

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



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

I NTER-CLUB TEAMS

**THURSDAY February 7
9.30 am**

2 sessions, \$100 including lunch.

Enter on line or at the club - 16 teams
so far, so filling up fast!

Director: Alan Bustany

Convenor: Julie Sadler 0402 246 391

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**NSWBA COUNCILLOR
(Outer Metropolitan)**

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VALE PAT UNGER

17/4/1930 to 29/12/2018

**At least 19 bridge club members at-
tended Pat's funeral on 4/1/2019**

Please see Page 8

ABF ANNUAL STATISTICS

Club Membership Total=36,628
(corresponding total last year:
36,543)

By State: ACT=995;
NSW=14353; VIC=5759;
QLD=7735; SA=2475;
WA=4294; TAS=872; NT=145

In 2018 a total of 39 of our mem-
bers gained a promotion in mas-
terpoint rank (compared with 71
in 2017).

MCCUTCHEON TROPHY

The ABF awards the
McCutcheon Trophy to the player
earning the most masterpoints
each year. Nationally this was
won by Peter Gill (NSW) with
515.35 masterpoints.
Several players from Central
Coast clubs were reported in the
top 10 in NSW in their Master-
point Rank category - see p.8

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

DASHING DECEMBER (E)

Best 2 of 4

Fridays

11 pairs played at least twice with the same partner. 5 of these (the top half rounded down) earned outright awards as shown below. How close were first and second?! A further 20 pair combinations played once only in the month.

		Best 2 Total	Outright MPs
1st	Dorothy Berzins & Margo Brennan	130.73	0.44
2nd	Adele Mills & Sue Morris	130.56	0.31
3rd	Anne Grayden & Trish Dennis	110.59	0.22
4th	Alfie Nation & Gwen White	109.84	0.15
5th	Henrietta Hohnen & Alan Bustany	103.13	0.11

NEW YEAR'S CUP

(R) 10 tables

Wed Jan 2

Director: Louis Koolen

1st	Alan Bustany & Chris Hannan	66.90 %
2nd	Diane Nichols & Marie Purkiss	61.81%
3rd	Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris	60.65%

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

2018 UHMP FINAL RESULTS - Central Coast Region

5 out of 14 of our Central Coast pairs were placed in the top 35 of 211 pairs based on the Raw (unhandicapped results). As far as I can understand/interpret the rather complicated award process:

- Marian Wallis & Lee Buckland were first in the 10-25 division and second overall on handicap so I believe will receive \$200 for the latter.
- Marcelle Goslin and John Drew were second in the 10-25 division, but will receive \$100 for first, as Wallis and Buckland receive a prize for overall.
- Certificates for first in the Local Final divisions will be received by Alan Brooks & John McCaffrey (50-100), Peter & Alison Mackey (25-20), Marian Wallis & Lee Buckland (10-25) and Suzanne Harrison & Jann Small (0-10).

For full results, go to nswba.com.au, and click on results under 'LATEST NEWS - 2018 Under 100 MP Results'. There are 4 links to various reports of unhandicapped and handicapped results.

Click on [here](#) under ‘Prizes’ for an explanation of the handicapping procedure.

Score frequency tables for each board is meant to be at

www.nationwidepairs.com.au/uhmppairs.html

but this link was not working at the time of writing.

(Wendy M)

2018 UHMP Final CC Leagues Club BC		Raw Results				Handicapped Re- sults	
Pair	MP Group	Score	Rank	Red MPs	Score	Rank	
Marian Wallis - Lee Buckland	10-25	61.29	12	0.81	63.22	2	
Alan Brooks - John McCaffrey	50-100	63.39	4	0.62	60.15	12	
Marcelle Goslin - John Drew	10-25	56.63	34	0.56	58.42	17	
Rosalind Dey - Philip Dey	50-100	59.52	19	0.12	56.48	36	
Lyn Baber - Joan Brierty	50-100	56.44	35	0.07	53.56	61	
Stephen Calcroft - Peter Cloughessy	50-100	52.44	74		49.76	112	
Suzanne Harrison - Jann Small	0-10	42.72	183		46.48	147	
Wendy Sheehan - Bob Teale	0-10	42.35	184		46.08	153	
Terry Dyer - Jenny Anderson	0-10	41.84	187		45.58	156	
Peter Mackey - Alison Mackey	25-50	45.58	153		45.19	159	
Rosanne Ransley - Tony Ransley	25-50	45.47	156		45.08	162	
Pauline Caust - Margo Burnet	25-50	45.21	158		44.82	165	
Ruth Griffin - Richard Webb	25-50	44.31	167		43.92	180	
Robyn Ivers - Kathleen Bromley	50-100	42.82	181		40.63	196	

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE: January 8 - 20, 2019

The Canberra Rex Hotel proved a good venue, with efficient food/coffee service in the breaks and only one smaller area with questionable air-conditioning. Events were available to suit every level of player - see www.bridgeaustralia.org (there is a link on the ABF site).

