

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY



# NEWSLETTER

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lyndall Hall ... Georgina Tearne ... Helen Hallett ... Ron Moran ... Rhonda Nix ... John Swaine ... David Howells ... Marg Brett ... Merlyn Morris ... Christine Hadaway ... Nancy Asquith ...

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Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay Christmas Party is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 following our normal bridge sesssion

Bridge is the usual \$5 The Christmas Lunch is free to active members\*

Numbers are needed for both bridge and catering so please make sure you register

> \*Active member – must have attended least 6 regular bridge sessions in the past 12 months

### **CONGRESS RESULTS**

The 2024 Sydney Spring Nationals were held over 8 days in October. Only a handful of Central Coast players attended but there were some really good results.

Rosemary Millar and her sister Margaret Prentice were first in the Penline Intermediate Pairs and Roy Cotton and Steve Calcroft finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Spring National Intermediate Pairs.

Well done also to Sue Eastman, Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon who also attended and represented the Central Coast.

Congratulations to Gary Barwick, who was the organizer of this year's event. A HUGE job.

Results just in; last weekend was the Southern Highlands Congress 2024, again attended by a handful of Central Coast players.

Placed first in the Restricted Pairs were Lucy D'Ambrosio and Kevin Hughes. Sharon Versteege and Carol Parker were placed 6<sup>th</sup>, and Elaine and Peter Hume were placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

Well done everyone.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Stephanie Mathews in now Bronze Life Master.

Eris Brown is now a Club Master.



### WELCOME BACK

It is so nice to see Jenny Jarvis back playing bridge after a long battle with illness and mishaps. She looks amazing and is always smiling.

# CHANGED CLUB ARRANGEMENTS OVER CHRISTMAS

Tigers has some club commitments during December that will prevent them from providing us with our normal accommodation and support for our bridge sessions.

The committee have been looking for a suitable nearby alternative and have indeed found accommodation one block away from Tigers.

We will be playing at the Anglican Church Hall which is situated on the corner of Brooke Avenue and Eastern Road. There is plenty of off-street parking, so simply drive down the laneway in Brooke Avenue next to the Public School and turn right into the church carpark.

We will be there for three (3) weeks, both Thursday and Friday, following our Christmas Party.

So please mark your calendar with these dates:

December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>; 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. We will resume back at Tigers on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

### <u>Red Point Opportunities</u> <u>for Novice Pairs -</u> Wednesdays in November



BridgeNSW is sponsoring the Under Hundred Masterpoint (UHMP) Competition, and at Brisbane Water Club it will apply to Wednesday sessions through November. Novice pairs - both under 100 MPt - are invited.

Pairs under 100 MPt from other clubs in our region are also invited.

6th, 13th and 20th November are normal Wednesday "green point" sessions (regular players with over 100 MPts will also play in these sessions as "non-contending"). Results will be sent in to BridgeNSW for assessment and Novice Pairs can earn extra red masterpoints.

27th November will be for Novice Pairs only ... the same boards are played by all participating clubs, results collated and assessed by BridgeNSW and further red points awarded. Best pairs in various categories are also awarded prizes.

Inquiries to Peter 0416 138 698

### **BE A COOL BRIDGE PLAYER -**

# DISPLAY YOUR SYSTEM CARD

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 5-6
 Training to HCP BAL

 22+ HCP to 80 Parying bicks unbalances
 5-6
 10 HCP BAL

 24-6
 5-10 HCP good suit
 5-6

 54-6
 5-10 HCP good suit
 5-6

 54-6
 10 HCP BAL
 3HT 20+ HCP BAL

 52-10 HCP BAL
 3HT 20+ HCP BAL

 34-7
 7-6
 10 HCP good suit

 34-7
 7-6
 10 HCP good suit

Sadly, there are still too many experienced players not displaying their System Cards. We have several new players working hard to improve their game. They are still defining their basic system and aren't knowledgeable yet about some of the more complicated systems being played at our club.

They are at a definite disadvantage if you: 1) fail to ALERT

2) fail to let them know when they arrive at your table that not all your bids are the same as theirs (or what they seem to say).

We need our learners; they are the future of bridge and its continuity into the future, particularly Face2Face bridge and it's wonderful benefits.