



# COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Moran ...	4 <sup>th</sup> February
Toni Gorman ...	8 <sup>th</sup> February
Elsie Yardley ..	10 <sup>th</sup> February
Sue Eastman ...	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Eris Brown ...	16 <sup>th</sup> February
David Bowerman ...	17 <sup>th</sup> February
Dian Moore ...	17 <sup>th</sup> February
Julie Jessop ...	18 <sup>th</sup> February
Judy O'Bryne ...	18 <sup>th</sup> February
Janice Crane ...	19 <sup>th</sup> February
Vicki Clarke ...	21 <sup>st</sup> February
Ian McKinnon ...	22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Sylvia Robb ...	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Bev Sivewright ...	27 <sup>th</sup> February



### COMING SOON



That's right! On 7th 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Lorraine Dunn has achieved the rank of  
\*Graduate Master\*

Also –

McCutcheon Awards were presented at the final ABF Gold Coast Congress, and Lucy D'Ambrosio was awarded **WINNER** of the Bronze Local Master McCutcheon Award for 2024.

An incredible number of bridge players from Australia and the world came to what was supposedly the final Gold Coast Congress.



It was hard to keep up with individual's progress but here goes.

Congratulations to Kevin Hughes and partner coming 23<sup>rd</sup> in a huge field in the Ivy Dahler Restricted Swiss Pairs. Kevin also participated in several other events with some good results.

Roy Cotton and Steve Calcroft came an impressive 7<sup>th</sup> from 66 in the 500MP Saturday Butler Pairs. Impressive!!

Team Gary Heyting, Stephanie Mathews, Louise Lewis and Vic Pietrasckiewicz came halfway in the Under 1500 Teams, and Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon with their teammates were 79<sup>th</sup> from 156 entries in the Open Teams.

There were also a number of Central Coast players, mostly from Gosford Club, who took part, and did quite well too I understand, in what was a memorable event. Well done to all.

## **“Post Mortem” Thursday”**

Our innovative approach to Supervised Play has been running a few weeks now and has been a real success. We have a “Panel”, Irene Campbell, Rhonda Innes, and Rhonda Nix going through your questions on bidding and play.

Players from the Thursday morning session are asked to keep their bidding slips, personal scorers and hand record copy from boards they had difficulty with bidding, or felt they could have played it differently and achieved a better outcome. All players are welcome to attend, from beginners to the more experienced players.

After the morning bridge game players enjoy a short lunch at Tigers then go back to the bridge room to go through their chosen hands. The session lasts about one hour.

All reports have been positive, and they are fun. The process gives explanation and understanding to those at the start of their bridge journey and helps those who are struggling to wonder if maybe bridge is still for them. Not everyone does things the same way and it is all being explained simply and it gives understanding and encouragement. Long term players are also noticing the benefits, so in all, a WIN-WIN afternoon of bridge.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We have welcomed some new members the past couple of months. Please welcome newcomers to bridge Romey and Jonathon Wells. Also joining us are Jane Stephens, Lucy D’Ambrosio, Joe Everitt, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Marilyn Scott and Michael Jackson.

## **FAREWELL**

After a long battle with illness Georgina Tearne passed quietly on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.



Georgina loved her bridge and continued playing almost till her passing. She was one brave, stoic lady and is probably already at her place at the bridge table in heaven.

**Rest in Peace, Georgina.**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Although there are 39 possible bridge hand combinations, the number of different possible bridge hands is 635,013,559.600.

### **Percentage of Card Division between two hidden hands. (a guide only)**

#### **Cards out**

2 cards - 1-1 52%: 2-0 48%:

3 cards - 2-1 78%: 3-0 22%:

4 cards - 2-2 40%: 3-1 50%:  
4-0 10%:

5 cards - 3-2 68%: 4-1 28%:  
5-6 4%:

6 cards - 3-3 35%: 4-2 49%:  
5-1 15%: 6-0 2%

7 cards - 4-3 62%: 5-2 30%:  
6-1 7%: 7-0 0.5%

Except for 2 cards, the general rule is even cards probably do not split evenly, and odd cards probably do split as evenly as possible.