There were some notable and many unremarkable results from Central Coast Players!

Wednesday January 9

- Penline One Day Swiss Pairs: Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster - 18 out of 38
- National Womens Teams Championship: Di Coats & Jan Clarke, playing with Sydney pair Ros Howes & Margaret Foster - 12 out of 18
- National Seniors Teams Championship: Sally & Garry Clarke, playing with a Canberra pair - 25 out of 38
- Red Plum Life Master Teams: Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, David Snow, Martin Johnson - 3 out of 22.

Thursday January 10 & 11

- Chris Diment Matchpoints Swiss Pairs: Jaan & Sylvia - 8 out of 56

Saturday January 12 & 13

- TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs Championship: Sally & Garry Clarke - 22 out of 206.
- 7 other CC pairs all finished below half-way.

Monday January 14 to Thursday 17

South-West Pacific Teams: Sharon & Greg Mayo playing with an Armidale/Newcastle pair - 21 out of 112.

The team of Jan Clarke & Di Coats, Lorraine Lindsay & Helen Milward came 56th, just beating their ranking.

Other players not mentioned above were: Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Chris Hannan, Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Wendy & Colin Mitchell.

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PLAYING CARD HISTORY

The Ace of Spades is traditionally the highest card in the pack of playing cards, at least in English-speaking countries. The actual value of the card varies from game to game. In legend and folklore, it is also known as the 'Death Card'.

The ornate design of the ace of spades, common in packs today, stems from the 17th century, when James I and later Queen Anne imposed laws requiring the ace of spades to bear an insignia of the printing house. Stamp duty, an idea imported to England by Charles I, was extended to playing cards in 1711 by Queen Anne and lasted until 1960. Over the years a number of methods were used to show that duty had been paid. From 1712 onwards, one of the cards in the pack, usually the ace of spades, was marked with a hand stamp. In 1765 hand stamping was replaced by the printing of official ace of spades by the Stamp Office, incorporating the royal coat of arms. In 1828 the Duty Ace of Spades (known as "Old Frizzle") was printed to indicate a reduced duty of a shilling had been paid. The system was changed again in 1862 when official threepenny duty wrappers were introduced and although the makers were free to use whatever design they wanted, most chose to keep the ornate ace of spades that is popular today. The ace of spades is thus used to show the card manufacturer's information. (Colin Mitchell)

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MONTHLY SHIELD

One of the first trophy events of the CCLCBC, the Monthly Shield was commenced in 1987 and is played out over 10 months each year. The titleholders for 2018 are Wendy Mitchell and Trish Dennis. Wendy also won this event in 2012 with Colin Mitchell.

A check of the Honour Board on our website highlights that two players have made this trophy their own over the years:

Adele Mills won the inaugural trophy in 1987 and has won the trophy on 11 occasions. Seven of these were with Nancye Joss who also won this event 9 times.

Dorothy Berzins

The Monthly Shield for 2019 begins on Monday February 4 and is conducted on the first Monday of the month (except October) for 10 months. Put these dates in your diary and try to play at least 6 times with the same partner. This will qualify you for the shield and the possibility of outright masterpoint awards.

CONVENTION CONFUSION

Stayman

While you may play a variation of what Sam introduced in xxxx, the basic principle remains the same:

You open 1NT – when partner responds 2C, this is an enquiry about your Major suit holdings.

Sticking to the basics of locating a 4-4 Major suit fit, consider the following: Responder needs:

- a reason to enquire – ie responder holds 4xHearts and/or 4xSpades
- 9+ HCPs (or an excellent 8) opposite a 15-17 NT

On two recent occasions I have seen the enquiry made with 2 x 3-cards in both Majors:

- Responder had 3 HPs and a flat hand.
PASS would have been the correct option!
- Responder had 11 HCPs (3-3-1-6). This hand needed to bid, but there were other options – 3C, natural to show 5+ clubs and 10+ HCPs (or 2S perhaps if playing transfers) or 3NT – to say we have Game Points and I do NOT hold a 4xMajor.

Note: 2C would have been correct if using 5xcard Major Stayman to locate a 5xMajor in partner's opening of 1NT.

