

EXTRA

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2026!!

The Committee trusts you have had an enjoyable festive season.



To those of you who have not picked up a copy of the 2026 Program, they are available in our bridge room.

EVENTS IN EARLY 2026

1. Mon 26th Australia Day Pairs
2. Thurs 29th Inter Club Teams Please get your Team together. Entry is via MyABF. If you need help ask Louis.

Our **Inter Club Teams** is open to players from CCLCBC, BWBC, CCBC & the Community Club (Bateau Bay). All 4 clubs hold an ICT event each year presenting an opportunity to practice team play without leaving the area.

3. Our new Thursday 'Rookie' session begins on Feb 8th. Don't forget this is not an open session. It is only open to those with less than 30 Masterpoints.

4. Some of our members will travel to Canberra for the Summer Festival of Bridge from 14-15 Jan. We wish them all good luck.

Stayman & Transfers

Eunice is teaching her current Beginner's group the basics of the Stayman & Transfer Conventions over 3 weeks, beginning next Tuesday evening (6th Jan) at 7pm.

If you learnt in previous lessons or would like a 'brush up' you are welcome to join these lessons. They're open to all.

The only thing Eunice would appreciate is that you contact her to let her know you'll be attending so she can prepare material for the lessons.

A message from Wendy

Improvers Lessons will resume on Wednesday, Jan 14th . Topics are:

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| Jan 14 th | Suit Fits, Blackwood Convention. |
| Jan 21 st | Shift Bids, Signals & the Bath Coup |
| Jan 28 th | Rebids, Mini/Midi/Maxi, Unblocking |
| Feb 4 th | Preempts, Ogust Convention, 2 nd hand play |

Anyone is welcome to join our group of 12, for some or all topics.

Each session costs \$10 & starts at 9.15am, finishing between 11.30am & midday.

If interested you can simply turn up, but preferably contact Wendy Mitchell on 0423 388 529, or email to wmi20245@bigpond.com.

Membership: Of our 2025 members, 28 have not yet paid. Are you one of these? If so, your membership will be accepted up until January 31, after which you will need to pay Visitor table fee, if you play.

If you do not intend to renew, please advise Wendy (as above).

New Member:

Please welcome Geoffrey Sadler (0422 522 122). Add his number to your Program book.



- **Congratulations to:**
- Katrina Swiderska & Raema Nash who both became Graduate Masters;
- Frik Gautschi a Silver State Master;
- John Aldersley a National Master, and,
- Stephanie Mathews a Silver Life Master

Bridging NSW – the BridgeNSW Newsletter is found online from BridgeNSW

website. There's plenty of interest(free)ing information & you can subscribe from there. Samples of what you can find below:

Country Pairs

In the Country Pairs, top honours went to **Eunice de Vries** and **Wendy Mitchell**, flying the flag for our regional players.



Country Pairs champions – Eunice de Vries and Wendy Mitchell

A familiar pair – winners of the Country Pairs played in Sydney

People of Bridge

Profile: Meet David Wiltshire, 3x Sydney Spring Nationals champion

Q: Any tips for congress play? Be realistic about losing. Even when I think I am a good chance to win, I often end up losing. You're going to a congress for the fun of playing, the competition, and to experience quality bridge. That's what people should aim to get out of it. If you enjoy it, you're going to get better by playing against good players.

Above - a small section of an article profiling a champion player