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*Newsletter: April 2024*

# *THE SUPER CONGRESS EDITION*



*The Congress was celebrated on 23rd and 24th March, 2024  
at Diggers, The Entrance.*





## *John Redfearn*

Convened the Super Congress, working flat out weeks before planning and organising the event, then all weekend to create a splendid success for the CCBC. John was supported by Kerrie and Lawrie who made sure that everything anyone needed was available all day, both days. A relentlessly busy task. They gave up a weekend of play to guarantee a happy and enjoyable weekend of fun for everyone else.

Alan Bustany directed the whole Super Congress, again making a confident and capable contribution towards a successful event.

President David Purkiss welcomed the participants and introduced the event, then spent most of the two days in the makeup room awaiting his next photo call.

Rod Shellshear and Peter Greening organised the transport of tables and equipment to and from the Diggers.

Graham Williamson was seen constantly ducking in and around and out with loaded trolleys and a list of things still to do. It seems that these three are tireless in their devotion to Club comfort.

Graham clears and tidies tables and chairs after every session, Rod and Peter do the balancing of the books at the end of every day that they play.

Other club members made themselves available by contributing their time and at the close we were most grateful for the way they pitched in to vacate the Diggers at the appointed time, leaving it in pristine condition for the next use.



## *Princes and Princesses of the Podium*

**SWISS PAIRS** event was held on Saturday, 23rd March

### **NOVICE Section WINNERS**



1ST Place - Brian Lilley and Charles Gilmore, CCBC

2ND Place - Jenny Walmsley and Dorothy Rosewell, CCBC

3RD Place - Rodney McNamara and Diane Thompson, CESSNOCK.

### **RESTRICTED Section WINNERS**



1ST Place - Alison Heathcote, and her partner, Peter Muller, KIAMA

2ND Place - Howard Bridgman and Ian Van Altena, NEWCASTLE

3RD Place - Susan Jensen and Lidy Seysener, PENINSULA

## OPEN Section WINNERS



1ST Place - Mark and Julie Guthrie from NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB. We are most grateful to Mark and Julie for their generous donation of their prize money to the Building upgrade fund.

2ND Place - Terry Bodycote and Paul Weaver, NEWCASTLE

3RD Place - Vicky Lisle and Niek Van Vucht, ILLAWARRA



*SWISS TEAMS* event was held on Sunday 24th March

**NOVICE Section WINNERS**



1ST Place - Ros Hoatson, Glenice Riley, Deb Tatham, Pauline Haydon, CCBC



2ND Place - Rod Shellshear, Peter Greening, Maree Fitzgerald, Jenny Macpherson, CCBC

3RD Place - Peter Pockney, Amanda Falconer, Craig Roberts-Thomson, Jennifer Bassett, NEWCASTLE

## RESTRICTED Section WINNERS



1ST Place - Colin Kleinig, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Berenice Air,  
Vic Pietraszkiewicz, CCBC

Team Kleinig merit special congratulations since they  
also placed 3rd in the OPEN Section. despite being all Restricted Players.

2ND Place - Gwen Rafferty, Linda Dewberry, Margaret Hagar, Audrey Belt,  
SYDNEY BRIDGE CENTRE

3RD Place - Kathryn Ivits, Alma Van Der Walt, Elaine Hume, Peter Hume,  
BRISBANE WATER

## OPEN Section WINNERS

1ST Place - Wendy Mitchell, Henrietta Hohnen, Chris Hannan, Christine Hadaway,  
CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES and BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB

2ND Place - Ian Lisle, Marilyn Chadwick, Vicky Lisle, Niek Van Vucht,  
ILLAWARRA

3RD Place - Colin Kleinig, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Berenice Air, Vic Pietraszkiewicz,  
CCBC

## CONVENOR'S SUMMARY:

Of the 60 pairs (30 tables) who played on Saturday, 25 pairs were from CCBC.  
Great to see!

Of the 24 tables of Swiss Teams playing on Sunday, 7 teams were from CCBC.  
Players came from Central Coast, Sydney, Illawarra and Newcastle

The feedback received was very positive. Most players thought the food and the  
venue were excellent.

It all augurs well for the future.



Welcome our Bilbies to their new Bridge home....Anne Coote, Ada Ngo, Angie Alchin, Brony Bailey, Esther Frost and Leo van Veelen.

## *First 2024 Graduation Class - April 2nd*

John's class of beginners received their certificates from David. David gave a short speech and John provided a delicious morning tea. Our new Bilbies played eight games of bridge, each partnered and assisted by a seasoned player.

*CHRIS PASSIFARO AND HER GIFT TO THE EASTER RAFFLE  
- A TEA COSY MASQUERADING AS A BUNNY*



Saturday's Easter Hamper containing the gorgeous knitted Tea Cosy Bunny was won by Peter Greening, and Second prize of a family Chicken Dinner, kindly donated by Long Jetty Charcoal Chicken, was won by Tony Giles.



Sunday's Easter Egg Basket was won by Glenice Riley, and Second Prize of Wind Spinners, kindly donated by Gloria Smith, was won by Graham Williamson.

*And now ... an Invitation for you to share with your younger family members*

Hi CCBC

In May this year, with the support of the ABF, Nevena Djurovic and I will present a FREE online course of lessons for kids aged 14 to 24. We will teach them all the important basics of this amazing game.

Please do us the favour of recruiting any kids you know who may be interested.

There are many good reasons why kids should learn bridge.

Since many of the cards are hidden, bridge is a strategic game. This calls on kids to use critical thinking skills such as reasoning and logic.

Since bridge is a partnership game, it teaches kids about teamwork and co-operation. Since you always have a partner when you play bridge, it is a great way to meet people and make friends.

We all do a lot of winning and losing when we play bridge. It therefore teaches kids about sportsmanship.

**\*\* Please note: this course is a one-off opportunity – it will not be repeated!**

The lessons will be on Wednesday 1, 8, 15 and 22 May at 7 pm AEST, with practice sessions on Sunday 5, 12, 19 and 26 May at 11 am AEST. Each session will be a bit under an hour.



Potential students should register now. They will have to supply their date-of-birth and their email address. (Students 14 to 17 will need the support of a parent or guardian.)

The link to register is <https://bridgelounge.online/youth-bridge-registration/abf/>

Registration will give them access to our pre-course material, which includes five short tutorials that explain the basic concepts of bridge. They will also receive an entertaining quiz each week, created by AI and presented by Kahoot!. This is the Norwegian online game-based learning platform that leads the world in bringing fun and engagement to learning.

The pre-course material also includes an interview with one of Australia's most talented young bridge players.

By now the kids will have a good idea of what bridge is about and they will be poised to grab their free seat, when course bookings finally open on Thursday 25 April.

Kind regards,  
Paul

## *What's Happened Since Last Newsletter?*

### *Results of Selangor Plate*

1ST - John Redfearn & Norm Berger

2ND - Nola Daly & Steve Calcroft

(Steve Calcroft had another recent success in a team with Roy Cotton, Maoliosa Hawkes and Marianna Xerri who placed third at the Port Macquarie Congress, March 17th.)

3RD - The Brothers Duxbury: Stewart & John

More about the Selangor Plate: Originally, this was an individual event played for six sessions over twelve months, changing partners for each game. Winners were based on the total result from all sessions. The Selangor Plate is named after the Malaysian State where the precious pewter (made from tin, antimony and copper), considered to be the world's best, was created. It was donated by the then President Bill Geerligs and his wife Henrietta (Hennie), a Dutch Indonesian couple who moved to Australia after Independence.

## *Results of Club Mixed Pairs Championship*

1ST - Matt Raj Mal & Annette Houtman

2ND - Angela & Kevin Dougall

3RD - Steve Calcroft & Margaret Driscoll

This is the qualifying event for State Mixed Pairs Championship which will be held in Sydney in May - the Club pays entry fees for the three pairs of qualifiers.

## *Results of Club April Pairs*

1ST - Berenice Air & Vic Pietraszkiewicz

2ND - Kerrie and Peter Johnman

3RD - Matt Raj Mal & Brian Richardson



*We welcome seven new members:*

*Joan Pavitt*

*John Duxbury*

*Bronwyn Bailey*

*Anne Cootz*

*Angie Alchin*

*Leo van Veelen*

*Esther Frostt*



## *What's Happening During the Next Month?*

**Thursday 18th and 25th April at 1.30pm**

**CLUB NOVICE PAIRS** for players with **fewer than 100MPS**.

**Thursday, 25th April at 9.30am**

**ANZAC DAY PAIRS. RED POINT** event. Celebrate this important memorial day by bringing your favourite Vegemite goodies to share....or Anzac biscuits or any other typically Oz yummys like lamingtons or pavlova (even though Kiwis claim to have invented this).

**Wednesday, 1st May at 9.30am**

**CCBC COUNTRY TEAMS:** This is a full day **RED POINT TEAMS** event and is **OPEN** to all members so it's a great opportunity to meet club members who are playing at all levels and to take advantage of the extra value of **RED POINTS**.

A delicious lunch is always provided, with nibbles and drinks to review the day at end of play.

Cost \$25, enter on Club Noticeboard.

**Wednesday, 8th May, at 1.00pm**

The **BA-MI PLATE** is a **RED POINT TROPHY** event is **OPEN** to everyone.

The BA-MI PLATE was donated to the Club in 1987 by two lady players Archie Bates and Heather Milne. Archie and Heather took the first syllable from each of their family names to name the Pewter BA-MI Plate, shown below.

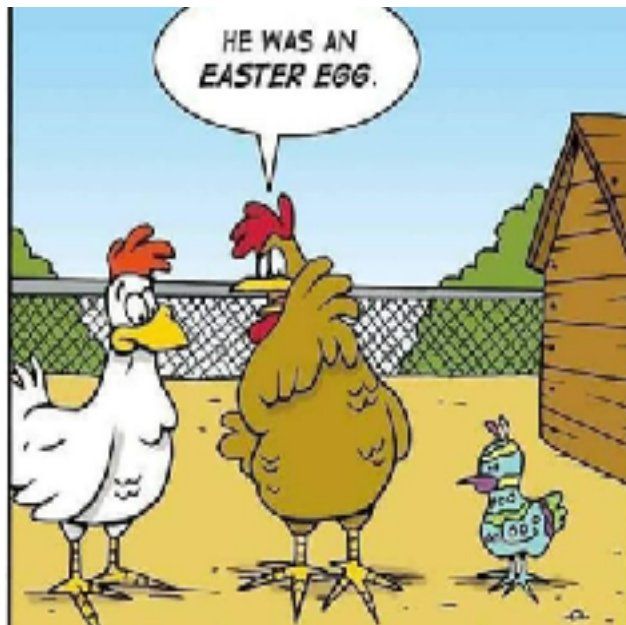


**Thursdays, 9th and 16th May, at 1.30pm**

**Club Restricted Teams Championship** is a **RED POINT TROPHY EVENT**, for players with **fewer than 300MPS**.

**Friday, 10th May, at 1.00pm**

**May Pairs, RED POINT EVENT** and **OPEN** to everyone.



*Proof that there's an explanation for everything!*

It's been an all-round busy month. Until next newsletter then, may all your dreams come true - BUT be careful what you wish for!



The Moving Finger writes:

*LEARN BRIDGE AND HAVE FUN WITH THE BRAIN GAME.*