

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

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HARITY DAY
REPORT 2019

Our Charity Day was again a success raising nearly **\$3,000**.

This was due to the fantastic, generous support of donations and helpers from all our wonderful members. Thank you all for your team effort, we couldn't do it without you all. A big thank you also goes to the Local Businesses that donated vouchers.

Every year Trash & Treasure is lots of work but raised around \$500. The foyer looks rather bare now!

Raffle tickets were sold in the Leagues Club for a week, as well as by members. This raised over \$1700 and our table money on the day \$280. Donations and the sale of

plants and home-made goodies account for the rest. Thank you also to our fabulous cooks who brought along our tea-break treats!!

As previously reported, recipients of the monies raised will be local charities:

- ▶ Coast Shelter
- ▶ Pandora
- ▶ Helping Hands for Head Wear
- ▶ Wigwam.

Many thanks,

Ruth Griffin

CHARITY DONORS

In addition to cash donations by individual members, we are very grateful for the generous donations made by local businesses and urge you to support them!

- The Cowrie Restaurant, Terrigal
- Two Ewes, West Gosford
- Boon Thai, Green Point
- All Malay, Avoca Beach
- Price Attack, Erina Fair

See Page 4 for Raffle Winners

RECENT RESULTS

CLUB PAIRS (C/Q) 11 tables Wed Jun 5
 5 pairs from each of the NS and EW fields qualified in the first session for the final. The remaining pairs played in a Consolation.

<i>Final</i>		Wed Jun 12
1st	Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson	57.87%
2nd	Carol Judd & Trish Dennis	56.94%
3rd	Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hannan	55.56%

<i>Plate</i>		Wed Jun 12
1st	Marie Purkiss & Di Nichols	71.48%
2nd	Elizabeth Lawrence & Toni Dixon	58.15%
3rd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	57.04%

See photos Page 6

TEAMS OF THREE (C) 10 tables Fri Jun 14
 Teams played 6 matches of 8 boards over 2 sessions. Old Scale. Guidelines etc

		Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	Jan Clarke (C)	6	0	0	129
	Rosalind Dey, Philip Dey, Leon Babinski				
2nd	Barbara Grant (C)	5	0	1	108
	Paul Unger, Agnes Marsh, Ruth Griffin				
3rd	Pauline Evans (C)	3	0	3	91
	Di March, Alison Mackey, Peter Mackey				

See report and photos – Pages 7 & 8

SWITCHING SINGLES (5) (E) 6.5 tables Mon Eve Jun 17

1st	Eunice de Vries & Colin Mitchell	62.92%
2nd	Carl Sparre & Tony Ransley	58.33%
3rd	Matt Raj Mal & Theo Chadwick	55.00%

CHARITY DAY PAIRS 14 tables Tue Jun 18

<i>North-South</i>		
1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	62.13%
2nd	Marie Purkiss & Di Nichols	58.73%
3rd	Peter Berzins & Toni Dixon	55.62%

East-West

1st	Felicity Fane & Matthew Lynch	65.38%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Gwen White	61.54%
3rd	Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris	61.09%

CONGRESSES & FINALS

Best Local Players

NEWCASTLE CONGRESS

Jun 15-16

Open Swiss Pairs

25 tables

At least 10 pairs from the Central Coast competed. Best CCLCBC members' performance were Greg & Sharon Mayo (1st NS) and Pauline Evans & Chris Williams (5th NS).

Restricted/Novice Swiss Pairs

17 tables

Open Teams

31 teams

CCLCBC members were 9th: Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Pauline Evans, Chris Williams.

Restricted/Novice Teams

18 teams

The Bustany team [Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust, Jurate Laisve & Carol Anderson] won the Restricted / Novice Teams in convincing style – lost the first match [warming up?] then won the remaining five matches to finish 10 VPs ahead of the second team. Alan & Pauline came first in the pairs ranking for the event.

COUNTRY TEAMS ZONE FINAL – Maitland

Jun 29-30

Four teams represented the Central Coast (CC) and five the Hunter Region (H). The tenth team represented the Blue Mountains. Nine matches of 9xboards each were played over the two days.

		Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	H4	7	1	1	124.53
2nd	CC1	6	0	3	108.22

Chris Hannan, Lorraine Lindsay, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Jan Davis, John Duncan

These two teams have qualified to represent Outer Metropolitan in the John Arkinstall State Teams on Friday and Saturday November 15 & 16.

They will play a Round Robin competition against 2 teams from each of the NSWBA, the Sydney Metropolitan region, Northern and Southern & Western regions.

On Sunday November 17 the top two teams will play in the State Teams Final and the top two Country Teams will play in the Country Teams Final.

CLUB RESTRICTED TEAMS

This is another opportunity to enjoy the best form of bridge! Some members experienced playing in a team for the first time in the recent Teams of 3 Championship and hopefully enjoyed the day.

Strategies are a little different to Duplicate because overtricks are not so critical. You can concentrate on being in the safest contract and making it! The best part is that you can be last in the field and still earn master-points from just one win or draw.

This Championship event has been conducted since 1993. If you look on our website under Honour Roll you will see many names that you know. Last year's winners were Agnes Marsh, Ruth Griffin, Gina Robertson and Paul Unger.

So who will it be this year? Come along and give them a run for their money! Enter on the board at the club or on-line. If you do not have a full team refer to the eligibility list displayed or ask Julie Sadler for help, but **be in it to win it!**

CHARITY RAFFLE PRIZES

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| 1st | John Tagg (CCLCBC member) |
| | Hamper, wine, \$100 voucher, Cowrie Restaurant |
| 2nd | Peter Berzins (CCLCBC member) |
| | Hamper, wine, \$30 voucher, Two Ewes |
| 3rd | Moiria Love (CCLCBC member) |
| | Hamper, wine, \$50 voucher, Boon Thai |
| 4th | Lyn Baber (CCLCBC member) |
| | Hamper, wine, \$50 voucher, Coles |
| 5th | Yvonne Zammit (CCLCBC member) |
| | Hamper, wine, \$30 voucher, Woolworths |
| 6th | Nichola Kirk (CCLCBC member's daughter) |
| | Hamper, wine, \$30 voucher, All Malay |

The next 6 prizes consisted of a Gift Pack and a bottle of wine: Joan Brian (member of the public); Margo Brennan (CCLCBC member); Tracy Freeman (member of the public); Pip Havyatt (CCLCBC member's daughter); John Aldersley (BWBC member); Colin Mitchell (CCLCBC member).

WORKSHOPS ON A THURSDAY

These have commenced. They are aimed at Developing and Intermediate players, but all are welcome. Topics will cover Bidding, Play and Defence. The topics to come are:

July 11	Silent Signals – Count, Discards
July 18	PPP – planning suit play
July 25	7-11 Convenience – improving NT play
August 1	Double Trouble – negative and other types
August 8	LLL – choose the best lead

Please note: If you have done one of these workshops previously, you receive a 50% discount - i.e. \$5 instead of \$10. Wendy M

NEW ABF RANKINGS – JUNE

Congratulations to:

<i>*Gold Life</i>	Barry Foster	<i>*State</i>	Rosalind Dey
<i>*National</i>	Molly O'Neill	<i>Regional</i>	Joan Brierty
	Nola Daly	<i>Club</i>	Jann Small
	Alan Bustany		Jim Havyatt
	Gary Barwick		Peter Mackey

USING YOUR BIDDING SYSTEM: BWBC Sat June 29, Board 23
MFP and I are getting some much needed playing together for the next weekend congress. Last round of the session. Second board of the round. How are we doing? Probably above average but only just.

Pick up and sort the cards and find that I have a strong two-suiter. ♠4, ♥3, ♦AKQ54, ♣AKQT74. MFP has passed, so has RHO. I bid 1C¹, MFP replies 1S, I rebid 2D. MFP has recently given a workshop on reverse bidding so should interpret my bid of 2D as strong with a club suit longer than the diamond suit. Continued Page 9 . .



