

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

GARAGE SALE
Saturday May 17

Thank you everyone who assisted in making the Garage Sale a success and fun. We raised \$1,221 on the day. This included \$235 from the raffle of the lovely orchid donated by Margo and won by Peter Mackey.

Together with some further very generous donations this has been added to monies we have been holding in our charity fund. These came from various raffles, sales of the wonderful craft by Gina and Rachel and cards by Alison, as well as the table and directing fees from Charity Week.

With a top up of \$181 it was agreed by the Committee to make a donation immediately to Allawah House of **\$5000**. Thank you all members for your amazing philanthropy.

Ruth Griffin

STATE SENIORS
May 27 - 30

See the Congress Report pp 4-6, other details pp 11 & 12 and Photos pp 12-14.

HIGH-LOW TEAMS
Friday June 27, 12.30pm

Following the popularity of Eva Hartzell's High-Low Pairs last year, David Snow is sponsoring this new event with wine as prizes. Pairs will be chosen randomly from the upper and lower half of the field, based on masterpoints, then pairs will be combined randomly to form a team.

To participate in the fun, simply enter on-line as an individual. In the field that asks for your partner, enter TBA and some other word, eg your name again.

Entries are open now
on OUR WEBSITE

RECENT RESULTS

TUESDAY REALBRIDGE

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APRIL

9 pairs played the minimum of twice. Outrights could only be calculated on the best 2 of 4 sessions as the fifth consisted of only 2 tables. 4 pairs earned outright masterpoints:

1st	Gary Heyting & Marilyn Scott	63.52%	0.23
2nd	Henrietta Hohnen & Elizabeth Lawrence	62.72%	0.16
3rd	Mary & Steve Colling	62.50%	0.12
4th	Alan Bustany & Chris Williams	56.87%	0.08

MONTHLY SHIELD (4)

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8 tables Wed May 6

1st	Steph Mathews & Gary Heyting	69.27%
2nd	Vic Pietraszkiewicz & Brian Richardson	63.94%
3rd	Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell	58.47%

AUTUMN PAIRS

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5 tables Mon Eve May 5

1st	Kerry & Paul Garnsey	62.04%
2nd	Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hasemore	59.14%
3rd	Kat King & Gabi King	56.60%

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP

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9.5 tables Mon May 19

There were only 7 eligible pairs (Bronze Regional & below). Director Chris Hannan seated all these East-West, so that they were essentially competing against each other, and ran an Arrow-switch Mitchell movement.

1st	Sally Clarke & Jan Clarke	68.42%
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	64.72%
3rd	Maureen Catalano & Peter Hall	63.74%

All pairs in the top half of the field earned masterpoints, but only one was an eligible pair: Frik Gautschi & Lynne Harrold. A big congratulations to them for winning the Zelda Overhall Cup.

The next best placed eligible pair was Rachel van der Merwe & Tony Manea who will receive the Special Prize.

THURSDAY EVENINGS**E****MAY**

Since the May 29 session was cancelled, the outright awards were calculated on the best 2 of 4 sessions.

Five pairs received additional masterpoints for playing with the same partner at least twice:

1st	Eunice de Vries & David Bowerman	62.89%	0.30
2nd	Rachel Van der Merwe & Tony Manea	57.70%	0.21
3rd	Trish Howard & Cheryl Davidson	53.82%	0.15
4th	Geoff Wilcher & Geoff Mathews	50.58%	0.10
5th	Stuart Gibson & Margaret Regan	48.38%	0.08

CONGRESS AND TOURNAMENT REPORT *Steph Mathews*

It's been a busy month.

Autumn Nationals Adelaide (1-5 May)Open Butler Swiss Pairs (68 pairs)

Helen Milward and Kuldip Bedi – 10th
Margaret Regan and Wendy Mitchell – 48th
Chris Williams and Pauline Caust – 66th

Under Grand Master Butler Swiss Pairs (30 pairs)

Mary and Steve Colling – 17th

Open Swiss Teams (48 teams)

Milward Team (H. Milward, K. Bedi, B. Sebesfi, R. Douglas) – 26th
Caust Team (P. Caust, C. Williams, M. Regan, W. Mitchell) – 40th

Peninsula Bridge Club Congress (3-4 May)Open Swiss Pairs (26 pairs)

Jim Routledge and Chris Hasemore – 7th

Restricted/Novice Swiss Pairs (26 pairs)

Jane Stephens and Colin Kleinig – 18th

Open Teams (14 teams)

C. Hasemore, J. Routledge, D. Brandt, D. Bowerman – 3rd

North Shore Bridge Club Mother's Day Swiss Pairs Congress

(11 May, 22 Pairs) Gary Barwick and Ellen Williams – 18th
(best mother/child partnership)

NSW Mixed Pairs Championship (17-18 May)

The qualifying event was held in Sydney over two sessions on Saturday. The top 7 pairs N/S and E/W competed in the final on Sunday. Those not in the top 7 were eligible to compete in the Autumn Swiss Pairs on Sunday.

