

## Connecting the NSW bridge community

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### Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of Bridge NSW's (unnamed) newsletter.

The strapline "Connecting the NSW bridge community" is designed to capture the core objective of the newsletter. That is for the newsletter to strengthen the bonds of the bridge community and promote the playing and enjoyment of bridge.

We also have more specific objectives to support the overall objectives of Bridge NSW.

#### Newsletter objectives

- ❖ Share positive bridge experiences of individuals and clubs
- ❖ Promote to clubs and members the support that Bridge NSW provides
- ❖ Promote forthcoming events
- ❖ Promote forthcoming development opportunities as players, teachers or directors
- ❖ Be a journal of record of Bridge NSW events

Bridge NSW wants the newsletter to be owned by the bridge-playing community. To do that, we will form an editorial team rather than just having an editor (which there will be).

We are looking for volunteers to join the editorial team. More details on these roles appear later in this issue.

### Name the Newsletter

We want you, the bridge community, to name the newsletter. We want a name that conveys community building rather than just being static news.

If the Board choose a name from those nominated, the person suggesting it will win \$150 in MyABF credits – more than enough for the entry fee at a Spring Nationals tournament. If more than one person nominates the winning entry, the winner will be determined by lot.

Send your entry to the office email address [office@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au). Entries close at 5pm on 15 September 2024.



**Early bird registration** for the Sydney Spring Nationals is available till 1 October. [Register on MyABF.](#)

Bridge NSW is keen to increase participation in congresses. Not only do they provide interesting competitions, but they are part of creating the community of bridge players.

## About Bridge NSW

The first day of June marked the official completion of the separation of the state peak body functions (Bridge NSW) from the bridge centre (now the Sydney Bridge Club).

The member clubs control the entity through the Council. The Council, in turn, appoints a Board to undertake all the functions of Bridge NSW. The initial Board and Council were selected as part of the creation process. The first election of a Council will occur later this year.

The details of the structure can be found by clicking the button below.

[Introduction to Bridge NSW](#)

The Council had its first operative meeting on 7 August via video conference. Somebody (the EO) was meant to take a screenshot of the meeting. That somebody forgot.

The Chairs of the five committees (People & Governance, Events, Education, Clubs & Community and Youth) presented on their work to the meeting.

We'll get each committee to update members on their activity in future issues.

The Clubs & Community Committee has commenced recruiting for two teams. The Clubs and Community Engagement team is designed to increase the connection between clubs and between clubs and the state body. The Club Support Team is planned to have people skilled in all aspects of club operation to be called on as needed.

It is not too late to join. The link below takes you to descriptions of the roles.

[C&C Team Role Descriptions](#)

## Website News

What is happening with the website is a question frequently asked.

The new Bridge NSW website will be fully launched by the end of the year. Building it is a big task.

nswba.com.au has been operating for 25 years. Its longevity is a compliment to the people who built and maintained it (big thank you to Pauline Gumby, who has done this since 2003).

Over that time, layer upon layer of content was added. Our web design is taking the opportunity to rethink the website's navigation. This is a full restructure. This means that almost everything is being rewritten.

In the meantime, the NSWBA site remains the source of information for clubs and their members.

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### *Are you a marketing and communications whizz?*

Bridge NSW needs help in all aspects of marketing and communications. The specific focus is campaigns that will position the game, support the growth of bridge players in NSW, and increase participation rates of existing bridge players in NSW.

Our highest priority is skills in communication planning. We also need additional skills in copywriting, eDM management, and social media presence and campaigns.

If you or someone you know has these skills, please get in touch with us at: [office@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au).

# Education Committee Surveys

The Education Committee is one of five committees established by the Board of Bridge NSW. The Terms of Reference for the committee include:

- ❖ Provide Teachers with support and materials for successfully delivering the Bridge NSW curriculum.
- ❖ Establish pathways for learners and clubs to progress player skill levels and event participation.
- ❖ Support Directors with training and materials for skills and accreditation progression.
- ❖ Provide input on strategic direction, leadership, and expertise about all areas of education for directors, teachers and players.

