

December

Newsletter

Upcoming Events for Jan

1. **Fri. 2nd** New Year's Cup(R).
2. **Mon 26th** Australia Day Pairs (R)
3. **Thurs 29th** 9.30am Interclub Teams 9.30am

Bridge Holiday

All places have now been filled. To those lucky enough to be going. Enjoy



OUT & ABOUT

1. Lucy D'Ambrosio was a member of the winning team in the 2005 State Restricted Teams Congress.
2. The CCLCBC team of Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust, Steve & Mary Collings won the U750 division of the ABF Online Knockout Teams Tournament. This was a Gold Point event. There are a number of divisions in this event beginning with U10MPs.
3. Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke Di, Jan, Sally, and Sharon came through the Club, Regional, and National qualifying to participate in the non-Metro Final of GNOT where they came 4th. They defeated the winning team (Hunter 1) on the way. Another Gold Point event.

Need a JP



Leonie Lovell is available before and after 1pm Monday session & Wednesdays

BIRTHDAY WISHES

November

Mei-Hua Crawford
Eunice de Vries
David Howells
Louise Hyman
Gabi King
Carolynne Mucharsky
Ronnie Ng
Karen Ody
Julie Parsons
David Ruppin
Margaret Sanger



Sorry about last month's birthday list. Transmission of names between scanner & Newsletter was less than perfect. Here they are in full for November, December & January



December

Alan Bustany
Sally Clarke
Diana Coats
Mary Collings
Joan Cottom
Lucy D'Ambrosio
Trish Dennis
Tracey Dillon
Marion Ellis
Joe Everitt
Narelle Fowler
Paul Garnsey
Frik Gautschi
Carol Godfrey
Marcelle Goslin
Barbara Grant
Tony Howells
Catherine Hyatt
Beryl Lowry
Bob Lowry
Mona Maher
Diane Nichols
Len Pascoe
Julieanne Perceval
Vic Pietraszkiewicz
Robyn Rogers
Chris Spikesman

January

Dasha Brandt
Jenny Buckley
Lynette Callaghan
George Connell
Kerry Dwyer
Wendy Everitt
Ruth Griffin
Gunter Haas
Maoliosa Hawkes
Peter Hume
Martin Johnson
Tony Langmead
Shirley Lane-Smith
Ian Lincoln
Geoff Mathews
Mandy Mitchell
Margaret Regan
James Routledge
Ernest Shapero
Katrina Swiderska
Gina Tap
Leonie Wain



CONGRATULATIONS



SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS

FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club (2-036)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Club			
0985910	Harrold, Lynne	6.02	Graduate
1183389	Mathews, Geoff	5.79	Graduate
Bronze State			
1036904	Lewis, Louise	108.36	State
National			
0616524	Hughes, Kevin	150.43	Bronze State

The Building Establishment

High-

Low Prs



A big thank you, through Eva, to The Building Establishment for your generosity in sponsoring this event.



Eva & Ruth conducted the draw, matching a higher ranked player with one with a lower ranking.

Winners were Alan Bustany with Rachel van der Merwe; 2nd Anne Grayden & Kerry Garnsey; and, 3rd Mei-Hua Crawford & Penny Dilworth.



In keeping with the spirit of the day a wooden spoon prize was awarded. Winners Pauline Caust & Julieanne Perceval took away the spoon with a nice bottle of vodka.

Thank you again Eva & The Building Establishment
The prizes you awarded were very generous & much appreciated by the winners while the food & drinks were enjoyed by all.



From your committee



- A 'Rookie' session was approved on a trial basis of 1 year, to begin in the New Year on a Thursday at 1pm.
- It is meant **only for players with less than 30 MPs**
- The session is not to be viewed as a permanent place for new players but **as a 'stepping-stone' to open sessions**. It is meant as a space where new players can build confidence & familiarise themselves with playing to the clock.

Alan Bustany has resigned as Chief Director & David Bowerman has taken the position. Thanks to Alan for years of excellent service over many years & best wishes for future

- The Committee will later decide on a time limit for participation.

