

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

PREPARE TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Later this week you will receive an email regarding fees renewal for 2025 with details of payment.

You can pay as before, but if you want to renew with Bridge Credits via MYABF:

- Register with MYABF if you haven't already;
- Press 'Pay Now' if you wish, whereupon you can pay with existing bridge credits, or be led to pay by credit card; or
- Select 'Auto Pay Fees' and wait, preferably with the necessary balance of bridge credits.

If you need any support, see Pages 8 -14 for info, flowcharts, glossary of terms and who to ask for help!

THANK YOU from
RUTH & JOE

Thank you very much for the wonderful support our Bridge Club family has given us both over the last 3 weeks and especially to those who braved the weather at the funeral, we were very touched.

Note: For those able to attend it was a great privilege to be a tiny part of the 2000+ present and 3000 seeing the amazing ceremony by streaming. The outstanding tribute to Paul Griffin's life was very moving.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Kat King and husband James on the birth of Lincoln, brother to Eliot
- Tuck Yuen for 2 Gold medals in the 13th Pan Pacific Masters Games - 5000m and 3000m Race Walks, >75 yrs category.

A bridge family indeed!

RECENT RESULTS

GOSFORD PAIRS (R) *RealBridge* 4.5 tables Tue Nov 19

1st	Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany	61.11%
2nd=	Henrietta Hohnen & Elizabeth Lawrence	57.64%
2nd=	Dorothy Berzins & Wendy Mitchell	57.64%
4th	Steve & Mary Colling	54.86%

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 5.5 tables Thu Nov 14 & 21

Each week 3xboard rounds were played against 8 or 9 pairs.

The results were then combined:

1st	Jan Clarke & Di Coats	60.94%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	56.45%
3rd=	Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews	53.91%
3rd=	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	53.91%

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

MONTHLY SHIELD Best 4 of 10 sessions 2024 FINAL RESULT

The best 4 out of a possible 10 scores were taken. Masterpoints are based on the average number of tables which was 9. 20 pairs played the required minimum of 4 sessions, the top half of these receives outright awards:

NAME 1	NAME 2	Total	Sessions	MPs	
Di Coats	Dorothy Berzins	162	9	1.43	1st
Steph Mathews	Gary Heyting	144	8	1.00	2nd
Anne Grayden	Julie Sadler	134	10	0.72	3rd
Henrietta Hohnen	Wendy Mitchell	130	9	0.48	4th
Alan Bustany	Jan Clarke	130	5	0.36	5th
Chris Hasemore	Chris Hannan	127	4	0.29	6th
Kath Bromley	Sue Eastman	120	5	0.24	7th
George Connell	Trish Dennis	118	7	0.20	8th
Frank Pellarini	Henk Keulemans	115	7	0.18	9th
David Snow	Margaret Regan	104	4	0.16	10th

(Please note that the result posted to our website has been deleted – this was produced using Compscore and percentages as an experiment – the method to be used next year.)

Congratulations to Di and Dorothy on their decisive win.

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NOVEMBER 2024 CONGRESS AND TOURNAMENT REPORT

It was a busy month for events, and many of our members travelled to compete.

Southern Highland Congress (2-3 Nov): Kevin Hughes with Lucy D'Ambrosio claimed first place in the Restricted Swiss pairs, winning every match. Congratulations! Peter and Elaine Hume also played and finished in the top half of the 18 pairs.

Parramatta Foundation Day Teams (3 Nov): Twenty-four teams competed in this event. Helen Milward teamed up with Paul Weaver, Jane Beeby and Helen Lowry and finished in 2nd place; Wendy Mitchell, Margaret Regan, Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting finished 9th. Both teams had four wins and two losses.

BNSW State Matchpoint Swiss Pairs (4 Nov): Ten pairs competed in this event including Di Coats and Alan Bustany, who finished in 3rd place. Well done!

