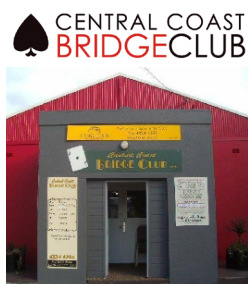


Central Coast Bridge Club 2nd Novice Swiss Pairs and Teams Congress

29 – 30 AUGUST 2015 (SAT – SUN)



The schedule:
29 August (Sat)
Novice Swiss Pairs

30 August (Sun)
Novice Swiss Teams

A Fun and Friendly Tournament

The Central Coast Bridge Club staged its second Novice Congress last weekend (August 29 and 30). I may be somewhat biased but it was an absolutely fabulous weekend of bridge. We had Swiss Pairs on Saturday (17 tables) and Swiss Teams on Sunday (12 tables). The whole two days were full of laughter, frivolity and happy banter. A “normal” congress is usually a quiet, serious affair. A novice congress is far more relaxed. Many players told me that it was great to play in a competition with people of your own standard. New players often feel like baby seals in waters teeming with great white sharks, waiting to “gobble” them up. Not so, at a novice congress. Here, everyone is a baby seal.

The food was fantastic, hopefully, you will see a photo of our cup cakes attached to this report. Before play on Saturday I was approached by a lady (from another club) who informed me that she had played in our novice congress last year and had left her glasses here. I looked in our lost property box (a small ice cream container) and guess what? There were her glasses.

So, all you novice players who are wondering whether or not to take the plunge and play in a congress, I urge you to do so. You will have a most enjoyable time.

by John Redfern



The Cup Cakn Around Long Jetty created the cutest cup cakes specially for this occasion.



A friendly note and delicious cup cakes welcomed players to a relaxed novice congress.



Winner of Novice Pairs – Ray Hendley and John McCaffrey.



Shan Lawson the convenor thanked John McIlrath for directing the congress.



The dynamic duo of Ray Hendley and John McCaffrey did it again along with teammates Joe Conde and John Lette. They won the Novice Congress teams – by 1 point! Well done!

Photo Gallery



Runners-up of Novice Pairs – Rod and Michael Shellshear with the convenor Shan Lawson.



2nd Runners-up of Novice Pairs – Neil MacClean and David Purkiss with Shan Lawson the convenor.



Equally well done in 2nd Runner-up of Novice Pairs were Jan Lawson and Pam Jones.



The winning team – John McCaffrey, John Lette, Joe Conde and Ray Hendley – celebrated their victory.



The team who placed second in the Novice Congress – Maureen & Kevin Carson, Marilyn Scott and Wendy Everitt. The team pipped by 1 point and didn't lose a match all day!



3rd placed team in the Novice Congress – Robyn O'Hara, Nan Roth, Roz Fuller and Bruce Fitzpatrick with Shan Lawson. All players on the team have fewer than 5 Masterpoints.



Shan Lawson the convenor was very proud of two of Novice Congress attendees – Lynne & John Negus. They had approximately 7 home lessons and were brave enough to take on a congress – for two days – pairs and teams! They received the Admiration & Bravery Award.



Congratulations to Jenny Walmsey and Cathy Morrison for receiving the Encouragement Prize. These girls finished in the top 10 and both have fewer than 5 Masterpoints each! Top effort!



Shan Lawson and the lovely couple Kerry & Christine Bartlett. The visitors who finished in the top 10 and received the Encouragement Award.