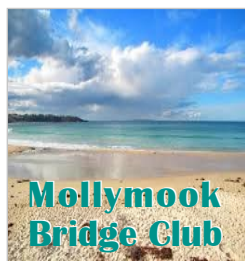


Mollymook Congress

22 — 23 SEPTEMBER 2018 (SAT — SUN)



The Programme:
 22 September 2018 (Sat)
 Swiss Pairs
 23 September 2018 (Sun)
 Swiss Teams

A full field of 24 tables with 14 novice pairs

by Kevin Tant

SWISS PAIRS SATURDAY 22 Sept.

Mollymook turned on it's usual perfect weather for the weekend which saw a full field of 24 tables in both the Pairs and Teams.

Unusually with the new VP scale, after six x nine boards rounds there was a tie for first place between Steve Mendick/Andy Creet and Karen Creet/Richard Brightling all previous Canberrans now living in Batemans Bay. In third place were Helena Dawson/David Weston. The best local pair were Janet & Ron Turnell who finished in 5th place. The best Novice pair (both under 100 Mpts) were Diane Hinde and Heather York from Merimblua, it was really encouraging to see so many, 14, novice pairs entered.

SWISS TEAMS SUN DAY 23 Sept.

The winners of the teams were Steve Mendick, Richard Brightling, Sue Neill & Robert Van Der Hoek. In second place were Louise & Michael Brassil, Joan Small & Rita Wright. And in 3rd Place Liz Sylvester, Peter Gill, Helena Dawson & David Weston. The best local team in 8th place were Sue Bateman Sue Dillon, Ross Milbourne & Michael McTiernan.

A couple of hands of interest: Defence to the rescue

You are East dealer with the following hand:

♠ 7
 ♥ T753
 ♦ J
 ♣ AKQ7542

Pre empt and possibly miss a good heart fit with partner or open 1♣. Against a local team the opening bid was 1♣, 1♠ from partner, 2♣ rebid, 2♦ from partner, 3♣ rebid, 3NT from West, North on lead with (full deal)

Round 6 Board 14

Dealer E | Vul All

♠ JT643	♠ AK987	♠ 7
♥ AK9	♥ Q2	♥ T753
♦ KT872	♦ AQ5	♦ J
♣	♣ KT6	♣ AKQ7542

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q2
♥ J864
♦ 9643
♣ 983

W	N	E	S
		1C	P
1S	P	2C	P
2D	P	3C	P
3NT	//		

Our leading player sitting north Found the lead of the club 10. Giving declarer 9 tricks off the top. At my table, and from the overall results. East pre emptied with 3♣ which is passed around to north who cannot help but bid 3♠. which doesn't go well.

Another hand, you are dealer with the following hand:

♠ QJT9653
 ♥
 ♦ 6
 ♣ KJT97

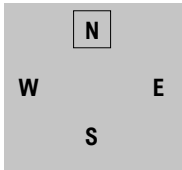
Pre-empt and possibly miss a slam or game in either black suit. Opening 1♠ looks good and you do work your way to 4♠. Most tables played in 4♠ some doubled, some not. The full deal was:

Round 5 Board 9

Dealer N | Vul ??

♠ 84	♠ QJT9653	♠ AK
♥ J653	♥	♥ K984
♦ KQ7	♦ 6	♦ A42
♣ AQ83	♣ KJT97	♣ 6542

♠ 72	♠ AK
♥ AQT72	♥ K984
♦ JT9853	♦ A42
♣	♣ 6542



A heart lead allows declarer to dump the losing diamond and if at some stage if East leads a club it reduces the losers. Unfortunately they didn't do that at my table making all 5 losers (Undoubled !) at the other table our partners doubled, got the defence wrong for one off and a flat board.

Bruce Crossman from Canberra once again did an excellent job of directing.



A tie for first place between Steve Mendick (partner with Andy Creet) and Richard Brightling (partner with Karen Creet).



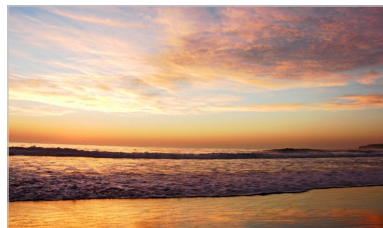
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Mollymook offers beautiful beach for you to relax.



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In second place in teams were Louise & Michael Brassil, Joan Small and Rita Wright.



In third place in teams were Helena Dawson, David Weston, Liz Sylvester and Peter Gill.



The best local team in 8th place were Sue Bateman, Sue Dillon, Ross Milbourne and Michael McTiernan.

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