

SEPT/OCT

Newsletter

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New Player Support Committee

Recently your Committee set up a sub-committee to support new players. Any new player who would like to chat to a more experienced player for assistance, or just a chat, contact Leonie Lovell (0419 133 334); Ruth Griffin (0407 854 060); or Lynne Harrold (0432 077 194)



WIN at COUNTRY TEAMS ZONAL FINAL

Congratulations to Hunter CC Team (Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sally Clarke & Sharon Mayo) for winning this event on Sept 7th



September Birthdays

Happy birthdays to the following members: Maureen Bell, Trish Byrnes, Pauline Caust, Roy Cotton, Anne Grayden, Suzanne Harrison, Peter Mackey, Tony Manea, Rosanne Ransley, Alicia Roberts, Raquel San Juan, Rachel Van der Merwe

Big Thanks

Thanks to all who helped make the 2025 Congress a great success. Special thanks to the Co-ordinators Louis & Margaret. Also to Julieanne & helpers with catering & to Alan our Director.

Australia's 1st Bridge Day Out- 23 Sept '25.

25 players participated in this ABF event to raise funds for development of junior

bridge

Needing the services of a JP? Leonie Lovell will be available each Monday & Wednesday either prior to, or after bridge session

HANDICAP AWARDS

It has been decided to award monthly handicap awards for each weekly session.

Alan explains how club arrives at Handicap Results

Despite what some think, the CCLCBC handicap system **DOES NOT** take into account either masterpoints or experience! Rather it uses your recent Club results to calculate an “**expected result**” and pivots your actual result to give you a handicap score.

If you perform:

- ‘better than expected’ your handicap result will be better than 60%;
- If ‘as expected’ your handicap will be 60%; and,
- If ‘worse than expected’ your handicap result will be less than 60%

Your ‘expected result’ is your last 8 results with the best & worst removed and the remaining 6 results averaged.

Your handicap factor (60% less your ‘expected result’) is multiplied by 1.2. Your handicap result is your actual result, on the day, plus your handicap factor.

The multiplier of 1.2 makes it easier for less successful players to get a top handicap result. For example, say your ‘expected result’ is 45%, then your handicap factor will be $(60-45) \times 1.2 = 18\%$. If you score 52% in current session, your handicap result will be $52 + 18 = 70\%$.

A top-rated pair whose ‘expected result’ is already 60% has a handicap factor of $(60-60) \times 1.2 = 0$. On a good day they may also do better than ‘expected score’ by 7% bringing their handicap score to 67%, ie still less than the 70% you scored.

So, our handicap system is designed to balance the field at 60% and slightly favour less successful players. So, it is worth striving to do ‘better than expected’ whatever your level.

CCLCBC Congress 2025

Report from Co-Ordinator Louis Koolen who was ably assisted by Margaret Regan follows:



On Saturday, 30 Open & 22 Restricted Pairs played 6 nine board matches & with Alan Bustany directing the day ran smoothly. Members of CCLCBC did extremely well taking out the top 4 positions in the Open section:

1st Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke; 2nd Stephanie Mathews & Gary Heyting; 3rd Helen Milward & Chris Williams; & 4th position was filled by Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster who also took the prize for the best unplaced locals.

The best Restricted Pair was John & June Waudby & best Novice was Neil McMaster & Jennifer Bissett.

Sunday saw 22 Teams competing in Open & Restricted fields.

Place getters in Open: 1st Bodycote Team (Terry Bodycote, Paul Weaver, Paul McGrath & Michael Simes); 2nd Davies Team (Kevin Davies, Eli Urbach, Chris Dibley & Steven Bock) * 3rd Kolding Team (Annegrete Kolding, Sachiko Cathcart, Sandy Carter & Nerida Gillies).

The Bissett Team (Neil McMaster & Jennifer Bissett, Heather Spencer & Ken Baker) won the Restricted & the Lovell Team (Leonie Lovell, Marilyn Scott, Peter Mackey & Frik Gautschi) the Novice Team. The Lovell Team was the only CCLCBC Team to be placed in Teams.



Alan Bustany, Director;
Louis Koolen, Co-Ordinator; & Margaret Regan Assistant Co-Ordinator.