Qualifying Round N/S (15 pairs)

Wendy Mitchell and Anthony Burke – 5th
Di Coats and Alan Bustany – 10th

Qualifying Round E/W (16 pairs)

Gary Heyting and Steph Mathews – 7th
Chris Hasemore and Jan Clark – 9th
Jane Stephens and Colin Kleinig – 15th

Final Mixed Pairs (14 pairs)

Wendy Mitchell and Anthony Burke – 7th
Gary Heyting and Steph Mathews – 9th

Autumn Swiss Pairs (18 pairs)

Di Coats and Alan Bustany – 1st (at right)



Maitland Swiss Pairs Congress (25 May, 48 pairs)

Sharon Mayo and Sally Clarke – 4th
Roy Cotton and Sarah Yang – 5th
Chris Williams and Pauline Caust – 9th
Steve Calcroft and Nola Daly – 13th
Kevin Hughes and Marcelle Goslin – 27th
Vic Pietraszkiewicz and Louise Lewis – 31st

NSW State Seniors Championship (27 - 30 May) at CCLCBC Pairs (44 pairs)

Chris Dibley and Stephen Bock claimed 1st place. A number of CCLCBC pairs shined brightly in this competition, with nine finishing in the top half of the field:

Helen Milward and Kevin Davies – 2nd
Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany – 3rd
Di Coats and Jan Clark – 4th
Sharon Mayo and Sally Clarke – 8th
Anne Grayden and Julie Sadler – 14th
Chris Williams and Ian Lincoln – 19th
Kevin Hughes and Marcelle Goslin – 20th
Eunice de Vries and Wendy Mitchell – 21st
Vic Pietraszkiewicz and Brian Richardson – 22nd

Thirteen other CCLCBC pairs also competed in the event:

Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting (25th), Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen (27th), Trish Dennis and Margaret Regan (32nd), David Snow and Peter Hume (35th), George Connell and Alison Mackay (33rd), Mei-Hua Crawford and Agnes Marsh (37th), Marion Ellis and Leonie Wain (38th), Peter Hall and Peter Mackay (39th), Lynne Harrold and Frik Gautschi (40th), Tuck Yuen and Leonie Lovell (41st), Stuart Gibson and Tony Langmead (42nd), Margo Burnet and Lyn Baber (43rd), Helen Fisher and Julieanne Perceval (44th). A special shout out to those beginners who ventured into this experienced field!

Teams (18 teams)

The Sylvester team (L. Sylvester, P. Gill, M. Courtney, and J. Butts) claimed first place with 5 wins and 1 loss and 84.45 VPs; the Dibley team (C. Dibley, M. Simes, M. Seldon, and P. McGrath) finished a very close 2nd with 5 wins and 1 loss and 84.30 VPs. Four teams with CCLCBC members placed in the top half:

Davies Team (K. Davies, H Milward, K. Johnman and P. Johnman) – 3rd
Mathews* Team (C. Hannan, G. Heyting, C. Hadaway, D. Foate) – 4th
Mitchell Team (W. Mitchell, E. de Vries, W. Lazer, P. Gumby) – 5th
Clarke Team (S. Clarke, S. Mayo, J. Clark, D. Coats) – 9th

Also competing were the Foster Team (11th), Caust Team (14th), Regan Team (15th), Hughes Team (16th), and the Perceval Team (18th) Again, it's great to see beginners step out to compete in events like this.

Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event:

Louis Koolen, Convenor; Marg Regan assistant and announcer; Julieanne Perceval with Ruth Griffin and all her helpers; Ronnie Ng, Chief Director for NSW, who directed in his usual highly professional manner.

*Chris Hannan graciously stepped in at the last minute for an ailing Steph Mathews (who hopes she doesn't lose her place as Gary's partner after Chris's great performance!).

BRIDGE EDUCATION

Wendy Mitchell

Tuesday Beginners Eunice's beginners have entered their practice stage, helped by a number of our newer players.

