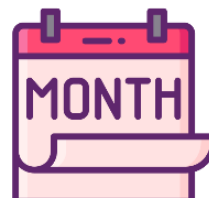




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Calendar for May/June

Mondays' 25th May & 1st June – continuation of the Pairs Championship.



June Congress Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st

Restricted Pairs Championship – Tuesdays 23rd, 30th June & 7th July, an Honour Bord event

Thursday Afternoon Teams – pre registration required – you can enter as a pair and the director of the day will place you with another pair, or enter your own team. Sign up sheet is at the Director's station of via the link on the Events page of our web site

Teams Championship – July 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th (if required) - an honour board event



Congratulations to the following members on their Masterpoints promotions.

Club Graduate	Silver Local
Jean Brkic 5.12	Yuko Colthurst 35.57
Local Club	Mary Hoeksma 35.33
Greg Pustola 15.06	June Matthews 35.74
Bronze Local	Regional
Jane Barnett 25.11	David Alexander 50.36
Rhys Dewar 28.52	Jill Markwell 50.19
Ali Hall 25.48	

New Club Members

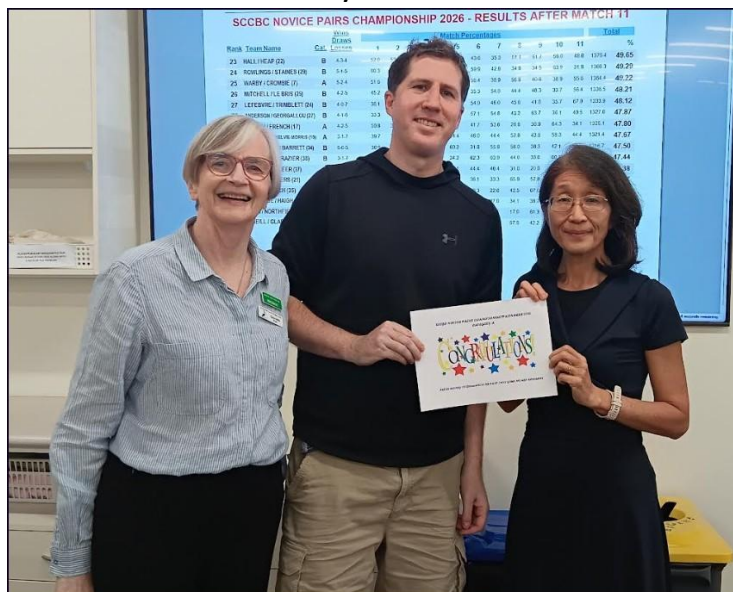


January	March	April
Bob Vander	Claire Torrance	Victoria Dreyzen
Peter Zanki	Julie Kipps	George Stoopin
	Annie Wynne	Catherine Keogh
	Pamela Stone	Jane Roberts
	Garth Wilson	Brenda Smith - Gittings
	Enid Hughes	John Ward
	Debe Crotty	Shoko Hirose
	Robyn Moore	Lefley Baker
	Carol Netscher	

Total members are 417 with 340 home members, 74 away members & 3 life members.



Winners of the Novice Pairs Championship Yuko Colthurst and Rhys Dewar



2nd place - Kevin O'Loughlin & Mimi Jenman

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

1. Congratulations to the following players who have achieved outstanding results in recent events.

Qld Open Teams – to play in the national title in July – Alison Dawson and Ken Dawson

Barrier Reef Congress – Open Pairs – Adrienne Kelly and Ken Dawson achieved a ranking of 5th place in this field

Restricted Pairs – Our Secretary Carmel Dwan and her partner Kerry Rutter achieved a ranking of 4th position in this field.

2. Our **Thursday Afternoon Teams** have generated significant interest with up to 10 teams engaging in this session. All members are encouraged to register as either a pair or a team.

3. **John Gilmour**, our go-to man for maintenance, continues to do an amazing job. He willingly and cheerfully keeps our plumbing and electricity in working order and arrives at the club house to fix doors that won't lock and toilets that are blocked. Each week he organises, unlocks the facilities and waits upon tradies, council inspectors and many others. **Please give him a big thank you when you next see him.**

4. **Our Charity Day this year** (August 21) will focus on dementia. We are hoping to attract a speaker from Dementia Australia. Please note this date in your calendar. Many of our club members have a very close experience of living with this condition and funds to support further research will ultimately assist the entire community.

Just a reminder it's the cold and flu season again. Please consider other members and stay at home if unwell.



From your club maintenance man

Thank you to member Jonathan Liddicoat for donating a range of tools (shifters, screwdrivers, wrenches etc:) for use in any urgent repairs or minor issues during club hours. This will let us attend straight away to the issue (hopefully!). This set along with existing tools will be kept in the outside shed. If anyone has an articulated hedge cutter which allows the top of our front row of hedges to be trimmed without need for standing on stool/ladder etc and would allow either myself or the owner to do this task, could they please advise me. This will save our Club the need to employ a contractor for this relatively minor work.

It would also be appreciated if any member could bring to my attention any “non-obvious” repair or other maintenance issues which may need addressing so they can be best addressed. As an example, it became apparent that our disabled toilet which is not frequently used developed a slow leak which resulted in excessive water use over a period.



18th – 24th May

Thank you to all of our club Volunteers for the many tasks you undertake to keep the club running smoothly, your efforts don't go unnoticed.

When all the stars are aligned

By Lisa Phillips

Most bridge players will tell you they're cursed: their finesses never work, suits don't break, and the opponents' trumps are always in one hand. While a run of bad distribution can be extremely disheartening and feel like the Bridge Gods have it in for you personally (they don't – they hate everyone equally), occasionally you'll be dealt a magical hand where absolutely everything works.

When I checked the hand record after a recent session and saw this hand, I could scarcely believe such a miracle existed.

East is in 4S. Being cursed, they expect to lose the ♠K, and of course the diamond finesse will fail. They'll also have to do a bit of cross-trumping and may lose a club or diamond along the way if they run out of trumps, but ten tricks looks pretty safe.

West	East
♠ A T 6 3	♠ Q J 7 2
♥ A 6	♥ K T
♦ A Q T 5 2	♦ 8 6
♣ 6 2	♣ A K 7 5 3

This is a fairly underwhelming hand to be honest, however, what caught my eye is that it actually makes a grand slam; you just need a plan, and a ton of luck.

Here's the line of play: (South leads a small heart) Win in your hand and draw trumps, starting with the ♠Q to finesse the king. Next, take the diamond finesse and play a second round of diamonds. Now set up the clubs: play the ace and king and ruff a third club in the dummy – watch for the split! Back to your hand with a diamond ruff, then play the last two winning clubs, discarding the two diamonds in the dummy. Finally, play the ♥A and berate your partner for underbidding!

For this line of play to be successful, four things need to happen:

- The spades need to break 3/2
- The ♠K needs to be with South
- The ♦K also needs to be with South
- The clubs need to break 3/3

Lo and behold, here's the full deal with everything exactly how you need it to be:

	♠ 9 8 5	
	♥ J 9 8	
	♦ J 9 4 3	
♠ A T 6 3	♣ Q 9 8	♠ Q J 7 2
♥ A 6		♥ K T
♦ A Q T 5 2	♠ K 4	♦ 8 6
♣ 6 2	♥ Q 7 5 4 3 2	♣ A K 7 5 3
	♦ K 7	
	♣ J T 4	