The Teaching Forum 2015 at Coffs Coast Gold Congress

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special event was collaborated by the ABF and the NSWBA – a Teaching Forum & Lunch Gathering at the Coffs Super Congress this month. It was hailed as a great success with an overflow of participants (36). The day started with two seminars by celebrity teachers, Joan Butts (the ABF National Teaching Coordinator) and Will Jenner-O'Shea (CEO Sydney Bridge Centre) on topics of "Balancing" and "Defence". Then a lunch networking funded by NSWBA and organised by Cath Whiddon (the NSWBA Education Councillor) gave participants an opportunity to meet their fellow teachers across the state.

New country teachers particularly appreciated the opportunity to discuss with other local community teachers what's working and how to provide better teaching to beginners.

Expert players and teachers generously shared their thoughts and experiences for an hour. With the arrival of our lunch each table joined their dining partners for a vigorous exchange of views on improving teaching services, programs and materials.

After lunch there was a further mix of teachers, with good feedback on what teachers would like to see happen at future forums.



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Teachers exchanged their views on improving teaching services, programs and materials.



Participants enjoyed the lunch networking to share their thoughts and experience.

Thank you notes from participants

The ABF National Teaching Coordinator, Joan Butts and the NSWBA Education Councillor, Cath Whiddon have received a lot of thank you notes from the participants, here is one of them.

Hi Joan,

Congratulations. Two wonderful seminars and a magnificent lunch with further insights from the experts.

All teachers should by now be advocates of the "hand on cards" teaching method thanks to the fine demonstrations we have seen over recent years. I am sure there are other "sole practitioners" who like me greatly value the support you are giving us. Please send my thanks to Will and Cath. Regards

Mike Siford



Photo Gallery



Deirdre and Jim Taylor



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Tony Wagstaff and John McIlrath



Fran and Wayne Carroll



Will Jenner-O'Shea and Vanessa Brown



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