

**Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

September 2013

I NTRA-CLUB
TEAMS

Thursday
September 12
9.30 am
\$100 per team

A great day of friendly competition between members of our Regional clubs.

Cost includes lunch and après-bridge drinks and snacks.

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IMPROVERS LESSONS

Sep 13 Stayman, Leads
Sep 27 Blackwood, rebids
9.15 am with Wendy Mitchell

PATIENCE PAYS OFF?

As you will have observed, there are major changes occurring at the Leagues Club.

Indoor Bowls and Snooker are being relocated as well as our Bridge sessions.

In the short term, we will play all sessions in the Donnison St building. As you drive in to the Car Park this is the building on your right, labelled 'Community Centre'.

In the long term we have been told that we will be allocated a permanent room in the same building.

In the meantime, your committee and Directors will do their best to provide you with the best game possible!

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (7)

24 pairs Monday Aug 5

1st	Vicky & Bob Morris	63.1 %
2nd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	60.7
3rd	Angela & Kevin Dougall	60.2

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS

16 pairs Tuesday Aug 6

1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	60.2 %
2nd	Bruce Branthwaite & Nancye Joss	59.3
3rd	Carol Judd & Anne Grayden	58.2

TEAMS OF THREE

14 teams Friday Aug 9

Wins Draws Losses

VPs

1st	Lorraine Lindsay (c), Tem Lancaster, Moira Love, Paul Unger	3	0	0	68
=2nd	Nancye Joss (c), Lyn Beston, Dianne March, Matt Raj Mal	2	1	0	52
=2nd	Adele Mills (c), Marion Ellis Robyn Ivers, Agnes Marsh	2	0	1	52

SWITCHING SINGLES (7)

8 pairs Thursday Aug 15

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Toni Dixon	66.1%
2nd	George Boettiger & Neryl Tyrrell	54.8
=3rd	Les Free & Peter Hall	54.2
=3rd	Di March & Matt Raj Mal	54.2

CLUB PAIRS

24 pairs Wednesday Aug 21, 28

See Director's report on Page 6

AUSPICIOUS AUGUST

Final results for this event are not yet available. The first week of this event was run with two winners instead of one. This has made the scoring inequitable. The Masterpoint Secretary is still testing alternative methods in order to produce a fair result.

So - Outright awards will be announced and processed next month.

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

Moree Pairs Congress

Fri/Sat Aug 10 & 11

The Mitchells and Lindsays contested the 10-pairs Final, with Jack and Lorraine finishing 4th. In the 22-pairs Plate, Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman managed 3rd. A small but friendly congress with great food and an interesting country town to explore!

Peninsula Pairs

40 pairs

Sunday Aug 11

5th Sally & Gary Clarke

Coffs Gold Congress

Open Pairs

106 pairs

=10th Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng

41st Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant

Restricted Pairs

102 pairs

=4th Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes

Open Teams

68 teams

14th Angela & Kevin Dougall, Norm Berger, John Redfearn

Restricted Teams

42 teams

=12th Sylvia Robb, Meryl Bethyl, Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray

VALE

John Boddington We learned recently that John passed away a few weeks ago. Barbara and John did not renew their membership this financial year, but until then had been regular club players. June Thompson has recently played bridge with Barbara, so we may see her again.

Betty deLacy Provis Betty's daughter Pamela described her mother as 'entertainer, artist, linguist, bridge player'. Betty was a member of our club, a long time ago.

Sympathy cards have been sent to Barbara and Pamela on behalf of members by our Welfare officer, Robyn Ivers.

MONTHLY SHIELD

After 7 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	90 (7)	Only 24 pairs remain who are eligible to win. These should try to play with the same partner!!!
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	76 (6)	
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	59 (6)	
Carol Judd & Robyn Jackson	48 (5)	
Colin & Wendy Mitchell	42 (4)	
Angela & Kevin Dougall	40 (3)	

There are another 36 player combinations who are no longer eligible to win as they have played less than 3 sessions.

SWITCHING SINGLES - best 5, different partners

After 7 months, 18 individuals are eligible, but 11 of these need to play in the next 3 sessions with different partners. The top six are:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Eligible sessions</u>	<u>Average</u>
Dorothy Berzins	317.1	5	63.4
Gwen White	120.4	2	60.2
Colin Mitchell	112.2	2	56.1
Matt Raj Mal	110.4	2	54.0
Paul Unger	162.1	3	54.0
Phillip Morris	263.3	5	52.7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from August 24 Committee meeting

- Our new Loan Policy was successfully implemented with the loan of Bridgemates to BWBC for their recent Congress
- We are re-considering the current club policy of a non-playing director for Red point and Championship event
- We hope to appoint a Recorder in the near future and are preparing a duty statement
- Di and Wendy are preparing the Club Program for 2014. Qualifying sessions for the State Mixed Pairs and the State Open Pairs will be included. This will mean more Red points available to members

Wendy Mitchell, President

EXCEPTIONAL HANDS

1. Monday Eve August 19

My partner (Di Coats) opened 1S. I looked twice at my hand to see if my eyes were deceiving me:

♠ AKQJ965 ♥ J10 ♦ K ♣ J74

Di's points are all outside the trump suit, and unless they comprise the 3 missing Queens and the 2 missing Kings only (i.e. 12 HCP) then a slam is looking good! 4NT Blackwood finds 2x Aces, so I bid 6S, romping in 13 tricks because partner's hand was:

♠ 108732 ♥ --- ♦ AJ1098 ♣ AK2

What I forgot at the time was that we were playing Jacoby 2NT.