Workshops – Intermediate +

7 players attended each of the sessions on 2xsuited openings and the Multi-2D. They are not necessarily planning to use these bids but have gained a good understanding of their meaning when others use them.

If you have a request for specific workshop topics, please contact me with details and preferred time slot.

NSBC Wed RB Open

Ronnie Ng sent in this interesting deal:

Playing on North Shore Bridge Club's Real Bridge session on the evening of April 30, North was dealt this spectacular hand.

<div> <div>D</div> <div>1</div> </div>		<div> <div>N</div> <div>Gary Barwick#69</div> <div> <div>♠ AKQ7542</div> <div>♥ AKJ52</div> <div>♦ A</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> <div>7♥</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div> </div>	
<div> <div>W</div> <div>John Lawrance#9</div> <div> <div>♠ AQ43</div> <div>♥ J109</div> <div>♦ 108</div> <div>♣ J432</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>E</div> <div>Aaron Minney#11</div> <div> <div>♠ K108762</div> <div>♥ 63</div> <div>♦ 73</div> <div>♣ 985</div> </div> </div>			
		<div> <div>S</div> <div>David Osmond#9</div> <div> <div>♠ J95</div> <div>♥ 8</div> <div>♦ Q964</div> <div>♣ KQ1076</div> </div> </div>			
				<div>7♥ N</div> <div>NS: 0 EW: 0</div>	

Gary Barwick

opened 7H, making 13 (lead ♦7). He might have expected that result (1510) to be at least an equal top, but no. Another pair using a more traditional approach, bid to 7D, doubled and making for 1630:

Judie Osie David Osie

2C* 2D*

2H 3C

3D 4D

7D P P X

All Pass Lead ♠A

*Try bidding this hand
using your methods.*

Less usual were the following :

Steven Bock Kevin Davies Stuart Schon John Gurewitz

2H* 2S* 2S* 3C*

7D P 3H* 4D

Lead ♣8 6H Lead ♣8

*2H = strong 2 in hearts, GF

*2S = 9+PT in spades, or 27-28 Balanced, or weak 6xclubs or 5/5 in red suits (weak or strong)

This 2S bid is part of Myxomotosis 2's – invented in the 1970's by Australian player Bob Sebesfi. Ask Di Coats about it – she used to play this with her late husband Peter.

(This is a 'brown sticker' convention which cannot be used against protected pairs in our green point sessions.)

AUTUMN NATIONALS, ADELAIDE

A number of times we encountered the bid of 2D as being 0-7 HCP's with a 5xMajor. Board 14, Match 3 of the Swiss Teams saw this very pre-emptive bid come unstuck.

My RHO (East) opened 2D, alerted.

Sitting South with ♠: QJT9 ♥: KQJ94 ♦: 6 ♣: 763

I passed, rather expecting that East would have 5 spades.

West bid 2H*, correctable, and my partner Marg Regan (North) doubled. East passed, confirming a 5xheart suit, 0-7 HCPs.

In teams, it is unusual to leave a doubled 2-level bid for penalties because if the contract makes, this can be a huge swing against you. However, knowing that, as well as the fact that we may well have a slam our way, I held my breath and passed. Partner led the ♣A, and down came dummy.

Yes it did have the promised 5xhearts and bottom of the range - 0 HCPs!

Here is the full deal:

So, ♣A, ♣K, ♣Q, ♠A, ♠K, 4 to ♠Q
= 6 tricks NS

♦6 to ♦A, ♦2 to ♥4 = 2 tricks NS

♥K to declarer's A = 1 trick EW

♦K ruffed with ♥9, ♥Q, ♥J
= 3 tricks NS

♠9 ruffed in dummy with ♥T
= 1 trick EW

BOARD 14

BD: 14

♠ AK4

Dlr: E

♥ 5

Vul: None

♦ AJ942

♣ AKQ8

♠ 865

♠ 732

♥ A8

♥ T7632

♦ KQ873

♦ T5

♣ J54

♣ T92

♠ QJT9

♥ KQJ94

♦ 6

♣ 763

Result: 2HX, down 6 tricks for +1400 and +14 Imps to NS because at the other table Chris and Pauline kept 3NT to 10 tricks.

Sadly we only had 2 other plus scores in that match and still lost it.

In the rest of the Open field, the majority were in 3 or 4NT, making 12 (1pr), 11 (29prs), 10 (7prs). 6C was bid once, but went off 1 and 3 times 6NT went off 1.

One other pair was in 2HX but allowed to make 3 tricks. We were pretty happy with our 1400 as even if we find and make 6C or 6S in the Moysian fit, the score is only 920 or 980.

