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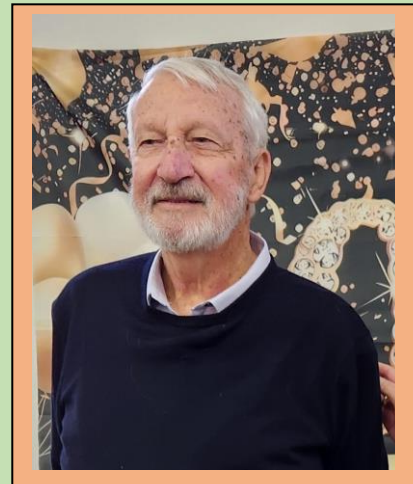
March 2026 was time for more club celebrations – our Golden 50th Anniversary of the CCBC's first congress which was played at the then Florida Inn, Terrigal.

Once again much thought, planning and effort by many members has gone into the running of this Golden Congress but the standouts must be acknowledged.

Congratulations John Redfearn for all your efforts in bringing this event together. A long serving life member, much loved and respected bridge teacher and director extraordinaire. We thank you.

Further congratulations and a big thank you to our Catering Manager Sue Woodbury and hubby Keith for their amazing effort in catering for the players, Lyn and Don Paton for keeping everything under control and of course to all the other wonderful willing helpers who gave up their time to assist with this mammoth task.

Well done all on another extremely successful Congress. Feedback has been amazing!



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

CCBC special event results

- Selangor Plate (4 February) – Annette Houtman/Lyn Lynch (1st), Brian Lilly/Kevin Dougall (2nd), Mary McFadden/Jenny MacPherson (3rd)
- Individual Club Champion (18 February) - a tied result between Marg Prince and Tony Sappideen (1st), Graham Williamson (3rd)
- Bep Plate (19 February) – Congratulations – Colleen Milne and Gail Beverly

Other club results (with CCBC members playing)

- *Interclub Championship teams – CCLCBC (29 January)*
 - Norm Berger/Steve Calcroft, Peter and Kerrie Johnman (4th)
 - Marilyn Scott/Berenice Air, Jane Stephens/Colin Speller (7th)
 - Keith and Sue Woodbury, Lee Mitchell/Jenny Macpherson (13th)
- Other –
 - Lucy d'Ambrosio –
 - TBIB under 300 swiss pairs – 6th
 - National restricted under 300 swiss pairs – 2nd
 - National under 750 teams – 2nd overall and 1st in restricted

Note : All regular club results are available on our website.



Beginners' lessons

The latest session of beginners lessons with Matt are almost complete and graduates will continued on to Improvers sessions. Some of our beginners have already begun playing in our supervised play. Matt will soon be taking a well earned break for the next couple of months as he is heading off overseas on holidays. Bon voyage and enjoy!

Next beginners lessons are scheduled to commence Tuesday 2 June.



CCBC Golden 50th Anniversary Congress

This event was held over an extended period of four days from 19-22 March - Masterpoint pairs (Thursday and Friday), Swiss pairs (Saturday) and Swiss teams (Sunday).



And the winners are :

MP Pairs Final Combined

Sandy Carter/Terry Bodycote (1st)
Sandra Kelly/Pat Neilson (2nd)
Ian Jamieson/Glen Chick (3rd)



MP Pairs Plate Combined

Peter Cloughessy/Stewart Duxbury (1st)
Gina Anderson/Dennis Lee ((2nd)
Ian Leigh/Julie Leigh (3rd)



Swiss Pairs (Saturday)

Novice -

Mandy MacDonald/Vibeke Faurby (1st)
Annemaree Foote/Terry Foote (2nd)
Magdalen Cornwell/Derek Holmes (3rd)



Restricted -

Kevin Hughes/John Aldersley (1st)
Colleen Milne/Gail Beverly (2nd)
Pamela Kyte/Ian Van Altena (3rd)



Open -

Michael Simes/Paul McGrath (1st)
Jim Routledge/Jaan Oitmaa (2nd)
Ian Jamieson/Glen Chick (3rd)



Swiss Teams (Sunday)

