



Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

April 2016

Charity Day 2016

Green Point Event

Tuesday 17th May 2015
Parkview Room



11am Start – Stalls open, Savoury morning tea
12.30pm Bridge Tournament
Raffles drawn on the day
Trash and Treasure Table
Delicious afternoon tea
Cakes, Slices and Sweet Stall
Plants, Books and Gifts for sale
Spot prizes



Come, have a fun day and help raise money for Pandora



**RECENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all

COUNTRY TEAMS

Ten teams contested the **Country Teams Qualifying** Tournament held on Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20th April.

1 st	(winning all nine matches) Adele Mills, Nancye Joss, Bob and Vicky Morris	144.35 VPs
2 nd	(winning 6 out of 9) Gary Heyting, Peter and Dorothy Berzins and Di Coats	129.20 VPs
3 rd	(also winning 6 out of 9) Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Toni Dixon and Helen Gulliver	110.63 VPs

STATE MIXED PAIRS

14 pairs competed in the State Mixed Pairs on Saturdays 9th and 16 April

1 st	Adele Mills & Leonard Pratt	111.49%
2 nd	Dorothy Berzins & Gary Heyting	111.43%
3 rd	Henrietta Hohnen & Gary Goldsmith	110.26%

THURSDAY TEAMS

The first of the four, scheduled Thursday Teams was played by 5 teams on March 28th.

1 st	Gwen White, Margo Brennan, Marion Ellis and Mei-Hua Crawford	0.22 MPs
2 nd	Joyce Small, George Boettiger, Yvonne Zammit and Paul Unger	0.17 MPs

Other Thursday Teams will be played on the last Thursday of June, September and December this year.

COMING CCLCBC EVENTS

KEY (C) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (E) ECLECTIC (G) GOLD POINT (P) PRE-ENTRY (Q) QUALIFYING SESSION (R) RED POINT

PERPETUAL TROPHY (RED POINT) EVENTS

Autumn Pairs	Monday Evening May 30
Winter Pairs	Saturday June 11
President's Cup	Friday June 24

OTHER RED POINT EVENTS

Anzac Day Pairs	Monday April 25
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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Club Restricted Teams

Tuesdays June 7 & 14

SPECIAL EVENTS/DAYS

Bridge For Brain Research Challenge

Wednesday May 4 at 1.30 pm

Charity Day Pairs

Tuesday May 17

GNOTS

Club Selection

Fridays May 13, 20 and 27

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Barrier Reef Congress Mackay

Friday April 29 to May 2

Maitland Teams Congress

Saturday May 1

BRIDGE BEGINNER LESSONS starting Tuesday 10 May 7.30pm

**8 WEEKLY LESSONS
COMMENCING MAY 10
TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM
7pm to 9.15pm
Cost \$80**

Lessons conducted by Wendy Mitchell

The course will be followed by five supervised sessions of 2 hours @ \$5 each. These include set hands and commentary to take away.

Buddies will be arranged for the last two of the supervised sessions.

Please advise friends who may be interested in learning bridge
SEND INQUIRIES TO lessons@cclcbidgeclub.asn.au
Or phone 02 4325 9854



HAPPY BIRTHDAY in April to:

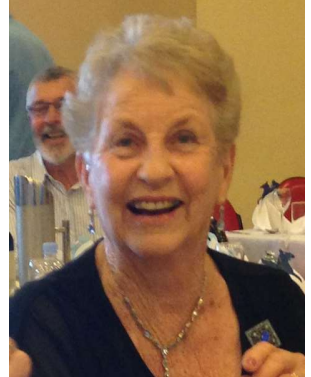
John Adams, Merran Adams, Lyn Baber, Lyla Cross, Ida Grejsen, Maoliosa Hawkes, Janette Kukura, Jack Lindsay, Lorraine Lindsay, Elaine McGorm, Daphne Montague, Tricia Nolan, Hope Tomlinson, Suzanne Whelan and Sam Zammit



and very special happy birthdays to



Marie Purkiss (May 1)



Pam Harris (April 2)

COMMITTEE CAPERS - MARCH 2016

Ruth and Lyn advised of their progress re Charity Day - the raffle tickets have been organised into groups of tickets in the hope that members will be prepared to sell a book to neighbours and friends. Please ask Dorothy or a committee member for a book.

We had a very successful Teacher training day with Joan Butts that was attended by 28 players from local clubs as well as players from Sydney. The day was very informative with Joan providing insights into her teaching techniques that are designed to foster pupil involvement as well as ensuring students feel safe and supported during lessons. It may be of interest to members that Brisbane Water Bridge Club has put Joan's lessons (as videos) on their website for easy access to beginners.

