

COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

JULY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Richard Webb ...	7 th July
Sue Davis ...	10 th July
Lynette Hannelly...	25 th July
Lee Gorman ...	28 th July

WELCOME / BACK

Jenny Anderson and Frik Gautschi join us and Bob Mavin has returned after an absence.

CONGRATULATIONS

JUNE PROMOTION

NAME

RANK

Jan Gibson	Regional Master
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Our travellers are out and about again. Kevin Hughes and his partner John Aldersley were placed 4th in a field of 38 at the Sydney Bridge Club Novice & Restricted Pairs in June.

Large number of players from all over the Central Coast attended the Newcastle Bridge Club Open Congress with some good results. Louise Lewis and Vic Pietraszkiewicz were 11th in a field of 48. Following in 18th place were Rhonda Innes and Irene Campbell, then Lucy D'Ambrosio with partner Shannon Queree. Others played well at this successful congress.

Closer to home the Central Coast Bridge Club held a Midweek Teams event with some Central Coast Teams and a large number of teams combined from Toronto Bridge Club. Well done to Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon, who came first with their long - time friends Kerrie and Peter Johnman. They had 6 wins and no losses. Well done.

COMING EVENTS



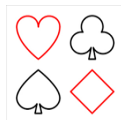
Can you believe – on **Friday 7th August**, it will be the 14th anniversary of when we began playing at Tigers.

We will be celebrating by having a free finger food luncheon for our members following our regular morning bridge session.

Names are needed for catering purposes, so please either enter via “Calendar” on our website, or on the sheet when at your bridge session.

THEN

Get your teams ready for our annual



COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB BATEAU BAY

InterClub Teams

Thursday 3rd September 2026

\$160 per team

**Open to members from
CBCBB, BWBC, CCBC and
CCLCBC Clubs only.**

Play starts at 9.30 a.m.

B5i (Red) Masterpoints

Director: Peter Hume

All-day event, lunch provided.

More details to follow.

\$ REMEMBER CASH ?

At CBCBB we still use cash at our sessions and do not have Eftpos facilities. If needed, cash is available at the various ATMs in Tigers. We take notes and gold coin, but for obvious reasons do not accept silver, so please, no raiding your money box.

We do have game vouchers available, in lots of \$25 or \$50, and these are both available for cash at your session, or you can arrange bank transfer, and they will be waiting for you.

Bank details are: Greater Bank
BSB: 637 000 Account No: 7191 34092

THE PANEL

A reminder that there is a discussion group following Thursday morning bridge run by our members, Rhonda, Rhonda, Irene.

Players wishing to take part save their bidding slips and results from boards played in the morning session that they would like to discuss. The hands are laid out, the bidding discussed and then play mapped out.

Commencing at 1pm, grab a bite to eat and bring it in. It's fun, informative, challenging and confidence building. It's also free.



FROM THE TABLE

What happens when you get to the end play of the hand and Declarer says, "I've got the rest!"

Often this is correct, but once in a while it may not be correct – it may even be incorrect.

So, what happens next?

Following a claim (or concession) further play of the hand must cease, even if the opposite side requests play continues. The claimant should face their cards and outline their line of play, not simply say "I'll take 3 more tricks and give you one".

If no statement is made, then you either agree to the claim, or call the Director. If a partner objects to their partner's concession, they may do so and call the Director.

If there is a challenge it must be before the end of the round or before the first call to the following board in the same round. The challenge may be made by any of the four players by calling the Director, but never by simply playing on.

In the case of a dispute the Director will follow the line of play that accompanied the claim made and rule as equitable as possible. Should declarer omit to say he will draw Defenders remaining trump and the defence could ruff one of Declarer's winners, the Director will award that trick to the defence, unless the declarer could over-ruff and not lose the trick in doing so.

Once the Director is called, it is then possible for the board to be played out.

So, don't wait. If in any doubt, always call the Director.

Reporter SH interviews

Vic PIETRASZKIEWICZ

SH. Hi, Vic!

Would you share
with us at our
Community Bridge
your story?

your history?

Did you grow up here
In Australia?



"I grew up behind the iron curtain in Poland and escaped from there in 1978. My family escaped after the war from the countryside near Vilnius. I was the oldest of 3 sons and we always had plenty of pets; fish aquarium, dogs, rabbits, hamsters, plus others.

My dream was always to be a football coach, and I did attend Sport University after finishing Engineering College but never finished it as I had my mind set on migrating to Canada but after applying to come to Australia I was accepted, which was fine, as I had family here.

Gardening comes easily as both my parents come from big farms and we always had a garden at home. Before moving to the Central Coast I spent 30 years on a farm in Dural. I did some gardening there, but when we moved to the coast I started an Aquaponic Garden, using my engineering skills and aquaculture experience.

My favourite sport was tennis, and school subject mathematics, but bridge was not far behind as I did play it in my younger years. Do like jazz but not a musically minded person.

I use Polish language 95% if the time as all my children and grandkids speak Polish - so do most of my friends. I like to understand what

is turning the world around and who of the superpowers is playing what game.

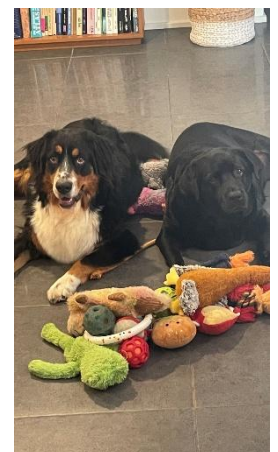
As far as my working career I had 2 paths: design engineering and drafting for the first dozen or so years of my working life, then involved in Aquarium fish importing and wholesale for over 30 years. The fish Trade gave me the opportunity to travel the world, dive and snorkel tropical waters.



Ready for diving in Malakal, Palau with family

The only thing I cook is Chinese Omelette, as I spent more than a year of my life in China, but I do smoke meat, fish, cheese and other goodies.

Walking the dogs,
trading equity market
and island travelling
fills my leisure time.



Playing is my favourite part of bridge, but defence likes me as well.

Hope that gives a bit of a picture of my past.

SH: Your accomplishments tell us a story of you and the long way here, Vic. Thank you so much for sharing. We wish you continued good fortune.