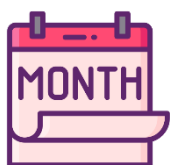




SCCBC NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

February/March



- + Saturday 28th February Qld: Mixed teams at Noosa
- + Friday March 13th: Teams of 3 –Sign-up sheet is on the notice board
- + Sunday 15th March: SCCBC Graded Teams – enter via My ABF (lunch provided)
- + Tuesday 24th am & pm sessions Twinned Red Points
- + Thursday 26th Red Points am & pm sessions

We are trialling a **NEW** style of event **once a month on** a Thursday afternoon.

This Teams style event will focus on team bidding /scoring and include some hand discussion. The inaugural date for this will be Thursday, March 12 commencing at 1pm. Participants must be pre-registered. You can sign up as an individual, pair or whole team, with the proviso that we need to have an even number of teams with 4 players per team. There will be a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard and on the website. The usual Thursday afternoon will be conducted at the front of the room.

This is very timely for those playing in the Teams-of-3 on the 15 March. “Captains gather your teams”!!

Outcomes from this month's committee meeting:

Wednesday Session: Will now be known as "Restricted", rather than novice. The session will now be divided into 2 sections: one with less than 50 masterpoints and the other less than 300 masterpoints. If numbers become too great, members with higher levels of masterpoints will be asked to play in an alternate session.

To come along for the final Saturday session on 28th February. Numbers have been very low in recent times and members have playing options at other clubs. **The club would like to thank Gaye McAuliffe for Directing on Saturdays.**



Mentorship

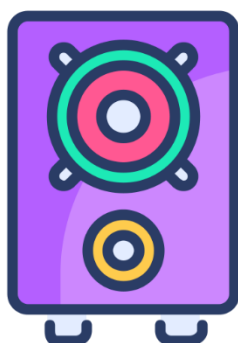
If you believe you have the skills and knowledge to mentor a developing player, we invite you to send your details in an email to the club so that we can develop a pool of Mentors for players wishing to access this service. Contact us at info@sunshinecoastbridge.com.au.



Membership and Beginners' Lessons

We are pleased to note that membership is currently at 390 (total) with many more players predicted to sign up in 2026 as a result of Lisa's highly successful Beginner's Lessons.

Congratulations Lisa on the success of your classes. You have a lot of respect from all members on the work that you do.



Due to problematic amplification/microphone system, the club will be purchasing new audio equipment in the next month at a cost of \$3,340.

To plunge or not to plunge!

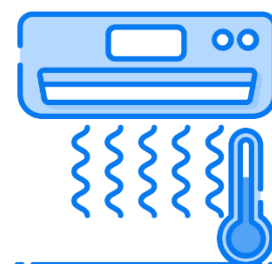
After nearly 2 months the plunger coffee trial has now concluded. Feedback has been very mixed, with limited support for this initiative. Consequently due to lack of significant support, cost, wastage and spillage factors the committee has decided to not continue with plunger coffee at this time.



Thank you to the committee for listening to its members and trialling this initiative.

Air conditioning is back!

At last! We have all air conditioning units functioning. Thanks to John Gilmour for facilitating this.



Congratulations to the following members on their Masterpoints promotions.

Graduate	Club Graduate
David Hawes 2.82	Stephen James 5.73
Robert Ingham 2.21	Ann-Maree McIlvride 5.21
Marianne Lennard 2.43	
Local Club	Bronze Regional
Lyn Chriistensen 15.55	Shelagh Graham 100.02
Rhys Dewar 15.43	
Nicki White 16.21	
State Bronze Regional	
Catherine Griffiths 176.10	

Below are some of the 2025 McCutcheon Award noted in last month's newsletter.



Coolum Sunshine Coast Interclub Pairs winners

Pictured are A Grade North-South winners Di Rogers & Susie Warren, and East-West winners Jim & Lyn Martin, both with event organiser Ken Dawson.



Ken also announced best B Grade Pairs: North-South: Marjorie MacKinnon - Lynda Laffan and East-West: Kwai See Barker and Louise Taylor Smith.



Snippets from their latest Newsletter

- There is a feature article on the McCutcheon Awards in the ABF newsletter sent to all members if you would like to know more about this.
- The benefits of playing bridge by Anita Spurling, with a link to www.seniors.com.au/dare-magazine.
- Management fees decrease as more clubs use MyABF to process annual fees.
- How to navigate the website to focus on events available nationally or pertaining to your own region/club.



Your contributions to this newsletter would be appreciated to make it more interesting for club members.

Please forward your constructive thoughts or stories to info@sunshinecoast.com.au