Mudgee Bridge Club Congress (9-10 Nov): Forty-two pairs competed in the Section A Swiss Pairs. Di Coats and Jan Clarke finished 7th; Anne Grayden and Julie Sadler finished 32nd. Di and Jan teamed up with Julie and Anne for the Section A Teams event and finished 6th out of 18. Well done ladies!

IBA State Novice and Restricted Teams (9-10 Nov): Eighteen teams competed in this event. Kevin Hughes and Lucy D'Ambrosio teamed up with Jane Stephens and Colin Kleinig and finished in 3rd place after 17 matches with 11 win and 6 losses. Congratulations!

State Open Pairs Championship (16-17 Nov): Most of the pairs playing in this event qualified at club-level events at country and metro clubs around the state earlier in the year. Thirty-five pairs competed in the qualifying round on Saturday, with the top seven east/west and top seven north/south pairs moving on to the final event on Sunday.

In the **qualifying round** Anne Grayden with Julie Sadler (5th place N/S) and Di Coats with Jan Clark (5th place E/W) qualified to play in the final on Sunday.

A hearty congratulations to you all for doing so well in a very competitive field!

Several other CCLCBC members played in the qualifying event: Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman (10th N/S); Eunice De Vries and Wendy Mitchell (14th N/S); and Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting (11th E/W). In the **finals** Di and Jan finished 10th, and Julie and Anne finished 13th. While this event historically included a country pairs final, only six country pairs played, precluding a separate final. Jan & Di were declared the Country Pairs Champions.



BNSW Spring Pairs Congress (17 Nov): Those of us who did not qualify for the State Open Pairs final were granted entry to the BNSW Spring Pairs Congress on Sunday. Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman finished in 3rd place out of 20 pairs - well done! Steph and Gary scraped into the top half, finishing 10th; and Wendy and Eunice finished 13th.

BNSW State Swiss Pairs (18 Nov): Twenty-four pairs played in this event including Di Coats and Alan Bustany, who finished 15th.

BNSW State Open Teams Finals (29 Nov): Ten teams from around the state competed online in this event. Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sharon Mayo and Sally Clarke, representing The Hunter and Central Coast, finished first in the qualifying round with an impressive seven wins and two losses. The top four teams played off in the final with our Hunter/Central Coast team falling to the BNSW team of Peter Buchen, Bruce Neil, Warren Lazer, and Pauline Gumby - the latter are the State Open Teams champions and the Di, Jan, Sharon & Sally are the Country Teams champions.



NSW Online Pairs League Spring 2024: This red point event was held on Real Bridge over eight weeks with 12-board matches. The field was divided into four divisions based on MPs and past performance.

Di Coats and Jan Clarke finished 5th E/W in Division 1; Gwen White and Margo Brennan finished 7th. Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting finished 2nd E/W in Division 2 with Anne Grayden and Julie Sadler 4th. In Division 3, Peter Mackey and Ruth Griffin finished 6th N/S, and Agnes Marsh and Barbara Grant finished 7th E/W.

Steph Mathews

The next season will be starting soon. If you're interested in playing or finding out more about it, please contact Alan Bustany.

COMMITTEE CRUMBS – Meeting December 2, 2025

1. Our club Facebook page is active again. Gina Tap and Eunice de Vries are the new Administrators.
2. Name badges have arrived – if you ordered one you can collect it from the Director's table.
3. The 2025 Program is with the printer, waiting for the Christmas Pairs result. We expect delivery before Christmas.
4. As recommended by the MYABF ad hoc Committee, annual membership fees will be processed via MYABF, where possible, and from January 1, 2025 table fees at all sessions will be collected through MYABF, where possible.
5. Eunice, Julie and Anne attended a meeting last week of the CCLC Internal Clubs. They met the new CEO, Bevan Paul, and feel positive about his approach. Clubs have been asked to provide data regarding the participation rate of their membership, ideas about funding support and CCLC events, as well as any other feedback.
6. Players are reminded
 - a) **To be seated 10 minutes before session starting time.** (See Club Program, page 6, Playing Conditions, Para 1.)
 - b) That you must not select a bid and then change it. Do all your thinking **BEFORE** you touch any bid card in the bidding box.

