

The Club is Born



Ruth and Eugene Lumbers moved to Mollymook from Adelaide. Eugene, a freelance writer had adapted several works for TV and radio series, as well as writing a number of books. Ruth, born into a South Australian pastoral family, was a keen horse woman, and one of Eugene's novels, *A Taste for Blue Ribbons*, was dedicated to a favourite horse of hers.

While Eugene was a competent bridge player, his interests generally lay elsewhere, Ruth on the other hand was not only a very talented and passionate bridge player, but also a tireless ambassador for bridge in the region. Towards the end of 1982, Ruth and Eugene started up a private bridge club, called the Mollymook Bridge Club and the first duplicate bridge game was held at the Mollymook Beach Bowling Club in early October 1982.

During the 1980s many of the club's members also played at Nowra and Batemans Bay and Ruth was a well-respected player at all three clubs; recognised for fostering duplicate bridge in the region.

In the early years the club ran two sessions, one at the Mollymook Bowling Club on Wednesday morning at 09:30 (with around four tables) and the second at the Sarah Claydon Retirement Village on a Thursday night starting at 7:30 pm (with around two tables). Both sessions ran for three hours.

RESULTS	
Monday 18.10.82	
NORTH—SOUTH PAIRS	
First:	E. Lumbers and G. Jim.
Second:	N. & V. Armfield, Mr. & Mrs. Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. E. Humphreys.
Third:	M. M. Scott & A. Cheshire.
EAST/WEST PAIRS	
First:	B. & D. Curran.
Second:	P & I Timmins.
Third:	M. Scott and A. Cheshire.
Wednesday, October 20, '82:	
First:	E. Lumbers & G. Jim.
Second:	N. Moran and A. Dixon.
Third:	V. Rodda.
Note - In the Wednesday movement there was only one pair required.	
"Bridcor".	

On June 21 1985 Mollymook bridge club was granted affiliation with the Australian Bridge Federation; and around this time the Wednesday morning session was moved to the Mollymook Surf Live Saving Club. By this time the club was averaging around seven tables on the Wednesday morning and around four tables on the Thursday night.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

INTO THE FIFTH YEAR.

Mollymook Bridge Club is about to enter its fifth year as part of the Ulladulla district's recreational activities.

Faring that period the club has grown steadily from a regular six tables a week in two sessions to an average of eleven or an increase of twenty regular players.

Many now playing had had no previous experience of bridge before the club started in early October 1982 and only one or two had played duplicate.

Visitors from UK, New Zealand, all states and other N.S.W. towns have been welcomed and there has rarely been a session out of the four hundred or so played that visitors have not been present.

Players from Nowra, Batemans Bay and Tuross Heads make frequent attendances at our Wednesday games at the Surf Club.

A milestone in the club's development was the granting of affiliation with the N.S.W. Bridge Association and the Australian Bridge Federation in 1985.

Several members are now "Club" or "Junior Masters".

The year's most outstanding event was the club's participation in the World Wide Pairs Epsom contest in which our two local N/S winners came in the top forty odd of the 2,000 Australian entrants.

The Director, Ruth Lumbers, said this week, "we now have a core of competent players who maintain a standard of Bridge at least the equal of other regional clubs as their results against visiting players demonstrate.

Several recent beginners are beginning to show that they too are well on the way to reaching a high intermediate standard.

We are very happy with the progress we have made and grateful to the Surf Club for providing premises for our Wednesday's sessions and to the Illawarra Memorial Trust for allowing us use of the Sarah Claydon Memorial Village on Thursday nights.

Special thanks are due to the Express for the valuable editorial space provided.

We look forward to another successful year.

TRIPPLICATE BRIDGE

When you cannot make up four for bridge you can play an interesting game for three.

You deal as though there are four players until you come to the twelfth card then put the last four cards face down.

They are called "The Miss".

Sort of dummy's cards and turn them face upwards on the table, dummy being the hand that is not dealt to any of the three players.

At the end of the deal the three pick up their cards and study them to see how they fit with dummy's.

The bidding begins in the usual way, dealer first, but there is only one round.

With dummy in full view it is all that is necessary.

The highest bidder becomes declarer and dummy is placed opposite.

The opponents sit to the left and right of declarer and the left hand opponent makes the opening lead after the declarer picks up "The Miss" and chooses a card to make his hand up to thirteen.

