

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2018**

**C** **HARITY DAY**  
**Tuesday June 19**  
**PARKVIEW ROOM**

Our format will be a little different this year, with the Trash and Treasure tables being set up in the Foyer of our Club rooms. Items will be on sale all week from Monday 18 to Saturday 23.

Please bring these bits and pieces in to the Club from now on.

On Charity Day, call in to the rooms first to spend your money on the trash or treasure and then we will reward you with light refreshments in the Parkview Room before play starts at 12.30 pm.

There will be Lucky Door prizes for sale at \$1 each, a cake stall, Silent Auctions and last minute raffle tickets can be purchased!

The raffle prizes will be drawn during the afternoon of Charity Day.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO ...**

- We have lots of Hampers & Vouchers to raffle & would appreciate members to sell and/or buy tickets please. Collect raffle books from the front table and record on the name list. Make sure monies are returned on or before 19th.
- Tea & coffee will be provided & Toni Dixon & Committee would appreciate donations of Slices or Cakes on the day. If you can contribute, please let Toni know (4369 2231)
- We are still looking for donations for the Silent Auctions
- Any more items for the hampers, including vouchers would be welcome.

If you are approaching a local business you can give them a list of the charities we are supporting - copies are at the club.

Contact *Ruth Griffin* re donations on **0407 854 060**.

## RECENT RESULTS

**Congratulations to all**

### BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

**6 tables    Fri May 4**

#### *North-South*

|     |                                 |        |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Jan Clarke & Di Coats           | 64.00% |
| 2nd | Anne Grayden & Toni Dixon       | 58.33% |
| 3rd | Henrietta Hohnen & Alan Bustany | 52.67% |

#### *East-West*

|     |                             |        |
|-----|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Alfie Nation & Gwen White   | 64.67% |
| 2nd | Peter Mackey & Julie Sadler | 62.67% |
| 3rd | Lyn Baber & Pauline Caust   | 53.67% |

*Red points are allocated by the organisers of this ABF event.*

### **MONTHLY SHIELD (4)    (E)                      4.5 tables    Mon May 5**

|     |                               |        |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson  | 66.67% |
| 2nd | Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury | 63.19% |
| 3rd | Bob Morris & Gwen White       | 53.47% |

### **PRESIDENT'S CUP                      (R)                      5.5 tables    Fri May 11**

|     |                                    |        |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence | 65.10% |
| 2nd | Henrietta Hohnen & Alan Bustany    | 54.69% |
| 3rd | Dorothy Berzins & Margo Brennan    | 54.17% |

### **SWITCHING SINGLES (4)    (E)    7.5 tables    Mon Eve May 21**

|     |                                |         |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1st | Garry Clarke & Sally Clarke    | 68.98 % |
| 2nd | Lorraine Lindsay & Di Coats    | 68.52%  |
| 3rd | Pamela De Lacy & Theo Chadwick | 60.19%  |

### **TRANSIENT TEAMS                      5 teams                      Thu May 24**

|     | <b>4x6 board matches</b>                                            | <b>Wins</b> | <b>Draws</b> | <b>VP's</b> |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1st | Agnes Marsh, Moira Love,<br>Ruth Griffin & Paul Unger               | 3           | 0            | 59.18       |
| 2nd | Margaret Berriman & Janice Roughley<br>Dianne March & June Thompson | 3           | 0            | 46.62       |
| 3rd | Margaret Campbell & Jim Howarth<br>Joan Grant & Janice Bowyer       | 2           | 0            | 37.01       |

| <b>MAGIC MAY OUTRIGHTS (E)</b> |                               | <b>5xTuesdays</b>   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                | <b>Ave %</b>                  | <b>Outright MPs</b> |
| 1st                            | Heather Carlile & Paul Unger  | 64.86               |
| 2nd                            | Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols | 60.61               |
| 3rd                            | Ruth Griffin & Agnes Marsh    | 53.43               |

7 pairs played the required 3 sessions or more. The outright awards are awarded to half of these pairs (rounded down). Another 4 pairs played twice, with 30 different people altogether.

| <b>COUNTRY TEAMS (R) 7 teams</b> |                                                                   | <b>Mondays May 14, 21, 28</b> |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
|                                  | <b>6 x 14 board matches</b>                                       | <b>Wins</b>                   | <b>Draws VPs</b> |
| 1st                              | Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant,<br>Bob Morris & Gwen White           | 5                             | 87.08            |
| 2nd                              | Marie Purkiss, Elizabeth Lawrence<br>Jacqui Wilson & Alfie Nation | 4                             | 77.63            |
| 3rd                              | Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury<br>Gary Barwick & Helen Eaton       | 4                             | 77.05            |
| 4th                              | Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster<br>Martin Johnson & David Snow      | 3 1                           | 58.97            |

*Of the contending teams in the top half of the field, the Koolen and Mills teams proceeded to the Regional Final (see Page 4).*

### **AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS Thu May 31**

20 eligible players competed, with a further 4 higher-ranked people also playing the same boards. The national results will not be finalised until June 10, but so far 1249 results have been processed, with scoring across the field.

