



COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Helen Motbey ...	1 st October
Gabrielle Celeste ...	4 th October
Catherine Porter ...	4 th October
Rick Gosby ...	6 th October
Louse Lewis ...	9 th October
Rosemary Millar ...	10 th October
Sue Kenny ...	15 th October
Joan Walsh ...	18 th October
Geoff Peebles ...	21 st October
Sharon Versteeg ...	22 nd October
Gary Barwick ...	26 th October
Jodie Summerhill ...	28 th October



CONGRATULATIONS

September Promotions:

Merlyn Morris is now a Bronze State Master
Irene Campbell is now Life Master



Player of the month

Rick Gosby took lessons with Jean Moran late 2022. She joined as a member in 2023 and has diligently kept a personal scorer, studied results, and attended our extended lessons. The results are there with two recent 2nd placings with Sue Davis and one 1st with Rhonda Nix.



Go Rick!!!!

COMING EVENTS

Community Bridge Club
Annual Christmas Party
is on

Friday 5th December 2025
Bridge will be the usual \$5
followed by our
sit-down Christmas Lunch

Lunch is free to members
(Guests are welcome but
will be charged
the full price of the meal)



ABF – Australia's Bridge Day Out.

The Australian Bridge Foundation recently held a national day of bridge. Affiliated clubs were invited to hold a nationwide day of play. The goal is to run from 2025 – 2028 a bridge-in-schools programme. This aim is to encourage bringing bridge to a new generation of bridge players.

In our area Gosford Leagues Club Bridge Club held the event and were supported by bridge players from the other clubs on the coast. Congratulations to Rhonda Innes and Mary Wood coming 1st East/West.



CONGRESS RESULTS

We are always proud of our travellers and thank them for representing our club.

Well done to Sharon Versteeg and Carol Parker, coming 2nd in the **Port Macquarie-Hastings Bridge Restricted Pairs Congress.**

Tomaree Congress.

Community Bridge represented proudly at the **Tomaree Congress.** (As you can see).



Rhonda Innes and Irene Campbell were 2nd in the Open Pairs, Stephanie Mathews and Gary Heyting placed 9th, Vic Petras and Louise Lewis 3rd in the Restricted Section, all well above their rankings.

Again, In the Teams Event, Team Innes in the Open, and Team Parker in the Restricted, were placed well above their rankings.

Lucy D'Ambrosio and Jodie Summerhill placed 2nd in **Canberra in Bloom Restricted Orchid Pairs.** Lucy gained another 2nd In the Rose Restricted Pairs.

Congratulations – well done everyone!

Our Christmas Party is coming. Karen and Jeff will again be providing the music and preparing a playlist. If you have “fave” carols or dancing music, please give us your requests so they can prepare a playlist as they will be away in the immediate lead up to the party. .



SOME

HOUSEKEEPING

Community Bridge Club Annual Fees notices will be issued mid-November. Our fees are the same as the calendar year, i.e. January to December, so will be due by end December.

The ABF component rose this year and we absorbed that. But the fee for a Home Member will now rise to \$55 per year, and an Alternate member remains the same at \$10. We are an ABF affiliated club so you must be a Home Member somewhere, if not our club, your nominated club. We do not accept Social Membership only.

Also, the ABF increased the fees for masterpoints, which again we absorbed, but we do not intend raising table fees at this stage.

Noted that some people are going away over the holiday period and have asked about fees. You can pay your fees by bank transfer:

A/c: Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay
BSB 637 000

Account No: 7191 34092

Please include your name an ABF No.

A reminder to that we don't accept Eftpos at our club, but you can also purchase your Game vouchers online using the above information. Make sure you include you name.

There is a noticeable amount of silver coins creeping into our table money. We will accept 50c pieces, but draw the line at a handful of silver coins. To avoid embarrassment, please, gold coins only.



**The following is an
interview with AI
and
Community Bridge
Club member,
Sharon Hart:**

AI: So what's your story, Sharon?

SH: Aren't you supposed to know?