**Club Pairs Winners
Barry and Hope**



**Club Pairs Third
Lorraine and Chris**



**Club Pairs Plate
Winners
Marie and Doreen**

**June 13 - Director Leon
Keeping Healthy**



Trash and



**Patron Colin (80!) presenting
Promotion Certificate to
Suzanne Harrison**



..... Treasure



TEAMS OF THREE REPORT

2019 is the first year that this event has been run over 2 sessions. This gave us the opportunity to follow the tradition of each *Team of 3* providing lunch for their Captain. Many of our 'senior' players enjoyed this format at the NSWBA when they were much less experienced than they are now.

The club thanks the Captains for volunteering their time and services and the Captains thank their teams for the food!



**Teams of 3
In Play**



Teams of 3 In Play



**Director Alan Bustany
Announcing the Results**



The Winners: Team 5

Judge for yourself - Right and on Page 8 - as to who won the luncheon stakes.



Team 1 Lunch



Team 2 Lunch



Team 3 Lunch



Team 4 Lunch



Team 5 Lunch



Team 6 Lunch



Team 7 Lunch



Team 8 Lunch



Team 9 Lunch



Team 10 Lunch

From Page 5 After some thought, MFP replied 2NT². Now I bid 3D, showing 6/5. Then came 4D³ and I settled for 5D.

LHO leads the ♥K, partner's hand is displayed in all of its glory – ♠AQT75, ♥J64, ♦T63, ♣J3. Follow suit, ruff the heart continuation in hand, draw trumps [which luckily are distributed favourably] and claim making six. Bridgemate shows that we have gained an above average score but.....

Once again I have not opened 3NT - the little known-and-recognised Kabel Ace-Ask which goes something like this:

Opener - 3NT Partner how many aces do you have and which ones?

Responder 4C 0 Aces

4D/4H/4S 1, the Ace of the suit bid

4NT 1, the ♣A

5C/5D 2, the Ace of the suit bid plus 1 higher Ace

5H 2, the ♥A and the ♠A

In this case partner would have replied 4S. Added to my 11 Playing tricks this is sufficient for me to bid 6C.

Colin M (Editor)

Notes by MFP:

1. Partner's opening of 1C took the risk that I would not have 6HCPs to reply. Luckily I did and this made it easier to show the strong 2-suiter as well as the 6-5 shape while still at the 3-level.

Most would probably open a Game Force bid – 2C or 2D – depending on your system.

eg 2D (multi)

2H (pass or correct)

3C (GF, 5+clubs)

3S (4+suit, looking for 3NT)

4D (5/4 or better C/D,
not interested in NT)

?? Can this hand assume 6/5??

?? Can responder ask for Aces
or settle for 5C or 5D??

2. If I simply bid 2S this shows 5, but only 6-7 HCPs. Conscious of the workshop, I reluctantly bid 2NT, showing 8+ HCPs and knowing only that partner is 5/4 in C/D at this stage.

3. 4D is stronger than 5D. I chose the 5/3 ♦ fit over the 6/2 ♣ fit in case partner need to ruff a ♣ in dummy. (Partner may have tried 4NT now.)

Makeable contracts were - NS: 6C, 6D, 1S, 2NT; EW: 1H

Around the room the contracts were:

3 x 5C, N making 12; 2 x 5D, N making 12

1 x 3C, N making 12; 1 x 3D, S making 12

1 x 3NT, S making 8

BRIDGE ORGANISATION IN AUSTRALIA

You all know, and hopefully love, your local Bridge Club (CCLCBC, club number 2-036), one of over 150 in NSW with nearly 14,000 members overall. And you all know your ABF number from the Australian Bridge Federation. What you may not know where your annual club fee (currently \$32.80) goes, and what you get for your money...

- Only \$7 is retained by CCLCBC. Most of its operating costs (some of which go to the ABF for the masterpoints our club awards) are covered by table fees.
- \$10 '*affiliation*' goes to the NSWBA (New South Wales Bridge Association) which also receives some income from table fees for State event qualifying sessions and for the Grand National Open Teams.
- \$15.80 '*capitation*' goes to the ABF which also charges for all Masterpoints (Green, Red and Gold).

