



# COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonathan Wells ...

Kevin Hughes ...

Jeff Hayhurst ...

Pat Austin ...



3rd April

6<sup>th</sup> April

11<sup>th</sup> April

17<sup>th</sup> April

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Yes, this took place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you to the outgoing committee and welcome to the incoming committee. We sadly say goodbye to Gil Elliot and thank him for his contribution, and welcome Noelene Hopper.

Positions remained largely unchanged, just shuffled around.

President :	Sharon Versteedge
Vice President :	Carol Parker
Secretary :	Roy Cotton
Treasurer :	Pam Townsend
Committee :	Wanda Little Lynette Hannelly Noelene Hopper
Recorder :	Rhonda Innes
Auditor :	Austin Driscoll

Sharon thanked her committee and all the members for their support and great club spirit and friendship.

It is really a pleasure to be involved with such a great group of supportive people and members.

## BRIDGE AS USUAL .....

There will be bridge sessions as usual throughout April.

Good Friday – 18<sup>th</sup> April

Anzac Day - 25<sup>th</sup> April

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## Club Teams Day

**Thursday 22nd May 2025**

This is a **Club Trophy Event** so is open to  
Community **Bridge Club** members only.

**Entry fee:** \$100 per team which includes lunch  
and drinks and nibbles at end of day.

**Play starts at 9.30am**

**Director: Peter Hume**

**Join in the fun.**

- You can have a five-man team so you don't have to play all day, but you can still enjoy the camaraderie of a Teams Event.
- Teams will be graded by the Director according to masterpoints, so you can team with whomever you like. If enough we will have a), b) and c) gradings.
- There is no cash prize money, just the Club glory and maybe some wine.
- If you don't have a full team, please check with Sharon to help you out.

**Enter via Calendar on our website or sign up  
when at your bridge session.**

**Entries close Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

# CONGRATULATIONS

The Face to Face Congresses have returned and our loyal travellers have been away supporting them, and thank you for representing our club.

A large contingent went to **Port Macquarie Congress** with some good results.

Stephanie Mathews and Gary Heyting finished half way in the A Swiss Pairs.

In the B Swiss Pairs Maoliosa Hawkes and Marianna Xerri were 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed in 4<sup>th</sup> spot by Mary Woods and Rhonda Innes. Following shortly after were Jan Gibson and Merlyn Morris, then Roy Cotton and Kevin Hughes. Vic Piet and Louise Mathews finished 8<sup>th</sup> in their C Swiss Pairs.

Everyone slid a bit in the Teams but all said they had a great time in Port Macquarie.



**Central Coast Bridge Club** recently held their congress.

Lucy D'ambrosio and partner were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Restricted Pairs, and the partnership together while Jane Stephens and hubby Colin finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Restricted Teams.

Again, well done to Vic Piet, Kevin Hughes and Alison Heathcote, who did well with respective partners.

Roy Cotton and Steve Calcroft took part in in two events in the **Tasmania Gold**

**Congress.** The competition was fierce, and the hands were unbelievably strange to bid. If that wasn't bad enough one opponent started playing bridge in the womb and had collected almost 8000 masterpoints, most of them gold.

An experience? No doubt!

At the weekend Newcastle Restricted /Novice Teams Congress Lucy D'ambrosio and Jane Stephens Team were 1<sup>st</sup>, Louise Lewis and Vic Piet places 5<sup>th</sup>, and Elaine and Peter Hume teamed with Kevin Hughes and partner and were places 8<sup>th</sup>.

Well done everyone.

## COMING EVENTS



Brisbane Water Bridge Club - Woy Woy

InterClub Teams Day .. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Orange Congress ... 10-13th April  
Bathurst Congress ... 3rd May

**BridgeNSW Association**  
**State Seniors Championships**  
**27 th to 30 th May 2025**

**Conducted on behalf of BridgeNSW**  
**By the**  
**Central Coast Leagues Club**  
**Bridge Room**  
**The Parkview Room**  
**Central Coast Leagues Club**  
**Dane Drive Gosford**

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**Table limit is 40**  
**Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club**

# REVOKE

We have spoken about this before, yet we continue to see it happening. A revoke is a failure to play a card in a suit you are required to play.

If you suspect there has been a revoke please call the Director straight away. Sometimes it can be corrected immediately. Sometime the Director asks you to play on and then adjusts the trick at the end of the hand.

Waiting until all the cards are played out and then stating "I think you revoked on Trick 3/4/5?" can take up valuable playing time.

Also, a good habit to start, if you suspect a revoke when your partner fails to follow suit, simply ask partner, "Having none partner?" If it too late to correct it then keep quiet. It is up to your opponents to spot it. Remember, it is better to avoid a revoke if you can, and thereby avoid being penalized.

An established revoke is not necessarily a two trick penalty, don't concede anything, call the Director. Depending on who won what there is not necessarily always a penalty, yet there are odd occasions where the opposition would have won more than two tricks had the revoked not occurred.

Smart Habit 1): If your partner fails to follow suit, simply ask: "Having none, partner?" Similarly, Declarer can ask a Defender if they are out, and Defender can ask Declarer. Dummy however, can only ask Declarer, not a Defender.

Smart Habit 2): NEVER pack up your cards until all four players have agreed upon the number of tricks won. Only shuffle them when you are going to insert them back into the board and all four players agree.

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## CHANGES TO YOUR ABF REGISTRATION CARDS.

The ABF normally prints about 30,000 registration cards each year and have made the decision not to continue issuing paper registration cards. These will be replaced with a digital solution which is still being investigated. Also, paper ranking certificates will cease being printed once the current paper stock runs out.

In the interim, and so members are aware of their status, a printed record of their masterpoints will be available each month. We have started a folder which will remain at the club, and you can check your registration and progress with monthly updates. Ask a committee member to assist you, or you can check yourself, but please *do not* remove the copy from the folder. If requested, we will email you your details.

If you want confirmation when not at the club, and until the digital alternative is available, you can check your masterpoints earned, and your ranking, by going to our **Website**: go to **Links**, scroll down to **Masterpoint LookUp** and follow instructions. It's easy.

The ABF have also increased the fees for masterpoints as well as their capitation charges. At the moment Increases are being absorbed, but It is expected there will be a slight increase in Membership Fees at the end of the year.