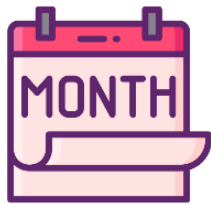




SCCBC Newsletter

March 2026



Calendar for April

Tuesday 7th April Autumn Pro Am

Thursday 9th April Red Points am

We run special events such as the Pro Am to help improving players. Please take advantage of this and add your name to the list on the notice board. Each Am will be paired with a more experienced player (the Pro) giving them the opportunity to benefit from the experience of the Pro.

We also welcome experienced players who are willing to assist as Pros – please add your name to the list.

Other upcoming events include:

✚ The Novice Pairs Championship commencing on Wednesday the 6th May 8.30 for 9am start and running for 3 weeks. This is for players with fewer than 100 masterpoints as of 1 January 2026.

✚ Pairs Championship – This is an open event commencing on Monday 18th May 1215 – 12:30 pm start, and running for 3 weeks.

Entry via MyABF for both events.

These are both honour board events.

Winners Of Teams-of- 3 on Friday 13th March

congratulations!

Mike Phillips, Rhys Dewar, Lesley Seeto, Yuko Colthurst.

WINNERS OF GRADED TEAMS SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

A Section

Fay Stanton, Shirley Phillips,
Di Rogers, Susie Warren.



B Section

Kate Courts, Jackie Hendrix,
Margo Solomon, Kerry Thorp



Thanks to our Graded Teams Congress helpers

- Adrienne Kelly, the now retired Convenor, for your time and contribution to SCCBC.
- Lorraine Kaszas and the catering team
- Peter Busch for directing
- Caddies – Maggie Marsden, Lesley Seto, Mary-Anne Heap and Ali Hall

thank
you!

SCCBC is most grateful to all the players that competed and to all those that contributed towards making it a successful day.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Happy 80th to Sonia Holmes

Pictured celebrating with her
bridge community.

We trust you enjoyed your day.

It is with sadness that we farewell Anne Young pictured right with the then Mayor Mark Jamieson and Val Colless at SCCBC 50th Anniversary. Anne and Val are inaugural members of our club



The following words about Anne were provided by Fay Stanton:

Memories of a friend and bridge partner

Not long after moving from Brisbane to Caloundra almost 12 years ago I was introduced to Anne Young. I was looking for bridge partners and was paired with Anne to play at the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club in Buderim. That pairing turned into a long - term partnership at the tables and also a firm and lasting friendship.

Underneath a sometime daunting exterior there lay the real person. Kind, caring, generous and thoughtful. We spent many years progressing our partnership and she taught me a great deal about the game.

Anne was a crafty and clever player with a dry, sparkling wit to go along with those qualities. As the years went by we found we had very similar interests, one being the love of good food and the art of cooking.

We could manage to talk to that subject for extended periods of time and our car journeys to Bridge tournaments, although sometimes taking hours, would fly by.

Anne was always nominated as the Social Secretary at all events be they local or away. She would research restaurants for days and come up with our dining schedule and then do the bookings, and nearly always finding new and brilliant places to eat. She never failed to produce some exciting venues.

She and her husband Angus were wonderful hosts and we spent many hours on their back deck overlooking Tooway Creek after Tuesday bridge. Here we enjoyed generous amounts of wine and cheeses and seemed to find interesting conversation on all topics. There was never a dull moment with Anne around!

Anne will leave her mark, that we can be sure of. She died expectantly this week. I will miss her greatly.

Fay Stanton 13/03/2026



Congratulations to the following members on their Masterpoints promotions.



Graduate	Club Graduate
Kym Cross 2.12	Alistair Burch 5.02
Mary Mondini 2.18	
Carolyn O'Neill 2.04	
Brett Whitehill 2.54	
Local Club	BronzeLocal
Paul Wallis 15.29	Yuko Colthurst 28.74
Bronze Regional	Bronze State
Kevin O'Loughlin 101.12	Lynda Laffan 196.13

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 improving players wishing to access this service. For more details, speak with a committee member.

These sessions are very beneficial to our improving players. Note that it is not a permanent arrangement – a commitment of just 2 sessions is all that is required. Mentors do not pay table fees when mentoring.

QBA Bulletin snippets

Inaugural Brisbane Gold Congress – January 2027

The extensive and complicated search for a 2027 replacement for the Gold Coast Congress has reached an end with the VOCO Brisbane City Centre at North Quay now contracted from 30 January to 6 February. (VOCO is located at 85-87 North Quay and is part of IHG which covers 20 brands of hotels and resorts globally) The QBA has appointed joint Tournament Organisers, Jan Peach and Tony Treloar, who will be working with Chief Tournament Director Laurie Kelso and Chief Scorer Peter Busch.

Entries will open on 1 July and, with space limited to around 180 tables, it is possible that those who delay will miss out. It is also worth noting that the cost of parking anywhere in the Brisbane CBD is prohibitive and scarce, so players are advised to take advantage of the 50 cent fares on buses, trains and ferries to arrive within a block or so of the venue instead.

QBA Manager's Travels – Kim Ellaway

Approval has been given for me to visit every club in Queensland over the next 18 months which is very exciting so no doubt will have lots to say as I intend to play in every club.

Contributions needed

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@sunshinecoastbridge.com.au.



Maintenance update

We have a temporary fix for the tree roots blocking one of the ladies toilets. Further work will be required to remove all the offending tree roots to prevent further issues arising. These are yet to be scheduled.

