

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

July, 2011

CHARITY DAY FINAL

I would like to thank the members of our club who so generously donated in many different ways toward the event and also for attending on the day. Shame about the smoke, but we battled on to have a very successful "Charity Day" outcome.

All businesses within CCLC supported us, but in particular I would like to mention:

Dawn at **'4 Seasonz Flowerz'** and Emma at **"Pin Up"** hair salon.

Both contributed very generously and if you need flowers or to try a new hairdresser, please remember they are in the building.

Jan Macadie

A cheque for **\$2200** was presented on Monday June 27 to President Coral Erikson and Secretary Linda Dicks who expressed their sincere thanks and mentioned some of the recent requests for

help to which some of our monies will go. Pandora celebrates its 50th anniversary this year!

BRIDGE PROMOTION

With Central Coast and Brisbane Water Bridge Clubs, we are promoting our wonderful game in order to attract new members - essential if we are to survive. All clubs are holding information days - see pages 4/5 for the full details.

Tell your non-bridge playing friends (if you have any!) and contact Camilla if you can help hand out flyers on Thursday July 14.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Saturday Aug 13

Please consider standing for the committee to help keep our club viable. Look for the nomination form on the notice board soon.

NEW MEMBER: A warm welcome to Pamela Bourne.

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS, 2011 A THANK YOU!

This year 126 clubs supported the event and raised close to \$37,000 for [Neuroscience Research Australia](http://www.neura.edu.au/bridge) – a tremendous result, one that we can truly be proud of. Over the past eight years more than 12,000 bridge players have supported the Challenge raising close to \$215,000 for research into Alzheimer's and other dementias.

The results of the 2011 Bridge for Brain Research Challenge can be found at website www.neura.edu.au/bridge

RECENT RESULTS

WHOOOPS, FORGOT! - AUTUMN PAIRS - Monday night May 16

1st	Lyn Pears, Ronnie Ng	59.6%
2nd	Louis Koolen, Edward Mallinson	57.0%
3rd	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	54.2%

INTER-CLUB TEAMS at CCBC

Thursday June 2

		Wins	Draws	Losses	VP's
1st	Kerrie & Peter Johnman, Virginia Dressler, Jan Clarke	4	0	2	116
2nd	Angela & Kevin Dougall, John Redfearn, Norm Berger	5	0	1	113
3rd	Sally & Gary Clarke, Helen Eaton, Noel Crockett	4	0	2	109
4th	Lorraine & Jack Lindsay, Adele Mills, Anne Steel	5	0	1	104

Central Coast Regional Final of Country Teams June 5 at BWBC

These are the final results after playing a twelve board match against every other team (the club names define where the team qualified to play in the Regional Final) :

CCLCBC A (Kevin & Angela Dougall, John Redfearn, Norm Berger)	73 VP
CCLCBC B (Helen Gulliver, Toni Dixon, Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes)	68
BWBC (Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, David Adams, Jacqui Wilson)	57
CCLCBC C (Marilyn Whigham, Judy Wulff, Kathy & John Mitchell)	51
CCBC (Garry & Sally Clarke, Helen Eaton, Jan Clarke)	49

Unfortunately there were only 5 teams competing - CCLCBC sent 3 teams out of an eligible 5 teams; BWBC and CCBC sent 1 team each out of an eligible 4 teams.

The top two teams are eligible to play in the Divisional Final to be held at Newcastle on 2/3 July.

WINTER PAIRS

Saturday June 4

1st	Helen Smith & Jan Macadie	58.7%
2nd	June Thompson & Ursula Middleton	57.7%
=3rd	Paul Unger & Tony Davis	56.1%
=3rd	Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes	56.1%

GNOT

Fridays June 10, 17, 24

11 teams, 7 of them contending, competed. Mitchell (Colin & Wendy, Peter & Dorothy Berzins) and Dougall (Kevin and Angie, Kaylee Lemon, Norm Berger) tied for first on 187 Victory Points (8 wins and 2 losses). Gulliver (Helen, Toni Dixon, Marie Purkiss, Patricia Bowles, Liz Kerr) were third with 168 Victory Points (7 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses).

The first three *contending* teams qualify to play in the Regional Final to be held at our club on August 27 and 28. These are Mitchell, Branthwaite (Bruce, Ted Neilsen, Bob Mavin, John White, Lyn Pears) and Babinski (Leon, John Tagg, Di March, Margot Williams).

