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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Wed 4th Nov Monthly Shield
2. Wed 11th Nov Remembrance Day (R)
3. Wed 18th Nov Gosford Prs (R)
4. Fri 27th The Building Establishment High-Low Prs

October HANDICAP Winners

Mon pm: Carol Godfrey & Martin Schotte 66.81%
Mon evg: Liz & Tony Langmead 67.20%
Wed pm: Frank Pellarini & Maureen Bell 74.03%
Thurs pm: Stuart Gibson & Tony Crehan 69.46%
Thurs evg: Liz & Tony Langmead 66.46%
Fri: Trish Dennis & George Connell 68.60%

BIRTHDAYS



November

Mei-Hua Crawford, Eunice de Vries, David Howells, Louise Hyman, Gabi King, Carolynne Mucharsky, Ronnie Ng, Julie Parsons, David Ruppin, Margaret Sanger



December

Alan Bustany, Sally Clarke, Diana Coats, Mary Colling, Joan Cottom, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Trish Dennis, Tracey Dillon, Marion Ellis, Joe Everitt, Narelle Fowler, Paul Garnsey, Frik Gautschi, Carol Godfrey, Barbara Grant, Tony Howells, Catherine Hyatt, Beryl Lowry, Bob Lowry, Mona Maher, Greg Mayo, Diane Nichols, Len Pascoe, Julieanne Perceval, Vic Pietraszkiewcz, Robyn Rogers, Chris Spikesman,

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NEED A JP?

Leonie Lovell is available before & after bridge on Monday & Thursday, afternoons & evenings

CLUB RESTRICTED PAIRS

1st



Maureen Catalana & George Connell

2nd



Nerilyn Lee & Ruth Griffin

3rd



Eric Fairclough & Agnes Marsh

CONGRATS TO ALL COMPETITORS .

Our Club Restricted Prs was held Tuesday 27th November with 10 pairs competing over 2 sessions.

The morning session saw George Connell & Maureen Catalana win convincingly, scoring 67.13%. This was enough to hold them in first position overall even though others put in determined efforts to unseat them in the second session.

The day was ably directed by Kevin Hughes who also acted as photographer 'of the day'. Thanks Kevin

OTHER RECENT EVENTS

CLUB GRADED PAIRS



CLUB GRADED PAIRS A

!st Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster

2nd Sharon & Greg Mayo
3rd Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins

CLUB GRADED PAIRS B

1st Eric Fairclough & Rachel van der Mewre

2nd Maureen Catalano & George Connell
3rd Peter Mackey & Kat King





MONTHLY SHIELD

Winners for this year were 1st Sally Clarke & Sharon Mayo. 2nd : Di Coats & Dorothy B Berzzins
3rd Chris Hasemore & Chris Hannan

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS

1st Trish Dennis & George Connell
2nd Gaye Allen & Dorothy Berzins
3rd Rachel van der Mewre & Manda Labuschagne



Away from Home

Muswellbrook Congress
10-11th October

PAIRS

The field divided into a Final & Plate.
3 Central Coast pairs made it into the **Final** with Sally Clarke & Sharon Mayo taking out 2nd place.
Barry Foster & Jim Routledge as well as David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt also played in the Final.
The Plate was a bigger field & here Margaret Regan & Wendy Mitchell finished in 2nd place with Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster filling 3rd place.
Congratulations to all

TEAMS

Teams were played on the Sunday. Central Coast Teams did very well with Team Simes (Sally Clarke, Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo & Michael Simes) winning the event.

The Bowerman Team (Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Jaan Oitma & Sylvia Foster took 4th place; and, the Regan Team (Margaret Regan, Wendy Mitchell, Jim Routledge & Barry Foster 9th.

Pennant Hills Teams Congress
11th October

Held on the same Sunday as Muswellbrook Congress, this still attracted some of our members. Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Helen Milward & Paul Weaver formed the Weaver Team. They finished 8th with 4 wins & 2 losses. Another of our members, Manda Labuschagne teamed up with 3 others to be part of the Pang Team who also did well coming home in the top half of the field.

Spring Nationals

Several of our members played in this year's Spring Nationals at Canterbury Racecourse. A summary of our members:
15th October, Stuart Gibson & Tony Crehan played in the Mini-Monday, Well done both.
Lucy D'Ambrosio played in the Swiss Matchpoint event, with Gary Viner, just missing to be in the top half then she played with Tammy Hubbard in the Wednesday Matchpoint Pairs
coming a creditable 5th She also played in the Butler Pairs- Under 1500 with Michael Jackson.

The TBIB Open Teams event was a very strong field but the Mayo Team (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke) finished in 13th place ,& in doing so was the second of the 'all-womens 'teams competing.

