



July



Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

1. Wed 5th Monthly Shield
2. Fri 7th Aug – foundation Cup (R)
3. Both Thurs sessions are eclectic with best 2 of 4 scores

Coffs Congress is Aug 11-18

BIRTHDAYS

September Birthdays:

Maureen Bell, Trish Byrnes, Pauline Caust, Roy Cotton, Anne Grayden, Suzanne Harrison, Peter Mackey, Tony Manea, Alicia Roberts, Wendy Stuart, Paul Unger, Rachel Van Der Merwe.

HANDICAP WINNERS

These are the handicap winners for June:

Mon	Carol Godfrey & Martin Schotte	77.11
Mon eve	Stuart Gibson & Tony Crehan	78.69
Wed	Henk Keulemans & Mei-Hua Crawford	78.50
Thu	Stuart Gibson & Tony Crehan	84.36
Thu eve	Rachel V der Merwe & Brian de Bruyn	74.50
Fri	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	73.16

Parking for Walkers. A couple of incidents have occurred recently with players being challenged by walkers parked near the bar. Could you please park walkers either in a corner or in the entrance hallway. Thank you.

CCBC RESTRICTED CONGRESS



CONGRATULATIONS GABI & KAT 6 wins from 6 matches to win the event

What a wonderful achievement for Gabi & Kat & their 1st big win 1st place in the Novice Pairs & 1st place overall, both Restricted and Novice pairs.

Kat writes about their experience.

“After the fifth round, the draw for the 6th & final round was posted, Gabi & I glanced at each other in disbelief when we realized we’d been promoted to Table 1. I told Gabi not to overthink and bid as normal She did just that,

confidently putting me into a 6♥ slam without first confirming a fit, and in the process missing grand slam ... We rallied as Gabi made an unlikely 4♥ despite not having a fit ... we thought our chances were over...” But Kevin rekindled our hopes by whispering, ‘Well done, well done, well done’ ... prompting Gabi to ponder whether we should stick around for the presentation, ... I’m very glad we did. It was a high that we’ll remember for a long time!”

Full version on Noticeboard. Gabi to write next time



BRISBANE WATERS CONGRESS

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The BWBC Congress was held on July 18-19 attracting many players, both local & from further afield. The best local pair in the Open was David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt who finished 4th closely followed by Wendy Mitchell & Henrietta Hohnen 5th. Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews were placed 7th; Barry Foster & Chris Hasemore 8th; & Di Coats & Jan Clarke 9th.

In the Restricted & Novice field Vic Pietraszkiewicz gained 2nd place; Tracey Dillon and Marcelle Goslin 5th; & Raema Nash & George Connell 8th. Several of our developing players participated getting exposure to the wider bridge world'



See full results
on BridgeNSW
website



Teams: Sally Clarke & Sharon Mayo teamed with Michael Simes & Paul McGrath to take out 2nd place while Jan Clarke & Di Coats teamed with Helen Milward & Paul Weaver to fill 3rd place. The de Vries Team (Eunice de Vries, Wendy Mitchell, Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman) came 4th; the Hasemore Team (Chris Hasemore, Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster & Barry Foster) 7th .



It was great to see so many local players taking advantage of playing in a local Congress. For our developing players it means you can gain Congress experience without leaving home.

Keep that in mind for our Congress on 5th & 6th September.

AGM

The outgoing Committee. L to R. Louis Koolen, Julieanne Perceval, Steph Mathews, Eunice de Vries, Peter Mackey, Ruth Griffin, Margo Burnet. Abs Leonie Lovell & Lyn Harold



Thank you

Special thanks to the Louis Koolen, Peter Mackey & Lynne Harrold who are stepping down. Louis & Peter have devoted many years to the club.

The quorum for the 2026 AGM, held on 28th July, was well exceeded. Thanks to all who attended & for your participation. The 2 Motions on the Agenda were discussed with several members offering their views before a vote being put. The first was defeated & the second passed after an amendment was made.

Peter, giving his retirement Treasurers Report said we are in good financial health. Thank you, Peter for all your great work.

We now have another Life Member with Wendy Mitchell being granted that honour. **Congrats Wendy**



In with the new, L to R. Lynette Callaghan, Julieanne Perceval, Steph Mathews, Eunice de Vries, Julie Sadler, Ruth Griffin & Margo Burnet. Leonie Lovell & Tony Manea absent



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMENS TEAMS

CCLCBC is proud that for the second consecutive year, a pair from our club has been chosen to represent NSW in the Womens Team competing in the ANC. This year it's Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke.



Many of our players followed their progress through to the end. During after bridge drinks as the final boards were played phones were out to keep all updated.

Well done ladies from your proud fellow CCLCBC members.

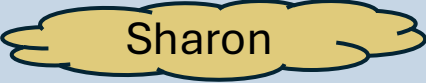
As told by Sally & Sharon

Sally

Let me begin our ANC journey with the qualifying event. The qualifying event was in danger of cancelation so we joined five other pairs in the qualifying event. Going into the last round we were placed 4th. We unexpectedly leapt into 3rd spot and the realisation we had qualified for Women's ANC 2026 hit us like a bolt out of the blue. I was terrified! Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be representing NSW.

So we got down to work. I read bridge books, practised on BBO Solitaire, used Cuebids with my partner & I discussed problem hands. We were very fortunate to have Greg Mayo and David Beauchamp as mentors. The support and encouragement from CCLCBC was awesome, we felt you were on the journey with us.

Bridge NSW has created multiple State qualifying events under Grand Master. My advice to all is **enter** them. You never know you could become a State Champion in your category



Sharon

We have great memories of our time in Canberra. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be a part of the women's team not something that we ever dreamed possible. So aim high !!

With regards to our preparation for the ANC my favourite saying would be "that there isn't necessarily a right way or a wrong way but that we need to be on the same page" so we put a lot of effort into our system to do just that....

I really was fortunate to have a wonderful partner & be part of a marvellous supportive team.

What we really appreciated was the messages and support from our club members & friends. That meant a lot.

An added footnote to Sharon's message

1. For those on facebook . Follow "Bridge Unleashed by Tracey"
I recommend saving the daily blog
2. Download Cuebids (bidding) & practice with your partner

Some facts re CCLCBC membership

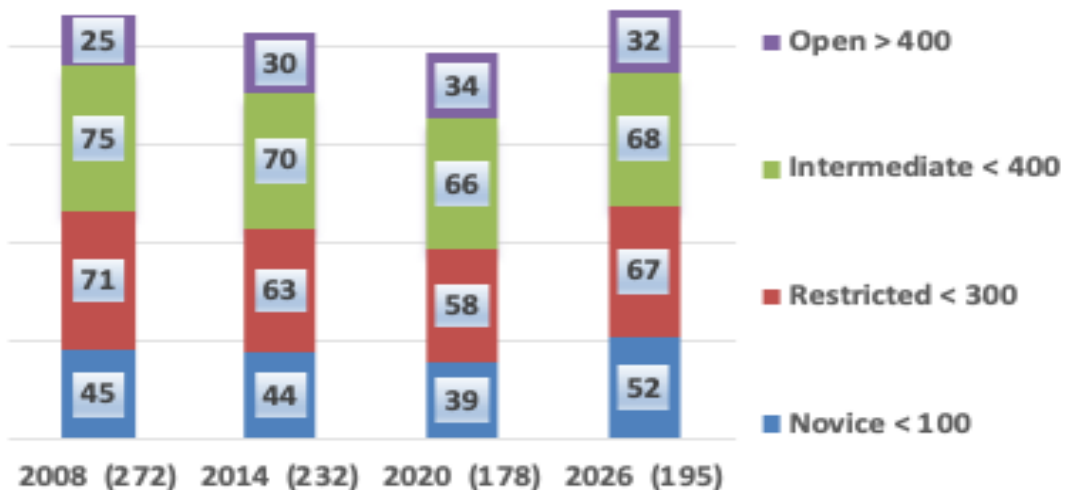
Club Membership at July 30, 2026

Home – 134, Associate – 62,
Total 196

(includes 2 Associates to be
ratified at the next Committee
meeting)

Wendy has provided
updated figures re our
current membership &
changes that have
occurred over the
period 2008 to 2026.
Note the increase in
the Restricted &
Novice numbers.

RANKING TRENDS
Percentages in each Category
Total Members for each Year shown in brackets



Ruth's Jigsaw Puzzle hire corner.
Ruth is setting up a hire corner. Hire
charge will be \$2 with all profits
going to charity. See Ruth for details

**Need a
JP**

Leonie Lovell is available before & after Wednesday & Friday
afternoon sessions

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS for INTERMEDIATE+ PLAYERS

9.30am – 11.30/12

\$15 per session

Aug 7 Pre-submit a problem hand bidding/play/defence

Aug 14 Jacoby 2NT Convention

Aug 21 Reverse Bidding

Aug 28 Slams – including Keycard Blackwood, Controls, Splinters

Sep 4 Play practice on last 3 topics

Enter on the poster at the club or contact Wendy M: 0423 388 529, wmi20245@bigpond.com

Under Grand Master Pairs (23 & 30 July)

1. Chris Hasemore & Jim Routledge
2. David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt
3. Margaret Regan & Sue Eastman
4. Peter Mackey & Kat King



Vale Pamela de Lacy

We have been informed of the passing of long-term past member, Pamela de Lacy.

Her funeral will take place at Palmdale, on Tuesday August 18th at 12.30pm.

If you wish to attend, please advise Wendy Mitchell who will pass details on to the family

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