

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

BIRTHDAY WEEK
CELEBRATING
30 YEARS



A total of 47 tables over our 7 sessions represented 95 members and 6 visitors who helped us celebrate.

More helped more than once - 33 played twice, 13 three times, 8 four times and President Di March managed 5 games as well as organising food, prizes etc each day!

The week started with a perpetual trophy red point event - the Foundation Cup. Our website shows that this was first won in 1991 by Therese & Guy Chan.

The Tuesday was advertised as a Special Beginners Day. The idea was to encourage all less experi-

enced players and it was great to see people who have not played with us for some time, as well as the full turn out of graduates from the recent Beginners' course. Wine or chocolate prizes were awarded to pairs in categories of *Local or below.

Thursday happened to be the last session of Auspicious August and on Saturday the 30th Birthday Pairs was a red point event which the NSWBA allowed us to run, in addition to our annual allocation.

The focus for the week was *fun* with spot prizes and free games for nearest to 50%, best doubled and making contracts, tricks won with a 6 or 7, worst doubled and not making contracts, and so on.

No doubt the wine and champagne added to the party atmosphere! See inside pages for more . . .

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

STATE OPEN PAIRS (2)

10 table Howell Wed Aug 23

1st	Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence	63.99%
2nd	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	62.76%
3rd	Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust	59.67%

STATE OPEN PAIRS CUMULATIVE

1st	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	122.94
2nd	Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence	122.33
3rd	Paul Unger & Bob Morris	112.94
4th	Barry Foster & Martin Johnson	111.81
5th	Maureen Holmes & Ursula Middleton	108.64
6th	Barry Davies & Lyn Lynch	108.10
7th	Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust	104.81
8th	Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols	104.42
9th	Joan Brierty & Ellen Williams	102.16
10th	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	101.85

An exciting finish, with the top 2 places closely contested! The club will pay for the first **four** placegetters to compete in the State/Country Open Pairs Final in Sydney on November 18 & 19. If any of these do not want to proceed then lower pairs will be offered the free entry, working down the list.

Any pair that played in the qualifying sessions is permitted to play in the Final, whatever their placing! Such pairs need to advise the Tournament Organiser (Colin Mitchell) and he will advise you of the cost.

If you did not play in the qualifying sessions you can also compete in the Final at a cost of \$120 per pair. In this case you need to enter online at www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar or ring the NSWBA Office on 9264 811

FOUNDATION CUP

Red

7 tables

Mon Aug 28

1st	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	65.43%
2nd	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence	63.89
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	59.88

SWITCHING SINGLES**Best 5 out of 10****Mon Eve**

Following the August 21 session just 34 players can now qualify.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Times Played</u>	<u>Led By</u>	<u>Average</u>
13	5	Wendy Mitchell	20.8
7	4	Alan Bustany	22.5
8	3	Brian Warburton	17.3
6	2	Jacqui Wilson	18.0

AUSPICIOUS AUGUST**Best 3 out of 5****FINAL**

7 pairs played at least 3 times to qualify, 6 pairs played twice only and 11 pair combinations played once only. Congratulations to the following outright award winners:

		<u>Average</u>	<u>MPs</u>
1st	Moira Love & Agnes Marsh	62.51%	0.49
2nd	Allan Roser & Robert Lassau	52.99%	0.34
3rd	Janice Roughley & Margaret Berriman	50.82%	0.25

30TH BIRTHDAY PAIRS**Red 8.5 tables****Sat Sep 2**

1st	Toni Dixon & Marie Purkiss	67.04%
2nd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	60.63
3rd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	59.56

CONGRESSES**Best Local Players****TORONTO TEAMS****OPEN****31 teams****Aug 20**

6th	David Snow, Martin Johnson, Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster
7th	Marie Purkiss, Diane Nichols, Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation
11th	Gwen White, Margo Brennan, Julie Sadler, Anne Grayden
=16th	Jurate Laisve, Trish Byrnes, Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph

Altogether 28 CCLCBC members played in the Open including Angela & Kevin Dougall who were equal 3rd. Some competed with pairs from outside the Central Coast with good results: Jan Clarke & Di Coats, Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen.

RESTRICTED/NOVICE 12 teams

2nd	Cathy Russell playing with BWBC members Linda Brown, Ann Snow and Tracey Dillon
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GNOT Central Coast Regional Final

Sunday Aug 27

This event was hosted by our club and directed by Michael Wilkinson (State GNOT Convener). There were 8 teams in the final – 3 each from Central Coast and Brisbane Water Bridge Clubs and 2 from CCLCBC.

Thanks to last-minute substitute players Bob Morris and Jacqui Wilson who unexpectedly gave up their Sunday plans to ensure the viability of the event and who came 2nd with Kevin and Angie Dougall.