This shows the 4+ trump fit and asks opener to bid shortages. Di would have jumped to 4H, showing the void. Now when the 4NT enquiry produces the answer of 2 Aces, the Grand Slam, 7S, is obvious!

2. Monday Eve August 26

Playing this time with Colin, I did a double take as dealer on this hand:

♠ AKQ6 ♥ 6 ♦ AKQ98752 ♣ ---

I could count 12 playing tricks in my own hand. Partner only needs the ♥ A for me to make 13 tricks.

So, for the first time in 10 years I had the perfect hand to trot out the Kabel convention!

I opened 3NT, asking for specific Aces. Disappointingly, the reply was 4C - no Aces. Oh well, I bid 6D, making 12. 6S is also successful as dummy came down with:

♠ J7642 ♥ J5 ♦ J104 ♣ J95

I felt quite satisfied at the time, but not when I found the final result was a bottom board! Yes, the other 2 pairs to defend it led out the ♣ A, ruffed, with the ♥ 6 can be discarded on the 5th spade.

Against us Frank Pellarini led out the ♥ A from ♥ AK1043 because he had touching honours. Certainly a better lead than ♣ A from ♣

AQ1074 in the same hand. Both pairs made 13 tricks, but one was doubled as well. **That's bridge for you!**

Wendy Mitchell

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

After the first session, a 12.5 table Mitchell movement, the top four pairs were Grant/Koolen on 61.90%, Mills/Joss 60, Dougall/Dougall 59.50 and Mitchell K/Mitchell J 58.9. A further 2% away were Wilson/Kull 56.6, Mitchell W/Berzins P 55.9 and Nation/Lawrence 55.9. Realistically the winner should come from these pairs unless a lower ranked pair had a fantastic second session and the front runners were to crumble.

The second session consisted of two six table Howells playing the same boards scored across the field. The Red section contained the EW pairs from week 1; the Black section contained the NS pairs so that by the end of the event each player would have played against at least 21 pairs out of the 25 pair field.

One of the advantages of using the Bridgemate system and being the director is that I could watch the outright report on the screen which changed every few seconds as the scores came in. For most of the session the pairs mentioned above were in the top third of the field except for John & Kathy Mitchell who were not having a good session.

At the start of the last round Grant/Koolen were in the lead, 1.1% behind were Mitchell/Berzins, 3.8% to Mills/Joss tied with Dougall/Dougall. A further 3.8% to Nation/Lawrence and Wilson/Kull. Crawford/Raj Mal appeared to be making a late run and appeared in 7th position. After one board Grant/Koolen were still in the lead; Dougall/Dougall had dropped back to 4th and Crawford/ Raj Mal had risen to 5th.

After 2 boards Mills/Joss and Mitchell/Berzins were tying for 2nd with the other positions unchanged. The final result was

1st	Grant/Koolen	$61.9 + 58.9 = 120.8$
2nd	Mills/Joss	$60.0 + 60.1 = 120.1$
3rd	Mitchell/Berzins	$55.9 + 63.3 = 119.2$
4th	Dougall/Dougall	$59.5 + 56.9 = 116.4$
5th	Crawford/ Raj Mal	$52.8 + 62.3 = 115.1$

Colin Mitchell

CHIEF DIRECTOR

A letter dated August 3 was received from Colin Mitchell indicating that he did not wish to be re-appointed after the Annual General Meeting. At the last committee meeting Di March highlighted the work Colin has undertaken on behalf of the Club as Chief Director over a number of years. It was resolved that Colin be thanked and a one off gratuity of \$50 be paid to Colin for his hard work and specifically for all the effort in setting up the Bridgemates.

It was agreed to approach Peter Berzins to undertake this role for the coming year. Peter has agreed and he has been formally appointed.

CONGRATULATIONS (or commiserations) - PETER BERZINS

A NEW DIRECTOR

Sincere congratulations to Matt Raj Mal who recently passed the examination to be accredited with NSWBA as a Club Director, Grade D. Matt will be directing sessions under the watchful eyes of more experienced directors for a few months. We look forward to Leon Babinski also joining the Director ranks soon.

CONGRATULATIONS - MATT RAJ MAL

POINTS TO PONDER

Law 68 C. A claim should be accompanied at once by a clear statement as to the order in which cards will be played, of the line of play or defence through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed.

Law 68 D. After any claim or concession, play ceases.

Law 73 - Communication

C. When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, such as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield (8)	Eclectic	Monday 2
Gosford Pairs	Red	Wednesday 4
Intra-Club Teams (2)	Red/Pre-entry	Thursday 12
Zelda Overhall Cup	Red	Tuesday 17
Switching Singles (8)	Eclectic	Thursday 19

OCTOBER

Club Restricted Teams	(C/P) All Day	Thursday 17
Spring Pairs	Red	Monday eve 21
President's Cup	Red	Wednesday 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September to:

Patricia Birch, Elizabeth Cree, Anne Grayden, Joan Lehane, Ursula Middleton, Heather Milne, Enid Pauling, Rosanne Ranslehy, Helen Smith, Marianna Xerri, Brandon Zheng

(Remember to tell me if I don't have you listed for your birthday month)

FEEL FRIENDLY FACTOR - September

At the suggestion of Vicky Morris a free game card will be issued to any player who comes first (NS and EW) at a session that has 10 or more tables. A committee member will write the names on the free game cards and put them in the Committee Box for issuing at a subsequent session.

SMILE A WHILE

- Relevant to the change of venue?
The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
- Relevant to your bridge game?
Good judgement comes from experience, and experience ~ well, that comes from poor judgement.

Wendy Mitchell Editor