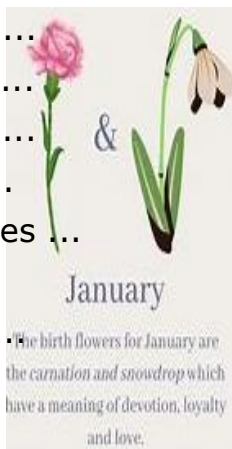


# COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sharon Hart ...	2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Donelle Foate ...	3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Austin Driscoll ...	4 <sup>th</sup> January
Wendy Everitt ...	4 <sup>th</sup> January
Marj McCredie ...	7 <sup>th</sup> January
Ken Williams ...	10 <sup>th</sup> January
Maoliosa Hawkes ...	16 <sup>th</sup> January
Bev Rogers ...	16 <sup>th</sup> January
Dasha Brandt ...	21 <sup>st</sup> January
Pam Cowin ...	26 <sup>th</sup> January
Leonie Wain ...	28 <sup>th</sup> January
Peter Hume ...	30 <sup>th</sup> January



\*Apologies to two of our newer members omitted in the last newsletter. Happy Belated Birthday to Lucy D'ambrosio and Joe Everitt, who both had December birthdays.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Carol Parker has achieved the rank of  
\*National Master\*

Lorna McCulloch has achieved the rank of  
\*Bronze Local Master\*

Lucy D'ambrosio has achieved the rank of  
\*Bronze State\*

Kevin Hughes has achieved the rank of  
\*Bronze State\*

## COMING SOON



That's right! On 3<sup>rd</sup> March **Community Bridge Club** will be **42 Years Old**.

As usual, we will be celebrating with our normal bridge followed by a free Fingerfood Luncheon. Numbers will be needed for catering, so please make sure you enter your name, either via Calendar on the website, or on the form available at your usual session.



### CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB

#### InterClub Teams

Start of play: **09:30**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Director: **Ronnie Ng**

B5i [Red] Masterpoint Event

BWBC, CBC Bateau Bay, CCBC  
and CCLCBC **members only**

Prize money dependant on number of tables  
Entry fee: **\$160** per team  
includes lunch and après-bridge drinks

Entries: Event Entry through MyABF

Convenor: Julie Sadler, 0402 246 391

## THANK YOU

to the Anglican Church Bateau Bay. It was a great venue, and we enjoyed our three weeks playing there

## INTRODUCING “The Panel”

Commencing Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, we are introducing this new concept.

The idea evolved from requests from players who find bidding an unbalanced hand troublesome, and who would also appreciate help in playing this type of hand for the best outcome.

The plan is that following the Thursday morning and a quick lunch, interested players would note any hands that challenged them and would regroup to discuss those hands with “The Panel”, aka Rhonda Innes, Ronda Nix, Irene Campbell.

It will be fun, informative, and confidence building.

If you are interested in joining the group please talk to Rhonda Innes or Rhonda Nix, or email the bridge club on

[communitybridgeclubbateaubay@gmail.com](mailto:communitybridgeclubbateaubay@gmail.com)

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

- When you first learnt to play bridge?
- When you first got to play with the big people?
- How long it took you to then feel confident?
- How quickly your confidence was shattered by an unthinking remark?

For experienced and confident members this is but a distant memory, but for many it is their reality. A simple question about their system or bid can mean that everything they ever knew about bridge disappears in an instant. Their eyes glaze over and they begin to wonder if bridge is the game for them.



All players are valuable to us so please be patient and kind.

## WELL DONE !

The 2025 Bridge Calendar is underway with the ABF Summer Festival of Bridge in Canberra. Lots of well-known bridge players taking part in this huge event so it's a tough congress.

Well done to Jodie Summerhill and Lucy D'ambrosio (14<sup>th</sup>), Vic Pietraszkiewicz + partner (15<sup>th</sup>) and Kevin Hughes + partner 21<sup>st</sup> in the TBIB 300 Pairs. Well done everyone.

Also congratulations to Ian McKinnon and Virginia Dressler + partners, coming 15<sup>th</sup> in a field of 82 teams in the SW Pacific Teams.

Also well done to all players from the Central Coast who ventured to Canberra. It's tough bridge, also expensive to take part, so accolades to you all.

## NOTICES

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Notices will come out shortly. So if you want to bring up anything for discussion, or wish to help out in any way, we would love to hear from you.

## MONEY MATTERS \$

Club annual fees were due by 31<sup>st</sup> December, so if you wish to retain your membership and have not yet renewed, it is time to do so.

Home membership fee is \$50 and Alternate membership is \$10. There is no distinction between members, all members have the same rights, but our Home membership fee includes your ABF and BridgeNSW affiliation fees. (All members must be affiliated, either with us or another club).

We do not have EFTPOS facilities, but you can pay by bank transfer. Details are  
Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay  
Greater Bank BSB 637000  
Account No 7191 34092

Similarly, you can purchase your Game Vouchers this way, either \$25 or \$50, and we will have them waiting for you.