



DECEMBER 2025



Merry Christmas

In a blink we are about to celebrate Christmas 2025, one year on from moving back into our beautifully renovated premises! We've had teething problems but those have mostly been addressed and the more challenging are on our to do list for 2026.

It's been a big year for us at the CCBC, filled with congresses, anniversary celebrations, charity fundraisers and red point and trophy events. Sadly along the way through the year we have had to say good bye to some of our long time members, Jean Tyler, Georgina Tearne, Graham Steele, Wendy Alford, Angela Dougall and Sandy Whalley.

Several new initiatives have been trialled and/or instigated throughout the club, signage, web page updating, event catering/menu redesign – and we are pleased with the end result. We're getting on with the day to day running and playing at our club and our members appreciate our efforts.

Merry Christmas from your Committee and we look forward to sharing 2026 with you at the bridge table.

Your Committee for 2025-26

Peter Cloughessy (President)
Norm Berger (Vice President)
Rod Shellshear (Treasurer)
Lyn Paton (Secretary)
Ros Hoatson
Brian Millanta
Matt Raj Mal
Jill Wildey
Sue Woodbury

Our session times

Monday 9.30 am and 1.30 pm
Tuesday 1.00 pm
Wednesday 1.00 pm
Thursday 9.30 am and 1.30 pm
Friday 1.00 pm (followed by drinks and nibbles)
Saturday 1.00 pm

Events held at our club over the last few months

Charity Day

Thanks everyone for a well attended and very successful Charity Day. Your amazing contribution of so many cakes, slices, biscuits and goodies to make up raffle hampers, were all put to good use to raise much needed funds which we will be handing over to our two preferred charities as soon as. Another very special mention to Bateau Bay Hotel, the Long Jetty Hotel and Charcoal Chicken for donating very generous vouchers which we auctioned, John Redfearn for the scratchy tree and our winners Kerrie and Peter Johnman.



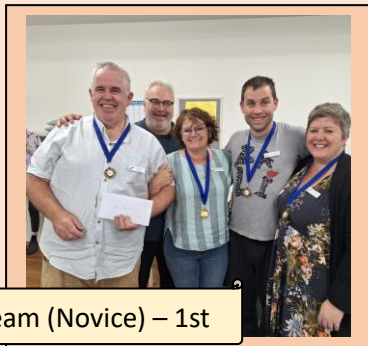
Lakes Challenge

Once again our annual one day event with Toronto Bridge Club, this year at the CCBC, was an overwhelming success with 20 tables – 10 from each club. Congratulations winning team from the Central Coast - Stewart Duxbury, Rod Shellshear, Kerrie and Peter Johnman. A great day was had by all with many compliments on the catering and our wonderful premises. We look forward to next year at Toronto!



State Novice and Restricted Teams Congress

This team event was run over two days toward the end of November. Congratulations to all who competed and thanks to John Redfearn for organising and running the event.



Clark team (Novice) – 1st



Bissett team (Restricted) – 1st



Durrant team (Novice) – 2nd



Sappideen team (Restricted) – 2nd

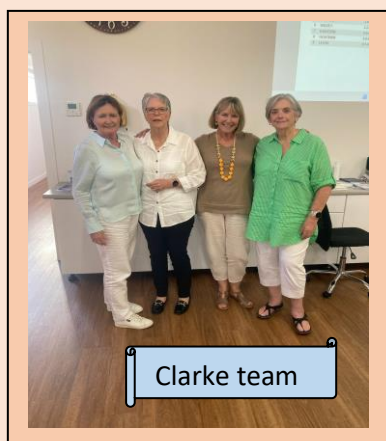


Interclub Teams

1st – Sally Clarke, Sharon Mayo, Di Coates, Jan Clarke

2nd - Peter and Kerrie Johnman, Norm Berger, John Redfearn

3rd – Colin Kleinig, Jane Stephens, Berenice Air, Colin Speller *(picture unavailable)*



Clarke team



Johnman team

CCBC Results

October

- *Open swiss pairs – Kevin Dougall/Brian Lilley (1st), Norm Berger/John Redfearn (2nd), Colin Kleinig/Berenice Air (3rd)*
- *Presidents Cup – Sylvia Robb/Marie Tucker (1st), Julie Leigh/Mary McFadden (2nd), Elaine McGorm/Matt Raj Mal (3rd)*
- *Lakes Challenge – Stuart Duxbury/Rod Shellshear/Kerrie and Peter Johnman (1st), Peter Deed/Alan Nichols/Scott Grout/Michael Johnson (Toronto) (2nd), Wynn O'Brien/Berenice Air/Marilyn Scott/Gary Heyting (3rd)*