To identify what support would be most valuable to clubs, teachers, and directors, the committee recently sent a survey to all clubs and two other surveys asking that they be forwarded to teachers and directors.

The response rate has been very good, and we will publish some insights from the survey results in the next newsletter issue. Before we do, we want to ensure the survey reaches as wide an audience as possible.

If you are a club committee member and believe your club hasn't responded, you can complete the club survey here.

Club Survey

If you are a teacher or director (or both), you can complete these surveys here:

Teacher Survey

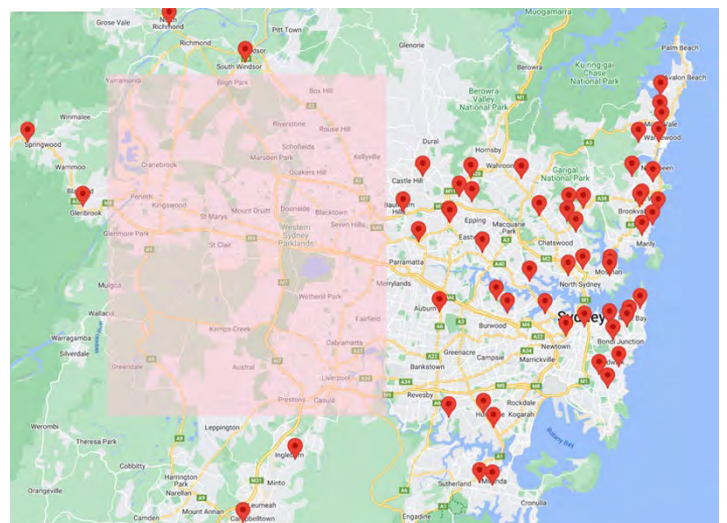
Director Survey

If you aren't yet a teacher or director but think you might like to be, either fill in the appropriate survey or email [education@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:education@bridgensw.com.au) outlining the support you'd like offered to enable you to take on the role.

## *Western Sydney – a land of opportunity?*

The club locations map on the old NSWBA website shows no clubs west of Parramatta before you reach the mountains in an area bounded North by Windsor and South by Ingleburn.

These areas have grown mostly since card playing became a less common pastime. But there surely must be plenty of potential bridge players – and clubs – in this vast area.



## Once in a Lifetime ??

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club –1 June 2024.

You are South and the dealer. As you pick up your cards, you note that you are vulnerable. You add up your points three times, and the total is 32 HCPs each time!!

<b>Board 15</b>	♠ 65	
Dealer S	♥ QJT8	
Vul NS	♦ J98643	
	♣ 9	
♠ T84		♠ J972
♥ 732		♥ 654
♦ 7		♦ QT5
♣ T7643		♣ J85
	♠ AKQ3	
	♥ AK9	
	♦ AK2	
	♣ AKQ	

What to do? You open 2♣; your partner replies 2♦. Now what? That afternoon, Phil Houlton was the only person to bid a slam, bidding and making 7NT (2220 points). Phil says that some intelligent guesswork was involved.

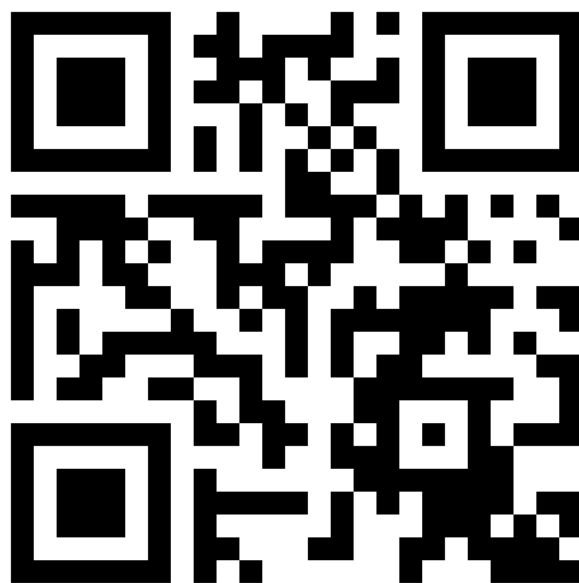
The Coffs Harbour newsletter suggested a second bid of 5NT to show 31-32 HCP, based on Ron Klinger (p66 – Guide to Better Duplicate Bridge). This, however, was a description of a Benjamin 2♦ opening and negative 2♥ response. The logic is impeccable; 5NT is invitational to slam, and with 4 HCP, North should at least bid 6NT.