Next, Opener must give an honest reply! Again, using the original convention:

2D – I do not hold a 4xMajor

2H – I do have 4xHearts and I may also have 4xSpades

2S – I have 4xSpades and I do NOT have 4xHearts

Here are two examples where the bidding confusion was shown:

Hand 1

♠ AQT6	♠ J
♥ 94	♥ AQ72
♦ KT72	♦ J853
♣ AQ2	♣ J974

1NT (15-17)

2C (I have at least 1x4-card Major.
Do you have one?)

2S – yes, 4xS
(and NOT 4xH)
3NT

3H ???

Can you see the confusion? Responder should bid 2NT.

This would say I don't have 4xS, I asked because I have 4xH, and I am inviting to game with 9HCPs. By bidding 3H, responder is not showing anything new, but perhaps a lack of trust that partner will answer correctly.

(This wrong bidding was rewarded with a TOP because no-one else went to Game with 24 HCPs, but on the layout it could not be stopped!)

Hand 2

 A63	 KJ54
 AQ96	 8
 A6	 KT943
 QT86	 J74

1NT (15-17)

2C (Do you have a 4xMajor?
I do, with a good 8 or more HCPs)

2H – yes, 4xH

(not denying 4xS)

2S ??? showing I have 4xS, not 4xH

2NT – NOT 4xS

Pass

What is wrong with the 2S bid - surely it is checking on spades?

The correct response is **2NT**. This bid says I do not have a 4x4 Heart fit with you, but I asked because I have 4xS. My 2NT bid tells you this and also that I only have enough points to invite to game.

Opener then would correctly Pass. If opener DID hold 4xSpades as well as 4xH, then Opener would bid 3S – and opener (not responder) would be the declarer in Spades. When the stronger hand is the declarer the contract is more likely to succeed or make extra tricks.

(The final contract was a sensible 2NT. These 24 HCPs can produce 10 tricks, but only 8 were made. A BOTTOM this time as others made 9 or 10 tricks and some misbid to 3NT!)

Wendy Mitchell

MCCUTCHEON TROPHY (continued from p.1)

Category	Name	Home Club	Rank in NSW
Gold Life	Jan Clarke	Central Coast	5th
Silver Life	Martin Johnson	Brisbane Water	9th
National	Stephanie Matthews	Central Coast	4th
*State	Nola Daly	Central Coast	2nd
	Gary Barwick	Central Coast	5th
**Local	Stephen Calcroft	Central Coast	8th
*Local	Pauline Caust	CC Leagues CBC	3rd
	Tony Sappideen	Central Coast	7th
	Sharon Versteegen	Bateau Bay	8th
Local	Wanda Little	Bateau Bay	5th

Congratulations in particular to Nola Daly, who also made the National Top 10 in her category, being placed 7th.

To see rankings for our club only, go to abfmasterpoints.com.au, choose Club Reports (2-036) and then Filtered McCutcheons to see the best-performed, or Players by Surname (or All) to see your own ranking.

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VALE: PAT UNGER

It is with sadness that we advise our players that Pat Unger died on Saturday 29 December 2018.

Pat has been a long time member of the CC Leagues Club Bridge Club, having joined in 1992 and going on the Committee in 2006/7 when John Lehane was the President. Pat also played at the CCBC at Long Jetty.

Pat loved her bridge and was part of the Team that shared equal place in the Teams of three Championship in 1998, with Julie Sadler as Captain and Len Melchior and Helene McKenzie making up the rest of the Team. Pat played with a number of partners over the years including her daughter.

ter Christine and her son Paul, whom she taught to play. She also played with David Goldsmith at both Forster and Gosford and with Len Melchior. Although Len moved to Queensland many years ago he and Pat kept in touch and would have a game when he came back on a visit.

Always one to help in whatever way she could Pat made many cakes for various Bridge events both at the CCBC at Long Jetty and at the Leagues Club, especially for our Charity Days. We always looked forward to the delightful teapot biscuits which raised lots of money for our Charities. Carol Judd remembers that Pat gave her great support when Carol was organising Congresses or other events at Long Jetty.

Although Pat has not played at the Club for about 5 years due to poor health, she is remembered by many of our players for her pleasant, friendly and calm manner at the bridge table. Pat has been described as a real country lady, gentle and kind and always willing to help out.

Pat has been missed though we have been kept in touch through her son Paul, who remains one of our regular players and who contributes to our Club in so many ways.

Rest in Peace Pat. *Dorothy Berzins 2 January 2019*

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POLICY RE NEW MEMBERS

Terminology Interpretation

The ABF refers to ***Home*** members and ***Alternate*** members. Any club can nominate a player as *Alternate* – the player does not need to be a member, but their details will be displayed on that club’s reports.