You may *think* you are a member of the ABF, but, no, the ABF is actually a federation of the 8 State and Territory bodies (representing 354 clubs and over 35,000 players). In some ways it is a similar (redundant?) federated structure to the Commonwealth of Australia itself. The ABF provides and administers the masterpoint scheme. It provides insurance across many bridge events. It promotes Bridge in Australia, including publishing a newsletter, and represents Australia in Bridge overseas, including selecting and supporting national teams. It is moving to more directly administer teachers, directors, and technology across the country.

Neither are you a 'member' of the NSWBA! Your club is affiliated to the NSWBA and through it to the ABF. The Association organises and administers state events including hosting most state finals at their Goulburn St, Sydney premises (which it owns). For historic reasons the NSWBA is actually also a local club, (now) the Sydney Bridge Centre (SBC) which runs club games in Goulburn St as well as in Rozelle and

Henley. The Association also selects and supports State teams. It approves congresses, licences congress directors, manages the state calendar of events, subsidises teaching and travel, and so on. It approves and supports new local clubs, and also promotes Bridge in NSW, including electronically publishing newsletters.

The NSWBA is a not-for-profit limited liability company. The Directors of this company consist of a Council of 12 people, four of whom are Zonal Councillors who each represent their region.

Is this the best way to organise Bridge in NSW and Australia? It has grown by accretion and probably has been as good as we could do in the past. It may well not be best for the future. Both the ABF and NSWBA are considering their strategic direction for the future. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions your Outer Metropolitan Zone Representative (Alan Bustany) will be all ears. *Alan Bustany*

OUR INAUGURAL WEEKEND CONGRESS

In two months time, our club will be holding our inaugural weekend Congress. On Saturday 21st September, we will be holding the match point Pairs qualifying session, followed by a final, plate and consolation session for both open and restricted players. One of the benefits of this movement is that you are measured on your overall performance, not on the vagaries of which direction you sit as in a Swiss movement.

Sunday 22nd September, we will have a Swiss Teams for both open and restricted players. By now, our newer players should have been exposed to team events (especially the Teams of Three). Team events are really the most enjoyable of Bridge events and the Swiss movement means that the lesser players find themselves competing against players of their own standard.

The number of entries is limited to forty tables, so I am asking you to enter early. You do not want to be put on the waiting list in the beginning of September, because Sydney and Hunter players have booked before you. You can enter via the New South Wales Bridge Association, www.nswba.com.au/tourn/calendar.asp . If you need help in entering, contact me as the convener or Julie Sadler as the tournament organiser.

Louis Koolen

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Monthly Shield (6)	E	Monday	1
Jovial July	E (Best 2 of 4)	Saturday	6,13,20,27
Winter Pairs	R	Monday Eve	8
Switching Singles (6)	E	Monday Eve	15
Club Restricted Teams	C/P	Tuesday	23 & 30
State Wide Pairs		Wednesday	31

AUGUST

Auspicious August	E (Best 3 of 5)	Thursdays	1 to 29
Anniversary Pairs	R	Saturday	3
Monthly Shield (7)	E	Monday	5
Foundation Cup	R	Monday	12
Switching Singles (7)	E	Monday Eve	19
Grand National Open Teams Qual	G/P	Wednesday	21 & 28
Australia Wide Open Pairs		Friday	30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for July:

Margo Brennan, Kathleen Bromley, Theo Chadwick, June Clarkson, Toni Dixon, Terry Dyer, Barry Foster, Joe Griffin, Ann Gunner, Jim Havyatt, Don Holmes, Louis Koolen, Moira Love, Alison Mackey, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Allan Roser, Pam Townsend, Neryl Tyrrell, Richard Webb.

AGM

AUGUST 3, 10.30am

CLUB ROOM

- Motions must be received by the Secretary by July 10. Your chance to effect change!
- Nominations for Committee positions can be received up until the start of the meeting. Your chance to contribute to your club in this way!
- For attendees there will be finger food following the meeting and before play at 12.30.

VALE: Helen Ferguson who passed away July 1. Her funeral is at the Greenway Chapel, Green Point on Friday July 12 at 10am.

SMILE AWHILE:

Bridge is a great comfort in old age. It also helps you get there faster.

Colin Mitchell, Editor