We were also represented in the directing side of the event with Ronnie Ng & Alan Bustany being Directors & Kevin Hughes a Trainee –Director.

Tomaree Congress

Pairs

This event seems to attract a lot of players from the Central Coast. This year was no different with several pairs doing very well
There were 64 pairs this year.

1st place went to Di Coats & Jan Clarke
2nd place to Sharon Mayo & Sally Clarke
4th to Lucy D'Ambrosio & Sharon Queree
6th to Susan McCall & Judy Wulff
11th to Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews
14th to David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt
23rd to Sylvia & Barry Foster

Also playing - Louise Lewis & Vic Pietraszkiewicz; Margaret Driscoll & Steve Calcroft.

Teams

34 Teams Contested with some good results for CC players. Teams in top half

1st Jan Clarke & Di Coats teamed up with Terry Bodycote & Paul Weaver
2nd Lucy D'Ambrosio & Sharon Queree with 2 others
3rd the Mayo Team (Sharon & Greg Mayo with Sally Clarke & Ken Berry)
9th Lewis Team (Louise Lewis, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Rachel van der Mewre, Manda Labuschagne)
11th Wulff Team (Judy Wulff, Susan McCall, Jaan Oitmaa & James Routledge)
15th Foster Team (Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster, David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt)
Just outside half-way was the Heyting Team.



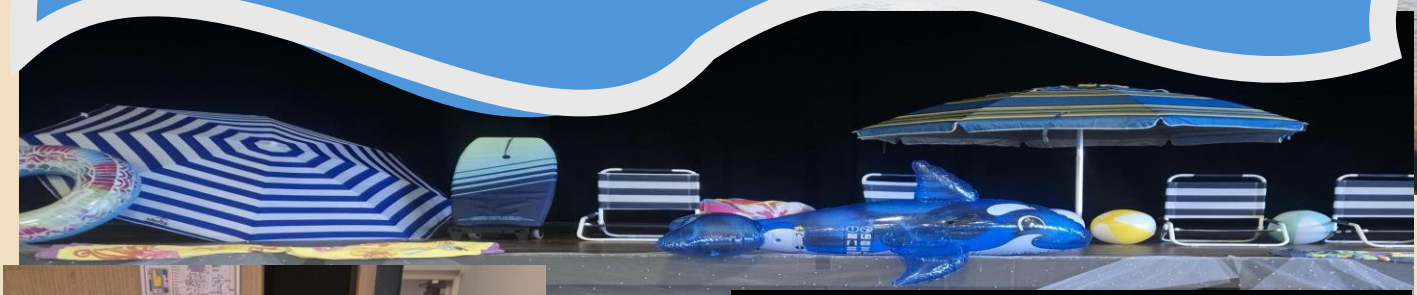
Pairs: - Clarke & Di Coats



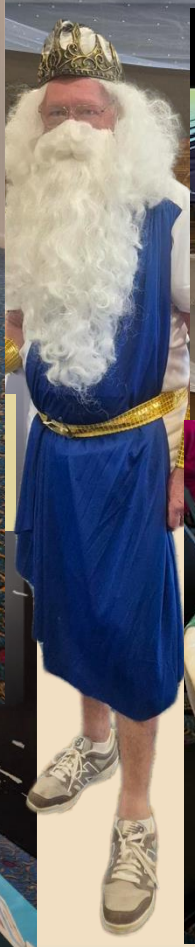
Teams: Terry Bodycote, Di Coats, Jan Clarke & Paul Weaver