As to the play, East is squeezed with 3 rounds of ♣ and then 4 rounds of ♥. Toss a ♠? or a ♦?. South discards whatever East didn't on the fourth heart. 12 tricks are sure; 13 are possible.

Many thanks to Barry Butler for sharing this hand with us. All contributions are welcome at [office@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au)

Only one in 303,030 hands will have 32 high card points or more.

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# State of Origin comes to Orange?

## 2024 ANC

The Australian National Championships for 2024 are now done and dusted. The core event at the ANC is the Interstate Teams, contested in four divisions: Open, Seniors, Women, and Youth.

The ANC might not generate the same excitement as the State of Origin, but it certainly should. NSW teams won three divisions (Open, Seniors' and Women's).



*Open Team: Paul Dalley, Tony Nunn, Liam Milne, Dagmar Neumann, Maurits van der Vlugt, James Coutts, David Fryda Non-Playing Captain*

For those who didn't follow the tournament, the qualifying stage involves 14 matches (two complete round robins) of 16 boards each. The top two teams then play five sets of 12 boards.



*Seniors' Team: Paul Lavings Non-Playing Captain, Michael Courtney, Joan Butts, Bruce Neill, Warren Lazer, Peter Buchen, Pauline Gumby*

The Women's event provided a nail-biting finish. Going into the last set in the Women's, South Australia led by 1.5 IMPs. SA got up to a 13 IMP lead three times in the set, but heading into the last board, they led by two.

**Board 24** ♠ AKJT974  
*Dealer W* ♥ 6543  
*Vul None* ♦ 8  
 ♣ T

♠ 8	♠ Q
♥ QJT2	♥ K87
♦ QT92	♦ A7643
♣ J864	♣ KQ95

♠ 6532  
 ♥ A9  
 ♦ KJ5  
 ♣ A732

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Leibowitz</i>	<i>Demarco</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Morgan-King</i>
P	3♠	X	4♠
5♥	P	P	P

At the other table, 4♠ by NSW made with an overtrick.

Morgan-King for South Australia could bid 5♣ or double 5♥. Instead, she chose to pass, scoring only +200. 6 IMPs to NSW, who won by 4 IMPs.



*Women's Team: Marcia Scudder, Louise Leibowitz, Judy Mott, John McIlrath Non-Playing Captain, Ella Jacob, Sybil Hurwitz, Monica Ginsberg*

Many of the interesting hands at the tournament were written up in the [Big Slam Magazine](#) and also published as Bulletins on the MyABF page for the ANC. This newsletter is not planned to be another outlet for detailed hand analysis.



Youth Team: Yiwei Qi, Mitch Dowling (Non-Playing Captain), Duncan Lai, Shannon Ooi, Sherry Wang, Adrian Le, and Aahdi Hariharan

The ANC Interstate Teams also provides a great opportunity to remind everybody that bridge isn't a game only for old people. The

NSW Youth Team not only enjoyed the bridge but clearly enjoyed the Victory Dinner as well.

Aahdi was also featured in a [great story by the ABC](#) about the Orange event. We often forget that many of our best players learnt bridge in their youth. Realising this newsletter's objectives will see more writing about youth bridge.

Next year, the Central West Festival will be a new Gold Point event on the bridge calendar. Being played over 9-13 April, there is now a full roster of Gold point events.

