



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

President's renovation progress report

The weather has finally allowed work on the clubhouse to move at a quicker pace. In the last week structural steel has been installed, the front wall straightened to match the brick, roofing commenced, stump supports installed and box gutter downpipe location changed. This next week will see further roofing work, insulation and flooring, stormwater pit installation and box gutter and wall framing.



Bridge competition news

Results

Our club –

- Life Members- pairs – Matt Raj Mal & Stewart Duxbury
- Presidents Cup – Ros Hoatson & Tony Sappideen
- A special mention to David Purkiss and Rod Shellshear who placed highest in our club in the 2024 Australia-wide open pairs

Other clubs –

- CCLC Congress -
 - Section A pairs – Kerrie and Peter Johnman (7th)
 - Section B pairs – Lucy D'Ambrosio, Jodie Gudaitis (3rd)
 - Section B teams – Peter Cloughessy, Rod Shellshear, Alison Heathcote, Peter Muller (2nd)
- Interclub teams (Community Bridge Club) – Brian Richardson, Stewart Duxbury, Peter Johnman, Kerrie Johnman (1st)

Coming up

October

Spring pairs - Wednesday 23rd (1.00 pm)
Australia-wide restricted pairs – Monday 28th (1.30 pm)
CCBC Charity Day (T) – Thursday 31st (1.00 pm)

November

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 5th (10.00 am)
HiLo pairs (T) – Thursday 7th (1.30 pm)
Remembrance Day pairs – Monday 11th (9.30 am)
Premises anniversary pairs (RT) – Wednesday 13th (1.00 pm)
Black Swan pairs (round 1) – Thursday 14th (1.30 pm)
November pairs (R) - Wednesday 20th (1.00 pm)
Black Swans pairs (Round 2) – Thursday 21st (1.30 pm)
CCBC interclub teams – Wednesday 27th (9.30 am)

December

Club open pairs (RT) – Wednesday 4th (9.30 am)
NOTE : this is an all day event, \$25 includes a delicious lunch with drinks & nibbles at conclusion of play

Christmas party – Thursday 12th (9.30 am)
NOTE : more information following re this event

Club swiss pairs (T) – Wednesday 18th (9.30 am)
NOTE : this is an all day event, \$25 includes a delicious lunch with drinks & nibbles at conclusion of play

The Lakes Challenge Toronto

A great turnout for this annual event held at the Toronto Bridge Club on Thursday 17 October. Fourteen tables comprising seven from Toronto and seven from our club saw a mixed bag of results and a wonderful, competitive and friendly day had by all. A big thank you to Toronto for putting on such a terrific event with particular mention of the amazing array of food.



A member's travel story ...

Don and Lyn Paton (our hard working Secretary) have recently completed a dream holiday in the Kimberley and here's what Don had to say about their journey.

'During August, Lyn and I completed a tour from Darwin to Broome with Outback Spirit. The trip was 18 days and took in many of the highlights of northern Australia – Kakadu, Katherine Gorge, the Ord River Scheme, the Bungle Bungles, El Questro and Mitchell Falls to name a few. It included the famed Gibb River Road and finished with a light plane flight to the Horizontal Waterfalls from Broome with lunch and boat ride through the falls. We went on helicopter flights over the Bungle Bungles and Mitchell Falls. All meals and accommodation were included, with accommodation varying from glamping "tents", the Cable Beach Resort to more ordinary motel style rooms. Transport was a 4WD Mercedes bus with aircraft style seats for 24 (we had 19 passengers) which was very comfortable. The young guides were great - knowledgeable, friendly and helpful. We travelled about 5000 kms and it was all excellent – great scenery, good people, good food, beer and wine and so much easier than driving it yourself!'



Other member news

- Phil and Dawn Thomas have moved home! The time had finally come to downsize so they have relocated and are now settled into their next forever home in East Gosford. Welcome to your new abode guys
- Congratulations Joan Pavitt who stood for election in the recent Council elections. Though unsuccessful, Joan ran a great campaign

Player promotions

Congratulations Denise Skipper – you have been promoted to Graduate Master



Beginners lessons

Congratulations

Our latest beginners have now completed their lessons and graduated! They have played a limited time session in our temporary bridge area and membership applications have been submitted. Welcome to our club!



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'.

Last thoughts

"You aren't just the age you are. You are all the ages you ever have been!"

"Every day is a new day, and you'll never be able to find happiness if you don't move on."

Jill Wilkey
Editor