



MAY/JUNE 2024

From the editor's desk

My first attempt at a newsletter for this wonderful club so go easy on me please! As you will find practically all the up to date bridge information you need on our website, I've decided to alter the content to a degree. There will however be reminders of upcoming events and pats on the back for achievements. This is the opportunity for you, the members to involve yourselves and contribute - it is your newsletter.

And we're out of there

Our move out of the clubhouse to the Long Jetty Hotel in May was (almost) seamless, mainly due to the tremendous effort put in by our wonderful member volunteers. Many of you pitched in, giving up your Sundays to empty cupboards, pack cartons, sort, store and despatch kitchen, bathroom and office items, pack up the library, wash and pack tablecloths, disconnect and move electronics and pack up tables and chairs. Too many to separately name but a very big THANK YOU to you all. An especially big shout out to the 'man in the van' who beat a constant path between the clubhouse, the pub and Palmdale. No need to mention names here as we all know who you are and that you are probably now fighting your way around all our boxes in your home! Some challenging times ahead for the next few months but our resilience is proven and things will be brighter as the weather gets warmer! We'll keep you up to date with progress reports and photos. In the meantime your continuing to play is very important for the wellbeing of the club's finances so do keep coming along to your regular bridge sessions as most of you are already doing.

Update : We are about to be warmer! Our industrious Treasurer, Rod has sourced and purchased a commercial heater which will be operational on Monday so this will certainly remove the chill from our playing area.

Christmas in July

When : Thursday 18 July
Where : Diggers at The Entrance
Cost : \$25 which includes the normal \$10 morning bridge cost with tea and coffee, and a two course festive meal.

The bar will be open to purchase drinks. This is a package only – bridge and lunch. Play begins at 9.30 am and lunch will be served at 1.00 pm. A registration form is available on the noticeboard at the entrance to our playing room at the hotel, or you can email us (ccbridgeclub@gmail.com).

Get your names in early as there is a cut off number of 64 (32 pairs) and there are only a few spaces left for this popular event!

Bridge competition news

Congratulations :

- ❖ Bami Plate winners – Colin Kleinig and Berenice Air
- ❖ Club Restricted winners – Matt Raj Mal/Jane Stephens, Colin Kleinig/Berenice Air
- ❖ May pairs winners – David Purkiss/Rod Shellshear, Wendy Alford/Alan Raward
- ❖ Australia wide novice pairs – special congratulations to
 - Michael Hilton and Yvonne Zammit who came in 31st nationally
 - Dawn and Phil Thomas (38th nationally)
 - Robyn Price and Peter Greening (176th nationally)
- ❖ CCBC Open teams winners –
 - 1st – Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Colin Kleinig, Jane Stephens, Berenice Air
 - 2nd – Robert Johnson, Tony Sappideen, David Purkiss, Peter Cloughessy
 - 3rd – Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Angela Dougall, Kevin Dougall
- ❖ Country teams regional final (30 June at Brisbane Waters) (winners will be announced in next newsletter)



Coming up :

- ❖ Wednesday 10 July 1.00 pm July pairs (R)
- ❖ Thursday 25 July and 1 August 1.30 pm Club novice teams
- ❖ Wednesday 7 August 10.00 am Club Swiss pairs
- ❖ Thursday 15 August 9.45 am August pairs (R)
- ❖ Wednesday 28 August 1.00 pm Australia wide open pairs

Upcoming beginners lessons :

When : Monday 29 July 2024
Time : 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Where : The Entrance Community Centre, Battley Avenue, The Entrance
Cost : \$80 (includes 7 weeks of lessons and play practice, a Bridge Basics booklet and morning tea)

Following these 7 weeks, a further set of lessons and practice sessions will be offered. Upon completion, participants will be well equipped to join our supervised and regular bridge sessions at CCBC. Please register by emailing Central Coast Bridge Club at ccbridgeclub@gmail.com or phoning John Redfearn on **0466 055 969**.

Let's try something different on Monday afternoons

Commencing Monday 24 June, players with greater than 400 mps are welcome to play in the afternoon supervised session if they partner a player of fewer than 30 mps. This is a great opportunity for our less experienced members to 'play and learn'.

Members news

Shout outs to the following members who have been in need of some tlc

- ❖ Lois Smith – good to see you back having a game with Barry
- ❖ Annette Houtman – has had hospital time with a painful back
- ❖ Margie Berger – has been recovering from a nasty fall at home
- ❖ Sandy Whalley – great to see you back at the club after a couple of hospital stays and
- ❖ Any other members who have succumbed to the nasty Winter lurgies

Clever Christine Passafaro has been at it again with her beautiful tea cosies. Chris took out 1st place at Woy Woy Peninsular Lions Club with this little number. Well done!



Feel good corner

My three buddies and I, who have been friends for over 50 years, travelled from the Central Coast, Canberra and Dubbo for a bit of a gals R & R in Sydney. Top of our wish list was a Vivid cruise and a trip to the theatre. @Juliet (at the Lyric) is the tale of 'what happens next' if Juliet decided not to use that dagger. A wonderful musical performance by Rob Mills (Shakespeare) and other cast members including Casey Donovan and Amy Lehpamer. Loved it!

If you have a 'must do' or fav to share, a recent travel ditty or even something you've been watching on the box, we'd love to hear about it. Send it to me or pass it on over the table at the club and I'll include it here for our readers!

From the readers couch

We have so many avid readers in our club and we've all been busily sharing our favourite books at the rate of knots. This could be a great way of giving a shout out and maybe a (brief) run down of something that you can recommend. I'll start! I'm just finishing the 'Midnight Library' by Matt Haig. A fascinating look at what could possibly be the reality of parallel universes (or just a big stretch). Over to you!

