

Tony Sappideen ... 12th June Wanda Little ... 13th June Patrick Blades ... 19th June Kiko Springall ... 20th June Ellen Williams ... 24th June Grahame Westbury... 26th June

Promotions

Kiko Springall – Silver Local Master Roy Cotton – Life Master



New Members

Marg Brett...Welcome!!

Coming Events

Red Point Events:

Life Member Pairs 11 Years at Tigers Fathers" Day Pairs Friday 7th Jul Friday 4th Aug Friday 1st Sept

Our Special Events

CBCBB InterClub

Teams Thursday 7th Sep

Kevin Hughes Trophy Day

(followed by Luncheon) Friday 29th Sep

Other Bridge Events

BWBC Super Congress Sat 22nd – Sun 23rd July

CCBC Novice & Restricted Congress Sat 8th – Sun 9th July

CCLCBC GNOT Qualifier Wed 16th & 23rd July

BWBC State Qualifier Pairs

Sat 26th August

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

Newsletter June 2023

Congratulations

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club recently hosted the State Seniors Championships over 4 days. A number of our members participated, mainly in the Pairs as the Teams events fell on the only two days we play bridge here at Community. Congratulations to Margaret Driscoll and Steve Calcroft, placed 9th, followed at 10th by Colin Speller and partner.

Also participating with good results were Mary Wood and Rhonda Innes, Kath Bromley and Sue Eastman, and Kevin Hughes and Roy Cotton.

Well done CCLCBC – a great event.

Money Matters

At Community we don't feel the need to cope with electronic banking. However, for your convenience we do offer vouchers, available in lots of \$25. These are enormously popular; numbers are trackable and they are cross-checked against your name when presented. You may not realise you can pre-pay online and your vouchers will be ready for you when you come to play.

Our bank details are:-

Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay BSB 637000 Account No 719134092.

Please also note we will accept silver coin for table money payment as long as it is not smaller than 50C pieces. Our previous issue with silver was we were receiving copious coin out of the savings jar. It was time consuming to count and bank, and quite often inadvertently short.

Thank you for your understanding in this, but also remind everyone we are all volunteers, and we can all work together and be flexible.

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Improver Lessons

There are ongoing each Thursday, Starting time is 1.30pm, and lasting an hour. We choose a topic, and our emphasis is on the play using pre-set hands. We also do provide notes for you to take home to study.

It is a relaxed session aimed at increasing your confidence at the bridge table while you continue to learn and there is no charge.

To help us with organization please indicate your intention to come by entering via the "Calendar" on our website. Click on "Enter" and submit your name. The topic of the day will be notified. To check out the topic of the day, click on "Details".

The lesson is held in the bridge room after the morning session.

A number of our players also have lunch following the morning bridge. We can be found in the dining area and I am sure you will recognize us (noisy). You are more than welcome to join us for lunch or coffee prior to your lesson.

Please, don't forget to register your intention to join us. It helps us greatly with the organization and notes.

Use this link:

https://www.community.bridgeclub.org/bridge/au2035/upcomingevents

choose your session and follow the prompts. Simply enter. You don't need to log in.

Similarly, if you wish to book in for your weekly session, use the above link. No need to log in, just find your session, select Enter, register and submit entry.

Directors Corner

Slow Play and Etiquette:

When selecting the movement for the bridge session decision is given to the minimum/maximum number of boards played by all players in that session, and timing is worked out accordingly. Everyone is given the same opportunity to complete their boards in a set time frame.

To keep the bridge session flowing equitably you are expected to keep "to time". If not, you will be told by the Director to average your unplayed board. Our rule is if you have not commenced bidding your last board by the 3-minute mark, you will be told to take an average. However, we then expect you to keep pace and finish your board quickly.

If you are the continually slow pair you may be penalised with a minus average mark.

We use the timer on our computer at every session, on show on the front desk, and you can keep track yourselves.

So, to Etiquette:

One of our biggest issues is the passing of the bridgemate around the table and the discussion of the previous scores. Not only is this time consuming, some of the comments are better left unsaid.

Last week we removed the overview of the scores for 2 sessions and the results were astounding. No time was called on anyone, and while understandably not everyone was happy, (and sadly those weren't the ones causing the issues in the first place), the positive comments far outweighed the negative comments of the move.

So, while the jury is out on the move and we will look at it at the end of June, please take this as a timely reminder:

- a) If you want to discuss your board scores please wait until all boards are played and there is time available.
- b) Better still, check out the website and do it at home, quietly.
- c) No-one wants to hear the comment "Oh, you got 9, everyone else got 11."

Many of us remember **Ron Nosworthy**. He was a clever bridge player and teacher, a gentleman, and had some brilliant sayings. One of his famous lines was: "Be the player everyone wants as a partner".

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