



CENTRAL COAST  
**BRIDGE**CLUB

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## OUR LAND ABOUNDS IN NATURE'S GIFTS

Happy New Year to all of our members and all the best for good bridge in 2023.

The first committee meeting took place on Friday 13 January and a number of initiatives/motions were decided, a few of which were:

- a change to COVID restrictions
- new table sizes
- hi/lo initiative

The Committee passed a motion to change the club's COVID policy which was effective on Monday 16 January. The aim of the new policy is to be consistent with state-wide policies while maintaining some level of protection for our members.

The new policy is:

- There are no COVID vaccination requirements for play at the club.
- Please do not come to the club if you have a fever ( $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, loss of smell or taste, fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.
- If you have tested positive for COVID, please do not come to the club for 5 days.
- If someone in your household or other close contact has tested positive for COVID, we strongly recommend that you do not come to the club for at least 5 days.

As the COVID policy has changed, we have now decided to reduce the size of the tables. We know that a number of members prefer the card size tables while others prefer the larger tables, so we have decided to reduce the larger tables to 1 m sq. This size is slightly larger than the card tables which are 800 cm sq. We trust that members will accept that we are attempting to accommodate as many members as possible.



Moving on to playing, we have arranged to trial a playing session on the last Monday and Thursday of the month where players can ask to be paired with a more experienced player. If you would like to join in, please speak to Stephanie or John to arrange a partner. If the trial is successful, we aim to appoint the last Mon/Thur session each month as a regular hi/lo. I hope that you support this initiative. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting in due course for additional information.

On the building upgrade front, a representative from Central Coast Council visited our club and has commented that the development application should be passed by the end of February.

As you know, the committee has formed a Building Upgrade Subcommittee (BUS) chaired by Norm Berger who will oversee the project. In accordance with the constitution, the BUS has been provided with a delegation document which guides them in their duties as well as a number of supporting documents to assist with reporting and managing risks. The delegation document is attached for your information.

Additional information will be provided once it is to hand. What an exciting time for the club!

Another initiative being arranged by the Committee is the welcome back lunch. Invitations have been forwarded to a number of former members including infrequent players to the club inviting them to a luncheon and friendly game of bridge on Saturday 11 Feb. We hope that we will see some familiar faces return to the club.

Finally, our 2023 program is out. Thank you to Matt Raj Mal with Committee members in support, for putting this together (in a much better font). Just a note that Matt worked hard to ensure that big events didn't clash with other local club events where possible. However, on occasion clashes were unavoidable. Please collect your copy from the club if you haven't already done so.

Welcome back:

***Stewart Duxbury***

Welcome new members:

***Sue Coleman, Robert Patterson, Denise Skipper***

.... and fees are due. Please see Steph to arrange payment.

Have a wonderful Australia Day!

Louise

*Louise Lewis,  
President*



# Lessons

Beginner lessons kick off with Essential Bridge Skills Stage I with John Redfearn on Tuesday February 21 at 9.30am. The cost is \$50 for six sessions and includes a booklet of all lessons. If you know of anyone who would like to learn to play bridge please have them make enquiries with the club.

Steph Mathews is offering Essential Bridge Skills Stage II on Tuesday mornings at 9:30. This course is for people who have completed Essential Bridge Skills Stage I or who would like to improve their bidding and play.

The topics covered include

- Stayman and transfers
- What to do when you have a really big hand
- Other options when partner opens one no trump.

The current class has already completed training on Stayman and transfers, but those topics will be regularly reviewed in upcoming lessons. Anyone is welcome, and the cost is \$7 per session.



John Redfearn



Steph Mathews

# Player Promotions

Congratulations to those who were promoted another ABF placing

## December

Thea McCallum (Silver Local)

Matt Raj Mal (Bronze National)

Also a big congratulations to Collin Speller who was the Bronze State Master Winner of the 2022 McCutcheon Shield Bridge Competition, Colin finished in first place in our club rankings for most improved in Masterpoints.



*Colin Kleinig,  
Masterpoint Secretary*



# With some finesse

## North

Q6  
KQ984  
42  
J1096

KJ  
4  
AKQ53  
AQ763

You are South and you end up in 5C, You are going to lose the two major suit aces, so you need to finesse RHO for the king of clubs.

Two scenarios:

- i) LHO leads the Ace of spades
- ii) LHO leads the 4 of spades

How to you play the hand in each instance?

Have a think about what each lead tells you, try and work out your plan and then see the next page for the answers.

# With some finesse – answers

You could try ruffing a diamond but if RHO has a doubleton and the King of clubs he will overruff.

Scenario i)

Play your King of spades under the lead of the Ace. Now your Queen is the entry to dummy for the club finesse.

Scenario ii)

The lead of the 4 of spades means that RHO hold the Ace. You play the 6 from dummy and sure enough, RHO plays the Ace. Now, dump your King of spades.

As Eddie would say, just do it! Again, your Queen of spades is the entry to dummy.

Always take a minute to make your plan when dummy goes down rather than just rushing into playing a card.



*It's a thinking game  
John Redbear*