The Board of the CC Leagues Club has requested a special meeting on Thursday 5 May to discuss the incorporation of the Internal Clubs. Presumably we will be provided with some clarification as to why they want



this to happen. Dorothy, Alan Bustany and David Bowerman will attend this meeting.

The Bridge club is in a good position should we need to go ahead with incorporation as we already meet most of the requirements in terms of governance/ financial controls etc.

However we would need to appoint a Public Officer and change or add to our Rules (Constitution), particularly in terms of determining distribution of any assets in the event of the Club winding up. NSW Fair Trading oversees incorporation of organizations so a visit to their web site is informative. One of the major areas we would need to clarify is that of public liability insurance (possibly already covered by us through affiliation with the ABF) and in case of damage to property.

Cheers Dorothy

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

After the board has been played you may not, without permission, remove someone's hand to look at it, If you have received permission, only one hand at a time may be out of the board

VALE: DOROTHY STOREY-WILSON died Wednesday 16th March 2016

Dot was a member of our Club for over 25 years, playing with a various partners over the years, including Joan Rubie, Val Wright, Allan Bennetts, Edie Tame, John Brooks and Helen Ferguson. Dot won our Pairs Championship with John Brooks in 2002 as well as 7 other Trophy Events with different partners between 1991 and 2002.

Dot was an interesting character with a wicked sense of humour at times. Helen Ferguson and Dot enjoyed many trips away, often to the Gold Coast for bridge. Their last trip was about 5 years ago and they would often have a good laugh about their exploits.

I understand that Dot and her husband Frank moved to the Central Coast from Manly Vale in the 1980s. Dot was a keen golfer, which is how she first met Daphne Montague in 1988. She also played golf with Helen Ferguson starting 25 years ago.

Dot's husband Frank died about 20 years ago and she felt his loss very much. Dot had been having health issues for a few years and I recall visiting her in North Gosford Private a couple of times in 2014. Recently



Dot had moved into supervised care and she was unable to come to the Bridge Club.

I was therefore delighted to hear that Helen Ferguson and a friend Graham collected Dot from Hammond Care on Saturday 12th March and took her to Daphne Montague's home to have a game of bridge and some high tea. Dot was heard to proclaim what a wonderful time she had and how happy the day made her (Dot also won the bridge game).

It is good also to know that bridge friends have been visiting Dot, including Helen Ferguson, John Brooks, Jim Swindells and Betty Adler.

Dorothy suffered a massive stroke on Sunday and was taken off life support on Wednesday night. Dot is survived by a daughter, Sandra, who lives in Melbourne. I was advised that there was only a private family funeral.

Dorothy

VALE: ANNE STIMPSON

died 30th March 2016

Many Members will recall the cheerful smile and manner of Anne Stimpson who played mostly with Joan Brierty and Paul Unger when she was a member of our club for a number of years. In recent times Anne was unable to continue playing as Parkinson's Disease (diagnosed when she was 38) began to take its toll. She died on 30th March after battling the disease courageously for 28 years. Anne is survived by her husband Mark and daughter Louise.

Gwen White

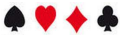


VALE: JOHN WHITE

22nd December 1927 - 24th March 2016

John and his wife Margaret moved to Avoca in 1986. For some time they had contemplated moving to the Central Coast. John recalled that he bumped into Zelda Overhall and Adele Mills at a Congress in Strathfield and mentioned his interest. He said Zelda's exact words were "You would be mad if you don't".

John joined the CCBC and used to play on Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons as he was still commuting to Sydney to work. John was in charge of the Public Solicitor's Office when he first moved to the Central



Coast and was instrumental in setting up the Legal Aid service in NSW when it was first introduced.

When we called a meeting to discuss the formation of the CCLCBC, on 11 June 1987, John was one of the 30 players present. I think at the time he was probably more interested in us not forming another club as the CCBC had just purchased their own premises and many were afraid that the competition of a new Club could jeopardise paying off the new club rooms. However John was reassured that this was not the purpose of the new Club and accepted that most of us planned to play in both Clubs.

John was active in the Central Coast Bridge Club having been on the Committee for 5 years (1990, 91, 92, 93 & 2001) and President for three of those years. As a solicitor he was also able to provide legal advice to the Club, which helped with their purchase of the new premises as well as ensuring the Club was incorporated.

