SUNSHINE COAST BRIDGE CLUB

Official Monthly Newsletter | November 2026 Edition

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President's Report: Brian Cordiner

Welcome to our joint October/November edition. It has been a busy period at the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club as we progress into the later stages of our annual calendar. A special thank you to all our volunteers and directors who keep our sessions running smoothly week after week. Remember that our collective table harmony is what makes our club a wonderful place to compete.

Welcome New Members!

Amber Noonan - rejoined
Kerry Page
Hugh Gibson
Steve Smallacombe
Jennie James
Babette Bensoussan
Mercedes Chiementon
Malcolm Herbert
Ken Baron
Ruth Duncan
Julie O'Connor

Happy 90th Birthday Eric!



Eric Bottle continued his Birthday Week celebrations at the Club on Tuesday, October 20.

Committee News

- Christmas Tree & Club decoration working bee on Wednesday, December 2. Volunteers needed.
- Peter Busch reported that he is changing the platform for the club's website in the next couple of weeks. There will be no changes to accessing the website, but it will have an improved look. Any feedback would be appreciated.
- Maintenance: Pauly the Python has been successfully moved along. Repairs to the Men's and Disabled Toilet floors will be undertaken in the new year.
- Volunteers are still needed in the kitchen for the Congress on November 8. Donations of sweet or savoury plates would also be appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Club.
- A motion was passed that all member game fees must be paid from the member's MyABF account with a minimum top-up of $75 (10 games).
- For the sake of consistency, participants at all morning sessions from Monday to Friday will now be encouraged to be seated by 8.30am (Tuesday and Friday were previously 8.45am).

Upcoming Calendar & Major Events

Submit your entries early via the MyABF Portal to ensure seamless session organisation.

November 2026 Events

Date	Event		Registration
Mon, 2, 9 & 16 November	**President's Trophy – 3-week event**	Premier multi-week club Honour Board competition.	Entries closed.
Tues, 3 & 10 Nov	**Tuesday Afternoon Comp**	3 x 9-board matches each session, scored by imps.	Sign-up sheet at Club. or enter by email below. peter@altosoft.com.au.
Sunday, 8 November	**QBA Senior Pairs**	Hosted at our club. This major regional championship draws highly competitive pairs from across the state	

Sunday, 8 November	**Under 300 Pairs Congress**	For players with less than 300 MPs as at August 31, 2026.	
Saturday, 14 November and Sunday, 15 November	**Noosa IMP Pairs**	Noosa Swiss Pairs Congress.	
Wednesday, 25 November	**Improvers Lesson: Hand Assessment, Reverse Bids, Card Play**	By Ali Dawson, 15 credits. Handouts provided. Attend with partner if possible. 1.30pm start	
Sunday, 29 November	**Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs - Caboolture**	Held at the Caboolture Bridge Club. This is an excellent opportunity to represent our zone in graded flights	

December 2026 Events

Date	Event		Registration
Wednesday, 2 December	**Deck the Club with Boughs of Holly!**	Club and Christmas Tree decorating Bee. From 1pm	Club sign-on form
Saturday, 5 November	**2026 Annual Christmas Party**	Our annual celebration! Join us for a festive morning session followed directly by our catered end-of-year luncheon.	
Tuesday, 13 December	**Qld Senior Restricted Teams (Under 300)**	A State event run in conjunction with a Restricted Teams Congress	

Masterpoint Achievements

Congratulations to the following club members who achieved rank advancements and milestones in the latest national masterpoint registry update:

Graduate (2-5)	Local (15-25)	Bronze Local (25-35)
George Stoopin 2.48	Andrew Mayne 15.93 Helen Moretto 17.01 Rosemary Perry 16.84	Mary-Anne Heap 25.19 Anita McQuilkin 25.17 Mel Skipsey 25.29 Ali Staines 26.05
Club (5-15)		**Bronze Regional (100+)**
Colleen Wiltshire 5.03		Kerry Baillie 100.99

Club Etiquette & Table Manners

Maintaining a welcoming, fair, and respectful atmosphere is a key priority for our members. Each month we will bring you a few snippets of etiquette to review.

• **Polite Greetings:** Always greet your opponents cordially at the start of a round and see them off with a heartfelt thank you. A friendly atmosphere benefits everyone.

• **Role of the Dummy:** Once the opening lead is made, Dummy is a passive participant. Dummy must not participate in the play, call attention to an irregularity, look at an opponent's cards, suggest a card vocally or with a hovering hand. Dummy should also never question declarers' choice through gestures, sounds or hesitation.

• **Calling the Director:** If a card is exposed, a bid out of turn occurs, or any mistake is noted, call the Director immediately. Do so calmly and politely by saying, 'Director, please.' Never attempt to arbitrate rules yourself.

