

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2015

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D **ID YOU KNOW ?**
The ABF Masterpoint
Centre produces several
different reports about
members' performance throughout
the year.

In 2014 a total of 47 of our mem-
bers gained a promotion in master-
point rank.

The ABF awards the McCutcheon
Trophy to the player earning the
most masterpoints each year.

By rank, the McCutcheon totals for
our members for 2014 were:

Silver Grand+: Lorraine Lindsay

Grand:	Dorothy Berzins
Gold Life:	Matt Blackham
Silver Life:	Barbara Grant
Bronze Life:	Diane Nichols
Life:	Elizabeth Lawrence
**National:	Bob Morris
*National:	Jaan Oitmaa
National:	Carole Hamilton
*State:	Molly O'Neill
State:	Jurate Petrauskas
*Regional:	Bob Verduin
Regional:	Dianne March
**Local:	Robyn Henwood,
	Denise Collister
*Local:	Helen McLean
Local:	Alan Bustany
Club:	Peter Hall
Graduate:	Merran Adams
Nil:	Brandon Zheng

VALE

Margot Clare Williams

Many Members attended a celebra-
tion of Margot's life. Our sincere
condolences to her many friends.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

NEW YEAR'S CUP

13 tables

Wednesday Jan 7

1st	Matt Blackham & Trish Dennis	59.8%
1st	Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols	59.8%
2nd	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	59.5%

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS

11 tables

Monday Jan 26

1st	Wendy Mitchell & Trish Dennis	61.9%
2nd	Adele Mills & Ronnie Ng	56.5%
3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins	56.0%

POT LUCK TEAMS

5 teams

Thursday Jan 29

		<u>Wins</u>	<u>VPs</u>
1st	Colin & Wendy Mitchell, Alison Heathcote & Di March	4	78
2nd	Marion Ellis & Joan Brierty, Wendy Alford & Rosanne Ransley	2	67
3rd	Les Free & Peter Hall, Neryl Tyrrell & Joan Dominguez	2	61

JUMPING JANUARY

This year's eclectic event was conducted over 5 Saturdays, with the best 3 results qualifying for outright masterpoint awards.

Congratulations to:

		<u>Best three</u>	<u>MP's</u>
1st	Jacqui Wilson & Gwen White	193.0	0.71
2nd	Carol Judd & Anne Grayden	172.2	0.50
3rd	Paul Unger & Jim Hancox	169.2	0.36
4th	Dianne March & June Thompson	153.9	0.24

Participation was better this year as shown in the following comparison:

Year	Condition	Total Prs	Eligible Pairs	Places	MPs for 1st
2014	2 of 4	23	7	3	0.37
2015	3 of 5	28	9	4	0.71

Wendy Mitchell (MP Secretary)

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

NSWBA State Novice Restricted Teams

This event was held on December 6 & 7. 19 Teams played in this new event, held at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club. Many local players participated. The best performed of our members were Bev Sivewright and Molly O'Neill, whose team was third.

Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge Jan 13 to Jan 25

A number of members participated in various events at the congress.

Wendy & Colin Mitchell teamed up with Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen while Lorraine Lindsay & Ronnie Ng teamed up with Diana Coats & Jan Clarke. Also Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa played pairs. A Mixed result overall but all enjoyed the occasion.

CCBC Country Teams		9 teams	Feb 7 & 8		
			<u>Wins</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>VPs</u>
1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Gary Heyting, Anne Steel, Helen Milward		7	1	152
2nd	John Redfearn, Norm Berger, Angie & Kevin Dougall		5		147
3rd	Adriana Smith, Colin Shore, Di Nicholls, Nancy Asquith		6		139

POT LUCK TEAMS REPORT

Nine pairs arrived for this fun event. Together with the standby pair, names were drawn from the 'pot' to form five teams. Because of the odd number, Director Matt Raj Mal conducted a New England Relay movement and Colin successfully set up the scoring program so that we were able to use bridgemates and upload the results to the web-site.

Of course we also scored manually and checked results with each team at the end. Because the required minimum of 7 boards was played for the 4 matches, teams earned 6 masterpoints.

