

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

EXCITING EVENTS

April: Anzac Day Pairs and Autumn Pairs both for red masterpoints

May: Bridge for Brain Research Challenge. Conducted by the ABF with proceeds to Alzheimer's research at *Neuroscience Research Australia*. Hand analysis provided and red points for the higher performers.

President's Cup and **Zelda Overhall Cup** - both for red masterpoints.

The trophy for the latter event is won by the best *Regional and below pair. 78 members (43% of our club) are eligible to win!

Australia Wide Novice Pairs for those with less than 100 MPs - 76 members eligible - hand analysis provided.

Magic May - just play with the same partner on at least 2 Tuesdays. Half the eligible field will receive extra green masterpoints.

June: Club Pair Championship over 2 Wednesdays - a premier club trophy event.

Teams of 3 - 3 players whose total MPs are 450 or less are allocated a high-ranking Captain.

Charity Day - for green points and a fun way to raise money for worthy causes. Watch out for Dorothy's African Violets and other pre-sale items.

September: CCLCBC Weekend Congress, 21st and 22nd!!!!

APOLOGY

A special belated ***Thank You*** to ***Pam Townsend*** who found 100 Emojis for Presentation Day and printed them on cardboard. Sincere apologies from Ruth for the wrong name being printed in the last Newsletter.

RECENT RESULTS

PRESENTATION DAY

Our winners were announced last month. Up until 2012 this trophy event was held on a Saturday to give working members a chance to attend, but numbers were falling. Since 2013 it has been held on a Friday, with much better participation:

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Tables	19	20	17.5	20.5	16.5	18.5	16

STATE MIXED PAIRS (R) 6 tables Sat Mar 16

1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	122.36 %
2nd	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	117.65%
3rd	Sylvia Foster & David Snow	117.28%

The club is paying for 3 pairs to proceed to the Final at NSWBA on May 25 & 26. Since some were non-contending, the three are Dorothy & Peter, Henrietta & Matt and Pauline & Alan. Any other pair that played on the day is also eligible to compete in the final, which incorporates the Country Mixed Pairs Championship.

Our event doubled as the Club Mixed Pairs Championship. Congratulations to Dorothy and Peter for putting their name on the Trophy for the 6th time! (1991, 93, 98, 2010, 17, 19). Dorothy also won this in 1988 before she married Peter!

SWITCHING SINGLES (2) (E) 7 tables Mon Eve Mar 18

1st	Diana Coats & Lorraine Lindsay	69.75 %
2nd	Sally & Garry Clarke	68.52%
3rd	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	63.27%

COUNTRY TEAMS (R) 8 teams Mon Mar 11, 18, 25

		W	D	L	VPs
1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler, Dorothy & Peter Berzins	5	1	1	99.73
2nd	Elizabeth Lawrence, Toni Dixon Marie Purkiss, Di Nicholls	5	1	1	92.44
3rd	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster David Snow, Martin Johnson	5	0	2	83.24

4th	Bob Morris, Gwen White, Alfie Nation, Jacqui Wilson	4	0	3	79.58
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See Page 7 for photos

As the Tomlinson team was non-contending, the other 3 teams listed will proceed to the Regional Final on June 1 at Central Coast Bridge Club.

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

WELLINGTON CONGRESS

16 players from the Central Coast clubs travelled to this increasingly popular Congress.

<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	58 pairs	Mar 9
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2nd: Austin & Margaret Driscoll, 14th: Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant

<i>Teams</i>	21 teams	Mar 10
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6th: Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Nola Daly & Marianne Xerri

PORT MACQUARIE/HASTINGS CONGRESS

<i>Swiss Pairs</i>	60 pairs	Mar 16
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4th: Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman

<i>Teams</i>	30 teams	Mar 17
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4th: Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman, Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant

VALE DAPHNE MONTAGUE

Daphne passed away on March 5, in her 91st year. She had been a member of our club since 1994.

Colin Mitchell, Dorothy Berzins, Ruth Griffin, Leon Babinski and John Tagg represented the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club at the funeral of Daphne on Wednesday 13 March 2019. The service was held at the Greenaway Chapel and was very pleasantly conducted by the Celebrant, Maureen Catherine Crawley.

Born on April 8, 1928, Daphne was the sixth of 7 children - a sister and five brothers. Her sister is the only one to survive Daphne but being very frail was unable to attend the funeral.

Daphne's three surviving children Christopher, Sally and Richard all spoke about her life and a remembrance candle was lit also for her deceased son Michael.

The picture that emerged of Daphne was of a strong personality who was quick to laugh and quick to let you know if she did not agree with something. Her love of animals (especially her German Shepherd, Hannah) and her love of music was legendary. I was told that when she lived at Wagstaff, Daphne used to organise Music evenings, always at full volume. Her taste was eclectic and ranged from classical to popular and country and western. The music chosen for her service clearly showed this wide range being “Nessun Dorma”, The Carnival Is Over” (the Seekers) and Johnny Cash’s “I Walk The Line.”

Daphne is also survived by 5 grandchildren and one great grandson. To recognise that Grandma loved all kinds of music and was rather upbeat, her grandchildren suggested that we should exit her service to a rendition of “My Grandma likes to Rock” – and we did.