Next year the ANC moves to Brisbane on 6-17 July at Brisbane Technology Park.

## Young card game players take new tricks at Australian Bridge Championships

ABC Central West / By Emily Middleton

Posted Thu 11 Jul 2024 at 7:20am, updated Thu 11 Jul 2024 at 9:43am



Bridge fanatic Aahdi Hariharan is just 13 years old and is in the Australian Youth Team squad. (ABC Central West: Emily Middleton)

## Thanks to the ANC organisers

With 690 individual players from 95 clubs in 19 competitions across 13 days, the Australian National Championships and Central West Festival have been an enormous achievement. I extend thanks on behalf of the entire bridge community to the organisers, Rob Ward, Murray Paterson, Anne Tonna and the clubs who hosted the events.

Rob and the team have provided a masterclass on undertaking such a massive task and set the foundation for a future major event. The Central West Festival returns next year as a National Gold Points event in April. The Central West Festival has engaged a lot of clubs and players of all levels around Orange and across NSW. This will contribute to building our event player community and local clubs.

The Central West Festival will be a unique event on the annual Australian bridge calendar for its inclusivity and because it offers players and their partners quality side activities. The event brought new approaches to increasing enjoyment and participation and provided interesting options for other major events. We hope further promotion will deliver growth and attract even more interstate players.

Bridge NSW is enormously grateful to the many volunteers who have helped make this a success. We hope this event and other changes will help revitalise the game we love.

*Catherine Chaffey, Chair Bridge NSW*



*The Gang of Three: Rob Ward, Anna Tonna and Murray Paterson*

# ABF Fee increases

The ABF has announced an increase in capitation fees over the next three years and an increase in masterpoints fees for 2025 as follows:

*ABF Capitation Fee Increases for 2025, 2026, and 2027*

Year	Capitation Fee Increase	New Total
2025	\$3.30	\$23.30
2026	\$3.30	\$26.60
2027	\$3.30	\$29.90

*Masterpoint Fee Increases for 2025 (to apply from April)*

Colour	Current	April 2025
Green	\$2.02	\$2.53
Club Red	\$1.62	\$2.03
Congress Red	\$2.14	\$2.68
State Red & Gold	\$1.39	\$1.74

In brief, these fee increases are important to enable the ABF to continue to develop the MYABF platform to support all bridge clubs across Australia. MYABF is already used by many bridge clubs in Australia for administrative tasks and is the envy of other countries. Further development will ensure that it can offer additional options to reduce the time and effort required to manage a more complete range of bridge club tasks.

More information on these fee increases is available on the ABF website.

We understand that for some of our member clubs who saw this communication, increased fees became the headline issue and of great concern. We hope this early advice allows clubs to plan for these increases in 2025. The Bridge NSW capitation fee remains \$20 for 2025. These ABF fees and NSW

affiliation fees are completely covered at a bit over \$1 per week per member player.

The benefits of affiliation with the ABF – accessed through being a member or associated club of Bridge NSW – are considerable. The public liability and volunteer worker insurance through the ABF and access to ABF travel insurance and other club insurance are huge benefits. The masterpoints system allows events tailored to player skill and experience to be organised nationwide.

MyABF aims to ensure all bridge clubs have a reliable and up-to-date technology platform that reduces the administrative workload usually done by committed volunteers. Bridge NSW commends the usage of MyABF to all clubs. If you are not utilising all its capabilities, please plan to learn more and progress to this platform.

Technology platforms widely used in the bridge world may not be well supported in the coming years. MyABF plans to ensure a national platform so that no bridge club is left without suitable technology to administer their club, no matter how small that club is.

If you have any concerns you wish to discuss, don't hesitate to contact the Executive Officer at [eo@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:eo@bridgensw.com.au).

The ABF has asked us to advise all clubs that they have renewed the personal accident insurance policy covering voluntary workers at clubs. Details are available on the ABF website and the certificate of currency will be updated soon.