• **No Disruptive Post-Mortems:** Post-mortem discussions must be kept brief and quiet. Protracted arguments about what 'should have' been played disrupt adjacent tables and delay the round.

Bridge Fun Facts

What Egyptian actor, famous for his roles in "Doctor Zhivago", "Lawrence of Arabia", and "Funny Girl", was also an expert bridge player?

Omar Sharif was born Michel Chalhoub in Alexandria, Egypt. He rose to fame when he was selected by director David Lean to play the critical role of Sharif Ali in "Lawrence of Arabia". After being nominated for the Best Supporting Actor Oscar and winning the Golden Globe, he followed up with another award-winning turn as the lead actor in "Doctor Zhivago". However, he was also very good at bridge, at one point ranking among the top 50 players in the world, and lending his name to a popular weekly bridge column. It's possible that he spent too much time playing bridge at the expense of his career. He is known to have said, "Acting may be my business, but bridge is my passion.

We Need You! Treasurer Wanted…

Do you have a background in bookkeeping, accounting, finance or banking? Or just ready to dive-in and learn? We are on the hunt for a replacement for Kevin who needs to step down from the Club's committee.

Xero is our accounting system and is very user-friendly, even if you've not operated it before. The commitment is about four hours per week plus an hour or two extra to prepare for monthly committee meetings.

Feel free to talk to Kevin at the club or give him a call on 0400 005 973 to have a chat.

Are you an Energetic Elf or Decorating Demon? We Need Both!

Come along and help decorate the Club and Christmas Tree on Wednesday, December 2, from 1pm. We need helpers happy to spread the cheer throughout the Club and those with a flair for extravagance to decorate the tree. Place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Club.

Wall of Fame!





The 2026 Caloundra Pairs Congress was held in late October with 116 players competing across three grades. Congratulations to Jim Martin and Stephen Brookes for coming first in the A Grade and Adrienne Kelly and Ken Dawson (away member) for coming third in A Grade.







Our resident Pickleball champion, Gary Petterson, has done it again! At the Australian Championships recently held at Pimpama, Gary aced the Over 70's taking out medals in all of his events: 1st O/70 Men's Skinny Singles (Half court); 2nd Men's O/70 Open Singles; 2nd O/70 Mixed Doubles and 3rd in the O/70 Men's Doubles.

Gary has been playing Pickleball for eight years but has a long association with the racquet having played tennis since he was eight years old and represented Queensland throughout his youth. Whether he's slamming the court or Bridge table, Gary always gives 110%.

Envisaging and Assessing Hands
Reverse Bids
Card play

Lecturer: Ali Dawson
Date: Wednesday 25th November 2026
Time: 1.30pm -3.30pm
Place: SCCBC 12 William Parker Place Buderim
Payment: via MyABF $15pp
Please register by Friday 20th November 2026

WHAT TO BRING:

- Hand outs of lecture content will be provided
- Own pen required
- It is advisable to attend with your playing partner however we will attempt to pair you with another player if required for the practice hands.
- BYO Lunch if you are attending the morning session.
- Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided

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RESTRICTED TEAMS CONGRESS

For players with less than 300Mps as at 1st September 2026

Sunday 13th December 2026

9am for 9.30am start

This congress is run in conjunction with the Qld Senior Teams

Director	**Peter Busch**
Convener	**Chris Gilmour 0408874359**
Entries	• Via MyABF. List of entries appears on this site. • https://www.myabf.com.au/events/view • Entry Fee $160.00 (160 Bridge Credits) per team. • Closing date Sunday 6th December 2026. • Late entries accepted at the discretion of the Director.
Allowable Systems	• **Red**, **blue** and **green** systems, **brown** sticker conventions and treatments. • This Tournament is conducted under QBA Regulations. • Each player must have the approved current ABF system card and ensure the correctness of their system classification. • Masterpoints not guaranteed unless correct ABF number provided.
Prizes, Titles, Eligibility and Format	• Prizes will be paid in Bridge Credits. • Should the field be divided into categories for Prize purposes, it will be based on the Director's seeding.
Payment of Entry	• Payment prior to the day of play using MyABF Bridge Credits.
Catering	• BYO Lunch. Tea, coffee and snacks available all day. • Refreshments served at end of play.
Venue, Email and Web Address	• Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim (07) 5444 7574 • Email: entries@sunshinecoastbridge.com.au • Web: www.suncoastbridge.com.au • QBA Wellness policy applies

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QLD SENIOR TEAMS
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9:00am for 9:30am

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Prizes, Titles, Eligibility and Format	• All players must be born before 1 January 1962. • Contestants entering the Qld Senior Teams are deemed to have agreed to abide by the QBA Regulations and any supplementary regulations made by the tournament organisers as posted on the QBA or MyABF website prior to the start of the event, appearing on the entry form, or announced before the start of the event. • Prizes will be paid in Bridge Credits.
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