

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2015

AGM NEWS

The AGM was held on Saturday 1st August 2015 at 10.30am.

The following Committee was elected for the forthcoming year:-

President	Dorothy Berzins
Vice President	Rosanne Ransley
Secretary	Lyn Lynch
Treasurer	Ronnie Ng

Committee	Ruth Griffin
	Di Coats
	Leon Babinski
	David Bowerman

Di March has decided to have a break this year and we very much appreciate all the hard work she has put in over the past nine years, especially all those years as Tournament Organiser.

Well done Dianne and thank you.

Gwen White will continue as our Recorder, while

Tony Ransley has offered to be our Newsletter Editor.

Thankyou to all those members for attending and showing your support and interest in your Club.

This support makes all Committee positions and those of our Directors a pleasure.

An appetising array of finger food was available following the meeting and prior to 42 people enjoying an afternoon of Bridge playing in the Anniversary Pairs.

VALE

PATRICIA BOWLES

23 Members attended the funeral for Tricia. Our sincere condolences to her many friends and Family.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (6) 6 tables

Monday 6 July

1st	Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	64.1%
2nd	Marie Purkiss & Patricia Kull	60.4%
3rd	Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	58.4%

With 3 sessions left to play, 21 pairs remain eligible to qualify for outright awards. Six of these pairs need to play in all the remaining sessions. The runaway leaders are Gary Heyting & Dorothy Berzins with a best of 6 score of 92 followed by Di Coats & Nancye Joss on 66. The next two pairs have played 4 sessions and are tied on 42: Carole Hamilton & Elizabeth Lawrence and Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden.

JOVIAL JULY (best 2/4)

Monday 6, 13, 20, 27

12 pairs played at least 2 sessions. The Ranks are shown for the two best scores with the same partner. 4 other pair combinations played 1 session only. (see page 6 for details)

WINTER PAIRS (R) 7.5 tables

Friday 3 July

1st	Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon	64.9%
2nd	Barry Foster & Chris Hannan	56.3%
3rd	Paul Unger & Tem Lancaster	55.9%

SWITCHING SINGLES(6) 5 tables

Thursday 9 July

1st	Colin Mitchell & Julie Sadler	64.4%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins	57.9%
3rd	Paul Unger & Janice Roughley	54.6%

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP (R)

Thursday 16 July

1st	Alison Heathcote & Wendy Mitchell	61.6%
2nd	Helen Smith & Hilary Owen	61.1%
3rd	Gwen White & Nancye Joss	60.2%

CONGRESSES and Other Events

Best Local Players

Taree Teams

24 teams

July 4-5

4th Susan McCall, Pam Joseph, Christine Hadaway, &
Tricia Nolan

Ted Neilsen Memorial Pairs

14 tables July 23

CCLCBC won this 14 table event, hosted by ACES.

A Lovely day was had by all.

The Director for the day was Leon Babinski.

Brisbane Water Super Congress

July 25-26

Open Swiss Pairs

30 tables

NS: 14th Les Free with son Jonathan

15th Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster

EW: 8th Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

Restricted Swiss Pairs

14 tables

NS: 2nd John & Kathy Mitchell

6th Bev Sivewright & Molly O'Neill

Novice Swiss Pairs

12 tables

NS: 6th Rosanne & Tony Ransley

Open Teams

58 teams

10th John Redfearn, Norm Berger, Angela & Kevin Dougall

Restricted/Novice Teams

19 teams

1st Nola Daly with J Major, F & P Leathley (Central Coast)

STATE VETERAN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Veteran Swiss Pairs

13 tables

Jul 10 - 12

= 2nd Colin & Wendy Mitchell

NEW ABF RANKINGS - JULY - Congratulations to:

Bronze Life Martin Johnson

CARD RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - JULY

JANICE ROUGHLEY	3.39
NOLA DALY	1.87
NANCYE JOSS	1.68
PAMELA DE LACY	1.25
CHERYL DAVISON	1.20
GARY HEYTING	0.96
LOUIS KOOLEN	0.91

DAVID HOWELLS	0.83
PAUL UNGER	0.73
TONI DIXON	0.62
JIM SWINDELLS	0.56
ADELE MILLS	0.56
MARGARET MOORHOUSE	0.52
JIM HANCOX	0.52

JOVIAL JULY – Best 2 out of 4

This Monday evening event was well-supported with an average of 5.6 tables. 12 pairs played at least 2 sessions, so half of these received additional masterpoints for the outright awards.

		Best 2	MPs	Rank
Colin Mitchell	David Bowerman	125.4	0.44	1
Nola Daly	Wendy Mitchell	123.5	0.31	2
Cheryl Davison	Pamela de Lacy	121.2	0.22	3
Diana Coats	Lorraine Lindsay	118.9	0.15	4
Helen McLean	Phillip Morris	114.7	0.11	5
Kerry Murray	Lyn Lynch	112.1	0.09	6

"According to Hoyle"

How many of our members are familiar with this saying?

Who was Hoyle?

According to the Official Encyclopaedia of Bridge Edmond Hoyle was born in 1679 and died in 1769; was a barrister in London, the first authority on whist and other games and the first professional teacher of whist. He wrote a book with probably the longest title of any book written on cards –

"A Short treatise on the Game of Whist, Containing the Laws of the Game, and also Some Rules Whereby a Beginner May, with Due Attention to Them, Attain to the Playing It Well".

The book was published in 1742 and quickly went through several editions. His technique was surprisingly modern. He introduced the idea of inferring the nature of unseen cards from the fall of the cards and discussed matters of probability.

He also included a Code of Ethics and Fair Play which was embodied almost without change in the LAWS OF AUCTION (Bridge) nearly two centuries later.

He was the first person to establish a tradition of law and order in card games, whence the phrase, now used to describe correct procedure in anything, **"according to Hoyle"**.