The new policy has an age limit of 95 – so club members over 95 are no longer covered **when acting as volunteers**. (They are still covered when playing bridge!)





## Fancy editing the newsletter?

What do we mean by "editing?" Editors plan, coordinate, and revise material for publication.

We are putting together an editorial team for our publication – which we aim to issue monthly, but it may be bimonthly. That depends a bit on the editorial team. Ideally, we'd like people who would be responsible for sections. That is especially for sections we want to include on teaching and directing, as well as the club stories.

We want editorial team members to encourage submissions from others and not be the writer yourself (though you are welcome to write). One skill area we really need is design and layout.

If you are interested, please email me at [eo@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:eo@bridgensw.com.au). In your email, could you please tell me why you want to join the editorial committee, if there is any content area you might like to be responsible for, or if you want to apply any specific skill (layout, prose revision)?

*David Havyatt, Executive Officer*

According to Cathy Chua's *The History of Australian Bridge*, selecting teams to play interstate tournaments with Victoria motivated the formation of the New South Wales Bridge Association.

Our first objective is to share positive bridge experiences. Only you, the club officials and players can provide us with these. Please send your stories to

[office@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au)



## Is bridge a sport?

Bridge is internationally recognised as a mind sport, and the World Bridge Federation is one of the International Olympic Committee's "recognised international federations". It wasn't included in the program for Paris 2024, though.

Bridge NSW isn't a recognised State Sporting Organisation, and we cannot be unless the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) is a recognised National Sporting Organisation. The ABF has had a previous application rejected. However, I think many would agree that bridge is more worthy of recognition than billiards and snooker, or eight ball (pool) which are on the list.

It is a pity that we aren't recognised, not least because it excludes us from some grant programs. It also means we aren't considered when the ASC develops some of its excellent content. That includes "officiating" programs designed for both community and advanced levels.

The good news is that the ABF is taking another run at getting itself recognised as a National Sports Organisation.

# Your Guide to the Sydney Spring Nationals

This year, the Sydney Spring Nationals are being held over nine days rather than seven, providing competitions on two weekends as well as the intervening days. The competitions available are fairly easily described and are clearly shown in the graphic from the MyABF entry for the event.

It kicks off on Saturday, 19 October, with the Spring Nationals Mixed Teams. Qualifying takes place on Saturday and Sunday, with semi-finals and finals on the next two days. The Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs event will suit pairs that don't make the finals and is also available for direct entry.

The alternative event on the opening weekend is the Penline Butler Swiss Pairs, which is intended to have four divisions: Open, Intermediate (below 750 masterpoints), Restricted (below 300) and Novice (below 100).

Sat 19	Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Qualifying	Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Semi-Final	Spring Nationals Mixed Teams Final	TBIB Open Teams Qualifying			TBIB Open Teams Semi-Final	TBIB Open Teams Final	
			Gerda Stern Mixed Pairs		Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams Qualifying <i>incorporated in the TBIB Open field</i>	Seniors' Teams Final		
					Linda Stern Women's Teams Qualifying <i>incorporated in the TBIB Open field</i>	Women's Teams Final		
Penline Butler Swiss Pairs  Open Intermediate Restricted Novice	Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs Qualifying	Spring Nationals Matchpoint Pairs	Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Qualifying		Bridgegear Intermediate Teams Final	Dick Cummings Open Pairs  Spring Nationals Intermediate Pairs  Ted Chadwick Restricted Pairs  Spring Nationals Novice Pairs		
	Open & Under 500 MPs	Finals, Consolations, & Plates	TMAAT Restricted Teams <i>incorporating Novice Teams</i>		Rainbow Swiss Pairs			

*Penline, TBIB, Bridgegear and TMAAT are the sponsors' names; they don't describe the contest.*

The next block of events starts on Wednesday with the TBIB Open Teams Qualifying. This is one event that will generate the field for three finals events: Open, Seniors' and Women's.

