

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

Upcoming Events

1. Mon **1st** Monthly Shield
2. Tues **28th AGM &**
Anniversary Pairs (R)
3. Thurs evg **23rd & 30th**
State Under Grand Pairs.
Enter online. Most of our
members are eligible
to enter for this.

July Birthdays

Margo Brennan, Kath Bromley,
Barry Foster, Joe Griffin,
Christine Hadaway, Henk
Keulemans, Louis Koolen,
Alison Mackey, Alfie Nation

AGM

TUES JULY 28 @ 11AM

Forms attached to mirror at
entrance to room. Record names
for: 1. Intention to attend (needed
for ordering food);
2. Apologies;
3. Nominations to Committee.
Our quorum is 20. Please
attend if possible

NEWCASTLE CONGRESS JUNE 13TH & 14TH

Jaan Oitmaa

**Jim
Routledge**



48 pairs competed in the Pairs with best Central Coast pair being Jaan Oitmaa & Jim Routledge who came in 6th. Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke were close behind in 7th place. others to compete included Vic Pietraskiewicz & Louise Lewis, Lucy D'Ambrosio & Sharon Queree, Elaine & Peter Hume, Tony Crehan & Stuart Gibson, and, Tracey Dillon & Kevin Hughes

A special mention to Tony Crehan & Stuart Gibson. A relatively new Congress pair who took out 2nd place in the Novice Section & 10th place overall

**Tony
Crehan**

**Stuart
Gibson**



Teams Jaan & Jim had a good weekend teaming up with Barry & Sylvia Foster to take out 1st place in the teams.

**Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia &
Barry Foster & Jim
Routledge**



Other Central Coast players competed in the Bodycote, Mayo, Bustany, Lewis, Heyting & Hume Teams

DUMMY'S RIGHTS & LIMITATIONS

The role of Dummy is often misunderstood by even very senior players. An interesting example arose at the recent Seniors Congress. Dummy called the Director to the table as one of the opposing players had led out of turn. This led to the question of Dummy's right at the table. The Director ruled that 'yes' in this case Dummy acted in accordance with the Laws of Bridge as the issue had been raised at the table.

See Law 43 -Dummy's Limitations

A. Limitations on Dummy

1. (a) Dummy may not initiate a call for the Director during play ***unless another player has drawn attention to an irregularity.*** (*emphasis by me*)
(b) Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play.
(c) Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer.

Law 42 - Qualified Rights

- B.** Dummy may exercise other rights subject to the limitations stated in Law 43.
1. Dummy may ask declarer (but not a defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led.
 2. He may try to prevent any irregularity.
 3. He may draw attention to any irregularity, but only after play of the hand is concluded.

Thus, Dummy can try to prevent an irregularity such as a lead out of rotation but once it has occurred he cannot say anything.

Dummy is mentioned many times in the Laws. Another one which may be of interest is Law 46 which deals with declarer calling for an incomplete or invalid call from Dummy.

This often comes up at Club level. See over

Law 46- Incomplete or invalid designation of a card from Dummy

Part A says Declarer should clearly state both the suit and the rank of the desired card.

Part B goes on to say that in the case of an incomplete or invalid designation, the following restrictions apply (except when declarer's different intention is incontrovertible):

1. (a) If declarer in playing from dummy calls 'high', or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called the highest card of the suit led.

(b) If he directs dummy to 'win' the trick, he is deemed to have called the lowest card that it is known will win the trick.

(c) If he calls 'low', or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called the lowest card of the suit led.
2. If declarer designates a suit but not a rank he is deemed to have called the lowest card of the suit indicated.
3. If declarer designates a rank but not a suit:

(a) In leading, declarer is deemed to have continued the suit with which dummy won the preceding trick provided there is a card of the designated rank in that suit.

(b) In all other cases declarer must play a card from dummy of the designated rank if he can legally do so; but if there are two or more such cards that can be legally played declarer must designate which is intended.
4. If declarer calls for a card that is not in dummy the call is invalid and declarer may designate any legal card.
5. If declarer indicates a play without designating either a suit or a rank (as by saying 'play anything' or words of like meaning) either defender may designate the play from dummy.

GNOT (Q) June 16th



1st Berzins Team: Larry Byrant, Dorothy Berzins, Manda Labuschagne & Colin Speller.

2nd Hasemore Team: Chris Hasemore & Chris Hannan, Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell

3rd Foster Team: Barry Foster & Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster

State Under Grand Teams (Q)

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In 2026, Bridge NSW introduced a new format for the State Pairs & Teams. There are now to be 3 categories in the State Finals –Open, Under Grand Master & Under National Master.

