

ILLAWARRA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 9th August 2025
at 10 am in the IBA Hall

1. Welcome
2. Attendees: Dave Gallagher, Grant Cowan, Cath Gregory, Marie Pickering, Julie Cowling (part of meeting), Cheryl Waters, Carolyn Githens, Ngaire Meehan, Kaye Hart, Barb Overington
3. Apologies: Carol Jeffs, Chris Yates
4. Minutes of the last committee meeting

2.1 Acceptance Motion that the previous minutes be accepted with the heading changed from Agenda to Minutes was proposed by Kaye Hart, seconded Carolyn Githens – passed.

5. Business arising from the previous meetings

3.13 - Updating bank signatures – The bank will be approached to remove Rob Kinloch, Jeff Carberry and Tony Wright from the account as they are no longer holding office in the IBA. This action has been completed.

C. Yates proposed contacting a number of organisations, including the Builders Club, about sponsorship option for the Congresses held by the IBA – ongoing.

8.4 - A draft procedure for handling new members was discussed and it was agreed that it be updated based on the Committees input and re-submitted to the committee. The procedure has been revised and was discussed as part of General Business.

8.5 - M. Pickering was asked to let the Directors know about the complimentary sessions and also to remind them to log out of every session – completed.

Action 2025/13: Cheryl Waters to provide a procedure for logging into the drop box both at home and at the club – a paper on this subject this was prepared by Cheryl Waters and discussed as part of General Business.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Correspondence In

- 6.1.1. 8 July 2025 – ABF providing revised procedures for myABF.
- 6.1.2. 7 July 2025 – Receipt from the Cancer Council for the funds raised at the morning tea.
- 6.1.3. 15 June 2025 – information from BridgeNSW regarding the updated on-line calendar.
- 6.1.4. Numerous e-mails from the ABF re approving of teams for the Knockout Teams competition.
- 6.1.5. 8 June 2025 -E-mail from Andrew Smith objecting to the rearrangement of pictures etc. in the hall.
- 6.1.6. 8 August 2025 – E-mail from Dave Havyatt containing some agenda items for the meeting on August 9.

6.2. Correspondence out

- 6.2.1. Numerous e-mails to the ABF re the Knockout Teams competition and approving of the 2 IBA teams nominated for the competition.

6.3. Business arising from the correspondence

7. Reports to the Committee

- 7.1. **Financial Report:** The Financial Report was tabled by the Treasurer and a summary of the report is included below.

Illawarra Bridge Association Inc Profit & Loss 2024-2025

Income

Table Fees - Figtree	\$51,360.81
Table Fees - Thirroul	\$7,061.00
Bar & Coffee Income	\$1,249.25
Cards / Bidding Pads/Books	\$75.00
Congresses	\$24,197.40
Donations /Grants/Sponsorship	\$90.00
Hall Hire	\$1,265.00
Interest	\$9,659.89
Lessons / Tutorials	\$2,510.00
Memberships	\$10,786.00
Special Events	\$7,950.50
Sundry Income	\$4,800.50
Total Income	\$121,005.35

Expenditure

Accounting	\$462.00
Advertising	-
Affiliation Fees -ABF	\$6,378.00
Affiliation Fees - NSWBA	\$6,504.00
ABF - Nationwide Pairs	\$728.00
Bank Fees	\$9.85
Bathroom & Kitchen Supplies	\$3,209.49
Bridge Supplies	\$1,916.94
Cleaning	\$4,598.70
Computing	\$1,707.34
Congresses	\$22,394.61
Directors Fees	\$5,500.00
Directors Training/Registration	\$306.50
Donations	\$2,320.00
Electricity	\$3,126.12
Events	\$2,675.83
Insurance	\$774.00
Lessons	\$1,040.62
Library Expenses	-
Masterpoints	\$4,746.48
Pianola	\$2,166.00
Prizes	\$3,540.00
Printing & Stationery	\$7,902.88
Real Bridge Expenses	\$1,205.44
Refreshments	\$2,720.76
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,537.47
Security	\$5,294.00
Suppers	\$6,470.89
Sundries	\$1,435.08
Telephone/Utilities	\$1,380.00
Thirroul - Hall Hire	\$3,560.00
Thirroul - Expenses	\$1,575.71
Total Expenses	\$107,186.71
Profit/(Loss)	\$13,818.64

7.2. Business arising from the Financial Report

The Committee considered the joining fee for people joining the IBA but not as their home club. Non-home members don't pay a joining fee as we don't need to pay ABF accreditation fees for them, but they do have to pay annual dues, although at a reduced rate. Earlier in the year we agreed on \$30, there needs to be a lower rate for those on a pension/concession card, as we do for our own members. The motion for non-home members on a concession to pay \$20 per year. **Moved** Carolyn Githens, **seconded** Grant Cowan and passed

7.3. Assistant Secretary's report:

A Late May request by WCC to review all our fees and charges.

Following Committee meeting held 7th June I advised WCC of the decision to leave fees and charges as is.

Zip heater repaired 11th June

Serviced by Zip Heaters (Aust) Pty Ltd) after WCC advised that running repairs are our responsibility.

Following lots of toing and froing beginning initially with Ken Soldi and then myself the Zip heater was repaired.

Hazmat signage email 11th June

Council enquired as to whether any hazmat signage we may have had installed by them so that contractors were able to scan their QR codes were still installed and did we need another copy.

I replied that we didn't have any and that to the best of our knowledge never had.

Documentation request 11th June: see reply email attached

WCC requested by 20th June the following

Public Liability

Financial Statements 2024

Last AGM minutes

Annual Report

thanks to everyone for pointing me in the right direction for these, Kaye, Dave and Carolyn (and Maggie's great notes of course).

7.4. IBAND Report

A note from Barb Overington (given below) was considered. In answer to the document, it was noted that Life Members paid table fees, and that the status of Mike Morphett will be checked by Carolyn Githens.

IBAND MyABF - Money owing

4 June		6 June		20 June	
Kay & Paul Tuckerman	\$10.00	Paul Tuckerman	\$5.00	Paul Tuckerman	\$5.00
Brian Hazell	\$5.00 in lieu	Alison Wiig	\$5.00	Mike Morphett	\$5.00
				Caryll Sefton	\$35.00
				Total	\$70.00

All paid

Hopefully this should clear IBAND debts

Caryll Sefton questioned whether there will be an automatic top up as she has provided bank details and hoping it will be set up as an automatic debit.

Am I correct in assuming all life members are free of charge? If so cannot Margaret Spira's fees be transferred to Nina? If so will speak to John Spira.

Why is Mike Morphett not listed as a standard?

7.5. Tournament Committee Report

Minutes of the committee meeting held on the 12 July 2025, a copy of a letter to Barb Overington, the director's report on the two congresses held this year and a note to the dealing team are included below. **Item 4.1** was discussed, and it was resolved that feedback to the committee concerning a number of DropBox issues would be provided by the Secretary Action Kaye Hart. **Item 4.3** was discussed and agreed that for events requiring pre-registration, myABF could be used for entries to replace entry sheets and better access for members of IBAND. **Item 4.4** it was suggested that although the note referred to the GNOT it probably referred to the Past Presidents Cup and Shield event. Action Kaye Hart to clarify with the Tournament Committee. **Item 7.4** raised some issues for the Management Committee and the Committee agreed that a protocol for directors will be developed, by Marie Pickering, that visitors paid cash, if not on myABF, with the money placed with a note on the players name in an envelope in the safe and that Monday night fees are treated the same as the fees for all other sessions. The Management Committee also noted that it was important for directors to log in and out of Pianola to ensure that the correct director was identified with the results in case any issues arose. **Action 2025/20** Kaye Hart to notify all of the above to the Tournament Committee. Action: **Action 2025/21** Marie Pickering to develop myABF protocols for the Tournament Committee.

7.6 Congress Convenors Report

The Congress Convenor tabled a report that summarised the event and responses to the Feedback survey circulated at the Chris Diment Congress. The Convenor will follow up about concerns and issues with the venue. The Congress made a profit of \$3032.11. A copy of the report is included below.

7.7 Web Site Report

7.8 Business Plan Report

7.9 Publicity Report

- Local ABC Radio 97.3 was contacted on Saturday mornings 12th July and 26th July 2025 to promote the new Bridge Lessons commencing Tuesday night 29th July at 7.30pm. Mark Matthews took the details.
- Certificates were printed off identifying winners and their category for use in photos in the Chris Diment Memorial Congress presentations. These certificates identify winners and details of past winners for future reference.
- Requests for donations for our Congresses etc a work in progress.
- The applications for the inclusion of Bridge Taster Sessions in the 2026 Wollongong Council Senior's Week Festival Activity Booklet will be opening soon. Last year we had two Bridge Taster Sessions at 10am on the two Mondays in Seniors Week. Are we still interested in doing this activity again next year? Last year's attendees were all enthusiastic.