Clear winners with 5 wins, 1 draw and only 1 loss were the BWBC Team1 consisting of Di Coats, Diana Ellis, Chris Hannan and Jan Clarke.

Congratulations to these players. They will represent NSW along with 14 other teams from 9 other Country NSW regions and 7 teams from Metropolitan Sydney at the National Final. A total of 64 teams from across Australia will compete at Tweed Heads from November 24th to 27th.

BLUE MOUNTAINS CONGRESS

SWISS PAIRS

31 Tables

Sep 2

North-South: Robin & Ed Vaughan (4th), Barry Foster & Martin Johnson (8th), Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa (12th)

East-West: Noel & Shirley Crockett (4th)

SWISS TEAMS

40 Teams

Sep 3

Robin & Ed Vaughan, Noel & Shirley Crockett (23rd), Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster & Martin Johnson (26th)

NEW ABF RANKINGS AUGUST- Congratulations to:

** Local*

Alma Van Der Walt

Graduate

Nerida Gillies

CCLCBC - CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

The need for a Gosford venue prompted a meeting on June 11, 1987. It was attended by 30 people including Dorothy (MacLean) & Peter Berzins, David Ford, Adele Mills, Colin Mitchell, Anne (Luckham) & Graham Steele, and (now deceased) Peter Coats and Bill Thomson . There were 9 apologies including Diana Coats and Lorraine (Harkness) Lindsay.

The Board of Directors of CC Leagues Club approved the formation of CCLCBC on June 29. On September 24 a general meeting confirmed the interim committee, adopted a constitution and decided to affiliate with the NSWBA. The inaugural play session on Thursday August 6, 1987 was attended by 36 players.

COMPARING PAST AND PRESENT		
	1987	2017
Venue	CC Leagues Club Main Building	CCLC Community Centre Donnison St
Sessions	Monday, Thursday evening	6 days, 1 evening
Members	102 , growing to 396 in 2002	220
Program	1 page with dates and events	32 p booklet including member names and phone nos.
Table Fees	\$1 members, \$1.50 visitors	\$4 members, \$6 visitors

What an active club - in the first 4 months they introduced Club Pairs, Club Teams, District Monthly Championship, Spring Pairs, Summer Pairs and New Years Cup and sent a team to the State Teams in Port Macquarie and a pair to the State Mixed Pairs Final in Sydney!



Left to Right:

Adele (Treas), Colin (Pres),
David, Dorothy (Sec),
Lorraine, Peter (Committee)

Read all the detailed History in the large black Presentation Folder at the club created by Dorothy.



Foundation Cup, Monday Aug 28

Monday Evening Aug 29



Tuesday Aug 29 - focus on Beginners and Novices

Left to Right above: Kerryl & John McGrath, Lyn Parry & Margaret Crispin, Pamela De Lacy and Mary Pye and below some of the 8.5 tables.



Drinks and Food
to improve the play!



Happy 30th Birthday Cake

30th
Birthday
Pairs



Winners: Marie Purkiss and Toni Dixon
Closest to 50%: Cheryl Davison and Pamela De Lacy

CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF BRIDGE

This second article will focus on the auction period. The most important change in this part of game is the introduction of the concept of **Comparable Calls**. It is applied whenever a call (a bid e.g. 3♥, double, redouble or pass) is withdrawn for reasons such as a call out of rotation or an insufficient bid that is not accepted by the opponent next in turn. A call is *comparable* to a withdrawn call if (quoting from the Law of Duplicate Bridge Law 23A):

1. **It has the same or similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or**
2. **It defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or**
3. **It has the same purpose (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.**

The consequence of this is that if a withdrawn call is replaced by a comparable call, in most cases the auction and play will continue normally without further rectification. Or else, depending on the situation and infraction, the offender's partner may need to pass for one round, or for the rest of the auction.

The following examples are merely for illustrating what, if any, are comparable calls. The offender can freely choose to bid what he likes but, in doing so, his partner and he may be subjected to rectification. The Director has to be satisfied that the replaced call and the withdrawn call are comparable before he allows the auction and play to proceed without rectification. Therefore it's even more important now for players to have two properly-filled, identical system cards in every club session - the Director will often need to refer to the card to determine what is a comparable call according to your system agreements.

Let's consider the following insufficient bids (all not accepted by opponents) with North as dealer:

Auction 1				Comments
N	E	S	W	East made an insufficient bid of 2♥. If his intention was to transfer to spades, he can replace the 2♥ by 2♠ or 3♠. The replaced call satisfies Point 1 and therefore the auction will continue as normal.
1NT	2♥	2♥		

Auction 2				Comments
N	E	S	W	East made an insufficient bid of 2♣ (intended for Stayman). If NS has a systematic agreement in which a cue-bid after 1NT interference is asking for a major, then 3♦ is a comparable call as it satisfies Point 2. There will be no further rectification.
1NT	2♦	2♣		

Note: if 2♣ is natural, then a 3♣ bid by South will also be acceptable.