Also, starting on Wednesday, there will be Intermediate and Restricted Teams events, with a final for the first of these on Friday. Finally. There is another set of pairs events, again in four divisions on the second weekend. These events are all Swiss Matchpoint Pairs of 12 rounds of 10 boards.

## Know your events

Teams and Butler Swiss Pairs use IMPs scoring. The Butler system in pairs events removes the top and bottom 10% of scores before calculating the datum for IMPs scoring.

In a Swiss event, the first round is played randomly. In subsequent rounds, pairs (or teams) play those closest to them in aggregate score (in Victory Points).

The ABF uses Playoff Qualifying Points (PQPs) to qualify for Australian Team selection events.

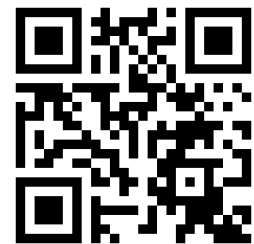
## Useful Bridge NSW Contacts

Contact	Email (and phone)	Used for
Office	<a href="mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au">office@bridgensw.com.au</a> Tel: 0477 52 52 52	General administrative correspondence (this is the preferred account for use – currently, the Executive Officer responds to all emails to this account).
Executive Officer	<a href="mailto:eo@bridgensw.com.au">eo@bridgensw.com.au</a>	Used for items relating directly to the responsibilities of the Executive Officer.
Masterpoints	<a href="mailto:masterpoints@bridgensw.com.au">masterpoints@bridgensw.com.au</a>	Use this address to submit masterpoint files, obtain approval from the State Masterpoint Secretary, or ask masterpoint questions.
Calendar	<a href="mailto:calendar@bridgensw.com.au">calendar@bridgensw.com.au</a>	Use this address to submit congress flyers, amend congress details or ask questions relating to congresses.
Council	<a href="mailto:council@bridgensw.com.au">council@bridgensw.com.au</a>	The Council is the representative body of member clubs. Use this address to make suggestions about better ways to run Bridge NSW or to ask about decisions made by Bridge NSW (if the Executive Officer hasn't satisfactorily answered them)
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To have your flyer included in the next issue, please send it to [office@bridgensw.com.au](mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au)

Any other contributions are welcome.

# Sydney Spring Nationals



**19-27 OCTOBER 2024**

Featuring a range of events for all players:

**Open, Mixed, Seniors, Women,  
Intermediate, Restricted and Novice**

**Gold Masterpoints & Playoff Qualifying Points**

**Venue: Level 2, Canterbury Park Racecourse  
96 King St, Ashbury with free onsite parking**

**Chief Tournament Director:** Simon Edler

**Tournament Organiser:** Gary Barwick (0413 884 805)

<http://myabf.com.au/go/SpringNats24>

email: [sn@abf.com.au](mailto:sn@abf.com.au)



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Entry and payment methods, accommodation options and the full brochure are all available on the MYABF website.

Note that an early bird discount applies for **team events** if full payment is received by 1 October 2024.



**Central Coast Leagues Club  
Bridge Club  
Annual Congress  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Saturday Swiss Pairs **10:00** start

Sunday Swiss Teams **10:00** start

**The Parkview Room**  
Central Coast Leagues Club  
Dane Drive Gosford

Director: David Reddel  
Convener: Louis Koolen/Marg Regan  
Phone: 0419281725/0412405576  
Email: [lkoolen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lkoolen@bigpond.net.au)

Table limit is 40



CENTRAL COAST  
LEAGUES CLUB

# TOMAREE CONGRESS 2024

Swiss IMP Pairs Saturday 7th September 2024

Swiss Teams Sunday 8th September 2024

VENUE: Elizabeth Waring Function Room at the playing fields, 4981 Nelson Bay Road, Nelson Bay.

DIRECTOR: Sue Falkingham CONVENOR: Dot Saxon-Williams. 0410 662 805  
dotsw@spin.net.au

Click on myABF - scroll to program – choose event – login – pay with myABF bridge credits



ENTRY FEE: \$50 per player per day- including lunch, morning/afternoon tea and closing drinks

Please notify convenor for a GF lunch. GF options offered for morning and afternoon tea.