7.10 Newsletter Editor's Report

The Editor has requested information from the Management Committee Meeting so that the newsletter could be finalised. It was agreed that the Secretary would forward a copy of the draft minutes to the Editor for him to summarise. Action 2025/22: Kaye Hart to provide a copy of the draft minutes to the Newsletter Editor.

7.11 Any other Reports

7.12 Acceptance of Reports

Moved Dave Gallagher, seconded Grant Cowan that all reports be accepted – passed.

8. General Business

8.1 The ABF is holding a knockout team's competition for different categories of teams. Two teams have registered for the IBA, and they have paid for their entry using myABF. However, the ABF have notified the club that any prizemoney earned by these teams would be paid to the IBA. This seems unfair to the players that paid for their entry and so it is suggested that if any prizemoney is paid to the IBA for an event for which players have paid the entry fee that the prizemoney be distributed equally between the club members who won the prizemoney. Motion: that prizemoney received by the club for events that the participants paid the entry for will be equally distributed amongst the participants. **Moved** Kaye Hart, seconded Grant Cowan – passed.

8.2 Amended draft procedure for approving new members – included below.

The procedure was considered and approved. The unresolved issues were considered, and it was noted that the lesson teacher would be responsible to providing advice to the treasurer that a player was continuing as a member. When a member joins at the club then the membership forms are placed in the Treasurer's and Secretary's pigeon holes for processing. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the member's register. The draft procedure was accepted, with changes, **Moved** Cath Gregory, seconded Julie Cowling and passed.

8.3 **Discussion of Larry's proposal for a trophy and \$100 to be awarded to the most improved player** each year. This award to be named the Jill Regterschot award. The Management Committee accepted Larry Regterschot's offer of providing a trophy and prizemoney for the most improved player in the club. Further discussion will be needed to determine the best way to decide the winner of the award. **Action** 2025/23: Kaye Hart to formally notify Larry of the club's acceptance of his offer.

8.4 **Club contribution/subsidy for representation at Regional/State/National.** In agreement with standing policy if was agreed where participants, who have not directly nominated but played in club qualifying events, play in Regional, State or National events 50% of their entry fee will be paid by the IBA. **Moved** Kaye Hart, seconded Grant Cowan – passed.

8.5 **Beginner Lessons**, when are the best times in the year for them? Do we need to run night lessons on a different night/evening to Tuesday's supervised sessions? Is it fair to have lessons and supervised sessions on at the same time? Should we book the Phillipine Hall on Tuesday evenings when we have supervised play. Currently the cost is \$30 an hour with a minimum booking of 4 hours. Youth lessons? The Committee considered that the night lessons should be run on Tuesday night and that the Phillipine Hall should be hired for these lessons. Motion that the hall be hired for Tuesday night lessons – **Moved** Kaye Hart, seconded Grant Cowan and passed. **Action**2025/24: Cath Gregory to prepare a flyer for lessons to be delivered by Marie in the Easter holidays.

8.6 **Club Calendar for 2026.** Cheryl Waters agreed to be part of the committee preparing the next club calendar. **Action** Kaye Hart to notify this committee of Cheryl's nomination.

8.7 **DropBox.** The Committee considered written input from Cheryl Waters and Dave Havyatt on DropBox issues. Cheryl Waters spoke to the need to operate the system more correctly by having each person who accesses the club's DropBox to obtain their own copy of DropBox and then the Club Administrator, initially Cheryl Waters, would invite them to use the Club's system. This was a required first step in the revision to allow further changes to be made. It was noted that further revision of the system and how it operated needed to be review but until the first step had been completed no further revision of the system would be carried out. It was agreed that Kaye Hart would liaise with Dave Havyatt on this matter.

On a further note, it was highlighted by the Management Committee that the Tournament Committee was responsible for the provision of computing services for running sessions within

the club but noted where the documentation developed by the IBA was concerned, the responsibility for recording, handling and archiving of this material was totally with the Management Committee.

