

# Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

**April 2026**

March Club Session Winners

Members @ end of March = 174

Date	NS	EW
2	P Jonutz & H Eyers	D Strachan & a Brentnall
3		M & D Johnson
4	H Pitt & R Roark	S Dilosa & D O'Meara
6	C & P Hocking	G Battershell & J Stimpson
7	R Roark & H Pitt	R Rutter & V Gayford
9	B Herring & C Tolley	C Everson & J Michael
10		D Featherstone & N Mclvor
11	R Bingham & A Fisher	D Hickie & N Williams
13	I Doland & S Dilosa	S & A Fox
14	R Roark & F Gaunt	E Colley & D Strachan
16	C Tolley & B Herring	R Rutter & P Quinlan
17		M & D Johnson
18	J Burrows & T Cooper	L Smith & J Archer
20	C & P Hocking	L Quinn & P Haigh
21	N Mclvor & K Potts	R Aitken & L Quinn
23	L Power & J Leach	L Powells & A M Taylor
24		M & D Johnson
25	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	B Johns & D Strachan
27	R Roark & S Dilosa	J Parker & N Williams
28	P Jonutz & N Mitchell	C Emerson & L Quinn
30	R Roark & D O'Meara	J Archer & B Brebner
31		M & D Johnson

## Bridge Development

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

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

Looking to celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of clubhouse opening with a 'Festival week of Bridge'.

September 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

Anybody got any new ideas that we can weave into this week to make it unforgettable ?

SEE NOTICEBOARD SOON =====>

## Monthly Quiz Answers from March Newsletter

**1. Nerve impulse 2. David Livingstone 3. Dog 4. 1666 5. Edmund Barton**

## Results from Coffs Harbour bridge members playing 'away from home' in March 2026

### Armidale Bridge Swiss Pairs (March 2026)

**38 entries**

Overall 15 <sup>th</sup>	(5 <sup>th</sup> in B section)	Started 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Neah Williams & Paula Guthrie	51.3%
Overall 16 <sup>th</sup>	A Section	Started 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy & Philip Hocking	51.1%
Overall 22 <sup>th</sup>	(10 <sup>th</sup> in B Section)	Started 14 <sup>th</sup>	James Parker & Philip Houlton	50.5%
Overall 26 <sup>th</sup>	(12 <sup>th</sup> in B Section)	Started 18 <sup>th</sup>	John Burrows & Julie Bryant	49.4%

### Port Macquarie Hastings Congress Swiss Pairs (March 2026)

**48 Pairs**

Overall 6 <sup>th</sup>	A Section	Started at 17	Cathy & Philip Hocking	4-2-0 (W-D-L)
Overall 21 <sup>st</sup>	A Section	Started at 26	J Stimpson & P Houlton	3-0-3
Overall 27 <sup>th</sup>	A Section	Started at 22	S Dilosa & Rod Roark	3-0-3
Overall 30 <sup>th</sup>	A Section	Started at 12	C Tolley & P Griffin	2-1-3
Overall 32 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> in B section	Started at 32	J Burrows & J Bryant	3-0-3
Overall 35 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> in B section	Started at 34	R Levy & L Edsall	2-1-3

### Port Macquarie Hastings Congress Teams (March 2026)

**22 Teams**

Overall 11 <sup>th</sup>	Started at 15 <sup>th</sup>	R Levy, L Edsall, C Hocking & P Hocking	3-0-3
Overall 17 <sup>th</sup>	Started at 13 <sup>th</sup>	J Burrows, C Tolley, J Bryant, & P Houlton	1-0-5

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### Did you have a good experience at the table? – Thoughts and thanks from Richard Levy

I've written this piece in response to comments made to me about a lack of attention to the rules of the game, rudeness and bullying. I believe that we come to bridge hoping to have a good experience and to play bridge to the best of our abilities and there are conventions and rules in place to make it easier to do that. Here are some thoughts:

#### Before/after play:

- **Greet opponents and make sure all conversations are inclusive of all players at the table.**
- **At the end of a round, thank your opponents before moving on to the next table.**
- **At the end of the session, thank the director.**

#### During bidding/play

- **Alert bids which need alerting.**
- **Announce what 1 Club means**
- **Announce what 1 No Trump means.**
- **At the end of each hand ensure you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed.**
- **Do not detach a card from your hand until it is your turn to play.**
- **Do not look at previous tricks or ask to see played cards after your card is face down.**
- **Dummy must not point to a card or touch a card for declarer to play.**
- **Maintain a uniform speed in bidding and playing.**
- **Take care – once a card is called for by declarer, you can't change your mind.**
- **The opening lead should be placed face-down on the table.**

#### Communication

- **Always be polite and this applies to how we relate to partner and opponents.**
- **Avoid post-mortems until the session is completely over.**
- **Carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to any other player – or which might interfere with their enjoyment of the game.**
- **Do not comment on the quality of a bid or play - your partner's or your opponent's.**

**We each have a role in making bridge an enjoyable experience so please be mindful of how you play and how you treat others.**

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)