He also selects a card for dummy.

He gives each of the opponents one of the remaining cards.

Use duplicate scoring with vulnerability alternating, "neither side vulnerable or both sides vulnerable".

Scores are kept in three columns, one for each player.

The number of dells is determined before play begins.

Twenty four is regarded as the most satisfactory.

7½ Table Mitchell 24-9-86.

N.S. 1st P. McPherson - G. Sperling.

E.W. 1st R. and R. Elix.

3½ Table Howell 25-9-86.

1st R. and J. Irons.

2nd G. Sperling and P. McPherson.

In Jan 1988 the Wednesday session moved to the Royal Coastal Patrol HQ on Ulladulla wharf and the Thursday evening session moved to Monday evenings, still at Sarah Claydon. At the end of March in 1988, the Wed morning session returned to the Mollymook Bowling Club.

Nance Tierney recalls:

When we took up residence in Mollymook in January 1989, the Mollymook Bridge Club was the property of Ruth and Eugene Lumbers. Ruth,

a highly accomplished player, directed and Eugene did the scoring on his computer. If an odd number turned up, he would partner them, or he'd be quite content to pass the time reading.

Before proceeding I will describe the venues. On Monday nights, the session was held in the dining room at Sarah Claydon. A Mollymook doctor, Phil Timmins, a bridge player, was able to persuade the management to allow this. There were tables in place, and kitchen facilities available.

On Wednesday mornings, the ground floor of the Mollymook Bowling Club was the venue. All equipment (including tables) had to be brought in and taken out at the completion of the session. The Lumbers' car was only a small one, so the boot was really crammed with card tables, cloths, boards, stationery, tea, milk, sugar, biscuits and a large teapot.

Early in December 1989, the Lumbers' car crashed on the way back from Canberra. Ruth was killed instantly, and Eugene, though severely injured, survived till mid-January. On the night of the accident (a Monday) the night's session was given over to mourning,

and a decision was made to play on as usual and pass on the proceeds to Eugene when he recovered. Sadly, this didn't come to pass.



• Eugene and Ruth Lumbers organisers of Duplicate Bridge photographed at the scene of the contest held at Mollymook Surf Club on Sunday May 17, 1987 which was part of the World Wide Contest, held simultaneously throughout the world with other bridge clubs.

The Club is Incorporated

Ruth and Eugene's daughter Eugenie offered the club's equipment to Ron Irons. Ron did not want to run a private club so, following a meeting on 23rd January 1990 at Pat Broben's home, a committee was elected.

The first committee was as follows:

- *President Ron Irons*
- *Vice President Les Hulbert*
- *Secretary Nance Tierney*
- *Treasurer Jo Smith*
- *Committee Betty Hulbert, Joyce Irons, Lorraine Deane (who taught herself to be masterpoint secretary and Len Bickel who did publicity)*

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF MOLLYMOOK BRIDGE CLUB, held
at the home of Pat Broben, on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1990, at 7.30 pm

The following members attended:-

Len & Pauline BICKEL	Jenny & Harold King
Pat BROBEN	Barbara McLEOD
Carmen COLLINS	George MOORHOUSE
Pat CROSS	Eileen REYNOLDS
Lorraine DEANE	Jo & Greg SMITH
Sylvia & Ted DECKER	Angela THOMAS
Fay EISENHAUER	Brian & Nance TIERNEY
Betty & Les HULBERT	Harry WATSON
Joyce & Ron IRONS	Brownie WHITE
Marcia KEENAN	

Ron Irons, the interim administrator of the Club, stated that the care-taking period was finished, and that we were assembled to elect a committee.

APOLOGIES were received from Aileen Bathe, Nan Wright, Pat McPherson and Frank Hyde.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr Irons read a memo from Nan Wright in which she recommended that members seriously consider electing to office the following persons:- Carmen Collins, Aileen Bathe and Lorraine Deane; also the appointment of Brian Tierney as Honorary Solicitor. Nan further recommended that the secretary, in particular, and other committee members, if possible, be computer literate.

Mr Irons then outlined the transaction by which Eugenie Forbes (nee Lumbers) agreed to transfer ownership of the private Bridge Club run by Ruth Lumbers, to the Club presently being formed. In return for cash in hand (approximately \$400), the Club purchased six card tables, all boards, tablecloths, cards, bridge books and goodwill.

