



NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Mon evg 4th Autumn Prs
2. Wed 6th & 13th State Open Prs
3. Thurs 14th Zelda Overall Cup (**R**)
4. Wed 20th Monthly Shield
5. Tues – Friday 26th -29th State Seniors

MAY BIRTHDAYS



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Garry Clarke, Mary Corrigan, Brian de Bruyn, Michael Greenfield, Chris Hasemore, Gary Heyting, Marilyn Scott, Oscar Tap



APRIL HANDICAP WINNERS

Mon: Carol Godfrey & Martin Schotte

Mon evg: Stuart Gibson & Tony Crehan

Wed: Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews

Thurs: Chris Jamieson & Gillian Sadler

Thurs evg: Brian de Bruyn & Rachel van der Merwe

Friday: Ruth Griffin & Kerry Garnsey



Do you need a JP?

Leonie Lovell is available before or after the afternoon sessions on Mondays & Wednesdays





**Congratulations
to the top 3
placegetters
who go through
to the Regional
Finals - in
September in
the Parkview
Room**



**2nd: Chris Jamieson &
Gillian Sadler. Also best
Novice Pr**

**1st: Peter Halli & Maureen
Catalano**

State Pairs Under National Qualifiers



**3rd: Vic Pietraszkiewicz &
Louise Lewis**



CONGRATULATIONS



Promotions for April 2026 Club 2-036

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CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB							
NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	DATE	TOTAL MPs	2026 MPs	2026 RANK
Bowerman, David	135666	2-036	Grand	Apr-26	1,004.44	14.64	1,220
Eastman, Sue	158011	2-035	Silver Life	Apr-26	560.16	8.65	2,483
D'Ambrosio, Lucy	1169041	2-025	Life	Apr-26	366.09	78.66	53
Crehan, Tony	1177303	2-036	Club	Apr-26	6.02	2.05	9,695

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From The ABF Newsletter

This regular Newsletter contains a lot of material of interest to bridge members. They are accessible from the main ABF website. A recent one has a brief history of Contract bridge which began barely 100 years ago.

A further article could be of interest to some: From the ABF home page click on 2026 'Central West Festival of Bridge'. This brings up options such as Bulletins. The last Bulletin discusses pre-emptive bidding & introduces **The Gill Rule** which gives a guide for opening a hand with a long suit & less than opening points.

The rule asks you to:

Add your HCP, then add +5 for a void, +3 for a singleton and +1 for a doubleton. If this adds up to 14+ then don't open a two-or three-level pre-empt.

Instead, either open at the one-level, or the four- or five-level.

Peter Gill is a very good player & although his rule might not be as successful for others as it is for him, I've included it here for you to consider. I'm not saying you should adopt it - just that it's interesting to see how experts evaluate their hands taking distribution into account as well as HCP.

2026 Autumn National Championships

The event took place last week in Adelaide, featuring competitors such as Pauline Caust, Lucy d'Ambrosio, Kevin Hughes, along with their partners and teammates. Alan Bustany attended as a director rather than a participant.

This championship is one of the key fixtures on the bridge calendar, alongside the upcoming Spring Nationals scheduled for later this year in Sydney. The tournament spanned five days, encompassing both teams and pairs events, with players divided into Open, Under Grand, and Under Life categories, ensuring opportunities for all skill levels to compete.

Lucy and Michael Jackson achieved their best result by securing first place in the Championship group of the Blue Ribbon Under Life Pairs. Meanwhile, Kevin Hughes and Marcelle Goslin—who some may recall from her time on the Central Coast—won the Plate in the same event.

Pauline, partnering with a new teammate, performed strongly in the Butler Pairs, finishing with four wins, one draw, and one loss.

Please consider participating in the Spring Nationals later this year, which offers bridge opportunities for all levels and is conveniently located.

New Badges: *We're getting new badges which are different from the old ones. As yet the cost has not been determined. If you'd like a new one add your name to the list in our room. NB. If this is your first badge it is free.*

Thursday's Rookies
back to normal this week after 2 weeks of the State Pairs for Under National players. Please support this session if you qualify to do so.

WORKSHOPS WITH WENDY

PLEASE PLACE YOUR INTEREST FOR THESE INTERMEDIATE TOPICS ON THE POSTER AT THE CLUB

- ❖ TRANSFER TO MINORS
- ❖ WHY LEAD 4TH BEST
- ❖ MANAGING MINOR SUIT FITS

ALSO SHOW YOUR PREFERENCE FOR EITHER FRIDAY MORNING OR SATURDAY MORNING.

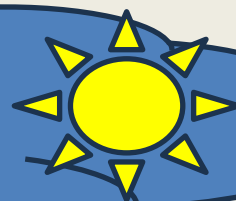
Any questions call Wendy: 0423 388 529

Thanks to all who worked to make this a huge success. To Gina & Oscar for making their garage available & to the many helpers, both in the lead up to the day & on the day itself. Well done Gina & crew.

Thanks also, to all who donated & to all who purchased



GARAGE SALE – A HUGE SUCCESS



Our charity this year is the Women's Community Shelter. So far \$1,575 (from garage sale) will go to them but there will be more. Gina is running a raffle to be drawn on our Charity Day on May 12th.

N.B. Charity Day is a Tuesday – 12th May

