



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

Spring is here and the weather is warming up. There is a lot happening at the club so do keep an eye on the notice board as you enter the clubhouse for updates.

Due to popular demand, our Monday afternoons are now open to all players regardless of points. Everyone is welcome to come along for a great social afternoon.

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November our club will be hosting the State Novice and Restricted Teams Championship. This event is open to all clubs in NSW for players under 100 and 300 master points at 30 September 2025. A signup sheet has been placed on the notice board and all members are encouraged to participate in this much anticipated teams event. Keep an eye out for more details as they come to hand.

Next March 2026 we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary Super Congress. A historic event for our club, this will run over four days, from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 March and will incorporate pairs and teams. You will be kept informed by our emails and on the notice board.

If you haven't already done so, look out for our new initiative - the Member's raffle. Put your name in one of the boxes on the sheet sitting on the Director's table as you enter the club and pop your \$2 into the courtesy box. Drawn each week at the beginning of Thursday afternoon session, you may be the next lucky winner of \$100! A great incentive with thanks to Colleen Milne.

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

Bridge for beginners

Matt has completed his recent beginner's course and all seven have now graduated to either bridge improvement sessions with Colleen Milne or are playing in our regular sessions. One graduate has already participated in a red point event!

The general consensus of the graduates is that they are very happy to continue improvement sessions for the time being and will continue to do so until they feel ready to play with the larger groups. They are finding it all very challenging and in some cases much harder than they imagined! We can all relate to that



The above shot shows the beginners class with Matt, who they have renamed the Sergeant Major and below improvement sessions with Colleen.



The next course of (six) beginners lessons will commence after the school holidays on Tuesday 14 October



CCBC bridge results

Our Club

- GNOT Regional Final (3 August), Brisbane Waters Bridge Club was won by a team representing CCLCBC. CCBC sent two teams along to compete
- Open Pairs Championship (13 and 20 August) – 1st Kerrie and Peter Johnman
- August Pairs (26 August) – 1st John Redfearn and Berenice Air (NS), Nola Daly and Tony Sappideen (EW)
- Australia-Wide Open Pairs (27 August) – 1st Norm Berger and John Redfearn
- Bami Plate (17 September) – 1st Marie Tucker and Silvia Robb
- Life Members Pairs trophy (18 September) – 1st Matt Raj Mal and Brian Richardson
- Restricted teams Championship (18 and 25 September) – 1st Colleen Milne, Gail Beverley, Annette Houtman, Lyn Lynch
- September pairs (23 September) – Matt Raj Mal and Brian Richardson

Other Clubs

- Interclub teams (Community Bridge Club) (4 September) – CCBC had three teams compete, with Kerrie and Peter Johnman, Stewart Duxbury and Brian Richardson coming an excellent third
- Swiss teams (CCLCBC Congress) (14 September) – CCBC had one team compete, Ros Hoatson, Tony Sappideen, Peter Cloughessy, Rod Shellshear who finished second in the restricted section



Next events happening in our club -

October

- Swiss pairs Championship (Wednesday 1 and 8 October)
- Presidents Cup (Wednesday 15 October, 1.00 pm) – red point/trophy
- Charity Day (Thursday 16 October, 1.00 pm) – (normal bridge session but a trophy event)
- Lakes Challenge (Thursday 30 October 10.00 am) – this is an annual event shared with Toronto Bridge Club and it is our turn to host Toronto in our new premises
- Spring pairs (Friday 31 October 1.00 pm) – red point

November

- November pairs (Friday 7 November, 1.00 pm) – red point
- Interclub teams (Wednesday 12 November 9.30 am)
- Hi-Lo pairs (Thursday 13 November – 1.30 pm) – trophy
- Premises Anniversary pairs (Wednesday 19 November – 1.00 pm) – red point/trophy
- Black Swans pairs (Club Championship event) (Thursday 20 & 27 November – 1.30 pm)



State Novice and Restricted Teams Championship (Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November)

Our club will be hosting this championship event on Saturday and Sunday 22-23 November 2025. It is open to all clubs in NSW for players with under 100 (novice) and under 300 (restricted) masterpoints as at 30.9.25. Note, this is a teams only event.

Here's an opportunity for you to get a team together and have a go at playing in a Championship event no matter how few points you have. Come on, have a go



Wishes and condolences

Vale Sandy Whalley

Sandy was a regular member of our club for many years and made her presence known! From friendly, direct, blunt, to sometimes almost fearful, she was a wonderful force to be reckoned with. Sandy enjoyed her bridge and always had a smile when she came into the club. She loved her sport and when a significant event was held she generally brought in her signature cake (with a dash of ginger), iced accordingly, for us all to share and celebrate. You were tough Sandy, but you had more than a very good share of marshmallow inside. We'll miss you.



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

A visit to Wyong Cancer Day Unit at Wyong Hospital

By John Redfearn

Our club has a fantastic record for raising money for charity. Over the past 10 or so years we have raised heaps for Coast Shelter and Bridge for Brains. Many club members will remember the very successful 'Girls Night In' fundraiser held last April. It was the brainchild of Deb Tatham and she was more than ably assisted by Pauline Haydon. On that night seven thousand dollars (\$7000) was raised. All that money was donated to the Wyong Cancer Day Unit. This is a special unit established at Wyong hospital and as the name suggests it assists people suffering from all sorts of cancers.

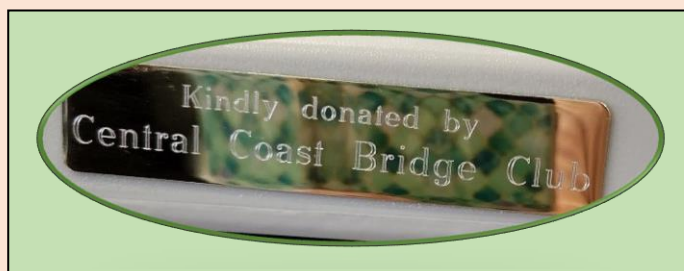
On Friday September 5, the Unit invited some members of our club to look at where our donations ended up. The members attending were Deb, Pauline, Jill Wildey, Carolyn Dickinson and myself. We were given a tour of the facility and then we retired to the staffroom for a delicious morning tea and fed more information about the important work being carried out in the unit.



The money we raised was used to purchase:

- a) a medication trolley
- b) a patient chair scale

The cost of these two items was \$7000 so members can see that no money raised was wasted. As you can see on each of these items is a metal sticker proclaiming :



'Kindly donated by the Central Coast Bridge Club'

It was a most enjoyable and informative morning. As usual one is most impressed by the dedication and professionalism of the medical staff. Thank you to all members and friends who generously supported this event.

Deb and Pauline are planning another "Girls Night In" next February. I would urge all members to fully support this very worthwhile initiative.



What some of our members are doing when they're not playing bridge ...

Gail Beverley

Gail recently competed in the Australian Masters Squash championship in Perth where she played in the teams event. Teams of three or four play in a draw of same ranking players.

Gail's team were runners up on a countback after a tie! Apparently they were pipped by only one point.

Congratulations Gail and your team on an amazing effort.



Ferry and lunch at Palm Beach

On Friday, a bunch of us met up at Ettalong Wharf (and some at Wagstaffe) and took the ferry to Palm Beach. Of course we stopped for coffee on the way and then made our way to the RSL club where we had a delicious lunch. Some of us headed back to Barrenjoey House for coffee and what a beautiful backdrop! Definitely a return happening!



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Last thoughts



Jill Willey - Editor