Mr Irons then asked Les Hulbert to preside over the election of officers. The positions were filled as follows:-

President:	...	Ron Irons
Vice President	...	Les Hulbert
Secretary:	...	Nance Tierney
Assistant Secretary:	...	Joyce Irons
Treasurer:	...	Jo Smith
Assistant Treasurer:	...	Carmen Collins
Master Points Secty & Publicity Officer:		Lorraine Deane
Assistant -ditto-		Len Bickel
Committee Members:	...	George Moorhouse
		Betty Hulbert.

Caterer (to be combined with Asst Secty's duties): Joyce Irons

Harold King and Brian Tierney consented to appointment as Honorary Auditor and Honorary Solicitor respectively.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

After a good deal of discussion, it was resolved, on a show of hands, that the Club adopt the pro-forma constitution as supplied by the NSW Bridge Association Ltd, to be adapted by the Committee, to meet any special local needs.

It was further resolved that an entry be placed in the next telephone directory, under the heading "Clubs--Bridge," and that Jo Smith's phone no. be listed as the contact number.

Kevin Farrell, Secretary of the Leeton Bridge Club, a regular visitor, and a top player, was present. At his suggestion a copy of the sample constitution provided by the NSW Bridge Association was obtained from Leeton and was adapted to local needs.

As Ron lived close to the Club, he used to bring all the implements (previously brought in the Lumbers' boot) in his wheelbarrow. After a few months, the club managed to buy a second-hand wardrobe from Vinnies. Its innards were mostly removed so that the tables, boards, etc could be housed at the Club. It was stored in the vestibule section of the Gents' Loo!

Ron, Les, George Moorhouse and Robert Mura did the Director's course, and the following year Bill Samuel and Tony Howell did likewise.

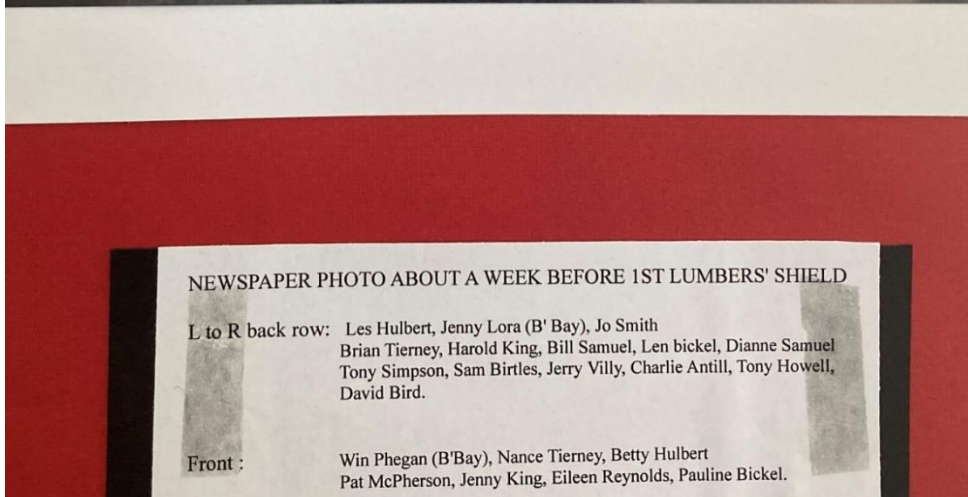
With the loss of Ruth, there was no bridge teacher. Aileen Bathe took on this job, under the aegis of the U3A. Her first group of four were Betty Milstead, Myee McGinnis, Ida Bourke and Betty Greening. Soon after that, Tony & Ros Simpson and Arlie & Kell Martin joined the fray.

We were interested in enlarging the Club's horizons and I described a fixture (the McCormack Shield) which was held twice a year between Leeton and Griffith with four teams from each club. The committee was agreeable that I write to Nowra, Bateman's Bay and Moruya to suggest an annual competition with four teams from each centre. Moruya regretted that they couldn't field four teams, but the others were enthusiastic.

Thus was born the idea of the interclub event which we decided to name the Lumbers Shield



The first Lumbers Shield was held in 1991, and we felt that we were really on our way. Professor Eugenie Lumbers and James Lumbers attended the first presentation of the Shield, which was constructed by Tony Howell.



