

## Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

January 2026

### December Club Session Winners

Date	NS	EW
1	L Power & J Leach	R Rutter & P Quinlan
2	D O'Meara & I Martyn	
3	J Bryant & B Salisbury	K Taylor & D Johnson
5	R Bingham & H Chalk	B Johns & R Aitken
6	C Tolley & B Herring	P Guthrie & N Williams
8	R Roark & D O'Meara	R Rutter & P Quinlan
9		C & L Coupe
10	J Burrows & T Cooper	H Chalk & J Stimpson
12	J Leach & P Kench	B Salisbury & P Quinlan
13	R Roark & F Gaunt	W Rogers & B Haagsma
15	B Herring & C Tolley	C Everson & J Michael
16		J Watson & D Johnson
17	H Pitt & R Roark	G Buganey & G Keenan
19	I Doland & S Dilosa	M Angus & T Cooper
20	L Smith & J Bryant	L Edsall & R Levy
22	R Roark & D O'Meara	E Colley & D Strachan
23		D Featherstone & N McIvor
24		J Bryant & B Salisbury
26		I Doland & S Dilosa
27	R Roark & S Dilosa	S Kreplins & J Isaacs
29	J Bryant & J Burrows	B Butler & M Pailthorpe
31	J Bryant & B Salisbury	M Angus & H Rowsell

Club committee is planning an anniversary event on Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 to celebrate 30 years in our clubhouse. Coffs Mayor has agreed to attend

No of members @ end of Dec = 170

### Bridge Development

**Agenda for new lessons by Colin Tolley in 2026 shown on page 2 of this document**

Camp Creative bridge lessons with 19 attendees from Jan 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>

### Hospitalisation

Our thoughts are with Doris Anderson (@Baringa) and Helen Turner (@Base) who are both fairly long-term in-patients.

Wishing them a speedy recovery and a return to the Bridge club as soon as possible

### Monthly Quiz Answers from December Newsletter

1. From sea to sea 2. 2003 3. Mars 4. Wannabe 5. James

### January Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1 How many USA states begin with letter "W"
- 2 What is the only metal that is liquid at room temperature ?
- 3 Queen Elizabeth 1 belonged to which Royal House ?
- 4 In Greek mythology who was chief of the Gods ?
5. Total nos of players on fields at any one time in cricket, soccer and AFL matches ?

**Happy New Year and Good Health to all of our members, their families and friends**

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From Your Educator Colin Tolley ([tolleyc7@gmail.com](mailto:tolleyc7@gmail.com))

Supervised Play - Proposed Program of Lessons (09.30 -11.30 hrs)

The following is a guide which needs to be flexible and allow for change if the need arises.

27 / 11     Responding to Partner's 1NT opening - Transfers

4 / 12     Responding to Partner's 1NT opening - Stayman

11 / 12     Responding to Partner's 1NT opening - Extended Stayman / Super Accept

***Break for Christmas and New Year***

29 / 1     Review of NT responses / Q & A - have your questions ready

5 / 2     Bidding review and best Card Play

12 / 2     Bidding big hands / Counting Losers

19 / 2     Ace Asking - Gerber / Blackwood / Keycards

26 / 2     Bidding review and best Card Play

5 / 3     Pre-emptive Bidding - long weak hands

12 / 3     Doubling - what does it mean?

19 / 3     Michael's Cue Bids ( 5 / 5 Both Majors: or 5 Major / 5 Minor )

26 / 3     The Unusual 2 NT Overcall ( 5 / 5 in 2 low suits )

We could follow with any or all of the following but I would like some feedback from the members participating    "**What would YOU like to have a lesson on ?**"

The Unassuming Cue Bid                      Discard Systems

More Bidding review and best Card Play

Scoring in Bridge and what does being Vulnerable mean

Systems overcalling Opponents 1 NT Opening Bid