## EVENT PROGRAM

Sat 7th – Pairs 10.00am (6 rounds x 8 Boards)

Sun 8th – Teams 10.00am (6 rounds x 8 Boards)

ENTRIES CLOSE Thursday 5th September

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS TBIB INSURANCE, THE BRIDGE SHOP,  
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REFER TO PAGE 2 for: -

- Accommodation and dining recommendations
- Sightseeing attractions of scenic Port Stephens

## PRIZES: PAIRS



\$200



\$140



\$100

Separate Restricted <300 & novice <100, at 1st Sept,  
if numbers permit

## PRIZES: TEAMS



\$400



\$280



\$200

Separate Restricted <300 & novice <100, at 1st  
Sept, if numbers permit

TBC reserves the right to alter prize money dependent on  
the number of entries received



Yellow Systems are not permitted.

Conducted under the auspices of the NSWBA. The ABF has approved the issue of red  
masterpoints at level B4.

All players are subject to NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations.



# Annual Mollymook Congress

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September 2024

ENTRIES ONLINE: MyABF from 1 MAY 24

Director: Jeff Carberry // Convenor: Lauri Perino [debugcivil@gmail.com](mailto:debugcivil@gmail.com) 0438 44 55 73

## NEW VENUE: MOLLYMOOK BEACH BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

60 Forest Way, Mollymook NSW 2539 >>> There is plenty of parking on site.

Entries can be registered through MyABF:

<http://myabf.com.au/go/MollyBC>

**Cost is \$50 per player, per day, paid through MyABF.**

Entry fee includes a light lunch & refreshments each day.

**Please advise if you have any special dietary needs by 31 Aug 2024.**

On MyABF - or - 0438 44 55 73 - or - [debugcivil@gmail.com](mailto:debugcivil@gmail.com)

## CONGRESS PROGRAM

**Saturday 14th September 2024:** Please arrive at 9.30 am for a **10:00 am start.**

Mollymook Swiss Pairs Championship (28 tables): 7 rounds of 8 boards

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$200.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50.00 Prize for best local pair.

**Sunday 15th September 2024:** Please arrive at 9 am for a **9:30 am start.**

Mollymook Swiss Teams Championship (28 tables): 6 rounds of 9 boards.

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$400.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100.00 Prize for best local team.

**To qualify for local prizes: BOTH** players in a pair, and **ALL** players in a team, must be members of either: Mollymook or Milton Bridge Clubs.

***Yellow systems will not be permitted***

*Red systems and Brown sticker conventions will be allowed.*

The ABF has approved the issue of Red masterpoints at level B4.

All players are subject to the NSWBA's: Congress Disciplinary Regulations

~ PARTNERS AND TEAMS MAY BE ARRANGED ~

### Some Nearby Accommodation:

Allure on Ocean Motel

Ph: 02 4455 5111

Mollymook Paradise Haven Motel

Ph: 02 4455 5514

Bannisters by the Sea

Ph: 02 4454 7400

Mollymook Seascape Motel

Ph: 02 4455 5777

Bannisters Pavilion

Ph: 02 4454 7600

Mollymook Shores Hotel

Ph: 02 4455 5888

Mollymook Motel

Ph: 02 4455 1877

Motel Molly Boutique Hotel

Ph: 02 4455 3222

There are many good places to eat in Mollymook, Milton, and Ulladulla. The larger establishments close by are: Milton Ulladulla Ex-Servos Club, Milton & Ulladulla Bowling Club, Mollymook Golf Club, and Mollymook Beach Bowling & Recreation Club. There are many other venues, some of which are attached to the abovementioned motels, and others can be found online.