Brisbane Water and Central Coast Bridge Clubs have adopted these terms, but we have to be different!

The Rules (Constitution) of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club (CCLCBC) specify *Active*, *Associate*, *Junior* and *Life* members as well as *Patron*. In addition, all CCLCBC members must also be *ordinary*, *special*, or *life* members of the Central Coast Leagues Club (CCLC).

In these Rules a “*Home Club member*” is defined as an *Active* member who pays ABF and NSWBA affiliation fees through the Bridge Club.

Application to Join CCLCBC

Our Rules state:

6. MEMBERSHIP

(e) Election to Active Membership and to Associate Membership

(i) An applicant for membership must be proposed by one Active or Associate member and seconded by another Active or Associate member to whom the applicant must be personally known. The applicant and the proposer and seconder must sign and complete the form of application for membership approved from time to time by the Committee. At least fourteen (14) days before the meeting of the Committee at which the application is to be considered the Secretary shall affix to the Club's Notice Board the name of the applicant and the name of his/her proposer.

(ii) The Secretary shall advise applicants for membership when they have been elected to membership.

For many years, membership applications have been processed and ratified by the Committee ‘after the event’. From now on however, the constitutional requirements (as above) will be implemented.

- New members will fill in a *Membership Application* signed by a Proposer and Seconder.

The details will be displayed on the Noticeboard.

While waiting for ratification by the Committee, the applicant will be charged table fees as a **member**.

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2019 MEMBERSHIP

At January 18, just over 75% of 2018 members had rejoined.
Total at that date was 154, comprising 86 Home Club and 58 Associate members.

Remember: If fees are not paid by January 31, players will be charged visitor’s table fees.

MASTERPOINTS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF TEAMS

These were finalised and uploaded for December 31 processing:

- 47.16** masterpoints for 14 Open Teams
- 44.72** masterpoints for 17 Restricted Teams

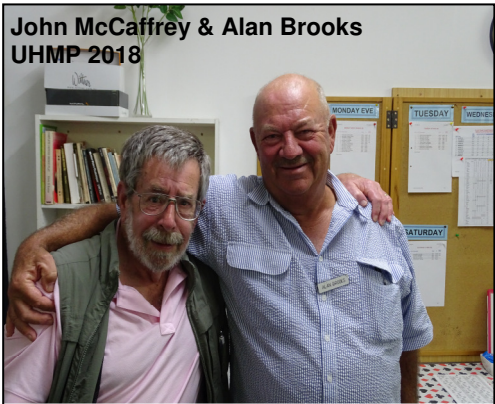
PHOTO GALLERY

From the Graded Pairs – October 22 & 29



Birthday: Tuesday December 18

Sunday December 2



UHMP Local Final – Top score:
61.86% (CCBC) (50 to 100)

NEW ABF RANKINGS DECEMBER: Congratulations to-

<i>Grand</i>	Jan Clarke	<i>Graduate</i>	Richard Webb
			Joe Griffin
			Jann Small

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Monthly Shield (1)	E	Monday	4
Inter-Club Teams 1	R/P 9.30am	Thursday	7
Summer Pairs	R	Wednesday	13
Valentine's Day Pairs	Green	Thursday	14
Switching Singles 1	E	Monday Eve	18

MARCH

Monthly Shield (2)	E	Monday	4
Presentation Day Pairs	R 9.30am	Friday	8
Country Teams	R/P	Monday 11, 18, 25	
State Mixed Pairs Q 1&2	R/P all day	Saturday	16
Switching Singles 2	E	Monday Eve	18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for February:

Margaret Berriman, David Bowerman, Jenny Clarke, Cheryl Davison, Stewart Duxbury, Gabrielle Fitzgerald, Maureen Holmes, Kathryn Ivits, Julie Jessop, Pam Joseph, Elizabeth Lawrence, Lyn Lynch, Agnes Marsh, Kathy Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell, Leyla Moncelet, Lyn Parry, Bev Sive-wright, David Snow, Colin Thomas, Jackie Wilson, Yvonne Zammit.

NEW MEMBERS

Beryl Lowry (0411 614 079), Bob Lowry (0407 911 390), Judith Sherson (0405 277 841). Please add their phone numbers to your Program.

THINK AND SMILE AWHILE

- Inspecting a tombstone in a large cemetery a tourist came across an inscription that read : "Herein you will find Peter Thomason, a bridge player and a gentleman".
Curious thought the tourist : "**Three** men in the same grave?".
- My husband has threatened to leave me unless I give up bridge!
What will you do?
Miss him.

Colin Mitchell, Editor