OPEN PAIRS



1st Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke



2nd Stephanie Mathews & Gary Heyting



3rd Helen Millward & Chris Williams

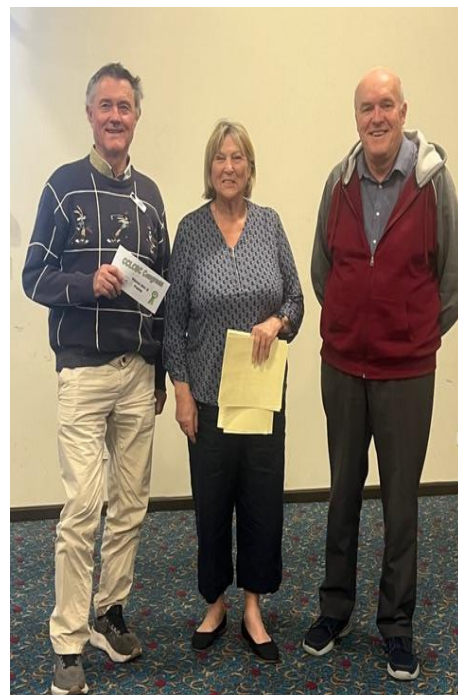
RESTRICTED PAIRS



1st John & June Waudby



2nd Lucy D'Ambrosio & Shannon Queree



3rd John Aldersley & Kevin Hughes

President Eunice De Vries presented awards to all place getters

Novice Pairs



Winners: Neil McMaster & Jennifer Bissett



Best unplaced local pair: Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

CONGRESS TEAMS 2025



**1st Open
Bodycote Team**



**2nd Open
Davies Team**



**3rd Open
Kolding Team**



**Best Restricted:
Bissett Team**



**Best Novice:
Lovell Team**



**Best Local
Williams Team**



MELBOURNE CUP

4th November in Parkview Room.

The horse pictured has connection with Joe & Ruth Griffin, through their son Paul. He (Arapaho) will be running in the Cup for the second time. Ruth will be in Melbourne for the race but the theme colours for our event will be in keeping with the colours of Arapaho's jockey, ie royal blue & red.



Be early — there'll be champagne on arrival & sweep tickets for sale from 9 am. Bridge begins at 10am

Cost for day – members \$25 inc bridge & lunch. Guests \$7 bridge, \$65 lunch

Sydney Spring Nationals 18th -26th Oct

This is an event for players of all levels but a special call has been made for Novice & Restricted to enter. If entries are low this year they may have to cancel these levels in future. See Flyer in our room.

held at Canterbury Racecourse

2025 State Novice & Restricted Teams, at CCBC 22 & 23rd November.

Novice is less than 100MPs pp, & Restricted less than 300, as at 31/10/25.

Enter via MyABF. Teams can be up to 6 players

See Flyer in our room

BridgeMate Survey

Response to the survey was very low & the result very close. The Committee decided as a compromise to show the scores this month & then every alternative month. So, November the scores will be off'.

Graded Pairs

Our club Graded Pairs event is held over 2 afternoons - Thursdays, 9th & 16th October. Time for entry is running out but **we urge players to enter especially if you qualify for the Grade B section.**

Grade A is for players who are Bronze National or above, & Grade B for players National & below.

Bronze Nationals are those players with 200+ MPs, of which 100 are red/gold while Nationals have 150MPs, of which 75 are red/gold.

There is a list of player rankings on the pole in our room.

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1 Improvers Course

1. Improvers Course

This is designed for players who have completed the Beginners Course and have had some play experience. It also suits those who have done it before and want to refresh their knowledge.

The course is based on the text by Derrick Browne '*Improver's Bridge*' with 8 lessons and 5 supervised play sessions which include mini-topics.

It will be held in two parts:

| Part 1 | Wednesday Mornings, 2025 | 9.15am start, 2 to 2½hrs |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Lesson | Date | Topic |
| 1 | 22/10 | Limit bids; NT & declarer play; Jacoby Transfers to Majors |
| 2 | 29/10 | Stayman convention; Finessing |
| 3 | 5/11 | Interposing: Overcalls; 3rd hand play |
| 4 | 12/11 | Interposing: Doubles |
| Practice Hands | 19/11 | Practice Lessons 1 to 4; Rule of 20 |
| | 26/11 | Practice Lessons 1 to 4; Rule of 7 |

Cost: \$40 for 4 lessons, including Text, Notes, Worksheets and Hand Records;

\$5 for practice sessions with Mini lesson; half price for repeat pupils
(**Part 2**, same cost, will be held in 2026, dates to be advised.)

To enrol, contact Wendy Mitchell: wmi20245@bigpond.com OR 0423 388 529

2. Intermediate⁺ Workshops

Are you happy with your bidding and final contract, only to find other pairs have made one more trick?

Does the opposition make their contract when all others have gone down?

The scoring method in Duplicate sessions means that extra trick either way can give you a bottom or a top! Improve your leads, signals and declarer play strategies . . .

1. *Defend* to take that extra trick: **Fridays, October 17 & 31**

2. *Play* to make that extra trick: **Thursdays**, November 6 & 20

Time: 9.30am start, finishing 11.30am – 12pm

Cost: **\$15 each**, including hand records and notes.

Bookings are required - Contact Wendy Mitchell as above

OR Write your name on the entry sheet at the club