- 8.8 **Suggestions.** Rilla has offered to interview club members and provide an article about their life to the newsletter. This offer was accepted. Action Kaye Hart to notify that her offer had been accepted. Dave tabled some advertising brochures used at Easts Bridge club as a suggestion for the club to use this format to advertise bridge lessons. These were passed to Cath Gregory for consideration.
- 8.9 **Correspondence from Andrew Smith.** Andrew raised a number of points regarding the re-arrangement of the pictures, shields etc. on the club walls. The Committee agreed with his points and noted that although they had initially agreed to the re-arrangement with time to consider the changes more fully, they rescinded their previous agreement. Consequently, Ken Soldi will be asked to place the “donkey” embroidery and the life member’s shield to their previous location. The committee also moved that no unsolicited donations for inclusion on the clubhouse walls should be accepted. **Action** 2025/25: Kaye Hart to notify Andrew of the Committee’s decision.
- 8.10 Evacuation Drill. Two drills need to be held each year and in the next few weeks Kaye Hart/ Grant Cowan will conduct one during the Thursday night session.
- 8.11 NSWBridge President’s Visit. IBA has been asked to host this visit to enable the President to make contact with local clubs. The Committee agreed to the use of the hall and asked for clarification on who was responsible for providing lunch.

9 New Members

Terry Hudson

Mayra Hernandez

Niek Van Vucht

Motion: That these members be accepted for membership of the IBA. **Moved** Dave Gallagher, seconded Carolyn Githens – passed. **Motion:** when members have their membership reactivated, they will need to pay the appropriate membership fee. **Moved** Carolyn Githens Seconded Kaye Hart – passed.

Kaye Hart, Secretary Illawarra Bridge Association Inc.

Revised Welcome Letter to be used in place of previous versions.

WELCOME
to
THE ILLAWARRA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION.



Welcome to the Illawarra Bridge Association (IBA) and the wonderful world of duplicate bridge. We wish you many happy hours of enthralling play and friendship. Accompanying this is a booklet containing much useful information about the IBA, such as session times and a calendar of events. We welcome all standards of players, from beginners to those with more experience, and conduct bridge

lessons at least twice a year for those wishing to learn to play, or to refresh their skills.

The IBA holds sessions at two venues, Figtree Community Hall and the Thirroul Railway Institute. Please refer to the website for specific session times.

A membership application form is attached, which can be completed and brought along with you when you join one of our sessions. However, there is no requirement to join immediately – you are welcome to play as a visitor, to see if you would enjoy being a member of our Association.

If you decide to join the Club, the joining fee is \$50, and the annual dues are \$50, or \$30 if you are on a pension card. Annual fees are payable in March each year. Once you are a member, the playing fee per session is \$5. Visitors pay \$10 per session.

Contact details:

IBA website: illawarra.bridgeaustralia.org

IBA email: admin@illawarrabridge.com.au

Phone: 02 42275439

Payments:

The preferred method of payment for lessons is by direct debit into the following IBA account.

Details for **JOINING FEE & MEMBERSHIP FEE:**

BSB: 814 282, **A/C No:** 31204318 A/C, **Name:** Illawarra Bridge Association Inc

Please ensure you **quote your surname** in the section marked “to account details” to ensure your payment is credited to the correct person.

Should you need a partner, we have someone who can assist with that – the contact details for our partner finder are listed in the front of the calendar, along with contact details for Management Committee members and other officials.

Duplicate bridge is played under the auspices of the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF), which is part of a worldwide organisation for bridge players. You will be given an ABF number after joining the Club (if you don't already have one from membership of another Club). The ABF site contains much interesting information – put “ABF New Members Information Kit” into your browser to locate it.

We are also affiliated with Bridge NSW, www.bridgensw.com.au

On this website you can check out:

- Events: Upcoming events around the state are in a calendar here.
- Play and learn: This includes lesson materials for beginner and improvers.
- Publications: This contains the current Bridge NSW newsletter and archived ones.

- Club resources.
- Directing.
- About us.

There is also useful information on the Club website: www.illawarra.bridgeaustralia.org including sections on:

- Sessions
- Lessons
- Events
- Calendar
- Photos
- Documents
- **News**
- Results
- Contacts

Please don't hesitate to ring any Committee member for clarification or help with any concerns. Welcome, we hope you enjoy your experiences learning and playing duplicate bridge.

Marie Pickering (0422375712)
President IBA

Amended: DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR APPROVING NEW MEMBERS OF THE IBA INC.