See the October Newsletter for the official wording.

Infractions are still occurring - opponents must call the Director!

7. There will be something special for those attending sessions in the week before Christmas!

NEW SESSION TIMES IN 2025

Monday, Wednesday, Friday daytime sessions:

1 pm

Monday, Thursday evening sessions:

7pm

Special Events:

As advertised

SOME RECENT INTERESTING HANDS

Wendy M

Congratulations to Stuart Gibson and Ernest Shapero for reaching 6S on the following hand on Thursday November 14.

Board 23 Dlr: S Vul: All	♠82 ♥9872 ♦AT763 ♣52										
♠AKQT ♥AKJ6 ♦9 ♣AJ98		♠J95 ♥Q543 ♦KQJ2 ♣KT									
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It is exactly 12 months since Stuart graduated from Eunice's Beginners course and just 6 months for Ernest.

Without interference, David Bowerman and Eunice bid to 6NT.

Here is a possible sequence:

2D (Multi)

2H (relay)

4D (17+, 4441, 1xD)

4NT (Simple Blackwood)

5S (3 Aces)

6NT

Tuesday Nov 19 Gosford Pairs

At my table: 2H

P

4H

5D

(H's + another)

(pre-emptive)

(Good hand)

5H

P

P

6D (Extra strong)

(should not bid again)

Simple is sometimes best!

2H

P

P

7D

(Jan Clarke)

with Chris Williams

Board 2 Dlr: E Vul: N-S	♠AKQ42 ♥ ♦AKQJT842 ♣										
♠T63 ♥AKQT ♦9653 ♣T6		♠8 ♥J9854 ♦7 ♣AKJ972									
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Monday Eve, Nov 25

At my table:

P	P	1D	P
1S	P	3S	P
4S	P	P	P

Two other pairs bid the ambitious game, but failed to make.

Lead: HK

Counting Losers: 0xS, 1 or 2xH, 1xD, 1xC

Recognising the *Bath Coup* situation, I did not take the HA on the first trick.

If this had been a NT contract, South should discourage with the H9, telling partner there is no helpful honour in H's. However, in a suit contract, it is right to encourage with the H7, hoping to gain a ruff.

Board 8 Dlr: W Vul: Nil	♠97 ♥KQT64 ♦732 ♣KQ3										
♠QJ865 ♥AJ3 ♦8 ♣8642		♠AK43 ♥852 ♦KQJ54 ♣9									
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North continued with the HQ, won with the HA and establishing the HJ. Trumps were drawn, finishing in hand. Then the D8 was led towards dummy.

South took the DA and cashed the CA and had to play a D or a C. Win in dummy, run Ds, ruff a D, ruff a C, pitch the last C on the established D.

If North switches after the HK, say to a trump, draw another round of spades and lead the D. South wins with the DA and plays a H. Now rise with HA, enter dummy with a high S, discard the remaining H on a D, establish D's as before to discard C's. Lose 1xC at the end.

If you win the first heart trick, the contract will fail because South will win DA, cash CA and has a H to play back to North's H10 and HQ.

RELEASE OF myABF, V.6.0

Wendy Mitchell

As promised, this version includes the new Membership Module.

CCLCBC had already decided to use this functionality to issue annual renewals and collect membership fees using 'Bridge Credits'.

Club Memberships			
You have or have had memberships with the following clubs. You can control your interactions with these clubs here:			
Club	Membership Status	Block	Share profile data
Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc	Current	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never
Central Coast Leagues Limited Bridge Club	Current	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Always

[LOG INTO MY ABF](#)



If you are already a user of myABF, you will now see a list of Club Memberships in your Profile after you log in.

This is my own record – for my Home Club, CCCBC I have allowed 'Share profile data' and ticked 'Auto pay fees'. I am also currently a member of BWBC but have not allowed these options, as yet.

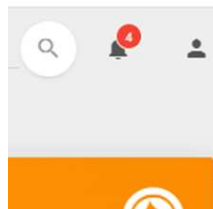
You will receive an email about renewals after CCLCBC sets up various administration parameters. **DO NOTHING UNTIL THEN!**

The following explains the various options through a number of flowcharts – choose the one that applies to you.

1. Registered with myABF, with dollars in Bridge Credits (Page 9)
2. Registered with myABF with \$0 in Credits (Page 10)
3. Not Registered with myABF (Page 11)

1. Registered with MYABF, with credit in your account

Membership Renewal - CCLCBC



- A) Log in and from the Dashboard go to your Profile by clicking the person icon at the top right of the screen (or 'Account')

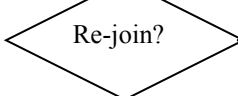
- B) Under **Club Memberships**, tick Auto Pay Fees and Share Profile Data.
(See screen shot page 8)



- C) From the Dashboard go to Bridge Credits
Turn Auto Top Up **ON**

- D) Receive email invitation from CLCBC to renew membership

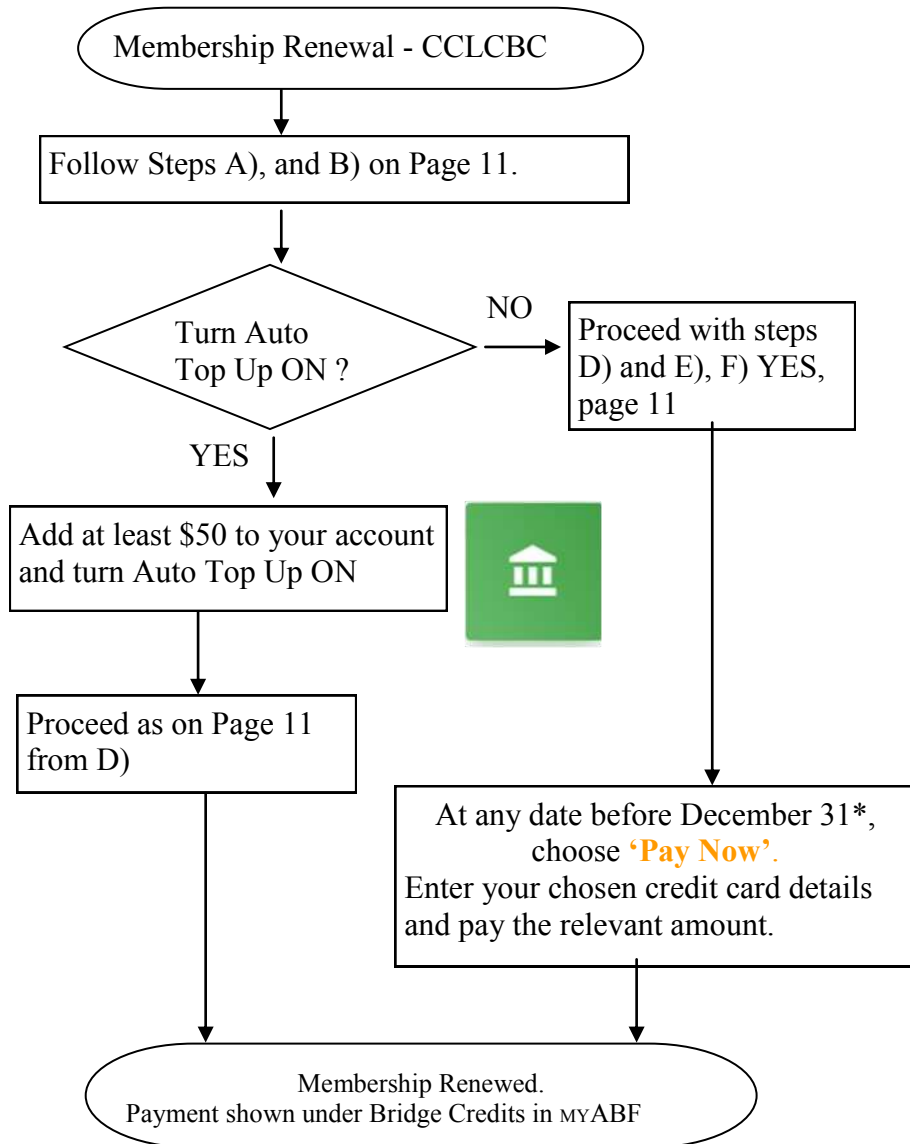
- E) A notification will appear in your **Upcoming Events box**

