



JULY/AUGUST 2024

President's renovation progress report

The construction process was unfortunately delayed for a couple of reasons :

- Construction Certificate – several problems associated with obtaining a Certificate from the Central Coast Council delayed the commencement of any construction activity. This certificate was finally issued around the 3rd week in June. Notwithstanding this delay, demolition work was completed including the removal of asbestos.
- Wet weather resulted in the postponement of three scheduled attempts to pour the concrete footings – when these delays occur, rebooking concrete trucks and support workers takes around two weeks.

The concrete footings were finally poured last Thursday with 8 concrete trucks delivering around 45 cubic metres of cement. The bricks for the new northern wall have been delivered and the bricklayers will commence building that wall next Monday. Zac L'Estrange from Buterin L'Estrange, Builders has assured us that their key objective is to progress the building to lock-up stage as soon as possible. The Kitchen sub-committee has been working closely with our architects and an update to that end will appear in our next newsletter. The scheduled completion date for the building is now sometime during November 2024.

Editors note : you may have seen an article in the latest edition of the Coast Community newspaper regarding the redevelopment works. Look out for further possible coverage on our local NBN television screens!



Christmas in July

In mid July, we celebrated *Christmas in July* at Diggers. Some of our members arrived in Christmas or fancy dress and headgear, but whatever the chosen outfit, we were there to enjoy a game of bridge and a midyear celebration. As expected, Diggers looked after us, welcoming us to the Pavilion Room overlooking our beautiful lake with lunch tables laid for the occasion. A challenging bridge morning resulted in Arturo Medina and Jan Buchanan-Medina winning the 'A' section, with Brian Kelly and Judith Thompson winning in the 'B'. Congratulations!

A huge thank you to all the helpers in setting up and dismantling, too many to name, but a particular thumbs up to Graham Williamson and Rod Shellshear for ferrying all our tables for us to play on. Another mention to Kerry and Lawrie Ransom for organising the raffle and congratulations to our winner, Viv Millanta who is off to dinner on us, with Carol Patton and Margaret Burfield taking home a bottle of wine.



Bridge competition news

Congratulations :

- ❖ Club novice teams – Rod Shellshear, Thea McCallum, Michael Hilton and Yvonne Zammit
- ❖ High/low pairs (CC Leagues) – Vic Pietraszkiewicz and Anne Grayden
- ❖ Restricted teams (CC Leagues) – Jane Stephens, Colin Kleinig, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Lucy D'Ambrosio
- ❖ Brisbane Waters Bridge Club Congress restricted pairs (2nd) – Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Berenice Air
- ❖ July pairs – Pam Leathley and Wynne O'Brien

Coming up

- ❖ Australia wide open pairs - Wednesday 28 August (1.00 pm)
- ❖ Life member pairs (red point and trophy) – Wednesday 4 September (1.00 pm)
- ❖ September pairs (red point) – Friday 13 September (1.00 pm)
- ❖ President's cup (red point and trophy) – Wednesday 18 September (1.00 pm)
- ❖ Club Open pairs (red point and trophy) – Wednesday 25 September (10.00 am)
- ❖ Spring pairs (red point) – Friday 4 October (1.00 pm)
- ❖ Lakes Challenge (at Toronto) – Thursday 17 October (10.00 am)
- ❖ Club Swiss pairs – Wednesday 23 October (10.00 am)
- ❖ Australia wide restricted pairs – Monday 28 October (1.30 pm)
- ❖ Charity day (trophy) – Thursday 31 October (1.30 pm)

Beginners lessons are continuing

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. If anyone is interested in future lessons, please email cbridgeclub@gmail.com or phone John Redfearn on 0466 055 969.

Player promotions (July)

Lee Mitchell – Regional (50.8)
Glenice Riley – Silver Local (35.21)
Michael Hilton – Local (15.98)
Maree Kelly – Graduate (2.21)

Congratulations everyone!

Welcome new members

Gail Beverly (alt) and Colleen Milne (full)

Don't forget Monday afternoons

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

Joan Pavitt has recently returned from a fabulous trip to China. Here's what she has to say about her travels.....

"In May this year I went to China for 12 days with Tripadeal. I had the most wonderful time. The price was an incredible \$3000 for 2 people with airmfares, all 4 star hotels, breakfasts and some other meals included. We saw the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden Palace, the Terracotta Army, Beijing, Shanghai and many other places and attractions. It was one of the best holidays I have ever had. All Australians on the tour, the majority retired people. We travelled on the fast trains and coaches. The guides were mostly excellent and it was extremely well organised. Most importantly for me it changed the way I see China".



Feel good corner

Mindfulness – thoughts by Maree Kelly

It's about waking up and being thankful for things in your life.

Mine vary but generally,

I'm grateful for waking up

I'm grateful for my wonderful family

I'm grateful for a roof over my head

I'm grateful for food on my plate

I'm grateful for my husband (putting up with me)

According to science this gives you an extra dose of happy hormones.

Most people wake up feeling negative and think negative thoughts so research shows and practicing this helps you get life into perspective and thinking about positive things in your life

And finally

AN ODE TO BRIDGE

I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night
It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who has played what and what is trump
Sitting for hours with a sore rump

So it's all over tonight - I'm off to the backwoods
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwoods
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again

Another bad night, nothing's gone right
My partner's a dope I'm losing all hope
When opponents say 'double' I know we're in trouble

My points are not high and I'm wondering why
She kept on bidding right up to the sky
We're in seven spades, I doubt she makes
When surprise, surprise all tricks she takes

The defenders feel sick my partners's real slick
All of a sudden gone is my sorrow
And yes, I'll play again tomorrow!

Anonymous