



Standing:  
**Eunice** - her second year as President  
**Peter** - continues as Treasurer  
**Lynne** - newly elected, welcome Lynne  
**Louis** - returns to Committee. This time as VP & Chair of Tournament Committee  
 Seated:  
**Julianne** who picks up Equipment Officer & continues as Catering Officer  
**Margo** -continuing as Welfare Officer  
**Ruth** - as lover of social events she organises, decorates & brings joy  
**Steph** - newly elected Secretary. Welcome Steph.  
**Leonie** - new to Committee responsible for helping new players as well as the Masterpoints.

They're already working to ensure the members enjoy 2025/26

### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Spring Prs (R)Monday evening 8<sup>th</sup>
2. Monthly Shield. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>
3. Congress Saturday & Sunday 13-14<sup>th</sup>
4. State Open Pairs Thursdays 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (NB. 1pm start)
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### HANDICAP RESULTS

Every session produces 2 sets of results – the usual results listing the overall winners & place getters & the Handicap Results. Please, new or lower ranked player, look at the handicap results to judge how you compare after Masterpoints & experience are taken account.



We need to refresh our stock of Directors. Please contact Louis (0419 281 725) or Eunice (0415 937 941) if interested. You do not need to be an expert player. Directing involves knowing bridge laws & managing a session.

### Players at Congresses.

Around 30 CCLC players travelled to the Coffs Gold Congress. Marg Regan & Robyn Rogers deserve a special mention for holding top position at the halfway mark of the Restricted Pairs. Alan Bustany & Chris Williams ended up the best of the CCLC pack in the Open being placed 29<sup>th</sup> out of 112. In the Teams two of our members, Gary Barwick & Helen Milwood played in a team finishing 14<sup>th</sup> in the Open while Alan & Chris teamed up with David Snow & Chris Hasemore to fill 33<sup>rd</sup> position.

The take-away from Andy Hung's Workshop, 'Dealing with High Level Competitive Auctions', was that to get 50% of the 5 over 4, or 5 over 5 decisions correct would mean you'd be a world class player.

It was great to see four of our players (Kevin Hughes, George Connell, Julianne Perceval & Helen Fisher) compete in the 2025 State Novice & Restricted Pairs, at Warriewood, on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

If you have news of our members doing well, or just playing elsewhere please let us know.

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee met earlier this week for a strategic planning session. They announced the objectives of our club's objectives as follows: The objectives of our bridge club are to teach and promote bridge in a safe, friendly, and supportive environment.
2. Further, they announced that the club will pay the entry fee for the winners of the Zelda Overhall Cup to play in the Novice Butler Swiss Pairs, at the Spring Nationals to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October. Hearty congratulations to Erik Gautschi and Lynne Harrold, this years Cup winners. Have a great time at the Nationals, Erik & Lynne!
3. Please join us for a drink! Every member of the club is more than welcome to join other players who stay for drinks after a session. Everyone is welcome - a great way to get to know each other away from the bridge table.

### Reminders from Steph:

1. Please send the club your responses to her e-mail re BridgeMates displaying scores after each board played

2. Clarification regarding access to the North Shore Bridge Club Education Hub. The club has become an affiliate of the programme allowing our members to access their lessons. 20% of the cost of the lessons is returned to the club.

There seems to be some confusion as to how to access the Hub so that the club receives the 20%. The link at the bottom of Steph's e-mail is the way to go. In case you can't find it, this might work!

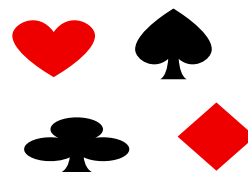
[Online Bridge Lessons for all Levels](#)



### Pics from Club Swiss Prs, 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Winners: Chris Hannan & Barry Foster  
Runners -up: Di Coats & Jan Clarke  
Third: Sharon Mayo & Chris Williams

Sixteen pairs competed for the title



### THE BRIDGE PLAYER'S PRAYER

Lord, grant me a partner who won't trump my Aces.  
Deliver me from short suits and cards without faces.  
Grant me finesses that work as I planned,  
And just once today, please, a nice Grand slam hand.

### Cuebid to show limit raise

For those who curse when opps have overbid partner's suit .... Here's how Centara Keelor from LBO remembers..

**When partner bids & they interfere  
Bid their suit & make it clear ....  
You've got partner's suit AND points to boot.  
So mess them up & bid their suits.**

The next Newsletter will include results of our Congress. It's pleasing to see so many of our new and/or newish people have been enthused enough to enter. Congresses are an interesting part of the bridge world. Enjoy your experience.