MELBOURNE CUP DAY







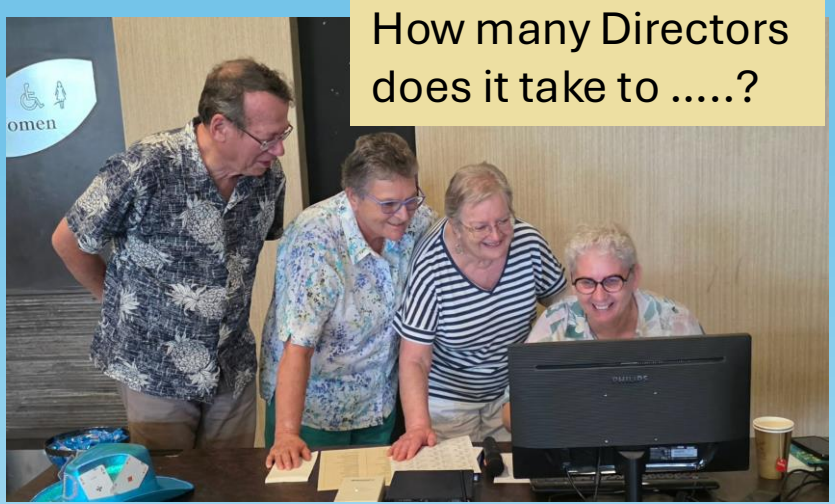






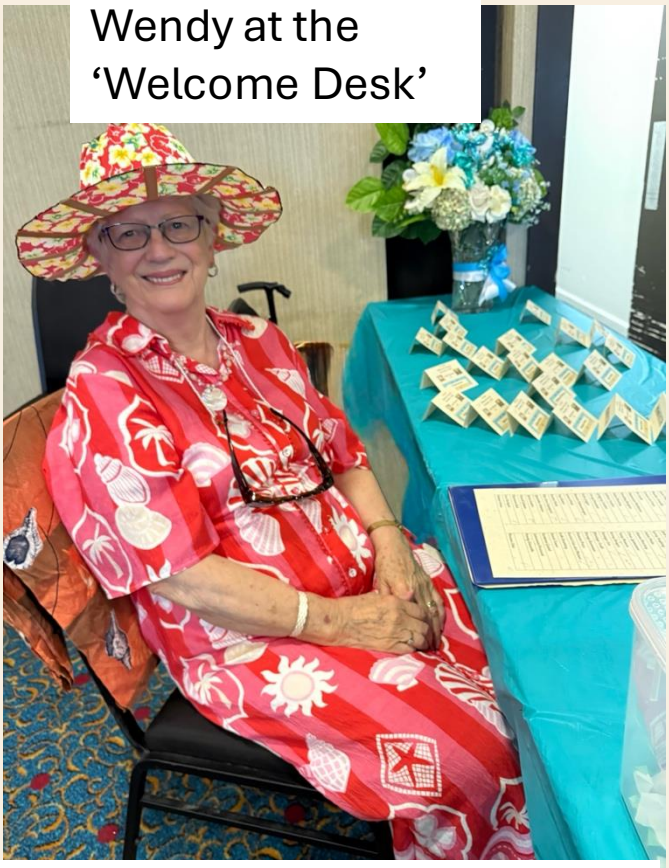


How many Directors does it take to .....?



More Melbourne Cup photos

Wendy at the ‘Welcome Desk’





Randall who works hard moving furniture etc & President Eunice

Rachel, Eva & Tony at the Sweeps desk



King Neptune



Neptune with Manda







Tips of the Month

1. It has been noted recently that some players have fallen into the habit of tapping or touching their cands as they count their points.

Be Aware!! This is not a habit bridge players should be developing as it puts your partner in a difficult position regarding **unauthorized information**, ie, you are telling your partner you have points and perhaps even in which suit/s.

Another reason for not developing this habit is because you also give information to the opposition who can quite legitimately use it.

2. Several club members have mentioned that a reminder about not giving newish , or even not so newish, players unsolicited advice, or 'lessons', at the table is advisable. It can be so confusing for players who have a brain full of lessons & new ideas which have not been fully assimilated to be asked to accommodate your ideas.

JUST IN: Fees for these event have been cut by 50%.

Bridge NSW

2026 NSW State Novice and Restricted Teams Championships

Hosted by

Illawarra Bridge Association
Wollongong

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November, 2026
Illawarra Bridge Association Hall, Figtree, Wollongong

Director: Alan Bustany



2026 NSW State Novice and Restricted Teams Championships

Eligibility
All team members must meet eligibility qualifications on the Masterpoint Centre update following 1st October 2026.

Novice: < 100 masterpoints
Restricted: < 300 masterpoints

Online entry: through MyABF.
There will be a limit of 30 tables due to room capacity, so early entry is advisable.

Entry fee: $50 per player, includes lunch both days.

Red master points are awarded at State Championship level. Supplementary regulations will be available on MyABF before the event.

Committee news 9/11/2026

Thurs afternoons: Due to lack of entries the Thursday afternoon session will cease to run in it's present form in 2027. The Committee decided to trial a monthly session in 2027. It will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month for players with less than 100 MPs. For it to continue monthly we will need at least 3 tables.

Fees: Fees will increase to $57.40 for home club members with associates $5

Restricted Teams have been cancelled due to lack on entries.

Sad to announce that John McIllrath's wife, Trish Grigson, passed away on the morning of Sunday 8th November.

OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

SUMMARY OF RANK PROMOTIONS

FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club (2-036)

ABF No	Name	Masterpoints	Previous Rank
Graduate			
1246224	Sadler, Geoffrey	2.65	Nil
Local			
1184431	Davies, Janet	15.31	Club
Bronze Local			
1163612	Manea, Tony	26.01	Local
Silver Local			
0930970	Lovell, Leonie	36.22	Bronze Local
State			
0931047	Scott, Marilyn	90.23	Regional
National			
0568325	Marsh, Agnes	272.12	Bronze State
Silver Grand			
0011282	Coats, Di	2,512.34	Grand