The other two teams had one win each, so everyone gained some MPs.

NEW ABF RANKINGS DECEMBER - JANUARY- Congratulations to:

Silver Life	Diane Nichols	*State	John Tagg
Life	Ronnie Ng	Club	Brandon Zheng
*National	Trish Dennis	National	June Thompson
*National	Kathy Mitchell	Regional	Ellen Williams

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - JANUARY

Wendy Mitchell	1.50
Gary Heyting	1.11
Jacqui Wilson	1.01
Helen Gulliver	0.78
Marie Purkiss	0.77
Gwen White	0.71
Colin Mitchell	0.69

Brian Warburton	0.69
Wendy Alford	0.68
Kerry Murray	0.65
Toni Dixon	0.60
Maureen Holmes	0.55
Trish Dennis	0.55
Vicky Morris	0.51

WOULD YOU BID THIS SLAM?

I was sitting North; nil vulnerable; dealer East. My LHO opened 3 diamonds; Wendy bid 3 hearts; RHO bid 5 diamonds.

I was holding ♠A43, ♥KT932; ♦K32; ♣KQ. On the bidding Wendy has up to 14 HCP (with 15+ she would have doubled); she has a singleton diamond or (more probably) a void; at least five hearts and probably clubs and spades so I bid 6 hearts. The full hand was:

♠ A43	
♥ KT932	
♦ K32	
♣ KQ	
♠ KJT	♠ 875
♥ 87	♥ 5
♦ 854	♦ AQJT976
♣ AJ632	♣ T5
♠ Q962	
♥ AQJ64	
♦ - - -	
♣ J984	

The ♣A was led and Wendy played very carefully to make 12 tricks.

Out of 50 NS pairs (GNOT Swiss Pairs) only one other bid and made the slam.

Colin Mitchell

VALE - MARGOT CLARE WILLIAMS

Margot was born at the end of the war. The only child of parents, who too, were only children and so, central to her life were her friends, particularly her early childhood friends Gretel, Judith and Helen.

Another great love for Margot was her dogs and it was generally known to be one of Margot's dogs was to live in Pooch Heaven. She shared her love of dogs with Karen and Daniel Negus and Chris Gorman another close friend with whom she spent all her Xmas and who was also Mother to Margot's God daughter Nichole.

Margot had a long and successful career with IBM, becoming team leader with the Sydney Olympics - quite an achievement. It was said that she was smart and efficient but didn't suffer fools gladly. A popular and much loved and respected workmate who could be outspoken and apparently corrected her boss on many occasions....no!.....does that sound like our Margot?

When Margot retired to the Central Coast just over ten years ago her new neighbor Carol Judd encouraged her to go to Nancye's next Bridge lessons....and so we met our friend. Margot had a number of partners over the years including Di March, Nancye Joss, Wendy Alford, Kath Bromley, and Marilyn Whigham. She also contributed to the Club as Secretary for two years (2011 and 2012) until she had to cut back for health reasons. Margot enjoyed her Bridge immensely, embracing both the challenge of the game and the social opportunities it offered, especially the 'downstairs meeting' afterwards.

Margot enjoyed the finer things in life - good food and wine, parties, ladies lunches, champagne breakfasts, travel, fashion and SHOPPING.

Margot was vivacious, larger than life, popular, full of fun and laughter. She was also warm, loving and generous. She made friends easily and was always ready to praise, offer encouragement and to offer sympathy where needed. Margot lived her life to the full. Her passing was a great shock to us all and she will be greatly missed.

Di March

VALENTINE'S DAY

There is certainly a lot on the internet about Valentine's Day — much of it is more conjecture than known fact

Valentine's Day (also known as St Valentine's Day or the feast of St Valentine) is celebrated in many countries throughout the World on February 14th in recognition of a number of Christian saints named Valentinus.

