



# CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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**February  
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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## **IF YOU ARE NEUTRAL IN SITUATIONS OF INJUSTICE, YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSOR (Desmond Tutu)**

In this newsletter, events, events and more events. What happened at the last committee meeting, the constitution is ready for your final approval, reports on initiatives and more ....

Playing has started to pick up at the club following the holiday season and so too have events. Please consider supporting the club by playing in our Super Congress commencing with Swiss Pairs on Saturday 18 March and Swiss Teams on Sunday 19 March. Our congress is a fun day and there are prizes for both Novice and Open players so why not have a go. Please enter via the NSWBA website.

The committee met on Friday 10 February and some items of interest were:

- Treasurer's report
- feedback from our Tournament Secretary, Matt
- a date for a Special General Meeting for the new constitution

In relation to the treasurer's report, Phil reports an overall loss of between \$2,000 and \$5,000. David and Phil have been crunching the numbers and they strongly advised the committee to increase table fees by \$1.00 per session from 1 April. This increase formed part of our loan application with the ABF for the building upgrade and bearing in mind inflationary pressures, David advised that it is appropriate to start now. Phil also commented on the need to increase fees immediately to provide the next committee with a clean slate.

Our Tournament Secretary, Matt commented on the success of the individual championship and that the calendar is being populated with a number of events. After entering an event, should life get in the way and you are unable to attend, please provide the organisers with at least 24 hours notice of withdrawal. Often numbers are a huge part of planning and substitutes may be required. This notice will provide opportunities for events to be managed.

A date has been fixed at 4.15 pm on Thursday 23 March for a Special General Meeting to vote on the new constitution. We will send a full draft document to each home club member soon, and we will also be pointing out the major changes from the old constitution, many of which you will already know about. To start the ball rolling on reminding you of these major changes, please see Classification of Members and the new Life Membership criteria. More emails will follow regarding other major changes as well as explanation will be posted in the club.

Classification of Members were developed to ensure that only those members who had the best interests of our club in mind first and foremost were able to determine its future. The constitution will now establish three classifications of members: home club member, alternate member and life member. A home club member is one who has chosen Central Coast Bridge Club as their home club with the ABF. These members may vote at both Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, be voted onto the CCBC committee either as an ordinary committee member or office bearer, nominate new home club or life members, nominate members for committee, and win club championship events. As well, they may participate in club sponsored qualifying events and represent the club at all levels.

A life member has all of the above entitlements but they are not required to pay the annual subscription fee to the club.

An alternate member is a member who does not have CCBC as their home club with the ABF. They may participate in club championships but cannot win them. However, they may win trophy events, participate in club sponsored qualifying events and represent the club at all levels. Alternate members may not vote at Annual General Meetings, hold positions on the CCBC committee either as ordinary committee members or office bearers, nominate a person for membership or as a life member, or nominate members for committee..

We have included new life membership criteria in the constitution to provide guidance to committees and members in determining whether to appoint a new life member. Only home club members who have at least 15 years' membership are eligible for life membership and during this time they must have always upheld our values of tolerance, respectfulness, fairness, professionalism, honesty, integrity openness and accountability.

As well, they must have a record of making outstanding contribution to the club as a bridge teacher, a representative of the club, an effective committee member or as a service person who has made significant contributions which greatly improved/changed the club.

If you have any queries concerning the changes to the constitution, please contact Louise or Stephanie to discuss them.

Finally, congratulations to John Redfearn who is this year's Club Individual Champion and well done to everyone who participated in our event. John also has reviews of other events which you will find in this edition of the newsletter.

Please checkout more upcoming events and reports below as well as the minutes of the meeting, in due course.

Have a great month.

*Louise Lewis,  
President*



# Player Promotions & Club Champions

Congratulations to those who were promoted another ABF placing. This month we had just one promotion.

## January

Lee Buckland - Regional

## Individual Championship

A big congratulations to John Redfearn who won the Individual Championship 2023

*Colin Kleinig,  
Masterpoint Secretary*



# Bridge Promotion

We've been busy at the club lately promoting bridge for both current members and potentially some new members.

