



CENTRAL COAST **BRIDGE**CLUB Newsletter

**PRESIDENT'S
UPDATE**

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Club championships
for 2021 for your calendar

*March
2021*

UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Since starting to write this article, the COVID19 safe requirements have changed a number of times from something resembling pre-COVID to facemasks and back again, but such is the environment at the moment, you can never tell what's coming next. So, with that in mind, I think that the heading reflects how our members have used bridge for enjoyment, connecting with friends and a bit of a laugh particularly over the last couple of months. It's so wonderful to see happy faces on members returning to the club and so many too! We are very pleased to see you and we hope that you continue to enjoy our wonderful club as well as the improvements that many of you have requested.

On another front, I am very pleased with the current Committee who are trying their best to move forward while things are still uncertain. I would like to give a special callout to the Convener of our Mini Congress, John Redfearn, who as usual, is working tirelessly to make it a great event. I notice that we have quite a few highly rated players who have entered, so we are looking forward to some great bridge on 27 and 28 March.



In February we sought feedback and requests from members through wish lists as part of our member engagement strategy. A number of popular requests have surfaced and as a result a new supported section B will commence on Wednesdays during the 1.00 pm session from Wednesday 3 March. Section A will continue to be available for open play and help will be offered in section B in the same way as Monday and Thursday afternoon supported sessions. Please support this initiative and as always, members are requested to provide feedback.

Another popular request was improving tea/coffee services but as we cannot reopen the kitchen at this point, we can do more to add enjoyment to your experience. So, coming up soon will be a tea trolley including some light snacks. Trolley service will grow as we develop the idea but we will start with a couple of sessions to see how it goes. Details will be available on the website soon so stay tuned.

Wish list requests will now be collated and fed back to the membership for prioritising in the near future.

See you at the Bridge Club.



*all the best,
Louise Lewis*

UPDATE FROM OUR COVID-SAFE COORDINATOR

We are pleased that we have returned to the 2 sq metre rule for our club. As a result, there's no longer a need to book online, and we are hoping to return to pre Covid attendances.

The kitchen remains closed. However, in an attempt to reduce waste and costs, Shan has kindly agreed to set up glasses and mugs from the kitchen, and clean them at the end of each day. They will then be placed on trays at the refreshment station, ready for the next session.

Temperature checks are no longer required upon entry, but a thermometer is available upon request.

QR checkin remains compulsory.

We can now welcome visitors from other clubs, provided they are not coming from a zone classed as a "hotspot" (red or orange zone)

Thorough cleaning of our club continues after every session, lesson or meeting, and I think you'll agree it looks amazing.

Physical distancing and hand washing/ sanitising continues to be of utmost importance in our fight against Covid 19. With the rollout of vaccinations underway, we are hopeful of a more normal 2021.

A big THANKYOU to all of our members for helping to keep us safe.



*Stay safe,
Kerrie Ransom*

Bridge Problems



How might you play the following to make the maximum number of tricks?

a) AJ10 (dummy)

b) A32 (dummy)

c) AJ102 (dummy)

K62 (you)

QJ54(you)

543 (you)

d) A63 (dummy)

e) AQJ5(dummy)

Q72(you)

1042 (you)



Plan your play. You're South and in 3NT. How many winners do you have and how will you make your extra tricks?

a) AK4

K6

973

Q8542

976

AQJ

AQJ10

973

b) K4

AQJ10

9843

A73

A93

432

KQJ10

KQ5



Winners

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Bridge Problems Answers

Maximum number of tricks

- a) You have to decide where you think the Queen is. If you believe West has it you play towards the Jack. If you believe East has it you play finesse towards your King.
- b) Play your Ace and then play a low card to your Queen, hoping that East holds the King.
- c) Play from your hand towards the Jack. If that works get back to your hand to finesse again towards the Ten.
- d) Again, play your Ace and then play towards the Queen.
- e) Lead your 10 from your hand. If it's covered by the King from West play your Ace. If it's not covered play the Five.

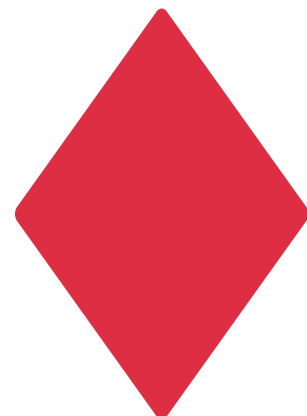
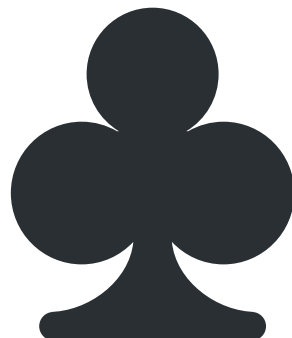
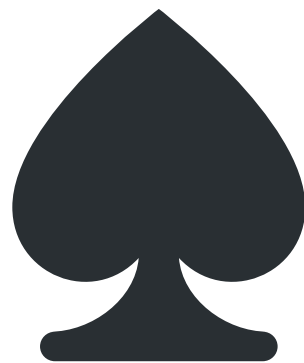
Plan your play

- a) You have 6 winners

Win the trick in dummy and then you should plan to work on your diamonds first by finessing low from towards your Queen. If you work on your hearts first and the diamond finesse fails you leave yourself too open

- b) You have 6 winners

Play on your diamonds immediately as that's where your 3 extra winners that you need will come from



*It's a thinking game
John Redbear*

Club Championships for your 2021 Calendar

Our calendar is now set for the year so make note of the events you'd like to play in. Full details and bookings via the calendar on our website

March

17th Club Individual Championship
18th (morning) President's Cup
30th Club Open Pairs (State Qualifier)

April

3rd Easter Pairs
22nd April Pairs
28th Club Mixed Pairs (State Qualifier)

May

12th Country Teams
18th May Pairs
27th (afternoon) Australia-wide Novice Pairs

June

3rd, 10th & 17th BAMl Plate
8th GNOT
16th June Pairs
23rd Club Open Teams

Club Championships 2021

July

17th Christmas in July
24th & 25th Country Teams Regional Final
26th Premises Anniversary Pairs

August

1st State-wide Pairs
4th Restricted Teams Championship
5th Novice Teams Championship
27th Australia-wide Open Pairs
28th & 29th GNOT Regional Final

September

1st & 8th Restricted Pairs Championship
2nd & 9th Novice Pairs Championship
7th Selangor Plate
15th Interclub Teams
30th BEP Round 1

October

7th Lakes Challenge
11th October Pairs
12th Swiss Pairs Championship
14th & 21st BEP Rounds 2 & 3
20th Charity Day 1 (trophy)
21st (afternoon) Charity Day 2 (fundraiser only)
28th Australia-wide Restricted Pairs

Club Championships 2021

November

2nd Melbourne Cup
5th Life Member Pairs
10th Hi-Lo Pairs
11th & 18th Black Swan Pairs
20th Teams of Three

December

1st, 8th & 15th Wamberal Cup
4th Christmas Party
7th December Pairs



Best of luck!
Norm Berger