

Welcome to the

**Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

P RESENTATION DAY REPORT

Congratulations Winners:

NS - Anne Grayden & Trish Dennis
EW - Eunice de Vries & David Bow-
erman (with a record percentage!)

On Friday March 8 the 'orange' theme for the day (memories of the 70's for some) was evident as players arrived and surveyed the decorated room.

Each person chose a lucky number or their favourite emoji face – Wendy added their name – and this became their place-card for lunch. Thanks to Pam Townsend for the idea and the faces, and to Ruth for painstakingly creating the cards.

Although numbers were down a little on previous years, 64 players enjoyed the bridge. Two-board rounds, and a

'Web Mitchell' movement for 13 rounds, meant that players met nearly everyone in their opposing field. This made for a social atmosphere along with the efficient directing of Julie Sadler (arisen from her sick bed), who firmly but pleasantly kept us to time.

The scrumptious morning tea was thanks to Toni and all those stalwart members who made donations! During this break, President Louis, assisted by Anne and Peter, presented the first round of prizes and trophies, while Vice

VALE

DAPHNE MONTAGUE

Daphne passed away on
March 5, in her 91st year.

Her funeral is at 2pm,
Greenway Chapel, Green
Point, Wed. March 13.

RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (1) (E) 5.5 tables			Mon Feb 4
1st	Bob Morris & Gwen White		62.04%
2nd=	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler		56.77%
2nd=	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence		56.77%
4th	Agnes Marsh & Jim Havyatt		54.69%
SUMMER PAIRS (R) 9 tables			Wed Feb 13
1st	Adele Mills & Sue Morris		64.81 %
2nd	Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins		62.73%
3rd	Peter Berzins & Toni Dixon		59.26%
VALENTINE'S DAY PAIRS 5.5 tables			Thu Feb 14
1st	Margaret Campbell & June Ball		60.29 %
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler		60.16%
3rd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell		58.10%
SWITCHING SINGLES (1) (E) 5.5 tables			Mon Eve Feb 18
1st	Louis Koolen & Theo Chadwick		64.58 %
2nd	Colin Mitchell & Barbara Grant		58.80%
3rd	Wendy Everitt & Ellen Williams		57.81%
MONTHLY SHIELD (2) (E) 5 tables			Mon Mar 4
1st	Christine Williams & Ian Lincoln		61.57%
2nd	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon		60.65%
3rd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins		58.33%
PRESENTATION DAY PAIRS 16 tables			Fri Mar 8
<i>North-South</i>			
1st	Anne Grayden & Trish Dennis		62.74 %
2nd	Margo Brennan & Dorothy Berzins		59.30%
3rd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant		59.25%
<i>East-West</i>			
1st	David Bowerman & Eunice de Vries		72.16 %
2nd	Angela & Kevin Dougall		60.19%
3rd	Matt Raj Mal & Phillip Morris		58.39%

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Feb 15 - 23

39 of our club members and many other Central Coast players competed in at least one of the wide variety of events at this major National Congress. Some of these played with partners or team-mates from other NSW or interstate clubs – only CCLCBC members are listed.

Whether competing in Open, Senior, Intermediate, Restricted or Novice events, achieving a place in the top half of the field is praiseworthy. To give an idea of the size of the field, 466 teams competed, each team having from 4 to 6 members. Some of the best results were:

No Frills Walk-In (Fri 15):

Matt Raj Mal & George Boettiger – 2nd N-S out of 27

Bobby Richman Pairs (Sat 16 – Mon 18):

Open 201 pairs, Finals A to H

Tony Burke – 11th Final B, Di Coats & Jan Clarke – 26th Final D

Intermediate 123 pairs, Finals A to E (<750 Masterpoints)

Chris Hannan – 17th Final A, Martin Johnson – 3rd Final C

Restricted 163 pairs, Finals A to F (<300 Masterpoints)

Nola Daly – 19th Final B, Austin Driscoll & Roy Cotton – 21st Final B

Weekend Matchpoint Pairs (Sat 16 & Sun 17)

