

Newsletter

September 2026

Upcoming events

- 1. Tues 6th & 13th Club Graded Pairs
- 2. Wed 7th Monthly Shield 9
- 3. Fri 23rd Henry Kendall Prs (R)
- 4. Tues 27th Restricted Pairs
- 5. Both Thurs & Thurs evg are eclectic events with best 2 of 5 scores

October Birthdays

John Aldersley, Gary Barwick, Ivan Cottom, Nola Daly, Gladys Donovan, Eric Fairclough, Christine Hadaway, Eva Hartzell, Trish Howard, Louise Lewis, Leonie Lovell, Adele Mills, Pamela Price, Brian Richardson, Ros Roworth, Judith Sherson, Jann Small, Gwen White, Helen White

September Handicap Winners

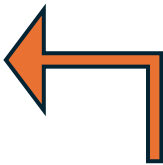
Monday: Margaret Regan & Sue Eastman 71.36%
Monday evg: Tony Manea & Rachel van der Merwe 71.24%
Wednesday: Leonie Lovell & Marion Ellis 67.26%
Thursday: Stuart Gibson & Raema Nash 72.48%
Thursday evg: Alicia Roberts & David Roberts 62.26%
Friday: Helen White & Alison Mackey 67.05%

*Regional Finals for
State Pairs & Teams
were held over 2
days 26th & 27th Sept
in the Parkview
Room*



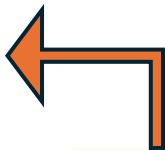
*Alan Bustany
(Director) & Louis
Koolen (Convener).
Thank you to both for
an excellent job done.*

PAIRS



OPEN DIVISION
Sharon Mayo & Sally
Clarke

UNDER GRAND
Chris Hasemore & Jim
Routledge



UNDER NATIONAL
Peter Hall & Maureen
Catalano

TEAMS

WINNERS OF THE OPEN DIVISION

Jaan Oitmaa, Chris Hasemore, Sylvia Foster & Barry Foster



WINNERS OF UNDER GRAND DIVISION

Judy Wulff, Susan McCall, David Adams & Deborah Guthrie



WINNERS OF UNDER NATIONAL

Chris Jamieson, Gillian Sadler, Raema Nash & Rachel Van Der Merwe



Congrats also to all competing in these events. Special mention to Gaye Allen, Greg Eustace, Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews (2nd in Teams); to Jan Clarke & Di Coats (2nd in Pairs)

Many of our members playing in Congresses this weekend at Muswellbrook, Pennant Hills & Grafton while Alan Bustany is directing at Dubbo.

Results will appear in next Newsletter.

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Promotions for September 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
Connell, George	796824	2-036	Bronze State	Sep-26	217.57	8.34	6,616
Small, Jann	831931	2-036	State	Sep-26	74.54	0.50	22,797
Stuart, Wendy	1160257	8-910	Local	Sep-26	19.50	8.78	6,316
Burnet, Margo	1042327	2-036	Local	Sep-26	15.57	1.48	17,962

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Wendy's Lessons

Following member requests for specific lessons Wendy proposes to hold the following 2 -2½ hour workshops.

FRIDAY INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS

- October 16 - Defence: Leads – choosing the right card
- October 23 - Competitive bidding: Negative Doubles
- October 30 - Bidding convention: Fourth Suit Forcing

WEDNESDAY ADVANCED WORKSHOPS

- November 18 - Declarer Play: Elimination & Throw-In
- November 25 -Declarer Play: Card Combinations

TIME: 9.30 AM

COST: \$15 each.

ENTRY: via list on sheet at club; or,

contact Wendy: wmi20245@bigpond.com; 0423 388 520

MELBOURNE CUP NOV 3RD 2026 with CC&CBC

YOU'RE INVITED TO
Melbourne Cup
Races by the Sea
BRIDGE CLUB CELEBRATION

*Dust off your hats, grab your sunnies,
and join us for a day of great company,
good cards and the excitement of
Melbourne Cup — by the sea!*



Tuesday, 3rd November



9.30am



Parkview Auditorium



*Dress:
Beach clothes or
colourful shirts*



*Bikinis not
advised*

*Good Food
Great Friends
Bridge
&
Melbourne Cup*



MELBOURNE CUP by the Sea

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS RE MELBOURNE CUP DAY

In true Melbourne Cup style sweeps will be on sale before bridge begins, along with a glass of champagne.

The **cost of bridge for the day** will be taken out of your MyABF account just like our regular bridge days.

Now re lunch: Members pay \$30 pp for lunch but non-members pay the full price of \$60pp. You should pay this in MyABF. Go in just as you would when entering a special event & you'll find a space to enter for lunch. If you're bringing a non-member please notify Eunice & pay her so that we can order for the correct number of diners.

MEMBERS SPACE

As a trial, we've introduced a space for members. You can send in bridge questions, hands you've found difficult to bid, ask about different bridge laws, conventions, etc. Senior players will be asked to respond & hopefully answer your queries.

Sometimes there might just be a 'Tip of the Month' –see below.

There's recently been discussions around the meaning of a 'ruff & a sluff' & why a defender should avoid giving declarer same. Briefly, the opportunity arises for the declarer to win an undeserved trick, when playing in a suit contract, if defender leads a card in a suit in which dummy & declarer are both void. The declarer can trump (ruff) in one hand & discard a loser (sluff) from the other.

Tip : do not lead a card, in a suit contract if both dummy & declarer are known to be void in that suit, if it is at all avoidable. It will allow declarer to win an undeserved trick with a 'ruff & a sluff'