A reminder about the North Shore Bridge Club education programme of online lesson. Recently our club became an affiliate of a fantastic bridge education offered by NSBC. Lessons cover a variety of topics suitable for players from absolute beginners to advanced players.

Each lesson includes a 2-hour video of the live lesson, practice hands & notes you can download & print. Three platforms are available for practice – BBO, Realbridge & BridgeTraining.com. You can choose.

Give it a go! Click on [Online Bridge Lessons for all levels](#)

MORE FROM COMMITTEE

Future of Food & Drink

The Leagues Club has made it clear, after much discussion, that we will no longer be able to provide our own tea/coffee & biscuits **after Dec 31st**

Also, they will no longer deliver any food or drink to the Teppanyaki Rm; they will, at a cost, deliver Food & drink to the Parkview Rm.

Also, they have reminded us that member are not allowed to bring food or drink into the club for personal consumption,

Welcome

The Committee extends a warm welcome to new members: Brian DeBruyn, Sarah Yang & John Davenport.

Membership Secretary

Lynne Harrold has taken on the role of Assistant Membership Secretary helping Wendy Mitchell

December Trivia

The Original Meaning of a deck of Playing Cards

- 52 cards for weeks of year
- 2 colours represent night & 2 day
- 4 suits for the 4 seasons
- 12 court cards representing 12 months
- If we add each of the cards (ace+ace+ace+ace+two+two etc,etc) we get 366 constituting a leap year – adding in the jokers, of course.
- Courtesy of Gary Heyting

HANDICAP WINNERS

The Committee decided last year to award free games for monthly handicap winners for each session. Refer to previous information re calculation of handicaps

Winners for October are:

Monday: Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

Monday eve: Katrina Swiderska & Tony Howells

Wednesday: Stuart Gibson & Julieanne Perceval

Thursday eve: Peter Mackey & Maureen Bell

Friday: Leon Babinksi & Leonie Wain

& November

Monday: Carol Godfrey & Martin Shotte

Monday eve: Tony Manea & Joe Griffin

Wednesday: Kath Bromley & Sue Eastman

Thursday eve: Rachel van der Merwe & Tony Manea

Friday: Pam Price & Leonie Wain

Congrats to all. 



**HAVE A HAPPY &
ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY
SEASON.**

**Remember to enter our
Interclub teams**



On a sadder note:

VALE

June Thompson

June Thompson: Vale 23 November 2025

June trained as a nurse at Cessnock and Newcastle hospital before she became a Charge Nurse at Gosford Hospital in the 1980's. She also nursed her husband for many years before his death which required complicated procedures because of his special needs.

Despite her own physical limitations, June was incredibly kind when people needed help. She drove Nancye Joss (a former bridge player) who lost her sight to her medical appointments. She also drove June Ball to & from bridge when June Ball could no longer drive.

She loved bridge joining the Central Coast Bridge Club, at Long Jetty, from the early 1980's and was one of the Members who helped to buy the Hall at Long Jetty by taking on a Debenture.

June joined the Central Coast Leagues Bridge Club in 1997 and played with several different partners over the years. She won the Restricted Teams in 2011 (with David Driscoll, Ellen Williams & Gary Barwick); and, the Remembrance Day Pairs in 2011 with Ellen Williams. She also won the Jovial July Pairs in 2014., with Ellen. During COVID, a group including Ursula Middleton, Lyn Baber, June Ball, Sue Eastman and Agnes Marsh played at her Unit at Erina.

Over the years June was very generous to our Club. She donated over \$1,000 worth of chairs with sliders for ease of movement over carpet. She also bought other items including a refrigerator. June was always the first to suggest raising money for floods or fires or other disasters

Being a cat person June would ask about and remember the name of your pet. She was devastated when her long-time companion Wally died. She passed on some of Wally's toys for my cat Mabel.

June was very unwell with a leg injury for the past few years and recently moved to Qld to live near her daughter.

Dorothy Berzins 30/11/2025

This is an abridged version of Dorothy's piece. Please see the Noticeboard for full edition.