

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

January 2026

December Club Session Winners

No of members @ end
of Dec = 170

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 Baganey & 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

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 12th to 16th**

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**

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

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)

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