



COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB

BATEAU BAY

## APRIL NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Jonathon Wells ...    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  |
| Kevin Hughes ...      | 6 <sup>th</sup> April  |
| Jeff Hayhurst ...     | 11 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Chrissie Flanigan ... | 14 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Julie Liddle ...      | 30 <sup>th</sup> April |

*Hope you have a wonderful April birthday.*

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Sue Liddle, Steven Jones, Sue Galton.

Also please welcome Chris Hannan, Chrissie Flanigan and Maria Fitzgerald.

Sue, Sue and Steve are new to the bridge world and as such are “protected” as they find their way. Should they need help they do have a go-to person, their teacher, so please, you are not helping by offering unsolicited advice at the table, and don't even think of penalty doubling them. “**Club Policy**”. *We welcome them all to our Club.*

### SYSTEM CARDS

A system card is a document that details the bidding system and conventions used by a bridge partnership. It is essential for ensuring that all players at the table understand each other's agreements and conventions, promoting fair play and transparency during the game.

Essential also that you and your partner have a discussion point and know you are both playing the same system, particularly when playing with multiple partners.

Blank system cards are freely available at every session. Please take the time to fill one out and have on display when you play.

# Club Teams Day

**Thursday**  
**21st May 2026**

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

**Entry fee:** \$120 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, we will help you to find one.

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

**Entries close Friday 15<sup>h</sup> May 2026**

# Rule of 9 Doubling for Penalties

The Rule of 9 is a guideline used to determine when to make a penalty double.

This rule is particularly useful when the HCP are relatively evenly divided and helps players make informed decisions about whether to pass or double for penalties. It has an approximate success rate of 85-90% and is a valuable tool for players to improve their bidding strategy in bridge.

It involves the following steps.

1. Take the level of the contract.
2. Add the number of the opponent's trump suit you hold.
3. Add the number of honours you have in that suit.
4. If the total is nine or more, then DOUBLE.
5. If the total is eight or less, then PASS.

## Well done BWBC

20<sup>th</sup> April was InterClub Teams Day at Brisbane Water Bridge Club. A large field of 18 teams took part, and each of the four Central Coast Clubs were represented. Thanks to Ronni Ng, Director; Peter Hume, event organizer; and to all the wonderful helpers and caterers. Players ranged from Novices to Grand Masters.

The end result was tight, but the win went to BWBC Teams Crocket, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to CCBC Team Berger, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to BWBC Team Wulff.

It was interesting bridge, we were well fed, happy players, and a feel-good day.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our travelling bridge players have been attending congresses around NSW.

Lucy D'ambosio and Kevin Hughes in their respective teams were placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Central West Festival, and Louise Lewis and Vic Petras placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the same event. Gary Barwick's Team was 12<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Teams. Great results and earning gold points. Well done.

Again, Kevin Hughes Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Newcastle Restricted Teams.

Our regular contingent of travellers was at Port Macquarie Hastings Congress, with Mary Wood and Rhonda Innes placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Open Pairs.

Lucy and her partner again placed 9<sup>th</sup> at the Central Coast Bridge Club Congress, Steve Calcroft with partner 13<sup>th</sup>, and Kevin Hughes and partner 14<sup>th</sup> overall but took out the honours for Restricted Pairs.

Back to February and Great Lakes Bridge club Congress, where Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the Swiss Pairs, Vic and Louise placed 15<sup>th</sup> overall but took out the Restricted Pairs prize and Elaine and Peter Hume placed 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Coming Events:**

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club  
State Seniors Championship Pairs/Teams  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

Central Coast Bridge Club InterClub Teams  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Super  
Congress **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July.**

# Getting to know Sue Davis.



*Sharon H : "I'm so glad we asked Sue to talk with us! You'll be glad too. Sue, please share with us a slice of your life's story".*

Sue:

"I grew up in the suburbs of Paris as my father worked for Dunhill in Paris. My parents and grandparents played bridge together every Sunday night at home, and we children played all sorts of different card and board games for as long as I remember. Canasta and Racing Demon were favourites. We didn't play proper bridge until a bit later, but we played whist which is a trick-taking game with no bidding. The last card dealt determined trumps.

I started "proper" bridge in my late teens and played at college but not a lot. My real bridge career started when I lived in Chicago and joined a club, took lessons and, at the same time, started playing online on a site called OKbridge for which we had to pay. It was a bit of a learning curve as the systems were new to me, but I am a fast learner!!

I was a ten pound pom in the early 70s but didn't stay long enough to satisfy the conditions (I had the opportunity to go back to France to work, and when I wanted to come back they told me I had been away for too long and had to apply again). We

came back as a family in the 80s for a few years and then in 2006 came out for the last time. I had played bridge in England and in the US and tried to get my points transferred to Australia which proved very difficult, and only some of them were applied.

I have never been overly sporty except golf, but not team sports unless forced to.

Languages were always my thing, since I was perfectly bilingual by the time I was 7. I went to uni in Barcelona and can still speak reasonable Spanish. Thanks to my Kindle, I am able to read books in French whenever I want which is great for my brain!! I love to read and always end the day with a chapter or two.

I avoid collecting things, having moved multiple times all through my life, the last thing I want to do is move 'dust collecting' items! We have been in our present house nearly 20 years which is by far and away the most time we have stayed in any one place, and I am alarmed by the rubbish we seem to be accumulating. Who needs all this stuff".



*My other hobby..golf.*