

**Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2022

**BIRTHDAY
CRUISE**

Members and guests combined to celebrate 35 years since our club was formed.

While it rained elsewhere on the Central Coast and the weather threatened, Woy Woy and surrounds stayed dry.

This enabled 34 of us the maximum enjoyment of the sights during the cruise to Davistown while we were given a very informative talk by the owner regarding the history of the area. Coffee was available while seated comfortably inside, or outside en plein air.

On arrival many walked to the Davistown RSL while courtesy buses took the rest of us.

More than 50 attendees partook of a very pleasant lunch of alternating dishes (Caesar Salad or Roast Chicken), followed by dessert and coffee/tea for those so inclined.

The Social Committee organised some fun with Lucky prizes. Profits from the bridge sessions coffee purchases, together with a \$100 donation enabled the purchase of the following gift cards:

- 1x\$50 Bunnings,
- 4x\$25 Woolworths,
- 3x\$30 Coles,
- 3x \$20 Aldi.

In addition, we all enjoyed a chocolate and the chance of one of six Accommodation Vouchers provided by Danielle Stanton from “The Grand Traveller”, to be collected from her Terrigal Office.

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with photos. . . .*

RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (9)

Wed Nov 2

Postponed to Nov 9

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 7 tables Wed Oct 7

1st	Jan Clarke & Di Coats	66.99 %
2nd	Hope Tomlinson & Martin Johnson	58.97%
3rd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	56.73%

GRADED PAIRS (FtoF) (C) 7.5 tables Wed Oct 5&12

1st	Larry Bryant & Chris Williams	59.90 %
2nd	Pauline Caust & Margaret Regan	59.51%
3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	57.28%

SWITCHING SINGLES (9) (FtoF) (E) 4.5 tables MonEve Oct 17

1st	Eunice de Vries & David Bowerman	75.69%
2nd=	Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hasemore	58.33%
2nd=	Peter Hall & Roy Cotton	58.33%

The best 4 sessions with different partners are counted and there is only one session remaining.

Congratulations to the A Grade winners, Larry & Chris and what a close finish for second! The best place 'pure' B Grade pair were Mei-Hua Crawford & Marion Ellis – well done.

CLUB PAIRS (FtoF) (C) 5 tables Thu Oct 27

5 rounds of 10 boards		Wins	Draws	Losses	IMPs
1st	Dorothy Berzins & Adele Mills	5	0	0	66.75
2nd	Barry Foster & Lorraine Lindsay	3	1	1	62.78
3rd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	3	1	1	59.12

CONGRESSES Best Local Players *Congratulations to all*

Musswellbrook Teams Congress 11 teams Sunday Oct

Playing 6x9board matches, David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt, Lorraine Lindsay & Sylvia Foster came 2nd with 5 wins.

Tomaree Congress

October 29 & 30

There were 26 pairs in the Restricted and 28 in the Open Swiss Pairs on the

Saturday. First place went to Sharon & Greg Mayo with Jan Clarke & Di Coats 5th.

29 teams played 6x8board matches on the Sunday. With 4 wins, Di & Jan were first with Sydney teammates Paul Weaver & Terry Bodycote. Brisbane Water players (ex CCLCBC members) the Crocketts & Vaughans were 5th with 5 wins and 8th with 4 wins were Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman, Sylvia & Barry Foster.

BE IN IT TO WIN IT

Club Teams - Wednesday November 23 (*NOT Thursday 24*)

Don't forget to enter- before 9am on November 17.

Only 5 entries to date for this Championship event; make it more!

Two sessions, starting 9.30am. \$25 per person, includes lunch.

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. *Intermediate Workshops*

It was good to see some new faces at the first Workshop on NT play. Please note that there will be **NO workshop on Wednesday 23**, as this clashes with both our Club Teams and the UHMP at Brisbane Water. This will be deferred until November 30 instead.

The next workshops are:

2. *Two-Suited Overcalls*

Wed, November 9

Anyone can bid game – it's the winners of the Part-score Battle that take the prize. Improve your competitive edge by showing 2 suits with one bid. Learn to use the Unusual 2NT and Michael's Cue bids – and how to respond!

3. *Competing over a 1NT opening*

Wed, November 16

Don't think about penalties - learn the safe way to interfere when there is a strong 1NT opening by the enemy. You need fewer points than you would expect, but you must have shape! Again, you can win the part-score.

4. *Reverses*

Wed, November 30

Learn more about communicating your strength to partner. As a partner, learn to recognise a reverse and how to respond. The concept of reverses

confuses some experienced players but the rules are simple to follow.

All workshops involve practical play with full notes and hand records.

Cost: **\$10** per session

Starting time: **10am** Finish: 12-12.30pm This gives Wednesday players at least an hour's rest and recreation before the afternoon session starts.

There is no need to book in or bring a partner, but an indication of attendance will help me plan the number of boards and handouts to prepare.

2. ***UHMP***

I encourage you to accept the invitation of Brisbane Water Bridge Club (see Page 5) which is conducting the *Under One Hundred MasterPoints* Final for our Central Coast Region.

In the past, from the inception of this competition in 2015 until 2018, our club conducted qualifying sessions and the Regional Final. Many people won red points and some gained Certificates and Cash prizes.

Some State masters and all ranks below: Bronze Regional, Regional, Silver Local, Bronze Local, Local, Club, Graduate or Nil, are eligible for this NSWBA Red point event.

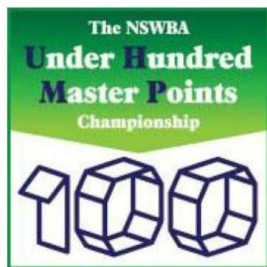
Any registered player with less than 100 MPs, member or not, can play on Wednesday November 23. This applies to 72 of our financial members. All Local Finals will play the same boards and the results will be matchpointed across the state.