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS

Tuesday June 21

A small field of only 13 pairs competed for this trophy. Congratulations to:

1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	63.7%
2nd	Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver	63.3%
3rd	Jim Swindells, Tony Davis	62.9%

MONTHLY SHIELD

The positions after 5 sessions are:

Nancye Joss, Lyn Pears L	65
Marilyn Whigham, Judy Wulff	52
Carol Judd, Anne Grayden	47
Camilla Barlow, David Bowerman	45
Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkiss	45

CONGRESSES

Newcastle Congress

June 18-19

Some fantastic results from Central Coast players! Out of 78 in the **Swiss Pairs** Jack & Lorraine Lindsay came first and Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen were third.

With 48 teams competing the top places were:

1st	Jack & Lorraine Lindsay, Kevin and Angie Dougall
=2nd	Frances Lyons, Janet Clarke, Carolyn Molloy, Deborah Bennett
=2nd	Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Nancy Asquith, Diane Nicholls

FREE "INTRODUCTION TO BRIDGE" DAYS ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Bridge is a card game that developed in the early 1900's. It is a partnership game that is both enjoyable and stimulating. Bridge is played world wide, in clubs, on cruises, and at home. It is a trick-taking game similar in concept to Euchre or Five Hundred.

So, WHY SHOULD YOU LEARN BRIDGE?

- *Playing bridge helps maintain an active brain and has been associated with a lower risk of dementia.

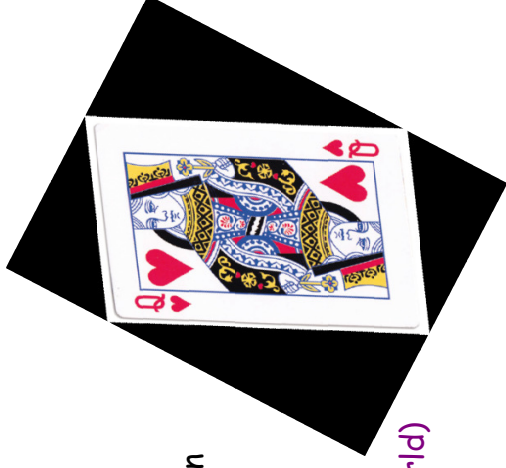
- *Bridge is played in a convivial, enjoyable atmosphere; it is great way to meet people and make friends and there is no age barrier*

- *There are many clubs throughout Australia (and the World)

- *There are great "Bridge Holidays" throughout Australia*

- *Most Cruise Lines include daily games of Bridge

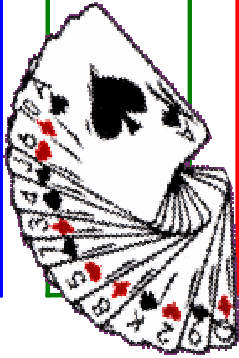
- *You don't need a partner - we will find one for you*



So, **HOW CAN WE HELP YOU FIND OUT MORE?**

Visit your Clubs on the Central Coast.
Open days and information will be held at the

CCLC Bridge Club Thursday 21st July at 10:00am
Central Coast Leagues Club or Saturday 23rd July at 10:00am
Dane Drive, Gosford call [Lorraine Lindsay on 4342 3638](tel:43423638)



Brisbane Water Bridge Club Friday 22nd July at 9:00am
Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd or Monday 25th July at 9:00am
Woy Woy call [Carolyn Molloy on 4360 2806](tel:43602806)

Central Coast Bridge Club Saturday 23rd July at 9:00am
415 The Entrance Rd or Sunday 24th July at 1:30pm
Long Jetty call [Kevin Dougall on 4334 3475](tel:43343475)

HAVE YOU LOOKED ON OUR WEBSITE?

Congratulations to all those who are playing above expectations!

CARDS RATINGS – 10 MOST IMPROVED

Player	New Rating	Up By	Player	New Rating	Up By
APRIL			MAY		
Helen Smith	47.22	0.98	Judy Wulff	54.15	1.92
Jan Bowyer	42.78	0.95	Marilyn Whigham	51.23	1.86
Basil McCann	42.78	0.95	Wendy Alford	45.17	1.28
David Driscoll	40.46	0.94	Moirra Love	47.40	1.09
John Lehane	52.91	0.80	Tem Lancaster	47.28	1.03
Jim Swindells	49.60	0.70	Carol Farrell	46.68	0.72
Dallas Caldwell	32.90	0.63	Peter Berzins	57.28	0.72
Hilary Owen	49.92	0.56	Helen Smith	47.88	0.66
Joan Lehane	52.42	0.55	Jacqui Wilson	54.65	0.64
Anne Grayden	55.13	0.53	David Bowerman	56.20	0.61

WHAT A HAND!!