- F)  **NO** → Turn Auto pay **OFF**

- G) **YES** → If you have selected Auto pay fees, then do nothing! Your fees will be debited from your account on **December 27**

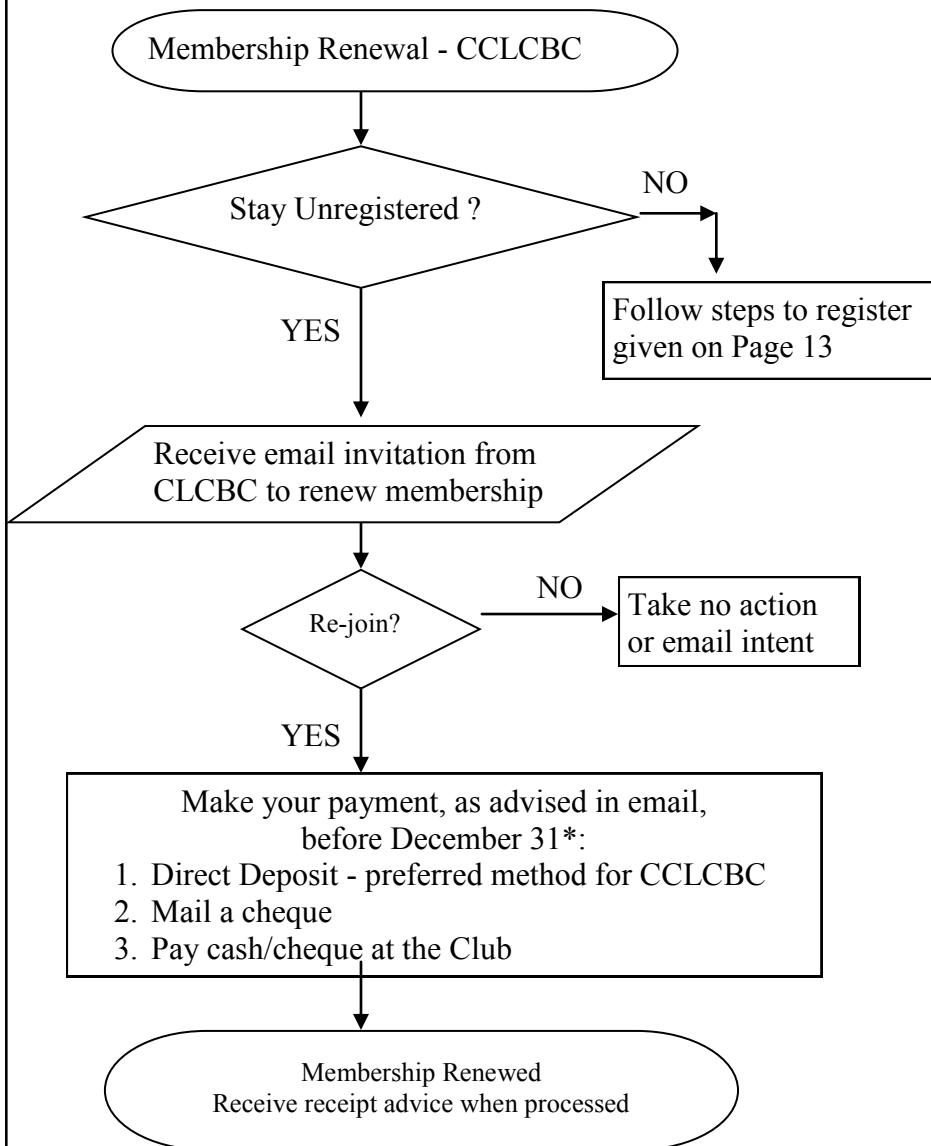
Membership Renewed. Payment shown under Bridge Credits

