



SCCBC Newsletter

January 2026



Welcome back for another year of Bridge and friendships shared. We look forward to seeing you all at the club.

Read on to see how well a lot of our members are playing this wonderful game. We have listed the top 10 most improved players and the McCutcheon Awards achievers all listed below.



Diary for January/February

- Tuesday afternoon sessions will re-commence on 27 January. Email Peter to enter.
- Friday 23 & 30 are twinned red point sessions.
- Sunday 1 February – Coolum / SCCBC Interclub Pairs played at SCCBC. Enter via my ABF, BYO Lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.
- 21-22 February Caloundra X-imp Pairs and Teams
- **Saturday afternoon sessions 12:15pm for 12:30pm**
Numbers for this session have declined significantly over the last couple of years. We would love to see you attend! If numbers do not pick up this timeslot for bridge will be discontinued.

Beginners Bridge Lessons

Commencing on February 9, we have 30 starters for this course. Thank you to Lisa and your cheerful team of helpers.

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



This Teams style event will focus on team bidding and 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 regular Thursday afternoon session will be conducted at the front of the room.

Leaving early from bridge

Emergencies will happen and this is an understandable cause for leaving abruptly/early from a bridge session. However, if you feel unwell before leaving home, please do not attend. If you have appointments, please schedule them for after play. The disruptive impact of departing players cannot be understated. The stress burden placed upon the volunteer director is enormous and your fellow players are unable to enjoy their bridge session.

Coffee

Thank you to Ali Dawson for donating 2 coffee plungers to the club. Our coffee connoisseurs are enjoying this tremendously.



Promotions

Congratulations to the following members on their Masterpoints promotions.

Graduate

Roseanne Cowley, 2.25
Colleen Wiltshire, 2.24

Bronze Local

June Matthews, 25.89

Bronze National

Moiria Smith, 218.50



Top 10 Most Improved Players for 2025 SCCBC

Total MPs 2025 MPs

Regional

Kevin O'Loughlin	93.93	52.09
Cheryl Butner	96.12	42.49
Christine Pozzi	55.95	28.32
Geoff Johnston	56.83	26.30
Lesley Seeto	57.69	25.35
Yuko Colthurst	21.97	19.29

Bronze Local

June Matthews	25.89	25.20
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Silver Local

Penny Campbell	37.52	24.32
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Bronze Regional

Glen Garrick	102.29	30.35
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Silver National

Susie Warren	326.75	63.30
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Qld McCutcheon Awards



These prestigious awards are given annually in Australia to the top masterpoint earners in each ranking category. Congratulations to the following Club members for their achievements in the past year within Queensland.

Noteworthy performers include Alison Dawson, Cheryl Buttner, Kevin O'Loughlin, and Yuko Colhurst who finished in the top 20 in Australia!

Well done!

All Ranks

9 Alison Dawson

Grand

3 Alison Dawson

15 Jim Martin

Gold Life

7 Gabrielle Elich
9 Fay Stanton
14 Deborah McLay
16 Ian Michelson
19 Peter Busch

Bronze National

11 Susie Warren

Bronze Regional

9 Peter Logan
15 Betty Stanley
20 Catherine Griffiths

Regional

2 Cheryl Buttner
9 Glen Garrick
2 Kevin O'Loughlin

Bronze Local

6 Christine Pozzi
7 Geoff Johnston
8 Lesley Seto

Wanted Dealers – Men and Women

If you have a good attention to detail, are reliable and will work in a team of other dealers we would love to hear from you.

With something in the order of 15,000 boards to be dealt each year, the job of ensuring freshly dealt boards for each session can be onerous.

Holidays and other demands on existing dealers mean we need to expand our numbers.

If you can help and are willing to learn, please contact Gabrielle or Brian, either by email or in person at the club.



Parking and expansion of Clippers Stadium

Construction commencement is expected within two years. It is anticipated that considerable disruption to parking and traffic flow will ensue. The council is being requested to develop a Traffic Management Plan which would include safety lighting and enhanced signage.

Club Maintenance

The carpet has been successfully cleaned, with most of the dark marks/staining now absent. Looks much improved!!



There are a number of containers, drink bottles and other items that need their owners. If not collected in the near future these items shall be disposed of.