

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



NEWSLETTER

December 2013

PROTECTION for players against Brown-sticker Conventions

Our Committee and Directors have approved a change to our Tournament Regulations to introduce protection for less experienced players against conventions that are classified as 'Brown Sticker'.

Brown Sticker conventions cover bids such as those that do not promise that suit or that do not guarantee at least 4 cards in the suit. Such conventions are considered difficult to cope with as a defender.

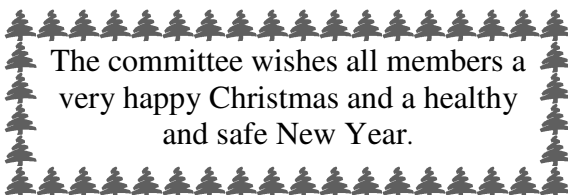
Categories of pairs who may claim protection are:

1. **Both** players below
*Local Master
2. **One** player below
Graduate Master

To claim protection a player must display an Orange Sticker on the system card. These are available from Directors.

Protection can be claimed in any Green point (E) club event, but not for Club Championships or Red point events.

Pairs who normally play a Brown Sticker convention must not use these bids against a protected pair.



The committee wishes all members a
very happy Christmas and a healthy
and safe New Year.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (10)

18 pairs

Monday 4

1st	Jan Davis & Lorraine Lindsay	70.1 %
2nd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	66.7
3rd	Di Coats & Nancye Joss	57.9

MELBOURNE CUP (Red)

17 tables

Tuesday 5

1st	Patricia Bowles & Marie Purkiss	64.2 %	N - S
2nd	Teresa Jensen & Leyla Moncelet	59.1	
3rd	Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen	58.1	
1st	Helen Maclean Phillip Morris	63.6 %	E - W
2nd	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	57.2	
3rd	Joan Brierty & Marion Ellis	56.0	

REMEMBRANCE DAY (Red) 19 pairs Monday Nov 11

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	59.0 %
2nd	Robyn Jackson & Carol Judd	58.4
3rd	Marie Purkiss & Patricia Bowles	56.0

CLUB TEAMS CH'SHIP

14 teams

Fridays 8,15,22

1st	Adele Mills, Dorothy Berzins, Bill Pinfold, Bill Thompson	121 VPs
2nd	Kaylee Lemon, Patricia Bowles, Toni Dixon, Wendy Mitchell, Helen Gulliver	113
3rd	Jacqui Wilson, Di Nicholls, Alfie Nation, Gwen White, Margo Brennan	106

SWITCHING SINGLES (10)

4 pairs

Thursday 21

Because only 4 pairs attended, a 2-table teams event was conducted.

The following pairs had 2 wins each out of 3:

Les Free & Peter Hall, Leon Babinski & John Tagg, Dorothy & Peter Berzins.

SUMMER PAIRS

(Red)

14 pairs

Saturday 23

1st	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	64.7 %
2nd	Bob & Vicky Morris	61.5
3rd	Janine Henry & Nancye Joss	56.4

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

PORT STEPHENS TEAMS

30 teams

Nov 3

2nd Matt Blackham, Patricia Dennis, Kaylee Lemon, Ronie Ng

=3rd Noel & Shirley Crockett, Robyn & Ed Vaughan

=5th Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Kerry Murray & Rhoda Innes

=7th Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley & Martin

Johnson

=7th Susan McCall & Judy Wulff, Gwen White & Alfie Nation

SOUTHER HIGHLANDS

Nov 9-10

Swiss Pairs (72)

1st Sally & Garry Clarke

5th Noel & Shirley Crockett

Swiss Teams (38)

1st Noel & Shirley Crockett, Sally & Garry Clarke

4th Virginia Dressler & Kerry Johnman, Peter Johnman & Stewart

Duxbury

CENTRAL COAST ALMOST SUMMER TEAMS Nov 16,17

A number of our local players achieved high placings but their team included non-local players. The best 'pure' local team was:

13th Angela & Kevin Dougall, Norm Berger & John Redfearn

TAREE TEAMS

(22)

Nov 23,24

4th Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

ABF GNOT FINAL - Tweed Heads

Nov 29 - Dec 1

The format of this 64-team competition involves Repechage and Knockout sections after the first round.

Our region - Central Coast - was represented by Dorothy & Peter Berzins. Toni Dixon, Elizabeth Lawrence and Bill Thomson. They finished 49th after 3 wins and 1 draw.