Novice and Restricted -

Erica Gray, Conny Szency, Maggie Havyatt, Dave Havyatt (1st)
Lynette Bigland, Lee Mitchell, Gloria Smith, Maree Fitzgerald (2nd)
Gillian Aldridge, Peter Cloughessy, Tony Sappideen, Jill Wildey (3rd)



Open -

Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Judith Tobin, Ruth Tobin (1st)
Alex Yezerski, Chris Dibley, Steven Bock, Kevin Davies (2nd)
Gaye Allen, Greg Eustace, Sharon Mayo, Sally Clarke (3rd)



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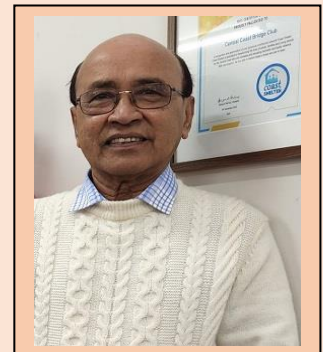
More photos, including all placegetters' pix are on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CentralCoastBridgeClub/>

Members' Corner

Club Individual Champions 2026

A hearty congratulations to both our Individual Club Champions – Marg Prince and Tony Sappideen.

We are constantly encouraging all our members to participate in club events, and were therefore thrilled to see Marg achieve this level! Our club events and competitions are for all members of all abilities, and so it was with great delight that one of our lesser acknowledged members shared this prestigious award with one of our more experienced. Marg is always the one to raise her hand to help out wherever possible, we regularly see her in the background organising food for events, decorating the club for fun activities and just making herself available. Well done both of you!



Club enhancements

As members are aware, since relocating back into our new clubhouse, the noise level (due to the enlarged size) has raised considerably. We have now addressed this issue with the placement off noise cancelling panelling, initially along one long wall with the other to follow. Our recent Congress was a timely testing ground and happily we're achieving our goal.

Our sincere thanks to Stewart Duxbury who very generously donated this enhancement to our club.

The CCBC flags have found a new home! Thanks to Keith Woodbury they are now safely installed in hanging pockets on the club wall for everyone to see where we are.



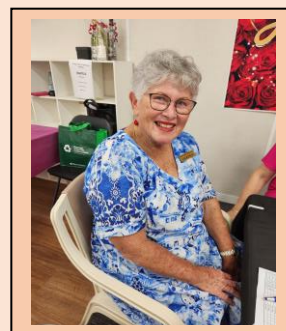
Charity fundraisers

Some of our members have been beavering away raising funds in various ways for our club.

Lois Smith decided to utilise the abundance of figs landing in her garden to make copious jars of fig jam which we all eagerly bought. Lois is pretty happy with the \$150 which she managed to raise and has donated to us.



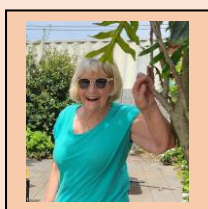
Colleen Milne took on the role of selling Rotary raffle tickets around the club and elsewhere and amazingly managed to raise \$1400 for the club. An aside to this staggering effort is congratulations to Mary McFadden for winning sixth prize – a \$100 Bunnings voucher.



Mary McLeod has just become an Australian citizen! Although you've been in Oz and playing with us for a very long time, congratulations. You're a terrific ambassador for our club and we absolutely love your carrot cakes!



Friday afternoon bridge



Come along for an easy, relaxed game on Fridays and join in with drinks and nibbles after. Warmer weather has encouraged us to use the outdoor area, beautifully cared for and maintained by our band of volunteers, headed up by Carolyn Dickinson.



Inaugural Central Coast Schools Bridge Challenge at CCBC

Sunday 14 June – free beginner lessons to all contestants with prizemoney of \$500 for the winner and \$500 for the school represented. This initiative, introduced by Sue Woodbury and supported by Bridge NSW is open to all central coast schools. See the flyer on our website and Coast Community News for more details and listen out for more on Coast FM 963.



Web page

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



Last thoughts –

'You'll never find a rainbow if you're looking down' (Charlie Chaplin)

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Jill Willey - Editor

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