**Mollymook
Bridge Club**

won the first Lumber's Shield in 1991, but since then, up until end of 2022, honours

have been very evenly shared, with Nowra slightly edging out the competition with 11 wins, Mollymook with 10, Batemans Bay with 9 and covid beat all comers for two years in 2020 and 2021.

The Mollymook Bridge Club was officially incorporated on 17th December 1992.

Around this time the first Mollymook Congress was held. NSWBA records go back to 1994 and they do not record a congress in 1994, but do record a congress from 1995 onwards (1995, 1996 and 1997 all were held in May). KT recalls that there was at least one year after commencement, when the congress was not held but is not certain of the year, and Nance has a vague memory that it may have first been held in 1992 or 1993. All searches online have so far proved fruitless. For now, I will assume 1995 as the starting year for the congress, though it could have been a few years earlier than that.

A House is Built

Extract from 2007 Ten Year Anniversary Photo Album (@ Clubhouse):

At the end of 1991 Sarah Claydon asked the club to move as the noise of departing cards disturbed the residents. We then started playing at the Milton CWA hall and then at Bannisters Lodge at night and continued using the Mollymook Bowling Club on Wednesday mornings.

On 31 December 1991 a special meeting was called to explore the possibility of owning our own clubhouse.

For six years we battled with Council, the Local, State and Federal Members together with Sport and Recreation to be granted a piece of land on which to build. We even offered the Bowling Club the use of our club room if they allowed us to build an extension. The offer was declined.

Ultimately, we decided to bite the bullet and buy land ourselves.

We had \$80,000 odd in the bank all raised from table money and three Christmas raffles – each of which raised just short of \$2,000 [JR note: I thought there were lots of cake stalls etc also? – were these pre purchase, post purchase , both ??]

Eventually we bought 127 St Vincent Street Ulladulla on 4th April 1997. Certificate of title 30th May 1997

<i>Cost of Land</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>
<i>Solicitor's fees</i>	<i>\$839.75</i>
<i>Stamp Duty</i>	<i>\$677.50</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$46,517.25</i>

This left a balance in the bank of \$33,500.

The club secured a loan from the Colonial State Bank. Baylander Builders built the Clubhouse for \$68,420 plus some extras. By the time we built, carpeted, installed blinds, bought tables and plastic chairs we had \$9,000 in the bank.

When we realised the car parking area was red clay (and the mess it would make of our new carpet !!) it was decided to ask members for an interest free loan of \$15,000 to cover the cost of a concrete car park and path around the clubhouse. One person offered \$10,000 up front, however the committee decided it would be fairer to take advantage of all the offers made by members who were willing to loan \$1,000 each. This duly happened, ten people gave \$1,000 interest free for as long as required. All were repaid within two years.



The bank loan was repaid within three years.

Then the air conditioner and instant hot water service was installed, a garden created, fences built, to say nothing of the equipment purchased, including new tables and chairs. The fridge, clock, notice board, sasanquas, TV and video, photos, pie oven, office desk and chair, the car park light and the Mollymook Bridge Club sign were all donated.

The labour of handypersons in the club is always free and much appreciated. The mollymook Bridge Club House was opened on 12 December 1997.

Nance Tierney recalls

In the mid-1990s Dianne and Bill Samuel came to live at Mollymook and were responsible for fostering in the membership the ambition to own our own premises. Dianne in particular put in a lot of hard work to this end.

For their efforts in driving the vision through to actuality, for their formidable bridge capability (four times club champions), for Bill's astute money management and for Dianne's incredible tenures as president of the club (eleven times president), the Samuel Shield was established in their honour



The Noughties and Beyond

In 2002 the first Mollymook Congress took place and the George Moorhouse Memorial Trophy for the highest placed Mollymook pair was established, won in that year by Mollie Gowing and Jo Smith

In 2009 the first Samuel shield was presented to Paul Daynes and Tony Rolfe

In 2016 Kevin Douglas built and presented the new championship board which adorns the 'northern' end of the club house. And in that year also new divisions for Intermediate and Novice players were created.

