

# 2015 Gunnedah Bridge Club Congress Swiss Pairs and Teams

31 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2015 (SAT – SUN)



## The schedule:

31 October (Sat)

Swiss Pairs

1 November (Sun)

Swiss Teams

## The event was proudly sponsored by:



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## Gunnedah hosts largest bridge congress in the North West

by Pam Bradford

**O**n the last weekend of October bridge players from across NSW gathered in Gunnedah for the 2015 annual bridge congress. Players came from Dubbo, Sydney, Newcastle, Central Coast, Mudgee, Coonababran and centres in the North West.

The Gunnedah Service's and Bowling Club was the venue for the 2015 Gunnedah bridge congress. Under the directorship of Michael Wilkinson from Sydney, players contested a Swiss Pairs event on Saturday 31st October and a Swiss Team's event on Sunday 1st November. Twenty tables of players contested the pairs event on Saturday with Peter Tarlington and Peter Marshall from Dubbo coming in with a very narrow win of 1 point over Ian Price of Armidale and Ros Roworth from Tamworth. Ian and Vicky Lisle from Sydney came third 4 points behind the winners. Best placed locals were Di Hasler and Sandra Curran in 9th place taking out the local pair's event.

Eighteen teams contested the Swiss team's event on the Sunday with Ian Price of Armidale and Ros Roworth from Tamworth, Sharon and Greg Mayo of Tamworth winning convincingly. Second prize went to Jane and Tim Fenwicke of Walcha and Maureen Wright and Barbara Green of Mudgee. Third place went to Di Eastway, Elaine Morel, Helen Jeffery and Jan Barnes of Sydney. Best placed locals were Pam Bradford and Rosemary Thomson who teamed up with players from Armidale coming in at 6th place. Elisabeth Heath, Wendy Brady, Sandra Curran and Di Hasler took out the local team's event for the third year in a row.

The restricted pair's prize was won by Robyn Ferguson and Edette Sevil from Quirindi. The restricted team prize went to the Mudgee team of Elizabeth Loneragan, Anne Cox, Kayleen Fergusson and Kaye Chambers.

The congress committee would like to publically thank those businesses who sponsored this event – the Gunnedah Service's and Bowling Club, Mackellar Motel, Cellarbrations Wines and the NAB.



Arthur Anlezark of Newcastle left and his partner Margaret Thorn teamed up with Arthur's sister Leone Nolan far right and her partner Vonda Ashton to play in the Gunnedah Swiss teams Event.



As convenor it is always fun matching up people who don't have a team. This year it gave me great pleasure to see the made up team of Barbara Green and Maureen Wright of Mudgee team up with Jane and Tim Fenwicke of Walcha and come in 3rd in the Swiss teams. Pictured with club President Elisabeth Heath.



Vicky and Ian Lisle came 2nd in the Swiss teams at the Gunnedah congress which was fitting as they kindly transported the boards from Sydney for the club. Many thanks Ian and Vicky.

## Only in the Shire

An interesting story that I had to cope with as convenor – On the Friday morning prior to our congress I had a call from a bridge player to let me know his mare – as in horse – had given birth to a colt but the mare had no milk for the foal. This meant he would have to pull out as the foal would have to be bottle fed, which is not good for a thoroughbred. As luck or bad luck would have it a mare about 30 kms away had a foal at the same time but the foal died. So the live foal and the mare with milk were paired up successfully and the player was able to finally get to the Swiss Teams Event on the Sunday. The substitute for this player won the Restricted Pairs on the Saturday which I thought was great as she stepped up at the last minute to fill in and keep our numbers even.