It is necessary to re-visit the approval of members to the IBA as they need to be using MyABF as soon as possible to pay their table fees. However, there are a number of ways that members can join and so the system needs to be flexible to handle these different applications for membership.

1. Members enrolling through the lessons program.

These members pay a membership fee at the start of the lessons. Previously, it was left until after the additional 3 free lessons had been attended before processing their membership so that their commitment to continuing playing at the club had been assessed.

It is suggested that this approach be changed to the following:

When they pay their fees, a copy of their membership form is sent to the Secretary and the Treasurer by the person conducting the lessons. The Treasurer will then enter them in Pianola as guest members, after checking that they have not joined previously.

Once the player confirms they wish to continue, the treasurer will email the Management Committee to request approval for the member(s). It will be assumed that if any member of the Management Committee doesn't reply to this e-mail in 24 hours that they have approved the membership/s. Once approval/s is/are received the treasurer will obtain an ABF number for them, edit their status on Pianola, add them to IBA members on MyABF and invite them to join MyABF. Information sheets on MyABF are included in the package they receive when they enrolled.

2. Members joining to play regular sessions

New members joining the IBA without membership of other clubs or an ABF number should be approved by e-mail to the Management Committee as described above so that an ABF number and their joining of MyABF can be done as soon as possible after they have paid their fees.

Members joining the club, not as their home club, can be approved by e-mail to the Management Committee as described above. They need to be added to IBA's membership on MyABF by the treasurer, be invited to join MyABF and then register on MyABF, (if not already registered) to pay their table fees.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

ILLAWARRA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

DATE Saturday, 12th July 2025

LOCATION: Figtree Community Hall

TIME 11.30am

PRESENT: Rob Kinloch, Grant Cowen, Dave Havyatt, Jeff Carberry, Liz Cusack

APOLOGIES: Stuart Cutsforth, Renate La Marra

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Moved - Dave, Seconded - Grant

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1. Director's Report for Swiss pairs Congress and Chris Diment Memorial 2 day Congress 2025
(Attached)

2.2. Letter to Dealers from Rob (Attached)

3. CONGRESSES

3.1. IBA Swiss Pairs

3.2. Chris Diment Congress – To Management Committee – Thanks for venue and Organisation

3.3. Director's Report for Congresses – see Attached Report from Jeff Carberry

3.4. Application for next years' congresses (opens in July) - Same dates as 2025 – Form to be filled in.

ACTION - Dave

4. UPCOMING EVENTS (2 months in advance)

4.1. Board Generation – Done to August. Drop Box issue – must enter via Link. Users to set up own Drop Box 2GB each - using Personal email address. Folders to be created for Boards, Directors etc for easy access. Tell Management Committee we propose to narrow down to these Folders (Permission already given). Guidelines are needed for people to access DropBox

4.2. Dealing Roster – Issues regarding Dealing – random cards not accounted for, wrong Boards dealt on the Dealing machine. Rob has set up Bar Codes.

ACTION - Rob

4.3. Entry Sheets – It is Proposed that Names be registered on MyABF for competitions. Directors can then download all entries. Members of Thirroul can then enter too.

A Proposal was put forward by Jeff, seconded by Rob, that a Transition period be recommended whereby we still have sheets for entry names for Major Events and then ask entrants to enter on MyABF, prompted by Committee members. Thus, transition to MyABF only can occur. All voted in favour of this Proposal.

4.4. July Events

Wed 2nd - Past President Cup & Shield 2 - R/Points

Sat 5th – NWP 13

Wed 9th - IBAND Wed Pair Ch'ships -1 winner

Sun 13th – Australian National Ch'ships 6-17th

Wed 16th – Split Field

Sat 19th – NWP 14

Tues 22nd – Tuesday Pairs Champs 1 Red Points

Sat 26th – GNOT 1 Gold Points

Sun 27th - Central Coast Restricted 26th, 27th

Tues 29th - Tuesday Pairs Champs 2 Red Points

Wed 30th – NWP 15

4.5. August Events

Sat 2nd – GNOT 2 - Gold Points

Wed 6th – State Wide Pairs

Sat 9th – Karhof Trophy 1 - Red Points

Tues 12th – NWP 16

Tues 12th to 17th – Coffs Gold Coast

Sat 16th - Karhof Trophy 2 - Red Points

Wed 20th – Split Field

Sat 23rd – IBA Pairs Champs 1 Red Points (pre-entry required)