In 2022 new club championships for Rookie Pairs (each player with less than 5 MPs) and Classic Pairs (each player with less than 15 MPs) were established

Timeline

Date	Event	Source
Oct 1982	Mollymook Bridge Club's first game	Newspaper
June 1985	Mollymook Bridge Club affiliated with ABF	Newspaper
Dec 1989	Ruth and Eugene Lumbers fatal car crash	Nance
Jan 1990	Decision to incorporate and first committee meeting	Club Records
Feb 1991	First AGM held (see appendix for minutes)	Club Records
1991	Dianne and Bill Samuel win the inaugural club championship	Honour Board
1991	Inaugural Lumbers Shield Interclub event won by Mollymook	Honour Board
Dec 1992	Mollymook Bridge Club incorporated.	Club Records
May 1995	Inaugural Mollymook Congress	NSWBA Records
Apr 1997	127 St Vincent Street Ulladulla purchased	Club Records
Dec 1997	Mollymook clubhouse opened	Club Records
2002	George Moorhouse Memorial Shield established	Honour Board
2005	President's Trophy established	Honour Board
2009	Samuel Shield established	Honour Board

2010	Kevin Douglas built and presented the Mollymook Presidents Honour Board	Club Records
2016	Club Championship Honour Board built and presented by Kevin Douglas. Inclusion of Intermediate and Novice divisions	GE
2022	Inaugural club championship event for Rookie Pairs and Classic Pairs	Honour Board
2023	New scoring system (Compscore) effected together with a change to new web hosting	Committee Minutes
2023	Ros Simpson Trophy re-established	Committee Minutes

About this Document

This document compiled from a number of sources:

- Much of the early history is directly transcribed from Nance Tierney's written history which focussed on the late 1980s and early 1990s, and supplemented with subsequent discussions with Nance.
- Monica Adamson's club history book: Mollymook Bridge Club – the Early Years which can be found in the clubhouse.
- The history of the clubhouse was taken from the 2007 Ten Year Anniversary which can be found in the clubhouse.
- The photo of Ruth and Eugene was provided by their daughter Professor Eugenie Ruth Lumbers who also provided information about the early years of the club (as she and her husband Bill played at Mollymook bridge club when it was first started in 1982);
- Newspaper clippings from the Milton Ulladulla Express, mostly covering 1985-1989 but with some going back to 1982r, saved by Eugene or Ruth Lumber and discovered serendipitously by Ross Milbourne in 2022 when the new buyers of Eugenie and Bill's many years previous residence found an old box labelled Mollymook Bridge Club containing 30+ year old documents and old newspaper clippings; which had really only been enjoyed by yours truly and an impressive collection of cockroaches and silverfish;
- The original unattributed (KT ?) history of the club which was on the web site;
- Many of the photos and extracts of club records were obtained from the photo albums stored at the clubhouse
- Honour Boards at the club house with names of Presidents and Club Champions and winners of trophies and shields
- <https://www.janebadgerbooks-olddsite.co.uk/australia/lumbers.html> for information about Eugene Lumbers writing.

Version

#	Who	When	What
0.1	JR	Nov 2022	Initial draft compiled from the sources listed above
0.2	JR	Nov 2022	Included memoirs from Genevieve Balzary
0.3	JR	Feb 2023	Updated honour board information and some of the noughties and beyond comments. Added Ruth Lumbers Shield winners from second shield
0.4	JR	Apr 2023	Updated Mollymook Congress information
TODO			Include the date of the second incorporation with ABF

Memories from Past President Genevieve Balzary

July 9th 2010

I remember many happy times at the bridge club. I remember Di Samuel as the president prior to me. Di was extremely efficient and very knowledgeable. I remember her husband Bill who looked after our money as if it was our own. Darling Jo Smith was our gardener with Tony Simpson as her helper with many members donating plants and hours of help. Tony was also our masterpoints man while his lovely wife Ros was his constant help.

I remember Tony Howell who helped me become a director. He was all gruff but hidden kindness. Then there was George Moorhouse who wrote the committee a letter every month without fail. There were the two travellers Maureen and Maureen. Joy and Ron Irons were great members. Thanks Ron for helping me when I was a fledgeling director. Brian Tunney persuaded me to stick with bridge after a devastating start playing with Eileen Bathes. She shook her head in despair over me. I have improved Eileen but frankly you terrified me. You improved too I found ! Our Christmas parties were great fun. I did the "Ho Ho" basket, with little mars bars as prizes. One year I had one left and called for any man wearing red undies. I got a "Yes" and nearly a demonstration. I wont say who. There were lots of other people who played and worked for the club and helped me.