The State Pairs & Teams Finals will be played will played online although there is a face-to-face Regional Final, at the end of September.

The State Under Grand Teams was held over 2 Thursday evenings, June 18 & 25.

Winning Teams:

1st: Routledge Team (Jim Routledge, Donelle Foate, Chris Hasemore & Jaan Oitmaa)

2nd: Lewis Team: Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Louise Lewis, Manda Labuschagne & Colin Speller

3rd: Sadler Team: Julie Sadler, Pauline Caust, Wendy Everitt & Ellen Williams

PROMOTIONS

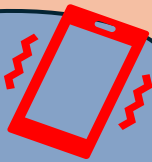
CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB

NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	DATE	TOTAL MPs	2026 MPs	2026 RANK
De Bruyn, Brian	1244612	2-036	Graduate	Jun-26	2.01	1.83	13,588

August birthdays

Allan Adams, Leon Babinski, Dorothy Berzins, John Boyages, Larry Bryant, Tony Canavan, Jan Clarke, Greg Eustace, Helen Fisher, Lynne Harrold, Helen Lamont, Jane Stephens, Geoff Wilcher, Graham Woof, Tuck Yuen.

Please correct
Chris Hasemore's number in Program
should read **0490191741**



Online Pairs League. Registrations close on **17^h July** for a start on **Monday 20th July**. It is played over eight weeks with some skips to avoid major events. You play twelve boards each night starting at 7:30pm, making it a short night and ideal for busy people. Enter on MyABF.

Reminder : It has been club policy for some time to avoid wearing perfume & after shave to bridge. Several members with allergies have adverse effects.

Leonie Lovell can be consulted prior to or following Monday bridge sessions & Wednesday sessions



WOMEN'S TEAM



Sally Clarke

Most memorable moment: In my early bridge playing days, we played CRO Gerber. My partner asked for Aces and I responded showing

"two odd Aces." We landed below slam, and before dummy was even on the table, my



2 of our members play in the State Team next week. Congratulations Sally & Sharon.

partner said, "I knew that you gave me the wrong answer... I had the two odd Aces!"

Biggest challenge: Stepping up to represent NSW on the Women's team for the 2026 ANC!

Best tip for improving players: Consolidate the basics first. Improving players are often seduced by gadgets and convoluted conventions that they aren't quite equipped to handle yet. It is much better to seek out a mentor for guidance.

Go-to bridge resource: Ron Klinger's 'A Good Guide to Modern Bridge'.

Favourite non-bridge passion: We have two and a half acres of gardens, so you could definitely say gardening is my other big passion!

Good luck & enjoy the time.



This information has been taken from the BridgeNSW Newsletter. It's worth a look & is available from their website. There's also the photo of Dorothy & Larrie - appeared in our last Newsletter



Sharon Mayo

Most memorable moment: Playing against Tor Helness in a "board a match" at the transnationals in Lyon. We were expecting a lesson & he didn't disappoint.

Tor was playing with his wife and he opened 2NT with a 7 card spade suit. His wife bid 3H showing a shortage in Hearts & Tor bid 3NT explaining the auction but said "I think my wife has misbid her shortage" She had & he wrapped up 13 tricks. Everyone else of course was in Spades. Thankfully I wasn't on lead...!

Biggest challenge: Managing nerves (remember to take a few deep breaths!) and staying locked in and focused, especially when playing against slow opponents.

Best tip for improving players: Focus heavily on concentration, counting, and recognising hand patterns. Above all, take your time to plan your entire play at trick one.

Go-to bridge resource: The books of Mike Lawrence and Ron Klinger. My husband, Greg,

is my number one resource (he has been fabulous mentoring Sally and me), and for a definitive expert opinion, I contact David Beauchamp, our official adjudicator.

Favourite non-bridge passion: Walking my dog, spending time with family, and travelling.

FRIDAY INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS

Time: 9.30 am to 11.30/12
Cost: \$15 per player
(Worksheets, guided Play of
Hands, Notes and Hand
Records)

**Bookings required. contact
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poster**

TOPICS

1. Aug 7 Problem Hands – pre-submit your query
2. Aug 14 Jacoby 2NT Convention
3. Aug 21 Reverse Bidding
4. Aug 28 Cues and Clues for Slams
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5. Sept 4 Supervised Play on above topics