We provided Daphne’s family with copies of her achievements at the bridge table including winning trophies with John Tagg and Leon Babinski. They very much appreciated receiving recognition of this part of her life.

Dorothy Berzins

FIRST PLACE		YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Club Championship Events	Graded Pairs C	1994, 1997	John Tagg
	Restricted Teams	2015	Leon Babinski, Agnes Marsh, Helen White
	Teams of Three	2000	Neville Buchanan (C), John Tagg, Leyla Moncelet
		2016	Bill Thomson (C), Nola Daly, Alison Heathcote
	Graded Pairs B	2017	Paul Unger
Trophy Events	Zelda Overhall Cup	1999	Judy Adderly

MEMBERSHIP

At the ABF cut-off date of March 31 we had 111 Home Club members for which we will be charged \$15.80 capitation.

With another member joining on April 1 our total membership is currently 182 (112 Home and 70 Associate).

BEGINNERS LESSONS

The next course will begin on Friday April 26 (9.15am to 11.30am).

There are flyers at the club with full details - if you can distribute/display some where you live/shop it would be appreciated.

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

NEW ABF RANKINGS MARCH:

Congratulations to-

Regional

Wendy Everitt

PROCEDURES AND THE LAWS

I have noticed recently that some players are unaware of Law 7 – Control of Boards and Cards.

First of all, the Placement of the board (7A) - *When a board is to be played it is placed at the centre of the table where it shall remain, correctly oriented, until play is completed.* So far, so good.

Next comes the Removal of the Cards from the Board (7B). *Each player takes a hand from the pocket corresponding to his compass position.* Once again – so far, so good.

Each player counts his/her cards face down to be sure he/she has exactly thirteen; after that, and before making a call, she/he must inspect the faces of his cards. Still so far so good!

Now it gets a little more difficult: *during play each player retains possession of his/her own cards, not permitting them to be mixed with those of any other player. No player shall touch any cards other than her/his own (but declarer may play dummy's cards in accordance with Law 45) during or after play except by permission of an opponent or the Director.*

So if you are a defender do not even think of offering to play the cards in dummy. Concentrate on your defence – your partner will not thank you if you make a mistake whilst ‘helping’ declarer – nobody will thank you if you mix dummy’s cards with your own or vice-versa.

Law 79 now takes over -

79A: Agreement on Tricks won

The number of tricks won shall be agreed upon before all four hands have been returned to the board.

A player must not knowingly accept either the score for a trick that her/his side did not win or the concession of a trick that his/her opponents could not lose.

79B: Disagreement on Tricks won

If a disagreement arises the Director must be called etc etc etc

Law 79 A is probably the law most commonly broken – declarer says something like “making “n” tricks, gathers the cards up and puts her/his hand into the board.

Meantime an opponent is attempting to dispute the result [generally because her/his hand shows that declarer has overstated the number of tricks won]. The Director MUST be called before too much has been said / too many cards have been displaced etc etc etc

In all this there is the Bridgmate operator. Firstly, it is best if the contract and lead is entered before play proceeds, but sometimes this does not happen. How often do you see this person reach over and turn up Left Hand Opponents lead after the first trick has been completed? Is this permissible? NO – see paragraph 5 on Page 6!

Secondly, at the end of play, the Bridgmate operator has to ascertain the number of tricks agreed. Even when there is no dispute, this is often quite difficult because the opposing pair is busy discussing/arguing their bidding system or play! This is not supposed to happen at the table at all, and certainly not before the result is recorded. How often have you seen this hold up play of the next hand, or the move for the next round?

Back to Law 7: Returning the cards to the board (7C) -

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his/her original thirteen cards, after which she/he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his/her Compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present.

Colin Mitchell

COUNTRY TEAMS PLACEGETTERS



MORE UHMP



Alison Mackey with
her certificate

How would YOU open
this hand?

♠ AJ52

♥ AT

♦ A5

♣ AKQ65

For discussion and more
potential slam hands go
to nswba.com.au and
click on econgress News-
letter near the top of the
right hand column.
Then choose By Colum-
nist, Rakesh Kumar
and then Feb 2019 -
Slamming your way into
2019.

Perhaps not your style,
but food for thought . .

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

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

MAY

Bridge for Brains Research Challenge		Friday	3
Monthly Shield (4)	E	Monday	6
Magic May	E	Tuesdays	7,14,21,28
President's Cup	R	Friday	10
Zelda Overhall Cup	R	Thursday	16
Switching Singles (4)	E	Monday Eve	20
Australia Wide Novice Paris (<100 MPs)		Thursday	30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for April:

Lyn Baber, Steve Calcroft, Sheila Calvert, Pam Harris, Lorraine Lindsay, Elaine McGorm, Hope Tomlinson, Suzanne Whelan.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members (sorry for omitting some from the last Newsletter):

Trish Howard (0432 400 060); Wendy Everitt (0409 216 186); Sandra Cearn (4332 3161, 0467 276 310); William Alexander (0491 086 845); Gina Lazzarini (4322 2045); Maureen Bell (0409 778 141); and returning members: Leonie Lovell (0419 133 334); Michelle Campbell (0414 975 116) - and add their phone numbers to your program.

THINK AND SMILE AWHILE

I favour light opening bids.

When you're my age, you can never be sure that the bidding will get back around to you again.
(Oswald Jacoby at 77)

Colin Mitchell, Editor