We held congresses at Mollymook Golf Club. We were told by Paul Marsden that it was the best congress outside of Sydney. We worked so hard. Some of our milestones were paying off our building. Having air conditioning. Getting a dealing machine. When I came to Queensland I went to the Redlands bridge club and found many old friends already there: Ruth and Gordon Peters, The Deckers – Sylvie and Ted, Ida Burke and Frank Hyde, Ron and Eileen Reu, Charlotte Krause.

Members have moved on since my time at Mollymook, but I remember fondly my time there.

Synopsis from Newspaper clippings of table numbers and locations

When	Tables	Where and when
May-83		Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Nov-84		Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Dec-84		Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Jun-85	5.5 and 2.5	
Sep-85	7 and 3	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Jan-86		Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Mar-86	5.5 and 2.5	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
May-86		Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Jul-86		Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Oct-86		Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Nov-86	7 and 4	
Apr-87	7 and 3.5	
Jun-87	7 and 4	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Jul-87	8.5 and 3.5	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Aug-87	7.5 and 3	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM

Sep-87		Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Oct-87	7 and 4	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Nov-87	8.5 and 5	Mollmook Surf Club Wed AM; Sarah Claydon Thu PM
Jan-88		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Royal Coastal Patrol HQ Wed AM
Mar-88		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Royal Coastal Patrol HQ Wed AM
Apr-88		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM
May-88		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM
Jun-88		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM
Sep-88		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM
Jun-89		Sarah Claydon Mon PM; Mollmook Bowling Club Wed AM

Honour Boards

The honour boards were crafted and for almost all of their years, maintained by Kevin Douglas

President and Club Champions

Year	President	Club Champion Pair	Intermediate Pair	Novice Pair
1990	Ron Irons			
1991	Les Hulbert	Bill Samuel - Dianne Samuel		
1992	Sylvia Decker	Sylvia Decker - Ted Decker		
1993	Antony Howell	George Moorhouse - Tony Simpson		
1994	Antony Howell	David Bird - John Schneider		
1995	Dianne Samuel	Jo Smith - Moira Sudlow		
1996	Dianne Samuel	Tony Howell - John Schneider		
1997	Dianne Samuel	Bill Samuel - Dianne Samuel		
1998	Nance Tierney	Jo Smith - Moira Sudlow		
1999	Dianne Samuel	Bill Samuel - Dianne Samuel		
2000	Dianne Samuel	George Moorhouse - Tony Simpson		
2001	Genevieve Balzary	George Moorhouse - Tony Simpson		
2002	Dianne Samuel	George Moorhouse - Tony Simpson		
2003	Dianne Samuel	Mike Covill - Tony Simpson		
2004	Dianne Samuel	Mike Covill - Tony Simpson		
2005	Dianne Samuel	Mike Covill - Tony Simpson		
2006	Dianne Samuel	Bill Samuel - Dianne Samuel		
2007	Dianne Samuel	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans		
2008	Maureen Bromfield	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans		
2009	Maureen Bromfield	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans		

2010	Maureen Bromfield	Kevin Tant - Janet Turnell		
2011	Maureen Bromfield	Kevin Tant - Janet Turnell		
2012	Graham Evans	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans		
2013	Graham Evans	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans		
2014	Graham Evans	Kevin Tant - Janet Turnell		
2015	David Lardner	Kevin Tant - Janet Turnell		
2016	David Lardner	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans	Michael McTiernan - Ross Milbourne	Moirra Heath - Elisabeth Watt
2017	Pam Date	Kevin Tant - Janet Turnell	Michael McTiernan - Ross Milbourne	Moirra Heath - Laura Perino
2018	Pam Date	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans	Susanne Dillon - Susan Myers Bateman	Raewyn Duffy - Lauri Perino
2019	Pam Date	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans	Moirra Heath - Laura Perino	Brad Dobson - Jacky Dobson
2020	Moirra Heath			
2021	Moirra Heath	Peter Gill - Liz Sylvester	Susanne Dillon - Susan Myers Bateman	Jim McKenzie - John Reid
2022	Ross Milbourne	Peter Gill - Liz Sylvester	Susanne Dillon - Susan Myers Bateman	Jim McKenzie - John Reid

Additional trophies and shields also adorn the clubhouse walls, the first Ruth Lumbers was constructed by Tony Howell, the remaining shields and trophies were crafted and maintained by Kevin Douglas:

