

The most popular fun event – 2015 Les Longhurst Teams of Three Congress

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Playing in the Les Longhurst Teams of Three Congress is a must-have experience – it's an annual fun 6-round Swiss Teams event organised by the NSWBA. The idea of a Teams of Three is that 3 players below the rank of Grand Master (usually players with limited experience of serious tournament bridge) play with a “captain” selected via a random draw. The captain, who is a more experienced and higher-ranked player, must play 2 matches as partner of each of the other team members. This mentor-mentee partnership prepares players for formal tournament bridge.

This year, the event was hosted by one of our affiliated club, Sydney Bridge Centre, at the Goulburn Street premises. A busy and happy room full of 48 Teams on the day – 9 of them were allocated to the Novice Section, with the remaining 39 in the Open Section.



Winners of the Teams of Three. Cath Whiddon, Captain Will Jenner-O'Shea, Viv Eldridge and Alan Davies.



Runner-up. Captain Tony Ong with Tim Stewart, Rod Dunn and Ian Jamieson.



2nd Runner-up. Ian & Vicky Lisle with Michael McAuliffe and Captain Ross Folkard.



Winners of the Novice Teams of Three. John Russell, Judy Parsons, Richard McAuliffe and Gery Hanna.



“How did we do?” Teams were checking their results at the end of the day.



Pam Saul with her Captain Anita Curtis getting presented a prize for “Spirit of the day” by our host Vanessa Brown



Delicious lunch! With sweets provided by Sydney Bridge Centre members.



“Well done team, let's keep the good work up next round!”



A full house of 48 teams.

The event is named after **Les Longhurst**

by Ron Klinger

Les, a world-class player, was a prominent figure in bridge circles in Sydney. He played regularly at the Wollstonecraft Bridge Club as well as other clubs on the North Shore. He first played for New South Wales in 1936, won the Interstate Teams in 1947 and came first in the 1975 Open Trials. This earned him a place in the Australian Open Team in the 1976 Bermuda Bowl and the 1976 World Open Teams Olympiad.

Les was a most popular player, both as partner and opponent, and always the consummate gentleman. He was always keen to encourage promising players and until 1989 he had competed in every Teams of Three event held at the NSW Bridge Association. And that is why the Teams of Three was given his name. 🍷