Firstly, it was great to have Matthew Thompson up from Sydney to give our members some advanced lessons on Safety Play and Strip and Throw In. Matthew will be back later in the year to do some more basic to intermediate topics and we strongly suggest you come along if you can. We'll let you know when that's happening.

We handed out flyers for bridge lessons down at Bateau Bay Square for people who were interested in learning bridge. Thanks goes Lucy D'Ambrosio, Mike Hilton and Lyn Dulin for volunteering their time to help out. They were amazing representatives for our club.

The Girl Guides also handed out 1,000 flyers for us free of charge and, even though they didn't want anything for their time, we will organise them a gift in the near future.

Finally, we held a very enjoyable "Welcome Back" lunch on Saturday February 11. Members and past members that we haven't seen in a while came along and it was fun and very social. We'd love to do more of this in the future.

Remember that Beginner lessons start this Tuesday February 21 so please send along anyone you think would be interested in learning to play our great game.



*It's a thinking game  
John Redbear*

# Upcoming Events

## MARCH

8 Wed	9:30am Club Mixed Pairs (State Qualifier)
16 Thurs	9:30am March Pairs (Red Points)
18 & 19	Sat & Sun CCBC Super Congress
22 Wed	Selangor Plate (Red Points Trophy event)

## APRIL

5 Wed	9:30am CCBC Country Teams
8 Sat	1:00pm April Pairs (Red Points)
20 & 27 Thurs	1:30pm Club Novice Pairs
25 Tues	1:00pm ANZAC DAY Pairs (Red Points)

*Matt Raj Mal*  
*Tournament Secretary*



# 2023 ANNUAL SUPER CONGRESS 18 & 19 March



## CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB

Venue: Long Jetty Over 50s Club, 6 Thompson Street Long Jetty

Ronnie Ng—Tournament Director

Marilyn Scott — Convener

This event is conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. All Players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations. The ABF has approved the issue of Red Masterpoints at the level B3 (no Yellow systems conventions permitted).

SATURDAY 18 March Swiss Pairs\* (Entry fee \$90 per pair)

9.30am Registration

10.00am Play commences—number of rounds to be determined based on number of entries

SUNDAY 19 March Swiss Teams\* (Entry fee \$180 per team)

9.30am Registration

10.00am Play commences— number of rounds to be determined based on number of entries

A 50% discount will be offered to players under 26!

\*Novice = fewer than 100 Masterpoints per player (as at 31st January 2023) \*Restricted = fewer than 300 Masterpoints per player (as at 31st January 2023)

\*Open = no restriction on the Masterpoints per player

[Enter online at the NSWBA](#)



# Over Weak Two Bidding

East opens 2H (weak). You are South, what do you bid, holding the following hand?

A7

103

AKJ108732

9

# Over Weak Two Bidding answer

The South hand has 8 diamonds. Should you be playing in a suit contract? However, diamonds are a minor suit so it may be better to play in 3NT.

You most probably have 8 tricks in diamonds. You could bid 3D and hope partner bids 3NT.

You could jump to 4D showing a strong hand.

The best bid you can make is a cue bid of 3H, forcing North to bid again. He will bid 3NT with a stopper in hearts.

Okay, I hear you say, "I have a singleton club. East may lead a club." That's a big maybe given their long heart suit.

# Playing Dummy

At the table

You are dummy and the lead (say at trick 4) is in Declarer's hand. Declarer says, "Lead the 7 of diamonds."

As dummy, you CANNOT say, "You are in your hand." Dummy is dummy. He cannot talk (in this instance). Once declarer nominates a card to be played it must be played.

However, the opponents may choose to accept the lead from the incorrect hand. In fact, it may be to their side's benefit to do so.

If Declarer is about to lead from their hand and they are in dummy, you may point out to them that they are on the table. That is permissible. But, in the above example, once Declarer has named a card to be played, as dummy you must:

- a) Play the card they've nominated
- b) Say nothing

If you are defending and dummy doesn't play the nominated card and instead tells declarer they are in their hand then call the Director before you play a card.

We see a lot of self-ruling at the table. As in any game there is a referee or umpire, in Bridge this is the Director. Always call for the Director.



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