One popular version of martyrdom was of St Valentine of Rome which stated that he was imprisoned for performing marriage ceremonies for soldiers who had been forbidden to marry (it was thought they would make poor soldiers) and for administering to Christians who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. It is said that he healed the daughter of his gaoler and, prior to his execution, sent her a farewell letter signed "Your Valentine"

Valentine's Day was associated with romance at the time of Geoffrey Chaucer in the middle ages when lovers expressed their affection by giving flowers and confectionery in Europe. St Valentine's keys are given to lovers to unlock the giver's heart. Heart shaped outlines, doves and figures of the winged Cupid are all used to symbolise Valentine's Day.

SO COME ALONG TO OUR VALENTINE'S DAY PAIRS AND FEEL THE ROMANCE.

My arrow is steady, my breathing slow, my target oblivious.

He is standing waiting for the movement to be called, absentmindedly looking at the trophy cabinet.

The call is give, 'Move Please' and he turns towards table 4. As my target shifts, my arrow shifts with him. I'm almost ready. She springs out of her chair a little too quickly and knocks my target.....I fire my arrow and it hits him at the base of his back. He pauses for a moment before looking at her face for the first time.

He smiles, she smiles and my job is done.....the rest is up to them!

PLEASE NOTE:-

Valentine's Day Pairs is on Saturday 14th February. This is a green point event **NOT GOLD**, however, there is a trophy for the winners.

COMMITTEE CAPERS:

As at January 31st we have 199 financial members, including 124 full members and 75 associate members. Six new members have joined during the past 6 weeks and I would like to give a special welcome to Leonie Lovell, Betty Cusack, Carol Farrell, Felicity Fane, Jack Cain and Helen Milward.

The State committee of the NSWBA will be in attendance during the Brisbane Water Congress and plan to meet with the Presidents of our local Clubs. If anyone has an issue or question they would like to have raised with the NSWBA please let me know.

As you will have noticed the committee has rearranged the kitchen area and provided more storage in the kitchen and the office. We still have more to do and are planning a small working bee on Sunday 15th February.

Meanwhile our wonderful 'Social' sub committee are busy planning special effects and surprises for Valentine's Day and our Presentation Day in March.

Wendy Mitchell will be offering lessons again at the end of May 2015 so if you know of anyone interested in learning bridge please ask them to contact Julie Sadler of myself or give us their details. We need to find out when they would be able to attend before we set the actual day and time for lessons — possibly Saturday morning or Wednesday evening.

If anyone out there would like to undertake the Director's training, can they please contact Di March of myself. This usually involves a week-end training session in Sydney plus work by correspondence from home.

Cheers,

Dorothy Berzins, President

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Monthly Shield (1)	E	Monday 2
Summer Pairs	R	Monday night 9
Switching Singles(1)	E	Thursday 12
Valentine's Day Pairs	G	Saturday 14
Intra-Club Teams (1)	R/P	Thursday 19 (9.30am)

MARCH

Monthly Shield (2)	E	Monday 2
Switching Singles(2)	E	Thursday 12
GNOT 1	G/P	Wednesday 11
GNOT 2	G/P	Wednesday 18
GNOT 3	G/P	Wednesday 25
State Mixed Pairs	R/P Q1&2	Saturday 14
<i>(for Club Trophy)</i>		
Presentation Day Pairs	R	Friday 27 (9.30am)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for February to:-

Margaret Berriman, David Bowerman, Jenny Clarke, Cheryl Davison, Sue Eastman, Pam Gowthorp, Maureen Holmes, Julie Jessop, Elizabeth Lawrence, Lyn Lynch, Agnes Marsh, Kathy Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell, Leyla Moncelet, Claire O'Connor, Margaret Penfold, Jill Ritter, Robyn Scahill, Adriana Smith, Jackie Wilson, Yvonne Zammit

NEW MEMBERS Please make very welcome:- Jack Cain (4363 1652), Helen Milward (0403 894 579) & returning members Carol Farrell (4365 9099) & Felicity Fane (0479 050 011) Please add phone numbers to your list.

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

If Partner has bid or played a hand like a donkey, accept that your turn to do the same could be just around the corner.

Say 'bad luck' and leave it at that.

Partner will be suffering enough and righteousness is hard to bear!

Trish Dennis Editor