



Newsletter February 2025



It certainly is the hot humid month of the year and we trust you have enjoyed playing in airconditioned comfort.

Calendar Events

The Gold Coast Congress was held from 1st – 8th February.



Gold Coast Congress victories: A large contingent of home and away members of the Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club attended the 2025 Gold Coast Congress. Most came away with gold points. Those worthy of a mention are:

- Di Rogers, Fay Stanton and Susie Warren who along with Kathy Males, Fay's playing partner, cleaned up in the Under 1500 Swiss Team qualifying rounds only to finish Runners-up in the play-off.
- Anna Irminger and Eugenie Mooney were successful in the Bobby Richman Pairs Championship - Restricted - Final D
- Kevin O'Loughlin and Glen Garrick were second in the Bobby Richman Championship - Novice Qualifying earning a place in the Final A where they finished 15th.
- Margo Solomon teamed up with Brett Waring in winning the Rookies & 0-50MP Tuesday Session
- Ken Trolland and Stuart Stoddart took out the Tuesday AM Walk in Pairs
- Lesley Seto and Cheryl Buttner came 6th in the 0-50 MPs comp on Wednesday

This year saw a new trophy with deep connections to our club - Reg and Joan Trophy Swiss Pairs. The trophy goes to the best finishing pair across the 4 Butler Pairs events. This event was well supported by our members in both the Open and Under 500MP.

- Sunday Open Section - Ken Dawson played with Andy Slater and finished 7th overall.

- Monday Open Section – Ken Dawson and Andy Slater 5th overall.
- Jim & Lyn Martin finished in 9th place on Sunday.

SSCBC- Coolum Interclub Pairs

Congratulations to Kiyomi Avunduk and Margaret Robinson on their 2nd consecutive win.



Kiyomi and Margaret – Repeat winners of the Coolum-SSCBC Interclub Pairs!

March events - We encourage you to sign up and support these club events now. Hone your game, have fun, meet people from other clubs.

- + Beginner's lessons commence March 3rd. Let all your friends know, there are 70 people enrolled already.
- + Teams of 3 on the 14th March. Sign-up sheet is on the notice board.
- + SCCBC Graded Teams Sunday 16th March Register on line.
- + Twinned red points are on Monday the 17th & 24th March
- + GNOT Heats Noosa March 6th, 7th & 9th



Market Bistro give away

A reminder that there is also a \$50 gift voucher to Market Bistro on offer for the Month of March. Thank you to Nick Winter for this donation. Your name will go into the draw every session you attend in March.

The prize will be drawn the 1st April.

A visit from Viking Sky



Following an email inquiry from Angela Taylor regarding our Saturday session, players at the Saturday session on February 8 were pleasantly surprised when six International visitors arrived ready to play bridge.

Angela Taylor, Bill Thompson, Gord Link, Nikki Davies, Yefrem Kozin and Rami Mina from the cruise ship “Viking Sky” walked in. Whilst three arrived by taxi without any drama, the other three travelling in an Uber were initially taken to the Sippy Downs club but undaunted they found their way to SCCBC.

There was excitement as members realised this was their opportunity to meet and play against overseas players.

With 6.5 tables Gaye McAuliffe set a three board Howell and play got underway. There were a number of adjustments for our visitors including bidding slips in lieu of bidding boxes, adapting to an opponent’s multi two opening bid, as such bids are not permitted in North American club games.

Whilst the atmosphere was jovial the play was competitive with the Director being called a number of times. At the end of the session each of our visitors stated a number of times how much they enjoyed the afternoon and meeting their opponents. They hoped to be able to come back in the future possibly next year.

With the usual friendly atmosphere engendered at the Sunshine Coast Contract Bridge Club our visitors were driven back to Mooloolaba Wharf by Helen Killiner and Warren Holmes.

Thank you for visiting SCCBC
We look forward to seeing you again
Happy and safe cruising to you all.



Awards

A fabulous photo of most of our McCutcheon State Top 20 MP achievers for 2024. A wonderful morning tea was provided Friday morning by many club members in acknowledgement of this achievement and enjoyed by all.



This epitomises what our club values. Friendship, community and enjoyment in others achievements. Now back to winning!



Congratulations to the following members on their promotions

Graduate - Judy Rowling

Club Lynn Christensen, Jenny Le Bris, Paul Wallis

Local Penny Campbell, Tania Pickering

Silver Local David Alexander, Lynn Steele

Regional Rae Murer