

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



NEWSLETTER

November 2013

RECORDER: *Gwen White*

It is with pleasure that the committee announces the appointment of Gwen White to the position of Recorder for our club.

The CCLCBC By-Laws provide for the appointment of a Recorder as follows:

The committee may appoint a Recorder each year. A Recorder should NOT be a member of the committee. A Recorder must be a CCLCBC member and should be an experienced bridge player who is respected by the bridge community. The duties of a Recorder are as defined in the Recorder Duty Statement.

We hope this appointment will enhance your bridge enjoyment.

Please see pp. 6-7 for details

IN THE PINK

A pink Newsletter to fit our Melbourne Cup Day theme.

Enjoy your day - good luck with the bridge and the brumbies!

DONNISON ST ROOM

As you have probably experienced, all regular sessions are now being held in the new room. The computer, printer/copier and dealing machine are now set up in the new office.

However, there is no phone line yet. This means that:

- if you wish to contact the club, ring the director's mobile
- results will not be immediately available on the website

Please bear with us as we establish the best set up for room and office. Leon is in charge of the set-up sub-committee. All suggestions to him please.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (9)

24 pairs

Monday 14

1st	Bob & Vicky Morris	68.4 %
2nd	Di Coats & Nancye Joss	65.4
3rd	Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	62.3

RESTRICTED TEAMS

6 teams

Thursday 17

		<i>Wins</i>	<i>Draws</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>VPs</i>
1st	Heather Tarrant, Jurate Petrauskas Lynette Lynch, Rosanne Ransley	5	0	0	113
2nd	Neryl Tyrrell, Joan Dominguez, Mary Pye, Betty Donnelly	2	0	3	78
3rd	Joan Brierty, Marion Ellis, Jan Macadie, Agnes Marsh	2	0	3	76

SPRING PAIRS

(Red)

11 pairs

Monday Eve 21

1st	Phillip Morris & Helen Maclean	59.9%
2nd	Colin Mitchell & David Bowerman	57.9
3rd	June Ball & Pamela Wackwitz	56.8

SWITCHING SINGLES (9)

5 pairs

Thursday 24

1st	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	77.5%
2nd	Les Free & Peter Hall	62.5
3rd	June Ball & June Thompson	50.0

PRESIDENT'S CUP

27 pairs

Wednesday 30

How close can you get??

1st	Matt Blackham & Trish Dennis	62.7%
2nd	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	62.6
3rd	Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	62.5

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

MUSWELLBROOK CONGRESS

Oct 11-13

Swiss Teams - 14

- 1st Christine Hadaway, Judy Smyth, Noel & Shirley Crockett
2nd Matt Blackham, Michelle Treddinick, Ronnie Ng, Kaylee Lemon
The above four pairs qualified for, but were unplaced in the Pairs Final

PENNANT HILLS TEAMS (48)

Oct 13

Best performed local team consisted of Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Louis Koolen and Barbara Grant who came 22nd.

STATE OPEN PAIRS FINAL

Oct 19 - 20

51 pairs contested the qualifying rounds.

Congratulations to Stuart Duxbury and Peter Johnman who were 2nd in the Final.

Eight pairs who did not qualify for the Final contested the Country Pairs Final, with Sally & Gary Clarke coming 3rd.

SPRING NATIONALS

Oct 23 - 31

Central Coast players competed in the many events available.

In the Dick Cummings Swiss Pairs Kaylee Lemon and Ronnie Ng were the best performed, coming 53rd out of 106.

Our chosen representatives in the Ted Chadwick Restricted Swiss Pairs (60) did not shine, but as a team Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley and Martin Johnson were 6th out of 20 in the Two Men & a Truck Restricted Teams.

There were also Open Teams (48), Bobby Evans Senior's Teams (18), and Linda Stern Women's Teams (25).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most people are coping with the new requirements quite well. A point of clarification: players whose system is *green* but whose 1C may have say no clubs (eg if 1D guarantees 5) should say nought/zero plus clubs. The announcement 'unusual' is used with *blue* systems.

HESITATION

Law 73 A.2. states in part: *Calls should be made without undue hesitation.* Law 73 C states in part: *When a player has unauthorized information from partner such as hesitation, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information.*

So, you may hesitate and then pass, but this may then put partner in a difficult position. However, partner may still bid, provided their hand justifies it. If in doubt, *CALL THE DIRECTOR!*

MONTHLY SHIELD

After 9 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	98 (9)	Eleven pairs remain
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	82 (8)	eligible.
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	73 (8)	Three of these need
Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	72 (8)	to play again in
Carol Judd & Robyn Jackson	58 (7)	November.

SWITCHING SINGLES - best 5, different partners

After 9 months, only 8 individuals remain eligible, and 3 of these need to play in the last session with a different partner.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Eligible sessions</u>	<u>Average</u>
Dorothy Berzins	317.1	5	63.4
George Boettiger	224.7	4	56.2
Wendy Mitchell	278.5	5	55.7
Phillip Morris	272.5	5	54.5
Wendy Alford	251.0	5	50.2
Paul Unger	194.6	4	48.7
Judy Fenton	176.5	4	44.1
Neryl Tyrrell	217.6	5	43.5

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from October Committee meeting

- Non-playing Director: Reaffirmed existing policy that both Club Championship and Red Point events should have a non-playing Director. If scheduled Director wishes to play, alternative non-playing Director shall be arranged. To be added to our CCLCBC Tournament Regulations.
- We can specify protection against Brown Sticker conventions in our Club Tournament Regulations. To be considered by Directors/ Tournament Committee before a decision is made.
- CCLC has approved our allocated budget for 2014 as per last year, total value \$6,198
- Thanks to Matt for setting up an amplifier. It was agreed to purchase this for \$50.
- Table numbers over the past three months were 102 higher than the same period last year and 8 higher than in 2011.
- A **new policy** for the Appointment of Beginning Directors was accepted

- It was agreed to survey Wednesday players re their preferred starting time for Wednesday sessions

Wendy Mitchell, President

MEMBER WELFARE

Get Well cards have been sent to Robert Watkins, Lorraine Lindsay, Joyce Small and John White.