Sat 30th - IBA Pairs Champs 2 Red Points

Sun 31st – Aust Open Pairs Week

4.6. September Events

Wed 3rd – NWP 17

Wed 10th – Hi/Lo 3

Sat 13th & Sun 14th - Mollymook

Wed 17th – Wed Pairs Champs 1 / State Open Pairs Qual Red Points (State)

Sat 20th – NWP 18

Sun 21st – GNOT Qualifying 19 to 21st

Wed 24th - Wed Pairs Champs 2 / State Open Pairs Qual Red Points (State)

Sat 27th – Split Field

Sun 28th – NSW Bridge Online Pairs 29th to 8th

Tues 30th – NWP 19

School Holidays 27/9 to 12/10

4.7. **GNOT** – Qualifying in sessions for 1 week. Then 2 Fields, followed by 1 week for Finals for the Shield. All finalists must have played in Qualifying Events. Entries by Thursday, 17th July.

Calendar Notes – Dates TBA

NWP – working well

Karhof Trophy – ask members to enter online – 1 person to enter for Pairs and 1 for teams - but walk-ins accepted. 1 winner over 2 weeks.

4.8. August – IBA Pairs Champs – register online at MyABF

4.9. September Calendar discussed. 19th – 21st GNOT Online Pre-Final after Regional Final

5. REVIEW OF IBA EVENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT – N/A

6. IBA WEBSITE IN REGARD TO TOURNAMENT ISSUES – N/A

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. Directors' Forum – Rob: Next time the Directors will review information given by interaction with players – no ruling needed. DropBox – Directors' Section – the Committee discussed adding situations that have arisen and their results.

7.2. Templates for Arrow Switches for number of tables ACTION – Dave to amend

7.3. Suggestion from Ian Lisle for Directors' workshop held every 3 months. Barb Overington needs more Directors. Wayne Hunt requested. ACTION – Dave to ring Marie re Directors' Workshops.

7.4. MyABF – a set of protocols for Directors is needed on process eg How to log in, log out, find files and manage table fees – send information to IBAND. If players are not members of MyABF eg Visitors – What happens then? Do they pay cash? What happens to Monday night online fees? Carolyn Githens to review.

7.5. Pianola - Could the Management Committee please explain why the person running the session needs to log in and log out?

7.6. Computers – send letter to Barb to apologise for computer issues as members are volunteers and trying their best. If the Software "Anydesk" was available, it allows her computer to be looked at and fixed remotely.

8. MEETING CLOSE - 12.40pm

9 NEXT MEETING – Saturday, 16th August

Director's report Swiss Pairs Congress 2025

The Swiss Pairs Congress was very successful. The new venue was more than adequate and there were no major problems during play. Unfortunately 2 pairs had to drop out at the last minute, so I had to make adjustments in Compscore 3 to cater for 30 tables going to 29. I have subsequently written a procedure for adding and subtracting tables in Swiss Pairs events – it is in the director's folder in the drop box.

I would like to thank Kaye and Rob for their help, and also all the club members who assisted with setup and running of the event.

Director's report for the Chris Diment Memorial Congress 2025.

This congress went extremely well. Once again the venue was very good, and we had a record 34 tables both days. There were no problems in running the event.

I would like to thank Kaye and Rob for their help, and also all the club members who assisted with setup and running of the event.

DEALERS!!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

HOWEVER, COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME WITH THE DEALING AND CHECK WHAT OCCURS

OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN:

* UNDEALT BOARDS AMONGST THE SET,

*-THE WRONG BOARD DEALT – EG BOARD 6 NOT BOARD 9 – THE CHECKER SHOULD BE TICKED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN FOR CORRECT BOARDS TO HELP IN THIS PROCESS

*RANDOM CARDS BESIDE THE DEALING MACHINE – IF THERE ARE CARDS MISSING ETC FROM A DECK CHECK WITH THE DIRECTOR – IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE – PUT THE CARDS ASIDE AND TAKE A FRESH DECK BUT LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE DIRECTOR OR ME (ROB) SO WE CAN TRACE THE PROBLEM –

FORTUNATELY THE ABOVE CONCERNS WERE OVERCOME WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE- BUT YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW MUCH WORK IS INVOLVED IF A BOARD THAT HAS BEEN FOULED IS PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE SESSION!!! –

THIS IS COMPOUNDED IF THE EVENT IS A MAJOR EVENT LIKE NWP, TEAMS ETC

YOU DO AN IMPORTANT SERVICE FOR THE CLUB AND DIRECTORS ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL!!!

ROB'S Mobile: 0401033837

Rob

Convenor's report for Chris Diment Congress June 14th & 15th 2025.

This event is named after former IBA club manager and grade A Director, Chris Diment.

Known for his warmth, calm efficiency and insightful guidance, Chris enriched the game for all players, especially beginners. "His legacy of professionalism and kindness is something we can all aspire to."

Jeff Carberry our director, welcomed attendees and advised them to: "Be kind to your partner, be kind to your opponents and, critically, be kind to yourself."

Players from Sydney, Batemans Bay, Canberra, Nowra, The Southern Highlands and Illawarra were there. Pairs numbers were 68, and the number of teams competing was 34, up from last year's 28. From feedback the congress was a resounding success.

A big thank you to Jeff our director, Rob Kinloch assistant director and the helpers Kaye Hart and Chris Komarynsky for the smooth running of the Congress. Thanks also go to Kelly, her staff and the Builders for their support before and during the congress in setting up the room and providing us with lunch, tea and coffee.

The success of this event is due also to the calibre of our bridge community who are prepared to donate their time and expertise to promote, organise, support, transport equipment, set up, unpack, set up Figtree for the next week and many other tasks. We are very grateful to all who made the Congress the success that it was.

The results of the congress were published on the BridgeNSW website and in our June newsletter.

Below are the questions and responses from our Feedback survey: A summary of responses to Q2 & Q3 are included.

Q1a) Is this your 1 st IBA Congress?	21	Yes	73	No
b) Did you play in teams' event only?	22	Yes	77	No
c) Did you play in both the pairs and the teams?	70	Yes		

2) What did you like about the congress?

Well organised, excellent venue, great facilities, good location, friendly people, lunch, efficient, will come again, enjoyable.

3) What would you like to see improved or done differently?

More than 30 responses stated that the air conditioning was a concern, other issues were feedback from PA system particularly at the back of the room, some toilet facilities and some food concerns.

We will be asking the Management Committee to agree to the formation of a small committee to look at the feedback and make recommendations for future congresses.

Chris Diment Congress Income & Expenditure June 14th & 15th June 2025

Saturday Pairs	Income	Expenditure
35 Tables 70 Pairs 140 players		
138 players @ \$55/each	\$7590	
2 (youth) @ \$25/each cash on the day	\$50	
Sunday Teams		
34 tables 136 players		
House team 4 x \$0		
134 players @ \$55/each	\$7390	
3 (youth) @ \$25/each cash on the day	\$75	
Printing of Hand Records		\$209
Printing of brochures/flyers		\$224
Director's fees Sat/Sun 4 sessions at \$190 a session		\$760
Ass Director Sun 2 sessions at \$190 a session		\$380
Board dealing		\$672
Red Points Fee at B\$ level, 268.3 @ \$2.68 each		\$719
MyABF fee 0.2 x \$14685		\$293.70
The Builders Club- Early Access/ Room Hire/Catering		\$8376.25
Incidentals		\$218.40
BridgeNSW Masterpoints		\$214.64
Total	\$15105	\$12072.89
Income -Exp (\$15105 -\$12072.89) = \$3032.11		

Pairs: Categories: 38 in Open, 21 in Restricted, 11 in pairs, Ratio: 4:2:1

1st Open \$400 1st Restricted \$200 1st Novice \$100

2nd Open \$300 2nd Restricted \$100

3rd Open \$200

4th Open \$100

Best local pair \$100

Total prize money pairs: \$1500

Teams: Categories: 12 in Open, 7 in Intermediate, 8 in Restricted, 6 in Novice

Open: Aggregate Masterpoints > 2000 1st \$600, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100

Intermediate: Aggregate >1200 and <2000 1st \$200, 2nd \$100

Restricted: Aggregate >400 and <1200 1st \$200, 2nd \$100

Novice: Aggregate <400 1st \$200, 2nd \$100

Best local team \$100

Total prize money teams: \$1900

Lucky door prizes 2 x \$50 = \$100

Total prize money for both = \$3500