

NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

1. Mon eve 2nd Summer Prs (R)
2. Wed 4th Monthly Shield (E)
3. Tues 10th & 17th State Mixed Pairs which double with Club Mixed Pairs (PQRT)
4. Monday 16th Valentine's Day (Gr)

**** Both Thursday sessions are eclectic events, as is the Monthly Shield.**

HANDICAP WINNERS

December 2025:

Monday: Louis Lewis & Vic Pietraszkiewicz with 76.39

Mon eve: Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell with 82.83

Wed: Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews

Thurs eve: Eunice de Vries & David Bowerman

Fri: Margot Burnet & Lyn Baber

Feb Birthdays

Gay Allen
David Bowerman
Maureen Catalona
Cheryl Davison
Sue Eastman
Kathryn Ivits
Chris Jamieson
Kat King
Elizabeth Lawrence
Agnes Marsh



Tanya Masters
Wendy Mitchell
Raema Nash
David Snow
Clifford Statton
Jackie Wilson

Need a JP

Leonie Lovell is available before and after 1pm Mon & Wed sessions

Our Members in Canberra

CANBERRA FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE –

Considered to be the premier bridge Congress in Australia, this attracts top players from Australia & beyond. Several of our members competed. The general feeling they brought back is that the play was very difficult & the social side very enjoyable.

Events & Participants:

- 1. National Women's Teams 14/15/16 Jan** The Coats Team (**Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke**) finished outside the Finals but along the way they defeated the Team that won & the Team coming second at Qualifier stage. Another of our members, **Helen Milward** played in another team.
- 2. Chris Diment Matchpoint Swiss Pairs. 14/15 Jan.** Chris Hasemore & Peter Lardy, **Louise Lewis & Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Margaret Regan & Robyn Rogers** all finishing above or close to their ranking.
- 3. Fixed Income Solutions One Day Swiss Pairs 16 Jan** Margaret Regan & Robyn Rogers, Anthony Burke & Phil Gue, Chris Hasemore & Peter Lardy & **Mary & Steve Collings** competed.
- 4. TBIB Open Swiss Pairs 17 Jan.** Louise & Vic as well as Tony Burke & Phil Gue, Philip & Cathy Hocking, Chris Hasemore & Peter Lardy played in this event
- 5. TBIB u750/u500 Swiss Pairs 17th.** Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany, Margaret Regan & Robyn Rogers, & Mary & Steve Collings competed in this.
- 6 South-West Pacific Teams 19/20/21/22** 100 Teams competed in this event. Tony Burke was in the team coming 20th. The Hockings played in another team while Alan & Pauline teamed up with the Collings. An endurance event over 4 days
- 7. Summer Festival All Rounders Events.** A highlight of the program was a series of All-Rounder events, designed especially for Rookie (U20 MP), Novice (U100 MP), Restricted (U300 MP) and Under-750 MP players'. Lucy D'Ambrosio & Sharon Queree competed in both Matchpoint & IMP pairs plus the teams. Their best result was **2nd in the IMP Pairs** session, with 5 wins. 



N.B. For less experienced players – look out for No 7 event in 2027



Congrats to Vic & Louise who won the Restricted section of 2026 Sydney Bridge Club Australia Day Swiss Pairs. Photo from SBC site.

Another of our players doing well, in the wider bridge world is Lucy D'ambrosio who paired with Sharon Queree to win the Online Restricted Swiss Pairs & come 2nd in the Intermediate Swiss Pairs in the North Shore Bridge Club Aust Day Congress

The December edition of the **ABF Newsletter** is worth a look!! {*Google ABF Newsletters*} As well as tips from some of Australia's top players & a workshop on counting the opposition's shape there's also advice re getting accommodation now so you can witness a total solar eclipse after the 2028 Australian National Championship at Alice Springs!.

An interesting hand from the Spring Nationals as per Will Jenner O'Shea's article in ABF Dec

DEALER: N
E-W Vul

S. —
H. A J 10 9
D. K J 10 3
C. A K 8 5 3

Only 3 pairs bid & made 6H. Try to make it on the CJ lead & then a trump lead.

S. K 9 7 5 4
H. 8 7 4 3 2
D. Q 8
C. J

Bidding – N-S ended up in 6H.

S. Q J 10 3
H. —
D. 7 6 5 2
C. Q 10 6 4 2

S. A 8 6 2
H. K Q 6 5
D. A 9 4
C. 9 7



Inter Club Teams 29/1



Unfortunately with 13 teams we were forced into having a triangle. It was pleasing, however, to see teams from all 4 Central Coast affiliated clubs,.

Congratulations to the place-getters & thanks to all attendees.



First place L to R
Lucy D'Ambrosio,
Michael Jackson,
Pauline Caust &
Alan Bustany

Second place L to R
Chris Hannan,
Henrietta Hohen,
Chris Hasemore &
Trish Dennis (inset)



Third place L to R
Dorothy Berzins, Gaye
Allen, Adele Mills &
Greg Eustace

MEMBER PROMOTIONS FOR DECEMBER

CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB							
NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	DATE	TOTAL MPs	2026 MPs	2026 RANK
Colling, Mary	950701	3-356	Silver Life	Jan-26	506.74	7.74	583
Colling, Steve	950696	3-356	Silver Life	Jan-26	506.25	7.74	581
D'Ambrosio, Lucy	1169041	2-025	Silver National	Jan-26	312.35	24.92	96
Pietraszkiewicz, Vic	1155644	2-036	National	Jan-26	154.78	4.98	895
King, Kat	1210165	2-036	Club	Jan-26	5.37	0.45	8,159
Moran, Diana	1234651	2-036	Graduate	Jan-26	2.12	0.21	11,568
Howells, Tony	1234676	2-036	Graduate	Jan-26	2.00	0.49	7,655



March Birthdays

Margo Burnet
Shirley Crockett
Philip Dey
Rosalind Dey
Sylvia Foster
Stuart Gibson
Peter Hall
Adi Jones

Nerilyn Lee
Steph Mathews
Sharon Mayo
Diana Moran
Julie Sadler
Martin Schotte
Sarah Yang

Please add details of the following new members
to your Program: ♦

Helen Lamont : 0403 454 004
Neville Wolifson: 0407 495 314
Also note that Di Nicholls now only uses her mobile.
Number is 0402 175 371

Vale Chris
Williams

You all received an e-mail at the
time of Chris’s passing. Some of
her friends are putting together a
eulogy for our next issue.