

# Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

March 2026

February Club Session Winners

Members @ end of Feb = 179

Date	NS	EW
2A	J Bryant & J Burrows	B Johns & D Strachan
2B	H Pitt & R Roark	R Rutter & V Gayford
3	D Featherstone & N Mclvor	
4	H Pitt & R Roark	M Spears & P Lea
6	B Johns & R Aitken	R & C Tilley
7	M J Hosie & D McGuinness	W Rogers & B Haagsma
9	R Roark & D O'Meara	B Salisbury & B Edwards
10	C & L Coupe	
11	G Keenan & G Buganey	H Chalk & J Stimpson
13	R Bingham & H Chalk	J Stimpson & G Battershell
14	R Roark & F Gaunt	V Gayford & P Haigh
16	B Edwards & B Salisbury	H Blewitt & M Rogers
17	D Featherstone & N Mclvor	
18	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	R Rutter & P Quinlan
20	B Salisbury & P Houlton	J Parker & N Williams
21	R Roark & F Gaunt	C Tolley & B Herring
23A	L Power & J Leach	T Cooper & T Ward
23B	P Jonutz & H Eyers	B Butler & M Pailthorpe
24	M & D Johnson	
25	H Pitt & R Roark	R Rutter & P Quinlan
27	I.Dolan & S Dilosa	T Booth & P Quinlan
28	C Tolley & B Herring	S Kreplins & J Isaacs

## Bridge Development

Agenda for medium level development lessons by Colin Tolley in 2026 on noticeboard

Explore **BridgeNSW** website for free games and teaching online

February 2026 is a special month with each of the seven days appearing exactly four times only and beginning with a Monday. Not sure about the mathematics but understand this occurs every 823 years and is called Miracle n

Club committee is planning an anniversary event to celebrate 30 years in our clubhouse.

Coffs Mayor has agreed to attend.

SEE NOTICEBOARD SOON

## Monthly Quiz Answers from February Newsletter

1. Finland 2. Colossus 3. Mark Twain 4. Tin 5. Scorpio

## March Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1 What can travel in the human body at 120 m/s ?
- 2 Which explorer discovered Victoria Falls ?
- 3 What type of creature is a Samoyed ?
- 4 What year is represented by Roman numeral MDCLXVI ?
- 5 Who was the first Prime Minister of Australia ?

Results from Coffs Harbour members playing 'away from home' in February

**Mid North Coast Open Swiss Pairs** at Port Macquarie on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> (36 teams)

Rod Roark and Francis Gaunt 2<sup>nd</sup> overall (**incl 7S Grand Slam**)

Richard Levy and Lyndall Edsall 21<sup>st</sup> overall ( 6<sup>th</sup> in B Section)

**NSBC Summer Open Swiss Pairs Congress** on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> (30 teams)

Cathryn and Philip Hocking 24<sup>th</sup> overall

**Caloundra X- Imp Pairs Congress** on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> (60 pairs)

Cathryn and Philip Hocking 44<sup>th</sup> overall

**Caloundra Swiss Teams Congress** on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> (30 teams)

Cathryn and Philip Hocking 9<sup>th</sup> overall

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### Drawing trumps – thoughts from and thanks to Richard Levy

Here's a question that often comes up: 'I was taught to always draw trumps but sometimes after I've drawn them, I get in a mess. Richard, what are the rules about drawing trumps?'

My answer is that you need to plan your play and **there are two important questions to ask yourself.**

- What will happen if I draw Trumps?
- What will happen if I do not draw Trumps?

#### **Some tips as to when to draw trumps immediately:**

- **You have enough tricks:** You hold enough high cards to make your contract without needing to trump in the dummy.
- **Opponent's threats:** You fear the opponents will trump your winning cards in a side suit.
- **No useful shortages:** You do not have a singleton or void in either hand to allow for valuable trumps.

#### **Some tips as to delay drawing trumps (that is - Do not draw):**

- **Trumping in the short hand:** You need to use trumps in the dummy (short hand) to trump losers from your hand before drawing them out.
- **Establishing a long suit:** You need to play a side suit to set it up for discards before the opponents gain the lead.
- **You have too many losers:** You might need to use your trumps for trumping to prevent going down.

#### **Some strange sayings about drawing trumps:**

- **In Pakistan,** they advise to '*pull the opponents' teeth out.*'
- **In Canada,** the saying goes, '*Get the kids off the street.*'
- **In the UK,** there are tales of players who neglected to draw trumps and ended up '*penniless and begging for a cup of coffee!*'

**REMEMBER - when there is only one master trump out, DO NOT waste two of your trumps to capture it because it will always win a trick!**

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](mailto:barrybutler45@gmail.com)