2. Registered with MYABF, with \$0 in your account



*** Late payments will be accepted on or before January 31, 2025
Membership lapses if you are unfinancial at February 1.**

3. Not Registered with MYABF



*** Late payments will be accepted on or before January 31, 2025
Membership lapses if you are unfinancial at February 1.**

GLOSSARY and INFORMATION for MYABF

Bridge Credits are simply Australian dollars in an online account.
(1 credit = 1A\$).

Note: Bridge Credits are NOT SPECIFIC TO OUR CLUB. They are an account with the ABF. They can be used for ANY event or club session run through My ABF and for payment of club annual fees.

Using Bridge Credits

Every player and every club in My ABF has an account with the ABF. Whether they choose to use it is entirely up to them.

1. Simple account Pay for events individually online by card
All common credit cards are supported except AMEX.

2. Prepayment account This will save the need to input your card details every time you want to enter and pay for an event.

a) Manual Top-Up: A card payment made manually to top-up the balance on your account.

Use the Top Up Balance button:

Enter the amount you want (between \$50 and \$2,000) and click Top Up.



Enter your card details in the white box in the middle and click Pay: Your statement will now include a line item showing the manual top up adding to your balance.

b) Auto Top-Up: A pre-established card payment triggered automatically to top up your account when your balance falls below 20 credits.

"Auto top-up" makes your account operate a bit like a public transport card (e.g. Opal). This is very convenient as you can basically set it and never have to worry about it!



In the header click on the slider switch where it says "Off":to turn Auto top-up on.

Select the amount you want to top up your card by each time (\$50, \$100, \$150 or \$200).

Complete Card Details and click “Save Card”

SECURITY

The card details you put in here are not stored by the ABF. They are securely stored via Stripe, the online payment provider. The ABF never sees or stores any card details for any player at any time.

Registered MYABF user: You have provided your email address to MYABF and created a password. This sets up your Account and allows you to see your Results, Upcoming Events etc. You control what information is in your Profile.

Unregistered MYABF user: You have not yet registered - your club may send you an invitation to do so or you can follow these steps:

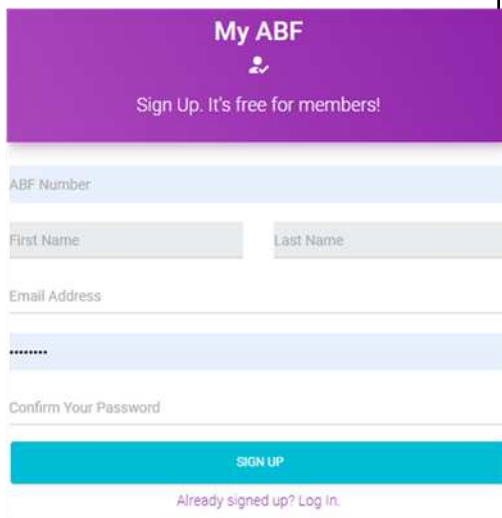
- From our club Home Page, choose **Links** and then **Australian Bridge Federation**. At the far top right click on **MYABF** and follow the steps.

OR

- From our club Home Page, choose **Links** and **MYABF Dashboard**. Follow the steps.

