

Southern Highlands Bridge Club State Restricted and Novice Pairs

23 – 24 APRIL (SAT – SUN)



The schedule:

23 April (Sat)

State Restricted &
Novice Pairs Qualifying

24 April (Sun)

State Restricted &
Novice Pairs Finals
State Restricted &
Novice Pairs Plate

Local pairs shine in the Plate

This State Championship event was held on the weekend of 23rd and 24th April. 88 players took part. Southern Highlands Club members Alan and Jenny Maher made it through to the final of the very tough restricted pairs. Rob Ward and Mardi Svensson played well and finished fifth in the novice final. Most local success came in the restricted plate with Noel and Annemarie Athea first, Joan Power and Marilyn Wood second, Marina Beaumont and Joan Shanahan third and David Weatherall and Craig Curry fourth. Well done! All the results can be found [here](#).

Many thanks are due to Craig Curry who put in a lot of work to make this a success. Thanks also to our director, Ian Lisle who worked very hard to overcome many software glitches over the weekend and to local members Kate Chown and Chris Bayliss for all the assistance they gave during the event.



Alison Minchin, the president of the Southern Highlands Bridge Club opened the event with a welcome speech.



Mittagong – A picturesque town in Autumn.



Richard McAuliffe and Matt Smith won the State Restricted Pairs Championship and will represent NSW to play in ANC Bulter Pairs.



88 novice and restricted players competed for the State Championship title. May the best pair win!



The event was held at the Highlands Golf Club.



The State Novice Pairs winners – Paul Roach and Ken Cahill.

Outside bridge in the Highlands

by Diane McAuliffe

Both my husband and son were playing in the congress, and while I could have joined them I chose other activities this weekend. Ian Lisle, who has good taste in food and wine (he claims in bridge partner too), took us to an Italian restaurant, Onesta Cuccino, in Bowral on Saturday Night. Not one dish of pasta or pizza on the table, we were all amazed by the delicate menu which showcased the best food from different Italian provinces, like the 16-hour slow braised beef cheek and lamp shoulder. We had a great night with old and new friends, and we had to fight over the only one lemon tart left in the restaurant!

One bridge player's spouse went fishing in Kangaroo Valley during the weekend, many of the wives joined Vicky Lisle and me for our social programme. We started our day with coffee and shops at Bowral and Bowral Elephant Boy. We went for a walk in Mittagong to admire the historic buildings, visited Lake Alexandra for Whiskey & Beer distillery, lunched at Joadja Ghost Town after a local tour, and finished our day by having a Box Vale walk along an over-100-year-old Railway at Mittagong. Join us next time if your spouse is at the table!

Photo Gallery



"The State Novice Championship goes to..." A happy moment to the winners Paul Roach and Ken Cahill.



Gail McKenzie (left) and Martin Brown (right) won 2nd place in the State Novice Championship.



3rd place in the State Novice Championship – John Rogers and Wing Roberts with Craig Curry and Kate Chown.



Irena and George Smit were the Plate winners in the Novice Division.



Annemarie and Noel Athea, winners of the Restricted Plate, with Kate.



A husband and wife team again – Elaine and Peter Hume were the happy Plate winners in the Novice Division.



Marilyn Wood and Joan Power (SHBC) were very pleased to take 2nd place in the restricted Plate. Shown here with Craig and Alison Minchin.



Vicky Lisle, Diana McAuliffe and Sue Ritchie at Elephant Boy Café Bowral.



Joadja Distillery – Wee Bear, Whiskey, Pedro Ximenez Wine.



Tasting Wee Beer at the Joadja Distillery.



Lake Alexander walk at Mittagong.



Scottish Highland Steers at Joadja.



A 1.5 hour tour at Boadja Ghost Town.



Mick McAuliffe joined the social group to have a walk along the Box Vale Railway.