Playing in the Swiss Pairs on the last day, Toni & Elizabeth were 53rd out of 100 (1W, 1D) and Peter & Dorothy 76th (3W, 1D)

The GNOT final was won by Adelaide 1 v Adelaide 2.

MONTHLY SHIELD FINAL RESULTS AND STATISTICS

After 10 sessions, the placings are:

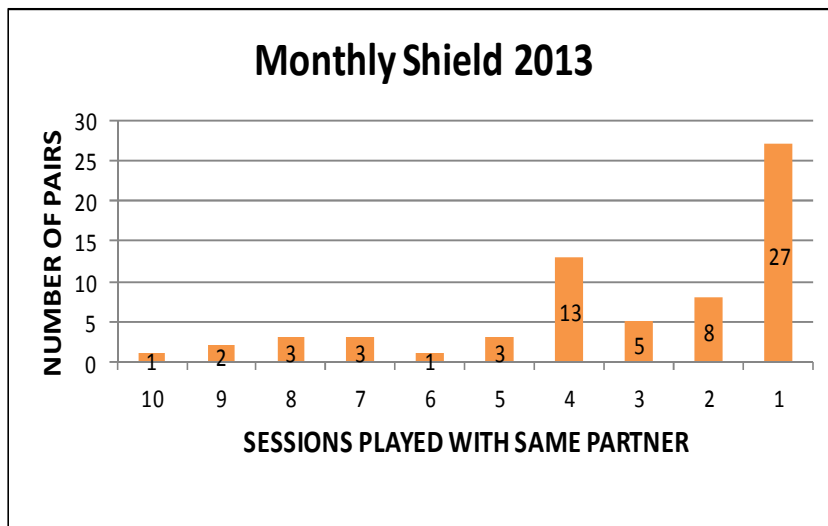
			Outright MP awards
1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	102 (10)	0.85
=2nd	Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	82 (8)	0.51
=2nd	Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	82 (9)	0.51
4th	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	73 (8)	0.28
5th	Carol Judd & Robyn Jackson	62 (8)	0.21

(Note: The masterpoints were uploaded incorrectly in November - corrections will be made this month)

97 individuals and 66 different pairs played over the 10 months.

Only 20 players met the conditions of 6 sessions with the same partner.

Of these, 13 played with 1 partner only; 7 played with 2 partners.



Some more statistics:

71% of people played with just ONE partner

15% of people played with ONE partner for 6 or more sessions

39% of people played in 4 or more sessions

41% of people played in ONE session only

This is a long-standing competition (previously called the Monthly Medal). It would be great to see more people eligible for the award - please bear some of these facts and figures in mind next year!

SWITCHING SINGLES -

After 10 months,	<u>Total</u>	<u>Eligible sessions</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Outright</u> <u>MPs</u>
Dorothy Berzins	317.1	5	63.4	0.35
George Boettiger	224.7	4	56.2	0.24
Wendy Mitchell	278.5	5	55.7	0.17
Phillip Morris	272.5	5	54.5	0.12
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	

Unfortunately, as no percentages can be allocated for the November event, this session cannot count towards the final results. Accordingly, the Masterpoint Secretary has decided to calculate the final outright awards based on the **best 4 out of 9**, instead of best 5 out of 10. These are given to the top half of the field, as shown above.

A total of 56 people played at least once on the Switching Singles Thursdays. It was good to see different faces, but unfortunately, 31 of these played only once.

This event has been included again in the program for 2014, to try to increase Thursday table numbers and for the fun aspect of playing with different people. Often being forced to simplify one's system and conventions is good for your bridge as well as the soul!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2014

- If you have not already done so, please take your renewal letter from the concertina file. When you are ready to pay, place your money and letter in one of the envelopes provided and put in the box.
- A committee member will process the payment and return your letter with a receipt and any change owing. If not given to you in person you will find this placed at the rear of the concertina file.
- Please try to pay by December 31. January 31 is the last date for payment - after that visitor fees apply!

THE PROGRAM IS WITH THE PRINTER - MAKE SURE YOU COLLECT YOURS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. SEE PAGE 7 FOR SOME 2014 FEATURES.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from November Committee meeting

- Congratulations to the Melbourne Cup sub-committee of Rosanne and Lynette, aided by Ruth Griffin, for a most enjoyable day. Also great work by Claire O'Connor and her team running the sweeps.
- The survey re Wednesday session time was overwhelmingly in favour of leaving the start at 1.30pm. Thank you for responses.
- Brown Sticker protection - see Page 1.
- Communications continue with CCLC re phone line etc.