This occurred in the Monthly Shield on Monday 6/6.
 Sitting East, MFP opened 1D, and I responded 1S. After a jump to 3D, I bid 4NT, Roman Keycard on diamonds. The answer was 5S, so now I know MFP holds AKQ of diamonds. 5NT by me asked for any other Kings. The 6C reply showed none, but hoping for a favourable lead, and having 2xdiamonds to reach MFP's hand, I bid 6NT, making 7.
 MFP **might** have bid 7 with his 9 playing trick hand!

On the other hand, he **might** have opened 3NT, which we use as

Board 5 Dir: N Vul: N-S		♠ J5 ♥ K843 ♦ 8 ♣ JT9862	
♠ AKT863 ♥ AT5 ♦ 64 ♣ AQ		♠ Q4 ♥ 7 ♦ AKQJT9532 ♣ 5	
5 1 1 7 2 6	♠ 972 ♥ QJ962 ♦ 7 ♣ K743		

Kabel Ace Ask. The responses show specific Aces – with three I would answer 5S. Now 5NT asks for specific Kings and after the reply of 6S he could bid 7NT with confidence.

The most effective bidding was by Dorothy Berzins. After 1D -2S (16+, 5xS, Precision) she bid 4NT, Key Card. 5D showed 1 or 4 controls on spades. Assuming 4, and knowing that even if Peter had a void in diamonds he could reach her hand with the SQ, she bid 7NT for an outright top.

EW can make 7D, 7S, or 7NT. Of the 8 pairs, 3 were in 6D, 1 in 6NT, 3 in 7D and 1 in 7NT.

Wendy M

PERSONAL PROFILE

LEYLA MONCELET

Born and trained as a primary teacher in New Zealand, Leyla went to England for two years where one of her many jobs was a house maid on the Isle of Man. On her way home she stopped off in Sydney, fell in love with it and the Aussie sense of humour, so stayed to live in Kings Cross (a nice place until R&R from Vietnam in the 60's). She met her future husband Maurice having coffee in *Repins* – site of the first Espresso machine in the Cross. Maurice, a flight engineer, had been on his way home from Vietnam to Paris (via Tahiti) when he stopped in Sydney. Like Leyla he fell in love with the place, immigrated (without detention centres) and worked as a Technical translator.

Leyla taught mainly in primary schools, but at Kogarah High taught the first class of deaf children to sit the Leaving Certificate. She and Maurice had just bought a house in Paddington when the Education Dept. transferred her to Lismore. She avoided this by marrying Maurice! They later lived on Dangar Island (in the Hawkesbury River) for about 30 years, having two daughters (and now five grandchildren). In a small community everyone tends to do what is needed: Leyla is an Honorary Life Member of the Bush Fire Brigade for her work there – manning the radio and phones when she was too old to fight fires!

While living on Dangar Is Leyla helped a friend to keep busy by first trying wood-work classes together, then pottery and finally bridge! They learned from John Newman at Killara High School, and then joined CCLCBC and played on Monday nights – a big game then - making the round trip by boat and freeway. She became a director at the same time as Lyn Pears and now directs the Monday night session herself.

Unfortunately Maurice developed dementia; when this became severe Leyla moved to Wyoming. After his death she continued an interest in Bush Care Regeneration

ad was introduced to Wildlife ARC (animal rescue and care society inc.). Many of you will be aware of her commitment to caring for injured, sick and orphaned animals from which Leyla says she has gained great satisfaction.

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Monthly Shield	Monday 4
Graded Pairs A: National* and above B: National and below	Wednesday 6
Club Swiss Pairs (Entries close 18/7, 4pm)	Friday 22, 29

AUGUST

Monthly Shield	Monday 1
Gosford Pairs (Red)	Tuesday 2
Anniversary Pairs (Red)	Saturday 13
Foundation Cup (Red)	Wednesday 24
Australia-Wide Pairs	Friday 26
Central Coast Region Final GNOT	Sat 27, Sun 28

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSONS

A number of people have been enjoying Lorraine's lessons so far. Topics still to come are:

4th JULY	DEFENSIVE STRATEGIES
11th JULY	MULTI 2'S Part 1
18th JULY	MULTI 2'S Part 2
25th JULY	MULTI 2'S Part 3
1st AUGUST	PLAY & DEFENDING NT
8th AUGUST	CARD PLAY <i>incl. dummy reversals</i>

Full sets of notes and hand records with each lesson+ bidding and commentary on each hand.
COST \$10 PER lesson, 9.30 to 11.30am

BUDDY SCHEME

Play with a novice for a few sessions. This is a great way to get back to basics as you play only what they have been taught - and it will help the player and our club! See the notice board for details.

SMILE AWHILE

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Wendy Mitchell Editor