



Sunshine Coast Bridge Club

September 2025 Newsletter

A very warm welcome to our new committee:

President: Gabrielle Elich

Vice President: Brian Cordiner

Treasurer: Kevin O'Loughlin

Secretary: Carmel Dwan

Other members: Lisa Phillips, John Gilmour, Kim Rouse, Christine Pozzi, Judith Slade

Games Director: Peter Busch

The committee will be reviewing and developing a strategic plan for the ensuing 12 months and welcome constructive input from all members. Minutes from the September committee meeting have been placed on the notice board.

Grant Update

We have been awarded a \$6,000 yearly partnership grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to assist with our cleaning costs over the next 2 years. This will pay for approximately a third of our cleaning costs incurred over a 2 year period.



Bridge Calendar

- September 28 (Sunday) – Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs Congress
- October 7 (Tuesday) – Spring Pro Am
- October 9 and 16 (Thursdays) – twinned red points morning and afternoon



Food donations gratefully received for the Graded Pairs on the 28th September. List is on the Volunteers board now.

Note: Spring Pro Am – find your own pro or talk to Lisa Phillips regarding this. Sign-up sheet on the notice board.

Trustee Permit

Sunshine Coast Council and Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club have now signed yearly lease agreements for the next 3 year period. The permit is like our existing permit and sets out the Council and Club's respective obligations.

Recent Events

Our **Annual Charity Day** held on 29 August was a very successful gold coin donation day with the proceeds of approximately \$3,000, including a club contribution, going to Restoring Hope Parkinsons Therapy Unit.

Thank you to all who supported this day.



Restricted Pairs September 2/9/16

1st Linda Lee & Siobhan Davies

2nd Jay Kent & David Richards

3rd Ann & Steve Murray

Novice Pairs Congress September 17th

1st Ercelle Smith & June Matthews (**Winners of the Mary Murray Shield**)

2nd Fiona Penman & Jean Coffey

3rd Kevin O'Loughlin & Glen Garrick



Our Beginner's classes commenced earlier this month. We welcome these people to our club and encourage them to become members under Lisa Phillips' well received tutelage.

To make way for these new players we now have past "students" moving out into other sessions and it is our duty as members to receive and make these players feel welcome in any session they wish to play in. Your co-operation in doing this is greatly appreciated.

We have all been beginners and remember how hard this can be.

"Missing in action"

The clubs lost property box and posy of flowers from the ladies' bathroom. The club would appreciate the return of these items.





Development Notice

Members may have seen the development notices placed around the Council precinct that our club house is part of. These notices are to inform the public of the expansion of the Basketball stadium providing three extra courts and other facilities such as change rooms and toilets.

We are proposing to make a submission supporting the additional sporting facilities. However, the Club will also be expressing our concern as to what planning or arrangements will be made for the increased traffic and parking anticipated, given existing problems.

Maintenance

Please direct all queries to John Gilmour or record the area of concern in the incident book located in the kitchen.



Thank you to all those members that donated food for the Novice Pairs Congress on Wednesday 17th September.

There are always areas where you can help, so please talk to a committee member. The new committee looks forward to your continued support.

SCCBC Christmas Party Saturday November 29th

The menu, cost and booking process will be available early October.

Note that the date for this event in the Program Book is incorrect.





Congratulations to the following members on their masterpoint promotions:

Graduate

1117841 Carr, Jeffrey 3.12 Nil
1229753 Dewar, Rhys 3.63 Nil
1117866 Fitzpatrick, Deb 2.26 Nil
1229591 McAleer, Andrew

Local

1105299 McQuilkin, Anita 15.10 Club
1117955 Skipsey, Mel 15.47 Club
1066897 Stoopin, Madeline 15.02 Club

Bronze Local

0981524 Gibberd, Mary 25.52 Local
1048627 Markkanen, Betty 25.53 Local

Regional

1127373 Johnston, Geoff 51.12 Silver Local
0995606 McKelvie-Morris, Heather 50.37 Silver Local

Bronze Regional

0091405 McKenzie, Judy 102.68 Regional

Silver National

0234915 Warren, Susie 313.03 Bronze National



Don't forget our Saturday afternoon bridge session.

Come along and enjoy a relaxed, convivial, encouraging session.
BYO food and choice of beverage to have during the prolonged
afternoon tea break.

Any suggestions for newsletter items are very welcome.