Wendy Mitchell, President

MEMBER WELFARE

Get Well cards have been sent to John Mitchell, Joyce Small and Pam Carew. We have just heard that Irma Heyting is very ill.

Do you know someone who would appreciate our thoughts?

Just contact Robyn Ivers.

NEW ABF RANKINGS NOVEMBER- Congratulations to:

*Local Helen McLean Graduate Maureen Mitchell
Robert Watkins

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - NOVEMBER

PETER HALL	1.15	DAPHNE MONTAGUE	0.83
LES FREE	1.14	WENDY ALFORD	0.78
ALLAN RAWARD	1.07	ROSANNE RANSLEY	0.72
ELLEN WILLIAMS	1.06	HELEN EATON	0.71
LYN LYNCH	1.05	NERYL TYRRELL	0.7
MAUREEN MITCHELL	0.97	BETTY ADLER	0.69
LUCY JULEBIN	0.92	DAVID HOWELLS	0.69
PAM LUMBY	0.87	TONY RANSLEY	0.64
DAWN MCCORQUODALE	0.83	JOAN BRIERTY	0.62
JOANNE ABBOTT	0.83	LEYLA MONCELET	0.58

STOP PRESS:

CHRISTMAS PAIRS (Red)		23 pairs	Friday 6
1st	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss		62.8%
2nd	Agnes Marsh & Robyn Ivers		61.0
3rd	Gwen White & Alfie Nation		60.3

YOUR 2014 PROGRAM - Features

- We were allocated one extra Red point event for the coming year - this will be the Valentine's Day Pairs. The number of Red point events a club is allowed depends on the number of Green points issued in the 12 months October 1 to September 30.
We issued more Green than the previous year because of an increase in table numbers and also because of the Eclectic events run in addition to the Monthly Shield.
- Watch out for these again in 2014: Jumping January, Jovial July, Auspicious August and Dashing December. To qualify for outright awards you must play with the *same partner* for the minimum sessions specified.
- You can also qualify for outright awards by playing in the Switching Singles. These are on the first Thursday of the month from February to November but you must play with *different partners* for the minimum sessions specified. Not only do you have the opportunity to earn more masterpoints, you can support the club by keeping the Thursday sessions viable.
- Two qualifying sessions for the State Mixed Pairs will be held on Saturday, February 1. These sessions will double as the Club Mixed Pairs Championship. We are also conducting two qualifying sessions for the State Open Pairs in August.
- Also in August, the Teams of Three will attract Championship masterpoints (Green D).
- Note the introduction of Pot Luck Teams in the months with 5 Thursdays: January, May and October. Come as a pair; pairs will then be drawn to form teams. Lots of clubs do it and it's great fun.
- We urge you to read the conditions and information on Pages 5 to 9 of your program. Members often say they never read these but there are changes every year and you may need to know!

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Christmas Pairs	Red	Friday 6
Dashing December	Eclectic	Wednesdays 4, 11, 18

(Best 2 out of 3)

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

JANUARY

Jumping January	Eclectic	Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23
	Best 2 out of 4, same partner	
New Year's Cup	Red	Monday 6
Australia Day Pairs	Red	Saturday 25
Pot Luck Teams	Eclectic	Thursday 30

FEBRUARY

State Mixed Pairs	(R/P) Q1&2 For Club Trophy	Saturday 1, all day
Monthly Shield (1)	(E)	Monday 3
Intra-club Teams (1)	(R/P)	Thursday 13, all day
Valentine's Day Pairs	(R)	Friday 14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for December to:

Norm Berger, Pam Carew, Heather Carlile, Diana Coats, Tony Collis, Trish Dennis, David Driscoll, Barbara Grant, Robyn Henwood, Nancy Joss, Helen Lorne-Smith, Maureen Mitchell, Diane Nicholls, Clyde Penfold, Gina Robertson, Hans Smits, John Wherry, John White

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

NEW MEMBER: Please make welcome Pamela Wackwitz.

SMILE A WHILE

(From Heather Carlile)

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me - I know we've been friends for a long time- but I just can't think of your name! Please tell me what your name is." For at least three minutes her friend just glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Wendy Mitchell Editor