6 of our pairs have finished in the top half of the field, at this stage.

| Best results were:                  | <b>Local</b> | <b>National</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Margaret Campbell & Alison Mackey   | 1            | 73              |
| Margaret Berriman & Janice Roughley | 2            | 120             |
| Gina Robertson & Richard Webb       | 4            | 291             |
| Yvonne Zammit & Mary Pye            | 6            | 412             |
| Kathryn Ivits & Alma Van Der Walt   | 3            | 497             |
| Pauline Caust & David Howells       | 5            | 572             |

*Use the link [www.australianbridge.com](http://www.australianbridge.com) on our website for full analysis.*

This is the first time our club has participated in this event, so well done to all, including Director David Bowerman who did all the organising of the entries and results.

## **COUNTRY TEAMS REGIONAL FINAL**

**Sun Jun 3**

Our club hosted this event, directed by Alan Bustany on behalf of NSWBA. In addition to our 2 teams, there were 3 each from BWBC and CCBC. The top 4 teams will progress to the Zone Final on June 30 and July 1.

|                                                                     | <b>Wins</b> | <b>Draws</b> | <b>VPs</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Toni Dixon, Dorothy Berzins,<br>Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler (BWBC)   | 5           | 0            | 88.00      |
| Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury,<br>Helen Eaton, Gary Barwick (CCLCBC) | 4           | 1            | 83.40      |
| Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster,<br>Lorraine Lindsay, Karen Ody (BWBC)   | 5           | 0            | 79.00      |
| Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster,<br>Martin Johnson, David Snow (CCBC)  | 5           | 1            | 78.39      |

Good Luck to all the Central Coast teams.

## **CONGRESSES**

## **Best Local Players**

### **MAITLAND TEAMS**

**36 teams**

**May 6**

The Central Coast was well represented with at least 32 local players competing. Best performed were:

- 4th Nola Daly, Di Nicholls, Elizabeth Lawrence, Toni Dixon
- 5th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, David Snow, Martin Johnson
- 10th Bob Morris, Gwen White, Anne Grayden, Dorothy Berzins
- 11th Robin & Eddie Vaughan, Noel & Shirley Crockett

In composite teams Sharon & Greg Mayo were second and Jan Clarke & Di Coats seventh. Well done all.

## **STATE MIXED PAIRS FINAL**

**May 26, 27**

71 pairs competed in the qualifying rounds, a record for this event. None of the 11 Central Coast pairs made it to the 7 table final, but 6 local pairs qualified for the Country Mixed Pairs Final.

Congratulations to Jaan Oitmaa and Sylvia Foster (2nd) and Christine Hadaway & Martin Johnson (4th).

**NEW ABF RANKINGS MAY**

|                 |               |              |                |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>**Local</b>  | Kathryn Ivits | <i>Local</i> | Gina Robertson |
| <i>Graduate</i> | Wendy Byrne   |              |                |

**FROM THE PRESIDENT’S PEN**

There is not a lot to report this month. As you can see the kitchen is being tiled. However, there will be a short pause in proceedings while Leon is having a holiday in Fiji.

The Regional Country Teams were held in our rooms last Sunday. It feels good to finally be able to pull our weight after all these years of not holding any District / Regional any events because we could not use the Leagues Club on a Sunday.

Also we have a folder in the office with telephone numbers of whom to contact in the case of an emergency. If you do not have your details listed we would like you to fill in a form, copies of which are on the front desk.

And lastly the good news - as you can see on the front page, we have worked out how we can hold the CHARITY DAY in the PARKVIEW ROOM beginning at 11am for tea, coffee etc. and a chat, on TUESDAY 19th JUNE.

As reported last month monies raised will be divided equally among;

- Coast Shelter
- Pandora
- Helping Hands for Head Wear (same as last year—they sew and supply the turbans and bags for Cancer Chemo patients) and
- Wigwam - this is a new Charity to us. They buy, clean and supply wigs to Chemo patients acting much like a library.

Yours in Bridge

*Di March*

| <b>LATEST MEMBERSHIP FIGURES</b> |     |                   |    |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------|----|
| <i>Home Club members</i>         | 114 | <i>Associates</i> | 77 |
| <b>Total: 191</b>                |     |                   |    |

## BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH - NATIONAL RESULTS

2251 pairs from 104 clubs across all the States and Territories competed, thereby raising funds for this worthy charity. **Six** pairs from our club competition of just six tables earned red masterpoints for their efforts (in addition to the green points already allocated) at a special rate.

| <i>North-South</i>              | <u>Position</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Red points</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Jan Clarke & Di Coats           | 11 th           | 68.676   | 0.5               |
| Anne Grayden & Toni Dixon       | 104 th          | 62.404   | 0.3               |
| Henrietta Hohnen & Alan Bustany | 268 th          | 58.447   | 0.3               |
| Dorothy Berzins & Margo Brennan | 280 th          | 58.141   | 0.3               |

| <i>East-West</i>            | <u>Position</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Red points</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Alfie Nation & Gwen White   | 312 th          | 57.710   | 0.3               |
| Peter Mackey & Julie Sadler | 927 th          | 51.704   | 0.1               |

A few statistics about this competition:

| Year             | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Pairs nationally | 2248 | 2303 | 2320 | 2251 |
| Tables at CCLCBC | 8.5  | 10.5 | 10   | 6    |

Check out [www.nationwidepairs.com.au](http://www.nationwidepairs.com.au) for a full analysis.

