

2016 Les Longhurst Teams of Three Congress weathers the storm

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After months of little rain, storm water drains finally flush their polluted contents onto beaches and creeks across Sydney over the weekend of the Teams of Three Congress. The extreme weather caused flash flooding in Sydney. It was understandable that some participants could not make it to the event due to traffic condition, we were pleased to see most of them managed to come to the congress safely. We were specially thankful to the captains, who volunteered to be the coaches.



The weather didn't stop our players from learning!



Equal First in the Open Section – Rob Ward, Catherine Chown, Chris Bayliss and Berri Folkard (Captain); and Michael Young, Andrew Peake (Captain), Sarah Carradine and Ruth Cowan.



Runners-up in the Open Division – John Scotford, Pauline Gumby (Captain), Charles and John McMahon.



The Best Novice Team – Meena Verma, Diana McAuliffe, Leigh Matheson (Captain) and Jenny Burchmore. The office is specially proud of them as it put them together as a team!



Ross Folkard (Captain) was pleased with his team's winning of 2nd Runners-up in the Restricted Division – Jo Morgan, Hugh Makin and Michael Hogan.



Captain Will Jenner-O'Shea (right) has done it again! Runners-up in Restricted Division – Ray Hurst, Heidi Colenbrander and Len Evershed.



Winner in the Restricted Division – Johnno Newman (Captain), Lakshmi Sunderasan, Alex Phillips and Sam Dobson (absent).



The host, Vanessa Brown, CEO of the Sydney Bridge Centre carried out the Captain Draw from table to table.

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 47 Teams on the day – 15 of them were allocated to the Novice Section, with the remaining 32 in the Open Section. All results can be found [HERE](#).