Bathurst & District Bridge Club Central West Novice Tournament

29 – 30 OCTOBER (SAT – SUN)

The programme:
29 October (Sat)
Saturday Pairs
Divisions:
0 – 10, 10.01 – 30, 30.01 – 50 MPs

30 October (Sun)
Sunday Teams
Divisions:
0 – 40, 40.01 – 120, 120.01 – 200 MPs

Large attendance at Central West Novice Tournament

by John Shield

Bathurst & District Bridge Club welcomed 90 bridge players to the club on 29 & 30 October to compete in the 2nd Central West Novice Tournament (50 MPs and under).
The club believes that this may be the largest gathering of bridge players with 50MPs and under in NSW and Canberra.

Peninsula, Turramurra, Illawarra, Mollymook, Berry, Blue Mountains, Glenbrook, Great Lakes, Canberra, Cootamundra, Mudgee, Cowra, Orange and Bathurst bridge clubs were represented in the 40 pairs who competed in three divisions of the tournament on Saturday, while on Sunday 17 teams took part.

For many who attended, it was their first taste of a bridge congress and 40 % of players had less than 10 Masterpoints.

Our youngest player was 13 year old Morgan Gao from Great Lakes Bridge Club who partnered his dad Edward to an overall win in the pairs and also partnered his dad, mum (Delia Dan) and Michael Robinson from Turramurra to finish 2nd overall in the teams event.

Saturday PAIRS was hotly contested with Julie Cowling and Caroline Githens from Illawarra ruling the AM session and Ray Hurst and Heidi Colenbrander from Peninsula taking the honours in round 2 while Morgan and Edward Gao took out overall with 2nds in both rounds.

Team Colenbrander: Heidi Colenbrander, Ray Hurst, Marietta Borthwick and Sarah Young from Peninsula played strongly throughout the day to take out the overall TEAMS contest from Team Dan.

All players, director Ed Barnes and club helpers were treated to fine foods from district suppliers as well as cakes, slices, fruit and cheeses contributed by club members.

Once again the massive input by club members ensured a happy and highly successful weekend.

Congratulations to the winners of

Pairs

- **0 to 10 MPs Division**
  1st – Christine Yates and Erica Gray from *Illawarra*
  2nd – Connie Szenczy and Graham Jones from *Illawarra*
- **10 to 30 MPs Division**
  1st and 1st OVERALL – Edward Gao and Morgan Gao from *Great Lakes*
  2nd – Philip Cummings and Dick Ellis from *Bathurst*
- **30 to 50 MPs Division**
  1st – Marie Pickering and Kay Snowden from *Illawarra*
  2nd – Ray Hurst and Heidi Colenbrander from *Peninsula*

Teams

- **0 to 10 MPs Division**
  1st : Team ELLIS – Dick Ellis, Geoff Griffin, Anne Elliott and Noel Thomas from *Bathurst*
- **10 to 30 MPs Division**
  1st : Team DAN – Delia Dan, Edward Gao, Morgan Gao *(Great Lakes)* and Michael Robinson *(Turramurra)*
- **30 to 50 MPs Division**
  1st and 1st OVERALL: Team COLENBRANDER – Heidi Colenbrander, Ray Hurst, Marietta Borthwick and Sarah Young from *Peninsula*

Photo Gallery

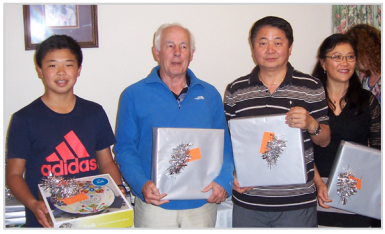
The Overall Winner in Pairs (also winners in Division 10-30 MPs) – Morgan Gao and Edward Gao with John Shield and Karin Le Roux, the convenor.

The Winning Pairs of 0-10 MPs Division – Christine Yates and Erica Gray with John Shield and Karin Le Roux.

The Winning Pairs of 30-50 MPs Division – Marie Pickering, John Shield, Kay Snowden and Karin LeRoux.

Ray Hurst, John Shield, Heidi Colenbrander and Karin Le Roux.

Team COLENBRANDER – Heidi Colenbrander, Ray Hurst, Marietta Borthwick and Sarah Young from Peninsula.



Team DAN – Morgan Gao (Great Lakes), Michael Robinson (Turramurra), Edward Gao and Delia Dan (Great Lakes).

Team ELLIS – Dick Ellis, Geoff Griffin, Anne Elliott and Noel Thomas from Bathurst.

Team HERMES.

Team STACEY.

Team WHITELEY.

Teams.

Players.