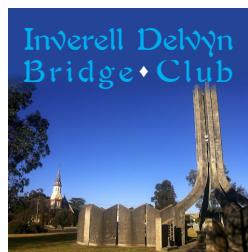


Inverell Delvyn Bridge Club Swiss Pairs Congress

18 – 19 MARCH (SAT – SUN)



The programme:

18 March (Sat)

Pairs Qualifying

19 March (Sun)

Open Finals & Plate

A friendly congress

Inverell Delvyn Bridge Club held its annual Congress on the weekend of 18th and 19th March. This Congress is known for being friendly in its atmosphere and welcoming to all visitors. Many commented on the calm and laid back nature of the event and this is largely down to the efforts of the Director, Bruce Tier, and those of the Convenor, Don Learmonth, and his hard working cohort of helpers.

Players came from some fourteen different clubs. Undoubtedly, the furthest travelled were Kathy Perry and Matt Kruk, all the way from Nedlands, WA. They were happy to win a prize for winning a session and Kathy also won the draw for Lucky Player of the tournament. They are travelling in a caravan around Australia and combining travel with bridge whenever possible.

Another interesting pair of travellers was the brother/sister duo of Lorraine Lindsay and Bernie Davidson. Lorraine plays at the Central Coast and Bernie is a member of the Maitland Club. Lorraine and her partner, Jan Davis, did well in the Championship and Bernie and his partner, Sandra Mason, were happy to come in the middle in the Plate. It is great to see Lorraine back on the circuit after a couple of years off.



Bruce working out the results.



Kathy Perry and Matt Kruk from WA!



The brother/sister duo - Lorraine Lindsay and Bernie Davidson.

Players from Yamba have always been loyal supporters of our Congress and four of them braved the rain again this year. Jill Causley and Julie Burley and Barbara Thollar and Judy Turnbull were pleased to all receive some recognition. Jill and Julie won a session and Barbara and Judy were given the encouragement award.

All country Congresses are known for the excellence of their catering. Suzanne of Northern Tablelands Catering did her usual sterling job with the dinner on Saturday night and luncheon on Sunday.



Loyal supporters Jill Causley and Julie Burley.



Loyal supporters Barbara Thollar and Judy Turnbull.



Northern Tablelands Catering has prepared great food for the hungry bridge players.

Local players made sure that the catering tables were well stocked with delicious goodies and members who were not playing did a superb job of manning the tables, assisting the caterer and generally keeping things ticking over. President, Geoff Ditton, thanked these people for their hard work.

The Congress was held this year at the Town and Country Club and this was a most satisfactory venue.

Winners of each session received prizes of wine, some of which was donated by our generous sponsor, Topper's Mountain Wine.

Best performed local pair were Robin Manning and Margaret Findlay. They received the Zelma Manning Trophy, made and donated by Robin's mother.

Finally, the Championship results were made known. The popular pair of David Tucker and Ian Price from Armidale were runners up.

Overall winners were the Inverell Pair of Pat Yee and Jan Anderson. Pat congratulated all those involved in the smooth running of the Congress. Jan praised Pat's play which helped them win the Hunter Northcott Trophy once again.

The Club looks forward to running another similarly successful Congress next year. Why not put it on your list of ones to attend? You will be most welcome!



Some of the workers, Fay, Ros and Eleanor seized a moment to relax from their efforts.



Session winners – Sally Jackson (Armidale) and Carol Schiffmann (Tenterfield).



Brian Glover from Armidale. His partner, Eric Baker, had already left.



Peter Cannon and Judy Noad won the prize for Best Restricted Pair, both under 35 Masterpoints.



Runners up in the Plate were Helen Ditchfield and Helen Loveday. The Plate was won by the Glen Innes pair of Zoe Boyd-Law and Valmai Stevenson.



Zoe and Val thanked the Inverell Club for such a successful Congress.



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...More results can be found [HERE](#).