, choose **Links** and then **Your MyABF Dashboard**. Accept the invitation to sign up and follow the steps . .

2. From our club Home Page, choose **Links** and then **Australian Bridge Federation**. At the far top right click on **myABF** and follow the steps .

For membership fees and for session table monies, you will need to establish a minimum \$50 credit in your MYABF account. You should also set ‘automatic top-up’. Then sit back and do nothing!

Get registered before the end of November – Please!

If you need assistance in registering, please ask anyone who has done so.

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**CCLCBC TRIALS OF MYABF**

- 1. Tuesday’s RealBridge sessions are now operating successfully using this platform. Hours of time have already been saved in sending invoices, payments and checking of same!
- 2. Entry and payments for Melbourne Cup Day were made available - after the event was opened on our website. This created some confusion and double work, but it did allow for different payments (Bridge and/or Lunch) and different payment methods. Next time we will know how to use it most effectively.
- 3. Provided it is ready in time, as promised, use of the Membership Module for annual fees payment will also be a first, so there may be the occasional problem.

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**NEW ABF RANKINGS – October**      Congratulations to:

<i>Gold Life</i>	Gwen White	<i>Graduate</i>	Geoff Mathews
	Henrietta Hohnen		Kat King

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November**

Galina Cameron, Mei-Hua Crawford, Eunice de Vries, David Howells, Gabi King, Carolynne Mucharsky, Ronnie Ng, Karen Ody.









## NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Patrick Hawkes (0411 015 025) and add his number to your program book.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

If you have documents that need witnessing Leonie Lovell is generally available every Wednesday.

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

#### *RealBridge*

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Nov 12, <b>19</b> , 26
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#### *Face-to-Face*

Mondays	12.30pm	Nov <b>11</b> , 18, 25
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Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Nov 11, 18, 25
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Wednesdays	1.30pm	Nov 13, 20, 27
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Thursday Evenings	7.00pm	Nov 14, 21, 28
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Fridays	12.30pm	Nov 15, 22, 29
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#### *Special Events*

Club Pairs 1 & 2	C/P	12.30pm	Thursday 14 & 21
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Gosford Pairs	R (RealBridge)	Tuesday 19
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### DECEMBER

#### *Special Events*

Christmas Pairs	R	Wednesday 4
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Remembrance Day Pairs		Monday 11
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**BRIDGE HOLIDAY**                      **March 4 to 7, 2025**

**Mercure Hotel, Hunter Valley Gardens, Broke Road, Pokolbin**

Collect a brochure at the club or contact Louis Koolen:

lkoolen@bigpond.net.au                      OR                      0419 281 725

*Wendy Mitchell*

*Editor*