Ruth Lumbers Trophy	Awarded to the winning team competing in the annual Ruth Lumbers Trophy Swiss Pairs event
George Moorhouse Memorial Shield	Awarded to the highest placed Mollymook pair competing in the Mollymook Congress
Presidents Trophy	Awarded to the pair winning the annual President's Trophy event (for pairs winning a club match with the highest score greater than 65% in a year)
Dianne and Bill Samuel Trophy	Awarded to the winning pair for that event
Ros Simpson Trophy	Awarded to the winning rookie + senior pair

	Ruth Lumbers Trophy	George Moorhouse Memorial Shield	Presidents Trophy	Dianne and Bill Samuel Trophy	Ros Simpson Trophy
1991	Mollymook				
1992	Nowra				
1993	Batemans Bay				
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2001	Batemans Bay				
2002	Nowra	Mollie Gowing - Jo Smith			
2003	Batemans Bay	Dianne Samuel - Bill Samuel			
2004	Nowra	Mike Covill - Tony Simpson			
2005	Mollymook	Aileen Bathe - Graham Evans	Mike Covill - Tony Simpson		
2006	Batemans Bay	Tony Simpson - Mike Covill	Stephen Bird - David Bird		
2007	Batemans Bay		Tony Simpson - Paul Daynes		
2008	Nowra		Kevin Tant - Kevin Douglas		
2009	Mollymook	Pam Date - Kevin Tant	Graham Evans - Kevin Douglas	Paul Daynes - Tony Rolfe	
2010	Mollymook	David Adamson - Mike Covill	Paul Daynes - Tony Rolfe	David Adamson - Mike Covill	
2011	Batemans Bay	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans	Monica Green - Ken Harrison	Graham Evans - Kevin Douglas	
2012	Mollymook	Margaret Hendriks - Lucy Robinson	Tony Rolfe - David Adamson	Graham Evans - Kevin Douglas	

	Ruth Lumbers Trophy	George Moorhouse Memorial Shield	Presidents Trophy	Dianne and Bill Samuel Trophy	Ros Simpson Trophy
2013	Nowra	Kevin Douglas - Graham Evans	Graham Evans - Kevin Douglas	Graham Evans - Kevin Douglas	
2014	Mollymook	Janet Turnell - Ron Turnell	Dianne Samuel - Bill Samuel	Tony Rolfe - Jim Tomas	
2015	Mollymook	Stepanie Badger - David Badger	Ross Milbourne - Jim Thomas	Nance Tierney - Ken Harrison	
2016	Mollymook	Vivienne Hodge - John Hodge	Pam Date - Kevin Tant	Graham Evans - Kevin Douglas	
2017	Batemans Bay	Louise Brassil - Michael Brassil	Michael McTiernan - Jim Thomas	Lucy Robinson - Tony Rolfe	
2018	Mollymook	Janet Turnell - Ron Turnell	Janet Turnell - Ron Turnell	Margaret Hendriks - May Powell Henk Emans - Ian Barton	
2019	Mollymook	Graham Evans	Janet Turnell - Ron Turnell	Ross Milbourne - Kevin Douglas	
2020	Covid		Sue Tooth - Kevin Tant		
2021	Covid	Liz Sylvester - Peter Gill	Moirra Heath - Kevin Tant	Graham Evans - Kevin Tant	
2022	Batemans Bay	Maureen Harrison - Ken Harrison		Lauri Perino - Kevin Tant	

In 2022 new club championships were introduced for Rookie Pairs (pairs each with less than 5 masterpoints) and Classic Pairs (pairs each with less than 15 masterpoints)

Year	Rookie Pair Champions	Classic Pair Champions
2022	George Palavestra – Leigh Taylor	Ros Hughes – Chris Downs

Minutes of the first AGM (Feb 12 1991)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOLLYMOOK BRIDGE CLUB, held at Sarah Claydon Village, on Tuesday, February 12, 1991, at 7.00 pm.

Forty members were present as listed:-

Charlie ANTILL	Joyce IRONS
Molly AUBIN	Ron IRONS
Aileen BATHE	Harold KING
Jean BENSON	Jenny KING
Len BICKEL	Wolf KRAUSE
Pauline BICKEL	Barbara MacLEOD
David BIRD	Helen NEAL
Sam BIRTLES	Bill SAMUEL
Pat BROBEN	Diane SAMUEL
Ray COOK	Charlotte SINDEN
Pat CROSS	Greg SMITH
Lorraine DEANE	Jo SMITH
Sylvia DECKER	Beryl TAPLIN
Ted DECKER	Brian TIERNEY
Barry EISENHAUER	Nance TIERNEY
Fay EISENHAUER	Kath TREDINNICK
Kevin FARRELL	Jean WAKEFIELD
Tony HOWELL	Harry WALMSLEY
Betty HULBERT	Joyce WALMSLEY
Les HULBERT	Harry WATSON.

President, Ron Irons, who was not seeking re-election, chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES were received from Robert Mura, Phyl Fraser, Eileen Reynolds, George Moorhouse, Moira and Dick Sudlow, Don and Betty Stewart, Brownie White and Jean Connolly.

MINUTES of the Inaugural General Meeting of 23/1/90 were read and received.

TREASURER'S REPORT, as circularised prior to meeting was received.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A copy of this report is attached. After reading his report, Mr Irons invited comments from Club members before calling for nominations for the new Committee.

The first speaker was Harold King. Whilst giving unqualified praise to the married couples who had served on committee during the Club's inaugural year, Mr King asked that members think seriously before nominating and electing married couples to the new committee. He pointed out that membership was considerably larger now, so there were more personnel from whom to choose. The main thrust of his remarks was that the Committee should be comprised of eight independent individuals who would contribute their opinions with complete impartiality, particularly as the Club was moving into an expansionary period where more diversity in programming would have to be considered, for instance, whether teams matches would feature regularly in the Club's programme.

Betty Hulbert registered an objection to Mr King's remarks which she regarded as discriminatory.

Lorraine Deane spoke in support of the principle expressed by Mr King, but wished to depersonalise the issue. She pointed out that it is not just the present composition of the club which has to be considered, but that in future you could have, for instance, a mother and son standing for election, and one would assume the existence of family loyalty.

David Bird gave the opinion that it didn't matter whether committee members were related, they should be considered on their willingness and capacity to work.

A Vote of Thanks to all members of the Inaugural Committee for their year's labours was moved by Les Hulbert, seconded Tony Howell. Carried by acclamation.

The Election of Officers resulted in the positions being filled as follows:-

President: Les Hulbert
Secretary: Pauline Bickel
Treasurer: Dianne Samuel
Vice-President: Sylvia Decker
Committee Members: Sam Birtles, Tony Howell and Beryl Taplin
Master Points Secretary: Lorraine Deane
Hon Publicity Officer: Len Bickel
Hon Solicitor: Brian Tierney
Hon Auditor: Harold King. *Mr King wished to have it recorded that this would be his final year in this capacity.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Jo Smith's name and phone number to be deleted from Club's notices around town. New contact person to be appointed.
2. Greg Smith brought up the matter of the high noise level at Monday night bridge. Suggested that Club offer to put up partitions to exclude this from residential quarters. Left for incoming committee to consider.
3. It was resolved that in future all persons standing for committee be required to sign printed nomination form which should also bear the signature of proposer and seconder. These forms could be handed to the secretary prior to the meeting or, in the case of nominations from the floor, filled out on the spot.
4. The matter of the Club's purchasing a computer was discussed. Jo Smith thought it unnecessary from the book-keeping viewpoint, and Kevin Farrell thought club too small to justify purchasing such an item for scoring. Aileen Bathe offered the loan of her computer to the Club for the twice-weekly scoring, but stressed that someone else would have to carry out the operation. Auditor, Harold King, registered his unwillingness to audit computer-kept accounts. The matter left to the new Committee.
5. Brian Tierney suggested that Club have a Post Office box. Annual rental \$35 and \$6 deposit on key. New committee to follow up.
6. Resolved that Kevin Farrell be invited to join Directors' panel. He signified his agreement.
7. Bill Samuel raised the matter of all members filling out systems cards. Some members thought it unnecessary in such a small club. Club has systems cards available for purchase.
8. Sam Birtles suggested that score sheets be initialled instead of just ticked.
9. The matters of purchasing a proper timer and when the Club would hold a Congress were left for new committee to deal with.

Vote of thanks to Ron and Joyce Irons for running the Club in the period between the Lumbers' deaths and 23/1/90 was carried by acclamation.
Meeting concluded at 8.52 pm

Brian Tierney
(Hon Secretary)