(Thanks to CM for this interesting article)

Another Card Mystery:-

Where playing cards originated from is unknown, but they have certainly been around since the 14th Century. It has been speculated that cards have evolved from Tarot (Which use the suits, Cups, Swords, Money and Clubs) or that there is a connection with Hindu statues (which traditionally hold a Cup, Sword, Ring and Baton)

Speculation aside, the standard deck of cards that we are familiar with today has evolved over the ages. Until Victorian times there were no Aces, but instead, for each of the suits, there was a card with just the number '1' on it. Interestingly, in the 18th Century, the Aces of spades bore a mark on it to prove a levy on the pack had been paid to the government. If your pack didn't have the mark on it, the punishment was hanging.

NSW STATE VETERAN PAIRS

This inaugural event was held at Bowral Golf Club which proved to be a great venue. The local organisation was superb and with Tony Howes as Director the three sessions went very smoothly. As well as several local pairs, players came from all over Sydney and from as far away as Port Stephens and Canberra. Being within easy reach of the Central Coast we can highly recommend that you consider attending next year. The criterion is that you turn 70 during the calendar year.

Pairs were seeded according to total masterpoints. These ranged individually from 1.8 to 7,402 with approximately 54,500 across the field! There is a lot of luck in Swiss Pairs, but we were happy to beat our seeding of 7th and we thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

Wendy & Colin Mitchell

Vale – Patricia Bowles 25 July 1933 to 18 July 2015.

Tricia Bowles has been part of the Central Coast Bridge Scene for almost 25 years having moved to this area from Sydney in 1991. According to her family Tricia learned to play bridge in 1977 when the family moved to America for a short time.

Tricia suffered scoliosis of the spine which made it difficult for her to get around but she was not going to let that get in the way of her bridge. Despite the difficulty she drove herself to Bridge 3 or 4 times a week, playing weekly at both Long Jetty and at the Central Coast Leagues Club in Gosford.

Tricia also endured numerous bouts with cancer during her life and coped with this stoically such that few players knew of her additional battles.

Throughout it all Tricia was a talented bridge player and I noted in 2012 when writing the History of the CCLCBC that she was among the ten top Trophy winners at our Club to 2012. Tricia won at least 14 of our annual trophies, and many a number of times, with a variety of partners.

The earliest win I could see was the Zelda Overhall Cup in 2003 (with Graham Winder) and the latest win was the Presentation Day Pairs in 2014 (with Kaylee Lemon). She also won trophies with Judith Johnstone, Wendy Mitchell and Jacqui Wilson.

However most of Tricia's victories were with her long time bridge partner, Marie Purkiss and earlier with Graham Winder.

Wendy Mitchell has put together for Tricia's family a list of Tricia's bridge trophy wins and some wonderful photographs of Tricia at our special Bridge Days such as our Presentation Day and Melbourne Cup.

Tricia was always very fair to her opponents and quick to praise good play whether that of her partners or of the opposition.

We are going to miss her great sense of humour, her steely determination and her pleasant "no fuss" attitude. It is a pity that we do not always let people know just how much we admire them until it is too late.

Rest in peace Tricia.

Dorothy Berzins

COMMITTEE CAPERS:

The committee will not have their first meeting until Friday 14 August so there is not a lot to report at this time. However I would like to advise of a letter received from the Central Coast Leagues Club.

It appears that one of our members contacted Gosford Council expressing concern about the Fire Safety protocols in place. The Council inspected the Leagues Club procedures and found that everything was in order.

It is very important that if anyone has any concerns about the Bridge Club or member safety that they bring these to the Bridge Club Committee's notice. We cannot raise issues if we do not know about them. To take issues outside in this way is not helpful.

The Ted Neilsen Memorial Trophy Day was held on Thursday 23 July at the Leagues Club at Erina. This was a delightful day with 30 pairs taking part. The venue (new to both the Aces Club and the CCLCBC) was roomy and pleasant and the afternoon tea delicious. Aces provided a souvenir pen for players and Leon Babinski did a great job of directing. The CCLCBC won the Trophy for the third year.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your President for 2015/16.

Cheers,

Dorothy Berzins, President

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Anniversary Pairs	R	August 1
Monthly Shield (7)	E	Friday 3
Novice/Restricted Event	R	Tuesday 4, 11, 18
Switching Singles (7)	E	Thursday 13
Foundation Cup	R	Monday 17
Club Pairs	(C/P)	Friday 21, 28

SEPTEMBER

State Open Pairs	(R/P)	Wednesday 2, 9
Monthly Shield (8)	E	Monday 7
Switching Singles (8)	E	Thursday 10
Henry Kendall Pairs	R	Friday 25
Teams of Three	(C/P)	Wednesday 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August to:-

Joanne Abbott, Leon Babinski, Camilla Barlow, Margaret Berger, Dorothy Berzins, Lynette Beston, Jacqueline Bridel, Jan Clarke, Felicity Fane, Judy Fenton, Roz Fuller, Patricia Kull, Tem Lancaster, Robert Lassau, Marea Mears, Phillip Morris, Janice Roughley, Rosalie Watson.

NEW MEMBERS Welcome Roz Fuller (0409 344 653) Allan Roser (0405 201 716) Marea Mears (4325 3353) George Shina (04227 437 060) Please add these names to your programme book.

Change of Phone Number for Joyce Small: 4332 2247

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

When a problem occurs at the bridge table please don't shout "DIRECTOR". This can be very intimidating to newer players. Suggest politely to the table that you think that the Director needs to be called. Then put up your hand and call calmly, "Director please".

If a player feels unhappy that he/she has been disadvantaged by a Director's ruling then politely say this to the Director who may suggest lodging and appeal.

Trish Dennis/Editor