Do you know someone who would appreciate our thoughts?

Just contact Robyn Ivers.

NEW ABF RANKINGS OCTOBER- Congratulations to:

<i>Graduate</i>	Mary Pye	Neryl Tyrrell
<i>Club</i>	Jacqueline Bridel	Rosanne Ransley
<i>State</i>	Don Holmes	Jurate Petrauskas

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - OCTOBER

Jurate Petrauskas	1.70	Diana Coats	0.73
June Thompson	1.33	Heather Tarrant	0.72
Lyn Lynch	1.26	Lyn Baber	0.68
Leon Babinski	1.01	David Howells	0.62
Ursula Middleton	0.99	Dianne March	0.62
Leyla Moncelet	0.99	Wendy Alford	0.52
Teresa Jensen	0.91	Ruth Griffin	0.49
Elaine McGorm	0.78	Margaret Moorhouse	0.48
Pam Harris	0.76	John Tagg	0.47
Rosanne Ransley	0.74	Lorraine Lindsay	0.47

MISCELLANEOUS

- Thank you for responding to the Wednesday Survey - results will be announced soon
- The Program for 2014 is well under way. Please check your contact details carefully and TICK to indicate that you have done so
- A total of 54 Free Games were issued in October - we hope this eased the pain (of results and the room move) for these people!

WHAT IS A RECORDER?

- a) A musical wind instrument
- b) An apparatus used in experiments
- c) An historical archivist
- d) A person available to receive complaints about incidents at the bridge table

Of course, all of the above are true. The concept of Recorder was the idea of Bobby Wolff, multiple world champion. He was concerned that bridge had no mechanism to deal with incidents that did not really fall within the jurisdiction of the Director. He proposed that each tournament have a Recorder. This person was to be available to enable players to get matters off their chest. Australian tournaments have had Recorders for more than 18 years.

RECORDER - CCLCBC

Preamble

Whilst the Director is responsible for the conduct of a Bridge Tournament, there are situations where, even if called to the table for a perceived infraction of the Laws of Bridge, the Director cannot make a specific ruling but only issue a warning.

The aim in any club, in any session, is that the degree to which a player enjoys the game should not be affected by the behaviour of another player. The role of a Recorder helps to achieve this aim by providing a mechanism to deal with incidents which carry no immediate penalty or for which the Director is not even called.

The issues which may arise and be referred to the Recorder are those relating especially to Law 74 (Conduct and Etiquette) and Law 73 (Communication). Law 40 C and parts of other laws are also relevant.

Some examples of incidents that make someone at the table uncomfortable are: abuse of partner, rudeness to opponents, bullying of inexperienced players, any unauthorised information, perceived deception, overwhelmingly irritating mannerisms.

Role

- ▶ Record the facts of an issue without giving an opinion or making a judgement
- ▶ Monitor any patterns of inappropriate behaviour
- ▶ Report serious incidents to the Managing Committee
- ▶ Forward a summary of records to the Regional Recorder

Duties

1. Become familiar with the relevant Laws of Duplicate Bridge and their application
2. Receive a report/complaint of an incident or behaviour at the table from a player or the Director
3. Ask the player if he/she is prepared for the Recorder to approach all other three individuals, if applicable, to obtain their view
 - (a) If the player agrees, and the recorder believes there is an issue to be addressed, the Recorder can:
 - (i) Advise the offending person and record it for future reference
 - OR**
 - (ii) Refer a severe issue immediately to the Club Management Committee
 - (b) If the complainant does not wish the other players to be approached, the Recorder makes a record and monitors future similar complaints
4. If the Recorder notes recurrences of the same complaint, then the matter should be referred to the Club Management Committee. In the case of 3(b) the offending person is not told the names of the complainant(s)
5. Psyching incidents should initially be referred to the Director who determines if an infraction occurred and whether this affected the outcome. The Director should note such incidents to the Recorder. If psyching is a frequent occurrence or one which is known by the psycher's partner, the Recorder can take action.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)	Eclectic	Monday 4
Melbourne Cup	Red	Tuesday 5, 9.30am
Club Teams	C/P	Fridays 8, 15, 22
Remembrance Day Pairs	Red	Monday 11
Switching Singles (10)	Eclectic	Thursday 21
Summer Pairs	Red	Saturday 23

DECEMBER

Christmas Pairs	Red	Friday 6
Dashing December	Eclectic	Wednesdays 4, 11, 18
<i>(Best 2 out of 3)</i>		

There will be **NO BRIDGE** sessions on
Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25, Thursday 26, Tuesday 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November to:

Wendy Alford, Nancy Asquith, Betty Donnelly, Denise Collister, Helen Ferguson, Jim Hancox, David Howells, Teresa Jensen, John Lehane, Margaret Moorhouse, Ronnie Ng, Wendy Stapleton, Ann Watsford.

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

NEW MEMBERS A very warm welcome to new members Jurate Petrauskas (4381 2418), Trish Dennis (4365 5945) and Matt Blackham (4950 2086). Please make them welcome.

SMILE A WHILE

A few definitions

Bath Coup:	Getting to use the tub before your roommate
Gerber Convention:	A meeting of baby-food manufacturers
Law of Total Tricks:	Recent Las Vegas ordinance to reduce prostitution.
Quick Tricks:	Frantic scurry by hookers to beat the ordinance.
Short Club:	A private organisation for midgets

Wendy Mitchell Editor