Open 140 pairs

Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa – 39th, Greg & Sharon Mayo – 44th

0 – 500 66 pairs

Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust – 27th

Holiday Walk-Ins – various sessions/sections:

Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa – 1st NS out of 30; Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler – 1st NS out of 19; Ann Gunner – 4th NS out of 21; Nola Daly – 10th EW out of 21

Butler Swiss Pairs (Mon 18)

Open 65 pairs

EW: Sharon & Greg Mayo – 13th, Sally & Garry Clarke – 15th, Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden – 20th, Peter & Dorothy Berzins – 33rd

Teams Championship (Tue 19 – Thu 21)

Open 212 teams

Greg & Sharon Mayo – 47th, Di Coats & Jan Clarke – 54th, Tony Burke – 58th, Chris Hannan, Lorraine Lindsay – 75th, Sally & Garry Clarke – 77th, and 6 other teams below half-way

Intermediate 204 teams

Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson – 3rd, and 4 other teams below half-way

Novice 28 teams

Kathryn Ivits & Alma van der Walt – 15th

Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs

Open 114 pairs

EW: Garry & Sally Clarke – 42nd, Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon – 48th

Intermediate 76 pairs

Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster – 23rd, Bob Morris – 38th

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President and photographer Colin captured the action.

After the conclusion of play, the next round of presentations was made by Central Coast Leagues Club Director, Ray Southeren (OAM). Michael spoke first about the exciting plans for the development of the Leagues Club which had just been announced a few days before. Michael fielded lots of questions from members curious to know the how and when and the effect on us.

Thanks to Ruth, Alison, Peter and Rosanne, the tables looked wonderful with the orange theme highlighted by the flowers and their decorated containers. Tables were called one at a time to choose from the range of sandwiches and savoury finger food. Very enjoyable!

While some found room for fruit or dessert, the third round of presentations was made by Club Patron, Colin. Julie announced the results and then Colin made some thankyou's and said a few words making reference to the number of women in the club and on the 'podium', especially as the day corresponded to International Women's Day.

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SOME MUG .. Sorry .. TROPHY SHOTS









Margaret Campbell
& June Ball
Valentine Day Pairs

Suzanne Harrison &
Jann Small with
UHMP Certificates

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Congratulations to all members who won Championship and Red Point events in 2018 and thanks to all for coming to acknowledge their successes. Well done Pauline Caust, winner of the Bill Thomson Trophy in its second year (accidentally omitted from the annual Program book).

Plaudits to all the Committee and members who contributed in some way to this very successful event - the team effort is really appreciated. A special acknowledgement of Ruth, whose energy seems boundless. Finally, sincere thanks to Anne and all those who helped to set up on Thursday evening and particularly to pack up on Friday and transport everything back to the Club rooms.

The full list of winners can be found on Page 29 of the 2019 Program book (orange cover by the way) and on the club website under *Club Programme*. If you are wondering what was in those winners' envelopes:

Club Championships	\$30	Mini Trophy or 3 free games
Monthly Shield	\$30	Mini Trophy or 3 free games
Perpetual Trophies	\$25	Mini Trophy or 3 free games
Bill Thomson Trophy	\$25	Mini Trophy or 3 free games
Other Red Point events	\$25	

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LAW 26 - CALL WITHDRAWN, LEAD RESTRICTIONS

Often when a call is withdrawn it can be replaced with the lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s) or with a comparable call, in which case there are **NO** lead restrictions.

If however, you replace the call with something not comparable, there **ARE** lead restrictions if your side becomes defenders. Law 26B says Declarer may prohibit offender's partner, on their first turn to lead, from leading any (one) suit which has not been specified in the legal auction by the offender.

What does that mean? Let's look at a recent specific example.

West North East South
1C 1D 1H 1H (!) The Director is called. West does not accept

the insufficient bid and the Director takes South away from the table to find out what happened: South did not see the 1H bid and had simply intended to bid their Heart suit. South replaced their call with a Pass (meaning their partner also had to Pass). East wins the auction with a bid of 3NT, so offender (South) is on lead.

The Director instructs the table to call the Director again should North ever get the lead. At offender's partner's (North's) first turn to lead, the Declarer (East) may prohibit the lead of *ANY* one suit, including Diamonds, because offender (South) did not specify any suits in the legal auction.

Ideally the Director waits at the table to ensure that Declarer gets the opportunity to restrict the lead at the appropriate time. If offender's partner should lead without giving Declarer the opportunity to restrict the lead, Declarer can call the Director in which case the card led will become a major penalty card. If, however, Declarer plays to the trick the lead is deemed to have been accepted.

Calls can be withdrawn as a result of insufficient bids or calls out of rotation. Directors need to be aware of when the lead restrictions apply. Players don't really need to know, but you should be aware in order to take advantage of the adjustments that the Laws provide!

Alan Bustany, Chief Director

NEW ABF RANKINGS FEBRUARY: Congratulations to-

<i>Gold Life</i>	Diane Nichols	<i>Regional</i>	Alma Van Der Walt
	Hope Tomlinson		Kathryn Ivits
	David Bowerman	<i>Graduate</i>	Sue Brumby
<i>*National</i>	Jurate Laisve		

CANCER CLINIC GOSFORD HOSPITAL

Patients at this clinic can spend long periods waiting for and having treatment, so light reading material, puzzles etc are required. If you have any magazines you could donate, please bring them to the club rooms and mark for the attention of Pauline Evans.

BIDDING SLIPS

What do **you** do with them after the hand has been played and the cards for the next hand are being removed from the board? There appears to be more than one answer to this question.

Some players grab the slip with a glint in their eye, write a few hieroglyphs upon the slip and put it away in their scoresheet - apparently for later discussion with their partner. Other players seize the slip, screw it up and then throw it in the waste bin [or the floor if there is no waste bin within reach]. The thoughtful player picks up the slip; if it has just been used for the first time the slip is turned over, replaced in the holder and used for the next board.

The really thoughtful player inspects the slip, if it has just been used for the second time the slip is placed in the holder under the pad of unused slips. This is especially useful when playing more than two boards a round and the players think that there was something funny about one of the previous boards - the bidding can be consulted. *Colin Mitchell*

MEMBERSHIP and BEGINNERS LESSONS

This stands at 178 (108 Home, 70 Associate) paid up members.

From Peter Cox, Marketing Manager of the ABF: *If we assume that the attrition rate each year is 10% of members and half the beginners who enrol in classes progressing to becoming members, then a club requires an intake of 20% of its total number of members each year to beginners' classes just to retain the club's current membership level.*

This means we need at least 20 beginners (although the ABF acknowledges this is a conservative estimate!)

I am offering the next course on Friday mornings (9.15am to 11.30am), beginning on April 26.

There are 8 weeks of lessons for \$80, for which students receive a textbook, notes, exercises and hand records.

To consolidate what has been taught/learned, Supervised Play follows for 6 weeks at \$5 per week.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to ring me on 0423 388 529 or 4340 4870.

Wendy Mitchell

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

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

APRIL

Monthly Shield (3)	E	Monday 1
Switching Singles 3	E	Monday Eve 15
NO BRIDGE		Friday 19
Easter Pairs	R	Tuesday 23
Anzac Day Pairs	R	Thursday 25
Autumn Pairs	R	Monday Eve 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March:

June Ball, Margo Burnet, Barratt Calvert, Philip Dey, Rosalind Dey, Kevin Dougall, Sylvia Foster, Peter Hall, Jim Howarth, Kerry Murray, Wendy Potts, Julie Sadler, Alex Smoleniec, Christine Williams.

THINK AND SMILE AWHILE

Some Alfred Sheinwold (US bridge expert, 26/1/12—8/3/97) quotes:

- The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in it.
- One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.
- A player who can't defend accurately should try to become declarer (or dummy).
- Learn from the mistake of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself .
- It's not enough to win the tricks that belong to you. Try also for some that belong to the opponents.
- Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened; having no cards in the suit, and sudden death.

Colin Mitchell, Editor