November

- *Spring Pairs – Don Paton/Alan Kelly (NS 1st), Wynn O'Brien/Pam Leathley (EW 1st)*
- *Black Swan pairs – Carol Patton/Denise Skipper (1st)*
- *November pairs – Norm Berger/Lucy D'Ambrosio (NS 1st), Kevin Dougall/Lyn Bigland (EW 1st)*
- *HiLo pairs – Stuart Duxbury/Pauline Haydon (NS 1st), Kerrie Johnman/Margaret Bishop (EW 1st)*
- *Premises Anniversary pairs – Norm Berger/Lucy D'Ambrosio (1st), Stuart Duxbury/Berenice Air (2nd), Sylvia Robb/Marie Tucker (3rd)*
- *State Teams Championship – Lucy D'Ambrosio/Jennifer Bissett/Shannon Queree/Neil McMaster (1st)*

Other results

- *Congratulations Louise Lewis and Vic Pietraskiewicz winning the Mudgee Restricted*
- *Further special mention to Lucy D'Ambrosio who has played in several events during the last few months, in the club and mostly out and about and has had amazing achievements.*

Well done all!

Coming up and keep an eye out for

CCBC Super Congress

In March 2026 we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary Super Congress - a historic event for our club. We've come a long way since playing our inaugural Congress at the Florida Hotel, Terrigal! This Congress will run over four days, from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 March and will incorporate pairs and teams. We'll keep you up to date with further details via email, website and notice boards at the club.



Web page

Our web page has been updated and now reflects all club information. This page will be regularly refreshed with club event results. Many thanks to Ros Hoatson for all the hard work she has put into making this happen.



Lessons

Beginners lessons for 2025 are complete and graduates have continued on to Improvers sessions with Colleen Milne, with some now into regular sessions of play. Keep an eye out for an email in your inbox early next year and on the website for information regarding 2026 lesson dates.

Special mention page



Lyn Bigland so generously continues to supply us with copious amounts of amazingly presented cakes and slices for morning and afternoon tea



Sue Woodbury looks after all our catering needs and Keith readily helps out with any odd jobs needed around the club, doubling up as our resident barman



Thea McCallum for making our wonderful special events cakes

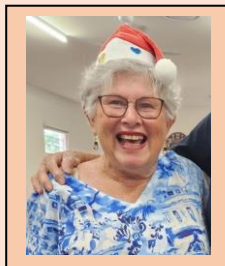


Carol Patton and Denise Skipper (picture not available) - our 2025 Black Swan winners



Our HiLo winners for 2025 - Stewart Duxbury and Pauline Haydon

Jenny O'Donoghue and Leonie Grimshaw for keeping us supplied with all we need for our morning and afternoon teas



Colleen Milne who is making a motza for the club in running our raffles

Carolyn Dickinson and her helpers for maintaining our courtyard garden area and surrounds - they are looking beautiful

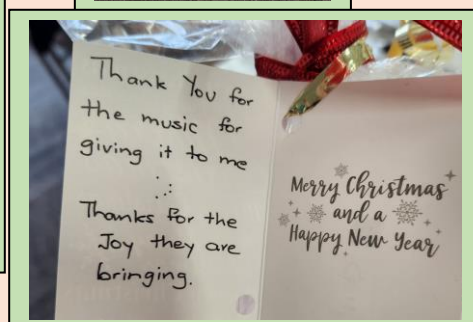
All the ladies who regularly bring in cakes, slices, Anzac bikkies and other treats to get us through our games

Lyn Lynch for stepping up and taking on a directing role. Thanks Lyn for tackling this very much needed challenge for the club



Festive celebrations at the club

Our Christmas party was once again a huge success. Members got into the festive spirit and decorated the club, gave up their valuable time towards ensuring that we all had heaps of good food and fun and our resident band, Five Shades played all the music that it takes! Thea made not only our Christmas cake but individual cakes for each band member. Her card summed up all our sentiments.



And finally ...

Congratulations Pauline and Bill Haydon on the recent wedding of their daughter Jodie to Anthony. Jodie looked absolutely gorgeous and we wish the happy couple all the very best.

Merry Christmas everyone. Enjoy your celebrations and stay safe.



Jill Wildey - Editor

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