***Swiss Pairs***  
***Illawarra Bridge Association***  
***Wollongong***

At Port Kembla Golf Club, 30 Golf Place Primbee, NSW 2002

***Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024***



Director: Jeff Carberry

Convenor: Jill MacRae

Information: [illawarra.bridgeaustralia.org](http://illawarra.bridgeaustralia.org) or [jill.macrae54@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.macrae54@bigpond.com)  
or 0414900239

Online entry: [myabf.com.au](http://myabf.com.au)

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**Registration: 9.30am, play commences 10am**

Morning Session 3 rounds, Afternoon Session 3 rounds.

**Entry fee: \$50 per player**

Please pay in advance via MyABF. **Please include your ABF number in the payment reference.**



# HUNTERS HILL BRIDGE CLUB

## 2024 CONGRESS

### BUTLER SWISS PAIRS



**SUNDAY**  
**29 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**10 am**



Please arrive by 9.30am

**HENLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**CROWN STREET, HENLEY**

**DIRECTOR: Alan Bustany**

1st Prize           \$300  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes\*

Best unplaced Hunters Hill Club pair	\$100
Best restricted pair (each player less than 200 MPs)*	\$100
Best novice pair (each player less than 50 MPs)*	\$100

**40 MyABF credits per person**

**Entries via MyABF**

**Refreshments provided throughout the day**

**BYO LUNCH**

**Entries close 25 September**

Late entries and walk-ins are at the discretion of the director.

Please indicate if your pair is restricted or novice.

There will be a separate combined section for Restricted and Novice if sufficient entries.

**\*Prizes dependant on the number of pairs in each category**

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# Competitive Bidding Workshop

with Will Jenner-O'Shea



## How to bid

It's easy when there is a fit and Partner says the right thing, BUT what if they don't?



## When to push them

Whose auction is it? What is the vulnerability? Lots of tips on when to PASS and when to PUSH!



## When to Double

How do we know when to double. Will, will help you evaluate your options and tell you what to consider.



## Sacrifice Bids

When should you sacrifice, how to work out what the penalty will be if they double you.



## Competitive Bidding practice

Practice Hands with play and defence tips

**Friday 30th August @ 10am**  
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*\$60 incl. snacks and lunch*



# HAND EVALUATION

with

John Newman



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BREAK THE  
**RULES**

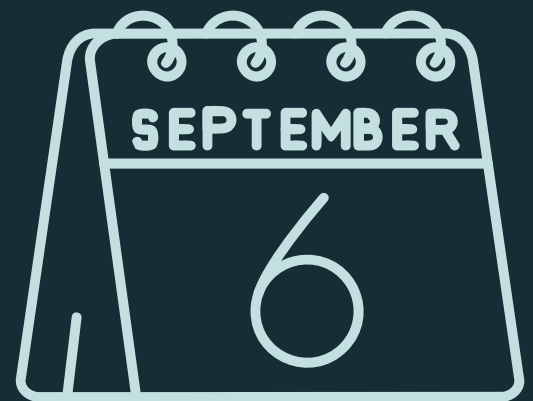
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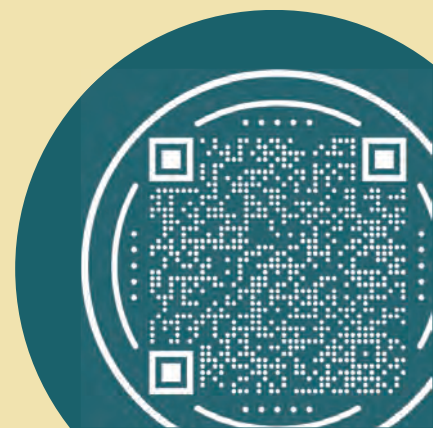
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"Everyone has encouraged us to have a go and not made us feel useless."

"I have played with some lovely people, we have lots of laughs and real catch-ups over a coffee."



# Landing on your feet in tricky auctions

*with John Newman*

## Fourth suit forcing

Find the best contract, Clarify ambiguous hands, Uncover hidden fits



## Cue Raises

Uh! Why is Partner bidding the opposition's Suit? Learn how to make it hard for the Opps to find their fit and tell Partner you can support them.



## When is No Trumps best?

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