Auction 3				Comments
N	E	S	W	East made an insufficient bid of 4♣. If his intention was to answer the Blackwood 4NT, he can replace the 4♣ by 5♣ (it satisfies Point 3) and the auction will continue as normal.
1♥	P	3♥	P	
4NT	P	4♣		

Auction 4				Comments
N	E	S	W	If EW has a bid that is comparable to the insufficient 1♠, the auction will proceed normally. A Take-out Double here is not considered to be comparable (even if 1♣ shows 3+) as double can also show very strong hands not suitable to enter in auction with just a simple overcall. It violates Point 2.
1♦	1♣			

Next month we will look at bids made out of rotation, but not accepted.

Note: I would like to acknowledge the publication “Director is Called” by John McIlrath. Some of the examples here are based on his materials in the book.

Ronnie Ng Chief Director

KEY POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT’S KEYBOARD

Hi Everyone

I hope you all enjoyed our Birthday week and did not put on too much weight. Weren't the afternoon teas wonderful? A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the days such a success. I don't want to name everyone here as I hope I thanked you on the day (and I do not want to accidentally leave anyone out) but to the cooks and suppliers a big thank you.

As you probably are all aware by now, Stewart Duxbury has taken over Leon's old portfolio of equipment officer without actually being part of the committee. Thank you Stewart. However that means we are still looking for a volunteer to become a committee member - no experience needed. In

fact we would love a new member to volunteer. It is a great way to feel part of our club and really get to know more of our members. Please think about it and then come and see me. (By the way, to anyone who is worried, Leon is still going to quietly build little things around the club house.)

Lastly news from the CCLC front: Fay and the builder have looked over our rooms (Tues. and Wed.) so hopefully with the main club nearly finished, our Foyer, bathrooms and kitchen should soon be looking a lot?/little better.

Lastly the CCLC Club is having their opening celebration in the first week of November so I have been warned we may have to have our Melbourne Cup function in our own rooms. How? I do not know - there will have to be a lot of talking.

Well that's all folks, the good and the bad. Enjoy life and keep Bridging.

Di March

BEGINNERS SYSTEM AND ORANGE STICKERS

Congratulations to the 8 Beginners who have commenced play with their Buddies and without! Other members have been impressed with their standard and keenness.

Nevertheless, I ask you to remember that they are nervous and likely to make basic mistakes, particularly in bidding. Most importantly, be aware that they have not learned any conventions yet.

While they will experience your use of Blackwood, Transfers and Stayman, I will not teach these until the Improvers Course which will probably occur from mid-October. In the meantime, resist teaching them for me!

For those that use ***Brown Sticker*** conventions, remember that our club Tournament Regulations prevent you using these in Club (Grade E) sessions if an ***Orange Sticker*** is displayed by the following pairs:

- a) Both below *Local Master
- OR b) One player below Graduate Master

Thanks for your patience with and support for these players. *Wendy M*

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Spring Pairs	R	Monday Eve	11
Club Swiss Pairs (1&2)	C Pre-entry	Friday	15 & 22
Gosford Pairs	R	Monday	18
Switching Singles (8)	E	Monday Eve	18

OCTOBER

Henry Kendall Pairs	R	Thursday	5
Monthly Shield (9)	E	Monday	9
Switching Singles (9)	E	Monday Eve	16
Graded Pairs (1 & 2)	C Pre-entry	Monday	23 & 30

UHMP TIMETABLE

UHMP - 2017	
CCLCBC	CCLC
Tuesday, Sep 12, 12.30pm	Monday, Sep 4, 9.30am
Thursday, Sep 14, 12.30pm	Monday, Sep 11, 9.30am
Saturday, Sep 16, 12.30pm	Thursday Sep 14, 1.30pm
Monday, Oct 9, 7.15pm	Thursday Sep 21, 1.30pm
Tuesday, Oct 10, 12.30pm	Friday, Sep 29, 9.30am
Thursday Oct 12, 12.30pm	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September to:-

Patricia Birch, Trish Byrnes, Pauline Caust, Roy Cotton, Cynthia Deane, Anne Grayden, John King, Susan McCall, Helen McLean, Shirley McLean, Eileen Major, Ursula Middleton, Rosanne Ransley, Lynda Ryan, Helen Smith, Carl Sparre, Ken Townsend and Brandon Zheng.

NEW MEMBERS: Please make very welcome: Hema De Zoysa (0468 359 432), Maggie Driscoll (0417 061 503), Lyn Parry (0408 220 262), Noelle Gills (4360 2424), Patricia Loker (0429 090 331) and John McGrath (4323 3941). Please add their phone numbers to your Program.

SMILE AWHILE: The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits!

Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors