

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

November Club Session Winners

Date	NS	EW
1	C Tolley & B Herring	E Colley & D Strachan
3A	C Tolley & B Herring	J Savage & J Franklin
3B		G Cutt & A M Taylor
4		D Featherstone & N McIvor
5	H Pitt & R Roark	A & D Anderson
7	P Quinlan & B Salisbury	G Battershell & J Stimpson
8	R Roark & F Gaunt	W Rogers & B Haagsma
10A	J Stimpson & P Houlton	J Archer & B Brebner
10B	J Issacs & M J Hosie	C Eversion & J Michael
11	B Butler & T Cooper	R Smith & J Hunt
12	H Pitt & R Roark	G Buganey & G Keenan
14	I Doland & S Dilosa	T White & B Lister
15	R Roark & F Gaunt	J Archer & P Brown
17	B Herring & C Tolley	M. j Hosie & J Issacs
18	D Featherstone & N McIvor	
19	J Michael & T Booth	H Lawrence & H Murray
21	J Burrows & C Brown	I Doland & S Dilosa
22	R Roark & F Gaunt	W Rogers & B Haagsma
24A	L Power & J Leach	C Everson & T Booth
24B	B. Butler & M Pailthorpe	
25	D Johnson & J Watson	
26	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	R Rutter & P Quinlan
28	D & M Johnson	V Gayford & L Quinn
29	C Tolley & B Herring	W Rogers & B Haagsma

Congratulations to Peter Jonutz & Nerellyn Mitchell for winning 2025 Urunga Bridge Club Pairs Championship

No of members @ end of Nov = 170 approx

Bridge Development

Supervised play lessons continue at Club with **Colin Tolley** at 09.00 hrs Thursdays. Keep an eye on Bellingen Camp Creative Options in January 2026 as they now have Bridge development lessons on their menu. And CHBC is involved

Armidale Congress Results

Pairs

13th **J Burrows & J Bryant**
14th **B Salisbury & P Houlton**

15th **P & C Hocking**
27th **T Cooper & P Griffin**

Teams

4th **J Burrows / T Cooper / J Bryant / P Griffin**
5th **P Hocking / C Hocking / B Salisbury / P Houlton**

Monthly Quiz Answers from November Newsletter

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December Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1 National motto of Canada ?
- 2 Year of Concorde final flight ?
- 3 Highest known mountain in solar system is on what planet ?
- 4 What was the first No 1 song for Spice Girls ?
- 5 What is the most popular first name for US President ?

New committee from 2025 AGM

President	Barry Butler
Vice President	tba
Secretary	Merita Pailthorpe
Senior Director	David Johnson
Treasurer	Trevor Cooper
IT Manager	John Burrows
Property Manager	Colin Tolley
Membership Manager	Julie Bryant
House Manager	Lindy Powells
Committee Member	Tony Ward
Committee Member	Malcolm Angus
Committee Member	Interested ? Please let me know

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Playing card trivia for December from Richard Levy

Last week I was asked if I knew what the nickname for the **Jack of Clubs** was. Funnily, I did – it's Lancelot but I didn't know why and so I checked and it can be traced back to 16th-century French decks, inspired by the legendary knight of the Round Table.

Then I recalled some other odd nicknames I know and here are a few:

The **King of Hearts** is called '**the suicide king**' because he is pictured as stabbing himself with a sword, or at least holding a sword behind his head. The King of Hearts is also the only king without a moustache – but do you know why?

The **King of Diamonds** is called '**the man with an axe**' because this is the only king not carrying a sword. He is also known as '**the one-eyed king**' – all the others you can see both their eyes.

The **Queen of Spades** has lots of nicknames – among them the '**the Bedpost Queen**', '**Dirty Gertie**' and '**Molly Hogan**' – I wonder who she was?

If you're of Scottish descent you may consider the **Nine of Diamonds** to be an unlucky card. Its nickname '**the Curse of Scotland**' goes back to the 18th century. The orders for the Glencoe Massacre of 1692 ('Kill them all', which resulted in the slaying of 38 Highlanders), were written on a Nine of Diamonds card.

The **Seven of Diamonds** is known as '**the beer card**'. It originated in Denmark and the partner of a Bridge player who wins the last trick of a hand with a Seven of Diamonds must buy his/her partner a beer!

The **Four of Clubs** is known as '**the Devil's Four-Poster Bed**'. This name is derived from the design of the pips on the card, which can be imagined to be the four posts of a bed. No-one really knows why but this card is considered by some superstitious folk to be a curse, apparently ruining any hand that includes it – watch out!

Finally, some collective names:

Aces – Bullets or Seeds

Kings – Cowboys or Monarchs

Queens – Ladies or Mop-squeezers

Jacks – Fishhooks or Valets

If you know any others, do let me know – we're holding history in our hands with every card we play.

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