After 8 matches and 3 wins we were satisfied to finish 40th out of 48, 2 places above our ranking.

Wendy Mitchell

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Maoliosa Hawkes (0402 413 712) and Louise Hyman (0408 232 624) and add their details to your program book.

NEW ABF RANKINGS**May 2025*****Congratulations to all:***

<i>Bronze National</i>	Peter Hume	<i>Regional</i>	Leonie Wain
<i>Bronze State</i>	Vic Pietraszkiewicz	<i>Bronze Local</i>	Trish Howard
<i>State</i>	Alison Mackey		Frik Gautschi
	Louise Lewis	<i>Club</i>	Shirley Lane-Smith

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for June

Tony Burke, Wendy Byrne, Penny Dilworth, Patrick Gallagher, Chris Hannan, Henrietta Hohnen, Di March, Helen Milward, June Noble, Jan Oitmaa, Tony Sappideen, Gary Schroder, June Thompson, Alma Van Der Walt, Brian Warburton, Ellen Williams, Richard Wydell.

LAST MONTH'S PROBLEM - AGAIN

	Open	Over-call	Your hand	Bid	
1	1D	1S	♠ 42 ♥ AQT8 ♦ 32 ♣ QT876	X	2C
2	1D	1S	♠ 42 ♥ AQT87 ♦ KQ76 ♣ 32	X	2H
3	1D	1S	♠ QT82 ♥ KQ2 ♦ 32 ♣ Q987	X	1NT
4	1C	2H	♠ A765 ♥ A2 ♦ A76 ♣ A654	X	3NT
5	1C	2H	♠ KJ876 ♥ AK ♦ Q7653 ♣ 2	2S	3NT
6	1C	1D	♠ AT87 ♥ KQ2 ♦ 86 ♣ J765	X	1S
7	1C	1D	♠ AT87 ♥ KQ32 ♦ 86 ♣ J76	X	1H
8	1C	1H	♠ KJ876 ♥ AQ43 ♦ 876 ♣ 2	X	1S
9	1D	1H	♠ K654 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ872 ♣ AJ2	X	1S
10	1C	1S	♠ A2 ♥ KQ87 ♦ K2 ♣ QJT87	X	2C
11	1C	1S	♠ KJ3 ♥ JT7 ♦ QT87 ♣ Q76	1NT	2D
12	1H	2C	♠ AT87 ♥ K2 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 542	X	2D
13	1H	2C	♠ QJ87 ♥ 2 ♦ KQT652 ♣ 32	X	2D
14	1D	2H	♠ AJ32 ♥ A2 ♦ AJ76 ♣ A32	X	3NT
15	1D	2H	♠ A2 ♥ KJ987 ♦ 32 ♣ T876	X	Pass

Since there were no responses last month you have another chance to win a free game. Best answer (s) accepted, even if not entirely correct!

Choose the correct bid, and give a brief explanation for your choice.

A FREE GAME will be given to every player, ranked
LOCAL MASTER OR BELOW.

Email your answers to Wendy: wmi20245@bigpond.com or hand her a written copy, no later than June 30

Answers and Winners will be reported in the next Newsletter.

COMMITTEE CRUMBS **Monday June 2**

1. At the recommendation of the Tournament Committee, an 11th regulation will be added to our Club Tournament Regulations.

This will read:

A “new board” is defined as started if the first call has been made.

- If the first call on a board has not been made when the Director announces “no new boards” then the board must not be started and the Director must be called.
- The Director, depending on circumstances and at their discretion, will take any legal action according to the Laws of Bridge.

To view our Regulations, follow the link on our website:

[Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations](#)

Note that a “call” may be a Pass or a Bid. For the sake of fairness, please adhere to this requirement.

2. Change of Address/Email/Phone Number:

These details are kept in Compscore and the Masterpoint Centre and used by the Secretary, Welfare Officer, Partnership Arranger, Recorder etc.

Kindly advise Wendy Mitchell (Masterpoint/Membership Officer) of any change so that accurate records are maintained.

3. There will be a number of vacancies on the Committee at our AGM at the end of July.

Please consider if you are able to contribute to our club management and watch out for the nomination form which will go up next month.

NEWSLETTERS

1. CCLCBC - As flagged last month, I will cease editing our Newsletter at the end of July. Please talk to Eunice if you are interested in the position of Editor or can help in some way.