AI: Ah, yes! You did the usual. Went roller skating as a kid, were the oldest and the bossy one? Went on to Uni for a couple of years, majored in journalism, then married - divorced.

SH: Yes, that was what I call my "First Life" in Iowa; home of sweet corn and the smell of too many pigs ready for market. But it was a really great place and time to grow up in the 1950's.

AI: I understand, but how did you happen to cross the Pond?

SH: I met this extraordinary computer programmer with a sense of humour on a bus trip with my Ski Club. He came to a play I was in, we played Snooker in a Czech bar another night, and the rest, as you know, is history.

AI: What happened to your dream of being a writer?

SH: I wound-up living another dream.

AI: Well, I did know you travelled to 23 countries, lived in Chicago for 5 years and London for 3 years, plus Iowa for several. Anything else?

SH: I remember my first job as a corn detasseler at 13? Then I worked a summer as a Yellowstone Park employee.

AI: OK, but what about that favourite job later on?

SH: I was a salesperson; sold airtime for an Iowa radio station for 10 years, designed

clients ad campaigns, wrote ad copy, and recorded them. Great fun!

AI: What about that 2nd Life?

SH: That began in 1985 in Athens, Greece when Bill and I married, and then we flew to our home here. We celebrated 36 years together this Sept. I've been an Aussie for 30 years now.

AI: You forgot the Intercontinental Tall Ships race in 1984.

SH: Oh, yes! We survived a Force 10 hurricane out of Amsterdam, and eventually jumped ship after we realized that the Captain from Missouri was more than a little tipsy most of the time.

AI: Your children would like a mention!

SH: Scott lives in Chicago, and daughter Kelly Jo lives in Iowa. Kelly is visiting us the Christmas. They have both visited us here, and think living in Australia is like a holiday in Hawaii.

AI: I know you're addicted to Bridge. How did that happen?

SH: I joined a social Bridge game at uni and loved it. Later I tried playing bridge while the kids and dog were running about; not a good plan. But in 2006 I began lessons on the Coast. Love playing, and love everyone at our club, so I can't decide when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em.

AI: Time's up.

Say good night.

SH: One IMPORTANT message. May I say HAPPY BIRTHDAY on 22 October to our Club President, Sharon Versteeg.



COMING BRIDGE EVENTS



Will be holding their
InterClub Teams Day

Wednesday 12 November @ 9.30am
\$40 per person.

Director: Gary Barwick

Get your team together

Pre-entry is required. Please email the
names and ABF numbers of
your team members to
ccbridgeclub@gmail.com.

*Open to members of Central Coast Bridge
Club, Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Gosford
Leagues Club Bridge Club and our
Community Bridge Club only.*

Southern Highlands (Bowral) Congress

Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams
Sat 1st Nov – Sun 2nd Nov

Mudgee Bridge Club Congress

Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams
Sat 8th Nov – Sun 9th Nov

Armidale Bridge Club Congress

Pairs and Teams
Sat 5th Nov – Sun 6th Nov

Central Coast Bridge Club State Championship

Novice and Restricted Teams
Sat 22nd Nov – Sun 23rd Nov

Bridge Cruise, New Zealand Sydney to Sydney.



Brisbane Water Bridge Club is hosting a
14-day Bridge Cruise aboard the
Noordam - departing Sydney on 7
December 2025 with Director Christine
Hadaway.

Phone Christine on 0488194737
to book or make inquiries.

RELOCATION

Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay

Please note our bridge sessions will be
relocating after the Christmas Party 2025.

Commencing on Church Thursday 11
December, and Returning to Tigers on
Thursday 8th January, bridge will be held at
the Anglican Church Hall, 2 Tyrrell Place
(cnr Brooke Avenue and Eastern Road),
Bateau Bay.

After playing bridge, check out the
fantastic bargains at the Op Shop.



Money raised by our Op Shop goes back into the
community through local ministry and
mission. Surprise yourself by finding a great
bargain and help your local community by visiting
us today!