## TEAMS OF 3

**Thursday July 5**

What you say? Only three players? Well no, a team consists of 4 players! Next month, this championship event gives you a chance to play in a teams competition with a high-ranking player, and hopefully to benefit from the experience!

Never played Teams before? Don't worry - it is **EASIER** than Pairs bridge - and many experts say teams bridge is **BETTER** than Pairs. The reason is in the scoring. In a pairs competition the scores on each board are simply ranked from highest to lowest for all the pairs playing that board.

So, for example, the pair in a risky 3NT which makes 10 tricks for a score of 430 or 630 beats all the pairs who play in a safe 4H (say), making 10 tricks for 420 or 620. The pair in 3NT gains a **TOP** - the maximum matchpoints for beating the whole field.

In teams bridge, if you and your partner are sitting North-South, your other team pair will sit East-West at another table. The scores on each board are compared, but only for that table, not the whole field.

For example: At your table you bid and make the safe 4H for +420. Your partners at the other table defend 3NT, making 10, for -430. The difference is -10, a loss of just 1 IMP (International Match Point). Over all the boards in, say, an 8-board match you will have some losses and some wins. The total difference is converted using a Victory Point Scale:

A nett 0 Imps gives a draw of 10 - 10

A nett 1-2 Imps gives a result 11 - 9

A nett 3-4 Imps gives a result 12 - 8 etc etc

As a result of this 'kinder' scoring, the tactics in Teams bridge differ from those in Pairs bridge.

1. **Choose the safest contract:** If a contract of 5C for 400 is a sure thing, then do not risk 3NT - which may make 10 tricks for 430, but may also go down! The 1 Imp difference is not worth the risk.
2. **If the decision is borderline:** Bid a game or small slam with only 40% chance of success if you are *Vulnerable*. The gain in score outweighs the risk of going down.
3. **Make your contract.** As declarer, make sure you make your contract - overtricks are a benefit, but do not take unnecessary risks.
4. **Do not DOUBLE part-score contracts for penalties.** If they happen to make the contract the score difference is huge! 2H making 8 is -110 against you, but 2HX making 8 is -670 (Vul), a difference of -11 Imps. Note: doubling a game which then makes is still a loss to you, but not as expensive - perhaps only -4 Imps. If partner does double the opposition in a part-score, then assume it is for TAKEOUT and BID!!!
5. **Competing for the part-score.** If the opposition bid to the 3-level, do not bid over them unless you are sure of a 9-card trump fit. This is called bidding 3 over 3. Similarly do not bid 5 over 5.

So what do you have to do? Form a 'Team of 3' with 2 other players, such that the team's total MPs at March 31 is less than 450. Your team will be randomly allocated a Captain (usually a Life Master or above). The Captain plays 1 match with each of you in turn and you play one match with each of the other 2 players in your team.

*Watch out for the Entry Form on the notice-board!*

## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

|                     |               |            |        |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|--------|
| Monthly Shield 5    | E             | Monday     | 4      |
| Club Pairs 1 & 2    | C/P           | Wednesdays | 6 & 13 |
| Switching Singles 5 | E             | Monday Eve | 18     |
| Charity Day Pairs   | Parkview Room | Tuesday    | 19     |

### JULY

|                       |            |            |               |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Monthly Shield 6      | E          | Monday     | 2             |
| Teams of Three        | C/P        | Thursday   | 5             |
| Jovial July           | E (2 of 4) | Saturdays  | 7, 14, 21, 28 |
| Switching Singles 6   | E          | Monday Eve | 16            |
| Club Restricted Teams | C/P        | Tuesdays   | 24 & 31       |
| Winter Pairs          | R          | Monday Eve | 30            |

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please make very welcome new members Len Pascoe (0410 638 417) and Sue Brumby (0408 618 226). Please add their phone numbers to your Program.

***Correction to phone number -*** Angela & Kevin Dougall: 4339 9645

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY for June to:-**

George Boettiger, Sue Brumby, Tony Burke, Wendy Byrne, Chris Hannan, Henrietta Hohnen, Robyn Ivers, Dianne March, Helen Milward, Colin Mitchell, Jaan Oitmaa, June Thompson, Alma Van Der Walt, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams,

### **ABF MEMBERSHIP CARDS - March 31**

If you have not already received yours, please take from the small filing box on the front table under the noticeboard.

### **SMILE AWHILE**

There once was a lady named Bess,  
Who found a new way to finesse.  
She made up excuses  
To lead up to deuces,  
And loses without having to guess!

***Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors***