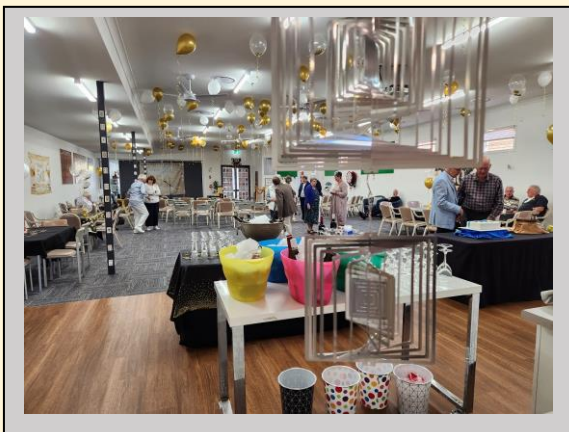


**APRIL/MAY 2025**

**Huge congratulations to our club** – we've just passed a golden milestone and turned 50! To celebrate this significant event and the opening of our newly renovated club, we opened our doors and were joined by our local members and councillors and fellow bridge club representatives from Brisbane Waters and Central Coast Leagues for nibblies, champagne, speeches and ribbon cutting. The hall was festively decorated with 50th anniversary posters and hangings, gold and silver balloons and glitter, while 100 members and guests celebrated. John Redfearn and Peter Johnman (our two life members) were invited to cut the ribbon and speeches were delivered by outgoing President David Purkiss, VP Norm Berger, local member David Mehan, Peter Johnman and then John followed with an inspiring message about friendship. We proceeded to cut our beautiful cakes, once again made specially for us by Thea McCallum. Cheers to the usual crew who pitched in to help set up, decorate and take down and especially to Sue Woodbury who made all the catering arrangements. An especially big thanks to Maree Kelly who generously spent an enormous amount of her time and energy organising the event and adding all the decorating touches to highlight this very special occasion.



## ***Regular CCBC bridge results ....***

### ***Our club -***

- Autumn pairs (Wed 16 April) – 1st - Norm Berger/Lucy D’ambrosio (NS) and Wynne O’Brien/Pam Leathley (EW)
- Novice pairs (Thurs 17 April) – 1<sup>st</sup> Rod Shellshear/Phil Thomas
- Anzac pairs ((Friday 25 April) – 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Jones/Lyn Brownlee (NS) and Nola Daly/Berenice Air (EW)
- Open teams qualifier – 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerrie and Peter Johnman, Norm Berger and Steve Calcroft, 3<sup>rd</sup> Colin Kleinig, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Stewart Duxbury and Berenice Air

### ***Other clubs –***

- Newcastle Bridge Club restricted teams congress (Sunday 6 April) – 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Stephens, Colin Kleinig, Lucy D’Ambrosio and Maree Fitzgerald
- Orange Festival of Bridge restricted teams (12/13 April) – 5<sup>th</sup> Lucy D’ambrosio, Jodie Guditis, Colin Kleinig and Jane Stephens
- BWBC open teams championship 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> – Donelle Foate, Christine Hadaway, Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Felicity Fane, Elaine Hume, Matt Raj Mal, Jorgen Boettiger
- State Seniors teams championship – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Peter and Kerrie Johnman

### ***Coming up –***

#### ***June***

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 1.00 pm - Wamberal Cup (trophy and red points)
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 1.00 pm – June pairs (red points)
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am – Club open pairs (all players welcome to play)
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – Club restricted pairs (all players must have fewer than 300 mps as at 31 May)

#### ***July***

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am – GNOT (gold points) (teams event open to all players)
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30 am – Bridge followed by Christmas in July lunch (1.00 pm)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 1.00 pm – Winter pairs (red points)
- Saturday 26 July 10.00 am – CCBC Congress - novice and restricted pairs
- Sunday 27 July 10.00 am – CCBC Congress - novice and restricted teams



## Girls Night In ....

In April our club provided the venue for a fundraising event organised by members Deb Tatham and Pauline Haydon. The goal – to purchase new state of the art equipment for Wyong Hospital's Cancer Unit. And what a night it was!

Around 90 of us brought in plates of food and wine and danced to the music of Five Shades, our resident band, who entertained us almost non stop! With lots of fun raffle and lucky door prizes throughout the night, thanks to all our members' generosity we well and truly met our target.



Huge thanks to Five Shades and extra Daniel, who travelled from Queensland to provide the amazing sound and lighting effects and of course Deb and Pauline who had worked tirelessly to get this event up and running. Job done ladies!





# ***CCBC Novice and Restricted Congress ....***

## ***Saturday 26 July (8.30 am for 9.30 am start)***

Swiss pairs (\$60 per person)

Prize money (dependent on entry numbers) –

- Restricted - \$200 (1<sup>st</sup>) \$100 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Novice - \$200 (1<sup>st</sup>) \$100 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## ***Sunday 27 July (8.30 am for 9.30 am start)***

Swiss teams (\$240 per team)

Prize money (dependent on entry numbers) –

- Restricted - \$200 (1<sup>st</sup>) \$100 (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Novice - \$200 (1<sup>st</sup>) \$100 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

- ❖ Registration via myABF or if you are unable to do this, put your name on the appropriate sheet on the notice board in the club
- ❖ Payment by Eftpos or credit card on the day
- ❖ Delicious light lunch and fruit platter (please advise dietary requirements)
- ❖ Tea, coffee, water and snacks available all day
- ❖ Drinks and presentation of cash prizes at the end of each day

## ***How to enter via myABF -***

- ❖ [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au)
- ❖ Click MyABF tab
- ❖ Log in or sign up with your appropriate details
- ❖ Click on Calendar, scroll to the CCBC Congress and select
- ❖ Click 'Jump to Program'
- ❖ Chose whichever event you wish (26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>) and click enter
- ❖ Payment method – drop down to 'Cash on the Day' – you may use Eftpos or Card on the day)
- ❖ Save and exit

## ***Promotions ....***

- Club master – Maree Kelly
- Bronze local master – Terry Newnham, Jan Perring, Michael Hilton, Charles Gilmore
- Silver local master – Jill Borgman
- Local master – Alan Moore, Barry Smith, Peter King
- Silver national master – Matt Raj Mal

***Congratulations all!***



### ***Norm Berger is CCBC new life member***

Norm has been actively involved in our club for 16 years, in various roles of Committee Member, Tournament Secretary, Director and currently Vice President. Of late, Norm has been extremely busy directing the lion's share of our bridge sessions for which we are extremely grateful, as it enables us to continue playing.



***Well done Norm .....***



Another special mention here to our wonderful members who are working hard to keep the club looking terrific and keeping us supplied with lots of sweet treats.

Carolyn Dickinson and her merry group of helpers have been giving our courtyard a much needed makeover and their constant maintenance is making the gardens look great!

Erica Ring , Lyn Bigland and Mary McFadden regularly bring delicious goodies to our Monday morning sessions. Why don't you come along and join us?

Last but not least Sandy Whalley for bringing in celebratory cakes (think footy).

***Thanks ladies, we appreciate your efforts .....***

## ***Wishes and condolences ....***

Our thoughts are with those of our members who are not well at the moment and we wish you all the best and hope to see you back soon at our tables .....

### ***Vale Wendy Alford***

Wendy was an active member of our club for many years but had not been well of late. We were saddened to hear of her passing. She will be very much missed. Our condolences to Alan Rayward .....

### ***Vale Graham Steele***

Graham was a long time member of CCBC and an active member of our committees over the years, although it has been some time since he has joined us at our tables. Our sympathies go to his family .....

## ***Last thoughts ....***

*You cannot control the  
behaviour of others, but  
you can always choose  
how you respond to it .....*

*Try to be a rainbow in  
someone else's cloud*

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*Jill Willey - Editor*