

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Newsletter

March 2024

February Club Session Winners

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188 members @ Dec 2023

162 members @ end March 24

2nd	M Johnson / S Dilosa	M Pailthorpe / B Butler
3	P. Jonutz / N Mitchell	V Gayford / L Quinn
5	N. Williams / J Burrows	B Salisbury / B Edwards
6	D Featherstone / N McIvor	
7	S Dilosa / D O'Meara	L Davis / D Strachan
9	R Bingham / N Jackson	D & A Anderson
10	C Tolley / B Herring	J Stimpson / H Chalk
12a	B Salisbury / B Edwards	E Hubert / L Quinn
12b	L Collins / A Brentnall	
13	D Featherstone / N McIvor	
14	R Roark / P Griffin	L Davis / L Coates
16	L Smith / R Smith	L Quinn / P Haigh
17	R Bingham / L E-Clark	W Rogers / D McIntyre
19a	H Blewit / A Young	E Colley / D Strachan
19b	J Isaacs / M Hosie	
20	D Featherstone / N McIvor	
21	R Bingham / A Fisher	L Davis / L Coates
23	E Colley / D O'Meara	
24	P Jonutz / N Mitchell	D & A Anderson
26a	R. Roark / D O'Meara	B Salisbury / B Edwards
26b	J Isaacs / M Hosie	L Powells / G Battershell
27	H. Blewitt / J Parker & David O'Meara & I Martyn	
28th	N. Williams / D Hickie	D & A Anderson

Bridge Development

Under 50 pts (Beginners) section on Monday afternoon sessions

Beginners' lessons on Monday evenings (6.30 to 8.30 hrs) with **Julie Bryant**

4/3 Response to 1NT

11/3 Catch up session

19/3 (Tue) Graduation !

Colin Tolley supervised play lessons. 09.30 hrs Thursdays

7/3 Michaels cuebid

14/3 Unassuming cuebid

21/3 Bidding slams

28/3 Card play

Numerous Online bridge video lessons by Peter Hollands through Coffs Bridge Club Website

Who said.

a) Quitting smoking is easy, I've done it thousands of times

b) I've been on a calendar but never on time

c) Be nice to nerds. Likely you will end up working for one one day

d) You are only as old as the woman you feel

e) It took me all of my life to paint like a child

f) I have a dream

g) You can fool some of the people some of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time

Forthcoming Events

March 3rd Jessica Brake Tuition

March 5th Pizza and Wine Evening.

(Red Point Event)

March 25th Red Point Event

April 8th Red Point Event

April 24th Red Point Event

May 4th 5th Coffs Congress Teams

May 24th Red Point Event

Obituary Ann Thompson

January 12th 1920 – 9th February 2024

Ann was born and raised in Banff, NE Scotland, emigrating to Australia at the end of WWII, on a boat bringing home Aussie soldiers who had been repatriated from POW camps. It was here she met and married Tom, her life partner for nearly 70 years. They had property at Gumma (nr Macksville) and she became a founding member of and Director at Nambucca Valley Bridge Club. After moving to Coffs around 2010 Ann joined CHBC. Ann's only son Malcolm, married a much younger wife, such that Ann was over 97 years old when they had their first child. Ann 'beat' the official "1st Time Grandmother" age by nearly 4 years.

In 2020 she was piped into the CH Clubhouse with Scottish Bagpipes, was greeted by a choir and the Mayor Denise Knight who was present to congratulate her on her 100 year milestone.

She would say, in a Scottish accent, that she was a very proud Aussie and, as a staunch supporter of the national Australian Cricket team, was able to name players both past and present.

Ann enjoyed a tot of whiskey each afternoon, claiming this was the reason for her longevity. A lovely soul who will be terribly missed by all who knew her. Thanks to Colin Tolley

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Club members with Birthdays in March. Congratulations to

Allan Anderson, Jenny Archer, Ann Fisher, David McIntyre and Kent Taylor

Gold Coast Congress has just finished with a field of approximately 2500 players. Here is a report from our President Sharyn Dilosa on Coffs Harbour representatives at that event: -

"A dinner on the Saturday prior to the start was a wonderful social time. We know how we all play bridge, but it was so enjoyable to have a whole night getting to know each other as people rather than as bridge players. Neah Williams and David Hickie played extremely well together reaching the novice A finals which was a fantastic feat. Congratulations to both of them. The standouts in the teams' events were Rod Roark, Pauly Griffin and Fran Gaunt who were ranked 41st and came 20th. Also David and Mandy Johnson and I were ranked 44th in the teams and came 29th. Finishing higher than your ranking is always a satisfying result. Overall, gold masterpoints were awarded to the following players - Neah Williams 3.14, David Hickie 1.66, Trevor Cooper 3.19, John Burrows 2.31, Phil Houghton 3.46, Bambi Houghton 3.46, Rod Roark 5.5, Pauly Griffin 5.5, Julie Bryant 1.16, Nerellyn Mitchell 1.16, Fran Gaunt 3.92, David Johnson 4.82, Mandy Johnson 3.42, and I also earned 3.42 gold masterpoints. I can't end without telling you my best news, which was that Mandy and I played against Peter Hollands in the open pairs."

21 Rules of Being a Good Partner By Marty Bergen

"I have always believed that your attitude toward your partner is as important as your technical skill at the game." . Before you sit down to discuss what you are playing, you should start your partnership off on the right note. Half the battle of winning is being a good partner. Always observe the following: **1.** Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. "According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner. " Punch (British magazine). **2.** Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't. **3.** Never "result" (criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time). **4.** Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet. **5.** Remember -- you and your partner are on the same side. **6.** Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do. **7.** If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk. **8.** When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge. **9.** When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's. **10.** Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others. **11.** Remember that bridge is only a card game. **12.** Have a good time, and make sure that your partner does also. "Bridge is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money, to show how smart you are, or show how stupid your partner is... or to prove any of the several hundred other things bridge players are so often trying to prove. " Bridge legend Charles Goren. **13.** Trust your partner; do not assume he has made a mistake. **14.** Although it may be unfashionable, it really is okay to be pleasant to a partner with whom you also happen to live. **15.** Remember: "The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same. . Think twice before verbally analysing a hand. Do not embarrass yourself with a hasty, inaccurate comment. **16.** When you voluntarily choose to play bridge with someone, it is not fair to get upset when your partner does not play any better than usual. **17.** Never side with an opponent against your partner. If you cannot support your partner, say nothing. **18.** If you think you are too good for a partner, and do not enjoy playing bridge with them, do everyone a favour and play with someone else. That is clearly much better than being a martyr. However, be careful before burning bridges -- another player's grass may not be so green **19.** Learn your partner's style, regardless of how you feel about it. Do not expect your partner to bid exactly as you would. When partner makes a bid, consider what he will have, not what you would have. **20.** Try to picture problems from partner's point of view. Seek the bid or play that will make his life easiest. **21.** Sympathize with your partner if they make a mistake. Let your partner know that you like him, and always root for him 100%

If there are other items you might like to see on a monthly / periodic newsletter then please email me with your thoughts: barrybutler45@gmail.com