You will receive an email telling you to click a blue ACTIVATE button to activate your account.

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



The screenshot shows the 'My ABF' sign-up interface. At the top is a purple header with the text 'My ABF' and a small person icon, followed by the sub-header 'Sign Up. It's free for members!'. Below this is a form with several input fields: 'ABF Number', 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email Address', and a password field with a masked input (*****). There is also a 'Confirm Your Password' field. At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled 'SIGN UP'. Below the button, in smaller text, is the link 'Already signed up? Log in.'

Auto Pay

This is a facility for a registered user to have their annual membership payment deducted from their Bridge Credits account, automatically on a set date. *For CCLCBC this will be December 27, 2024.*

Pay Now

This allows a registered user to pay at a time of their own choosing (ie manual, not automatic)

Do I have to buy Bridge Credits in advance?

For congresses – NO.

For CCLCBC club sessions in 2025 – YES PLEASE*. This is because club session payments are usually smaller amounts and it's not economic in terms of transaction fees to have lots of small payments go through separately. So there is a minimum \$50 top-up requirement which then gets used up as you play sessions or enter other events.

Your table fees are simply taken off your account balance each time you play. Each transaction is itemised in both your account and the club's account.

***Note:** It will still be possible to pay by cash, if necessary, or to make use Free Game Cards.

! HELP !

Your MYABF support team at CCLCBC is:

David Bowerman, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden,
Peter Mackey and Wendy Mitchell

These are probably the best informed members - any of them will be happy to assist if you need help or have any concerns about some aspect of the system.

Don't be shy and don't worry. Just ask!

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. **Improvers:** This course will continue in 2025, dates to be advised.

2. **Workshops – Intermediate/Advanced**

No one has yet contacted me about the topics cancelled in October:

No Panic No Trump Play; Better Blackwood (Roman Keycard +); Jacoby 2NT Convention.

I have recently been approached about offering the 2 lesson on Multi -2 opening bids. If you are interested in any of these, or others, please contact me: wmi20245@bigpond.com or 0423 388 529.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – October Congratulations to:

Silver Local Bob Lowry

Local Frik Gautschi

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for December

Alan Bustany, Sally Clarke, Diana Coats, Joan Cottom, Trish Dennis, Tracey Dillon, Marion Ellis, Joe Everitt, Narelle Fowler, Paul Garnsey, Frik Gautschi, Carol Godfrey, Marcelle Gosling, Barbara Grant, Beryl Lowry, Bob Lowry, Kerryl McGrath, Mona Maher, Greg Mayo, Diane Nichols, Len Pascoe, Julieanne Perceval, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Criss Sharp, Chris Spikesman, Greg Watson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for January

Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, Lynette Callaghan, George Connell, Austin Driscoll, Kerry Dwyer, Wendy Everitt, Ruth Griffin, Gunter Haas, Martin Johnson, Tony Langmead, Shirley Lane-Smith, Ian Lincoln, Geoff Mathews, Margaret Regan, James Routledge, Jenny Rowe, Margaret Sanger, Ernest Shapero, Gina Tap, Leonie Wain.

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Dec 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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Face-to-Face

Monday	12.30pm	Dec 9, 16, 23, 30
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Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Dec 9, 16, 23, 30
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Wednesdays	1.30pm	Dec 4, 11, 18
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Thursday Evenings	7.00pm	Dec 5, 12, 19
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Fridays	12.30pm	Dec 6, 13, 20, 27
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Special Events

Christmas Pairs	R	Wednesday 4
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NO BRIDGE	Christmas Day	Wednesday 25
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NO BRIDGE	Boxing Day	Thursday 26
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JANUARY

Special Events

NO BRIDGE	New Years Day	Wednesday 1
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New Year's Cup	R	Friday 3
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Australia Day Pairs	R	Monday 27
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Interclub Teams all day	R	Thursday 30
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Wendy Mitchell

Editor

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:

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OR

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