2. BNSW – The June edition of ‘Bridging the Gap’ was issued on June 1. If you do not already receive this automatically, visit bridgensw.com.au (you can use the Link on our website), and under “Publications” choose “Subscribe to the Newsletter” and complete the necessary details.

3. ABF – The latest newsletter was issued on June 3. This is full of informative and educational articles that suit all levels of players. It is available to view online at abf.com.au. You can also receive this regularly by email. On the right hand side of the home page, choose “ABF News” and “Join Now”.

SOME STATE SENIORS STATISTICS

44 pairs was the highest entry since the inception of this event in 2021 when there were 36 pairs and it bettered last year’s 38 pairs. Nine 9-board matches were played over 3 sessions, earning 0.27 red points (Grade B) for each win. This is 75% of the usual points because participation in the event was ‘restricted’ by age.

Nineteen pairs were from the Central Coast. The rest came from Sydney, Hunter, Mid North Coast, North Inland and Far South Coast.

18 teams was 3 more than last year and equalled the number in 2021. Teams played six 14-board matches over 3 sessions. A win earned 0.42 red points (Grade B), again 75% of the usual.

Just under half the teams were from the Central Coast. There were some strong teams from Sydney and the Hunter.

What a wonderful world bridge is! Participants in the Seniors ranged from the top 3 National masterpoint earners of all time – Pauline Gumby (Diamond Grand), Warren Lazer & Peter Gill (Emerald Grand) – to 4 of our Graduate members playing in their very first Congress.

One lady from Quirindi met her partner online during Covid-19. To play face-to-face there is some travelling involved as she lives in South Australia in the Mt Gambier area!

Prize money was awarded as shown:

PLACING	PAIRS	TEAMS
1st	\$600	\$1200
2nd	\$400	\$800
3rd	\$200	\$400
Best unplaced CCLCBC	\$200	\$400
Encouragement Award	\$100	\$200

SENIORS SUCCESSES AND SCENES



Pairs: 1. Chris Dibley
Stephen Bock

2. Kevin Davies
Helen Milward

3. Pauline Caust
Alan Bustany



Best Local (unplaced):
Jan Clarke & Di Coats

Encouragement Award:
Not announced on the day,
but will be awarded to
Leonie Lovell & Tuck Yuen

Teams:

1. Michael Courtney, Joan Butts,
Liz Sylvester, Peter Gill



2. Paul McGrath, Michael Simes
Michael Seldon, Chris Dibley



3. Kevin Davies,
Helen Milward
Kerrie & Peter Johnman



Best Local*
Sally Clarke
Jan Clarke
Sharon Mayo
Di Coats

* All CCLCBC
members



Encouragement Award

Lynne Harrold
Helen Fisher
Lynette Callaghan
Shirley-Lane Smith

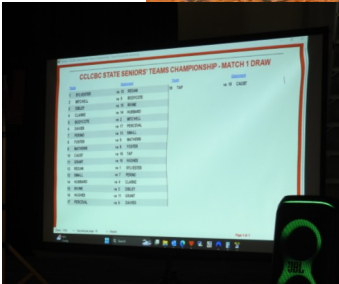


Director
at work
Ronnie Ng



Marg Regan
using our
new
microphone





COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Monday	1 pm	June 2, 9, 16 , 23, 30
Monday Evening	7 pm	June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Wednesday	1 pm	June 4 , 11 , 18, 25
Thursday Evening	7 pm	June 5, 12, 19, 26
Friday	1 pm	June 6, 13, 20, 27

Special Events

Winter Pairs	R	Monday 16
Monthly Shield (5)	E	Wednesday 4
President's Cup	R	Wednesday 11
GNOT Q 1, 2	G/P 9.30am	Thursday 19
High-Low Teams	P 12.30pm	Friday 27

JULY

Monthly Shield (6)	E	Wednesday 2
Club Restricted Teams	C/P 9.30 am	Thursday 3
Thursday Evenings	E (best 2 of 5)	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Annual General Meeting	9.30am	Thursday 31
Followed by:		
Anniversary Pairs	R	Thursday 31

SMILE AWHILE

Did Alan & Di take a swill or two before or after winning the Swiss?

The afternoon session start times are:

State Mixed Pairs 1:35pm

Autumn Swill Pairs 1:45pm

Some Bridge Jargon:

Negative Double — the one that gets wrapped around your neck.

Bath Coup — getting to use the tub before your roommate.

Doubleton — 4,000 pounds or 1814 kg.

Gerber Convention — a meeting of baby-food manufacturers.

Free Bid — all of them, once you pay your entry fee.

Wendy Mitchell

Editor