As long as your partner also has <100 MPs you are eligible to win State level Red points. Your chances are maximised if you play with someone in the same category as you: <10, <25, <50, <100.

A major objective of the UHMP is to provide a gentle introduction to congresses, allowing restricted players to experience nearby clubs and to meet new players in a relaxed environment. So if you are not playing in our Club Teams, and especially if you have only played at our club, this is a great opportunity!

Wendy M

NSW Under 100 Masterpoint (UHMP)



Sponsored by the NSWBA

Members of

- Brisbane Water BC
- Central Coast Leagues Club BC
- Community BC Bateau Bay
- Central Coast BC

with <100 Masterpoints

You are invited to participate in the regional Final

When : Wednesday 23 November 12.30 pm

Where : Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Peninsula Community Centre,
93 MacMasters Rd Woy Woy

Entry : \$10

Contact for more info : Peter Hume 0416 138 698

No pre-qualification required, open to any player meeting the masterpoint requirement.

So we know how many to expect, if you're attending please email bw.entries@gmx.com

Red points and prizes awarded in each of the 4 divisions :
0-10, 10-25, 25-50, 50-100 MPs

About UHMP at NSWBA website:

www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2022&E=uhmp

INVITATION

Brisbane Water BC will run a regional "final" of the NSWBA Under 100 Masterpoint (UHMP) event.

Any of your club members with less than 100 masterpoints is welcome to participate and there is no pre-qualifying requirement.

The event will be a single session, scheduled for 12.30pm on Wednesday 23 November at the BWBC club room in Woy Woy.

Red points and prizes awarded by NSWBA in each of the 4 divisions :
0-10, 10-25, 25-50, 50-100 MPs

Entry fee \$10.

Please ask members who intend to participate to email me notice of their intention bw.entries@gmx.com or phone 0416 138 698 for further info.

Regards

Peter Hume, BWBC Tournament Secretary

NEW ABF RANKINGS - October Congratulations to:

Silver Local

Peter Mackey

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If anyone books a flight with her during this November Danielle with give a 3 night accommodation voucher, please call her on 0420 536 366 - a very generous promotion.

It was very special that of the founding CCLCBC members and 7-person first Committee there were four present: Colin Mitchell (President), Dorothy Berzins (Secretary), Adele Mills (Treasurer), Peter Berzins (Committee).



Photos - Page 6:

L to R: The Sorrento at Woy Woy wharf, Inside, Outside, a foursome (?), Disembarking, Starting the walk.



Above Left:
Before the lunch and
Digging in . . (and Page 8)

Above Right:
Founding Committee: Adele,
Colin, Peter & Dorothy



CCLCBC LIBRARY

A full list of the current books has been emailed to all members.

● CARD PLAY ● BIDDING
 ● DEFENCE ● CONVENTIONS
 ● STORIES + HANDS / HUMOUR
 ● HAND COLLECTIONS / BIOGRAPHICAL
 ● LAWS / DIRECTING / SCORING / REFERENCE / ACADEMIC
 ● WARNING! Out of Date Bids, Signals etc Different Systems ...

GAINING THE MENTAL EDGE AT BRIDGE
 Kim Frazer
 Level: All

Date Out	NAME	Date In

There are 7 colour-coded categories, plus an orange warning - some aspects are out of date but the main content is still applicable. For example, the bidding may not be modern, but the play of the hand would be the same.

When borrowing a book, write the date and your name on the appropriate card and return it to its place in the box.

On return, record the *Date In* and replace the book alphabetically.

ABF FEES & CHARGES FOR 2023

There will be an approximate 2% increase in masterpoint levies and capitation fees.

For us, this means an increase of 30c in the amount we pay the ABF for each Home Member. Total Membership fees for the coming year will be decided at the next Committee Meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new member Shirley Ross (0433 006 987) and returning member Bev Sivewright (0418 483 192) and add their numbers to your Program book.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November:

Kate Barber, Mei-Hua Crawford, Eunice de Vries, David Howells, Carolynne Mucharsky, Ronnie Ng, Karen Ody.

MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR POINTS:

Form a team and enter before November 11 - see NSWBA website.

Novice < 100 MPs

Restricted < 300 MPs

Director: Alan Bustany



**2022 State Novice and Restricted
Teams Championships**
12th – 13th November 2022
at Wollongong



COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

RealBridge

Tuesdays 12.30pm Nov 8, 15, 22, 29

Face-to-Face

Monday 12.30pm (**P**) Nov 7, 14, 21, 28

Monday Evenings 7.15pm Nov 7, 14, **21**, 28

Wednesdays 1.30pm Nov **9, 16, 23, 30**

Thursdays **1.30 pm (P)** Nov 10, 17, 24

Fridays 12.30pm Nov **11**, 18, 25

Special Events

Monthly Shield (10) E ILO 2/11 Wednesday 9

Remembrance Day Pairs Friday 11

Gosford Pairs R Wednesday 16

Switching Singles 10 E Monday Eve 21

Club Teams C/P (all day) **Wednesday 23**

DECEMBER

Special Events

Christmas Pairs R Monday 5

SMILE AWHILE

- I would've led my singleton, partner, but I couldn't find it - it was so small.
- Be an expert! Never take a finesse to make your contract when you can go down on a squeeze play.
- My partner makes random signals on every hand. The good news is that he false-cards so much they all appear normal.
- There once was a player from Beirut
Who thought he would try to be cute.
He overcalled a spade
And died as he played.
The postmortem: a four-card suit.

Wendy Mitchell

Editor