Over the years John played with a variety of partners at CCLCBC, including Jack Rushbrook, Adele Mills, Peter Berzins, Dorothy Berzins, Maoliosa Hawkes, Ruth Stephens, Conrad Laurant, Virginia Dressler and Bob Mavin. He won the Mixed Pairs 4 times with different partners, was in the winning Club Teams on 5 occasions and was successful in 3 Inter-Club Teams. Overall John won at least 33 Trophy events at our Club and no doubt many more elsewhere.

Along with Adele Mills, Peter and Dorothy Berzins and Bill Thomson, John obtained a barrel of wine from the Hungerford Winery, which produced about 10 dozen bottles to raise money for the Long Jetty Hall. Josie Mitchell designed the Wine labels.

John returned briefly to playing bridge after suffering a stroke a few years ago. However he spent the past two years in Brentwood Nursing Home. By a rather amazing coincidence John shared a room for a time, with the man who had purchased John & Margaret's house at Avoca a number of years earlier. John & Margaret had moved to Kincumber about 10 years ago.

John is survived by his wife Margaret, seven children and fourteen grandchildren, of whom he was very proud. Two of his sons have represented Australia as disabled athletes.

John was a real gentleman and a good friend. We will remember him with fond memories of some great bridge and fun times at Canberra, the Gold Coast and other Congresses.

Dorothy Berzins 26 March 2016



**HAND PATTERN PROBABILITIES**

Wikipedia wisdom

Below are the 39 hand patterns possible in order of probability of occurrence. 4-4-3-2 is most likely. The number of suit permutations of each pattern is provided under #.

Pattern	Probability	#	Pattern	Probability	#	Pattern	Probability	#
4-4-3-2	0.2155	12	5-5-3-0	0.0090	12	9-2-1-1	0.00018	12
5-3-3-2	0.1552	12	6-5-1-1	0.0071	12	9-3-1-0	0.00010	24
5-4-3-1	0.1293	24	6-5-2-0	0.0065	24	9-2-2-0	0.000082	12
5-4-2-2	0.1058	12	7-2-2-2	0.0051	4	7-6-0-0	0.000056	12
4-3-3-3	0.1054	4	7-4-1-1	0.0039	12	8-5-0-0	0.000031	12
6-3-2-2	0.0564	12	7-4-2-0	0.0036	24	10-2-1-0	0.000011	24
6-4-2-1	0.0470	24	7-3-3-0	0.0027	12	9-4-0-0	0.000010	12
6-3-3-1	0.0345	12	8-2-2-1	0.0019	12	10-1-1-1	0.000004	4
5-5-2-1	0.0317	12	8-3-1-1	0.0012	12	10-3-0-0	0.0000015	12
4-4-4-1	0.0299	4	7-5-1-0	0.0011	24	11-1-1-0	0.0000002	12
7-3-2-1	0.0188	24	8-3-2-0	0.0011	24	11-2-0-0	0.0000001	12
6-4-3-0	0.0133	24	6-6-1-0	0.00072	12	12-1-0-0	0.00000003	12
5-4-4-0	0.0124	12	8-4-1-0	0.00045	24	13-0-0-0	0.00000000006	4

The 39 patterns are classified into hand types: balanced, three-suiters, two-suiters & single-suiters. Table below gives the likelihood of being dealt a certain hand type.

Hand type	Patterns	Probability
Balanced	4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, 5-3-3-2	0.4761
2-suiter	5-4-2-2, 5-4-3-1, 5-5-2-1, 5-5-3-0, 6-5-1-1, 6-5-2-0, 6-6-1-0, 7-6-0-0	0.2902
Single-suiter	6-3-2-2, 6-3-3-1, 6-4-2-1, 6-4-3-0, 7-2-2-2, 7-3-2-1, 7-3-3-0, 7-4-1-1, 7-4-2-0, 7-5-1-0, 8-2-1, 8-3-1-1, 8-3-2-0, 8-4-1-0, 8-5-0-0, 9-2-1-1, 9-2-2-0, 9-3-1-0, 9-4-0-0, 10-1-1-1, 10-2-1-0, 10-3-0-0, 11-1-1-0, 11-2-0-0, 12-1-0-0, 13-0-0-0	0.1915
3-suiter	4-4-4-1, 5-4-4-0	0.0423

Grouping of the 39 hand patterns can also be made by longest or shortest suit. Table below gives the likelihood of being dealt a longest/shortest suit of a given length.

Longest	Patterns	Probability	Shortest	Probability	
4 card	4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, 4-4-4-1	0.3508	3 card	4-3-3-3	0.1054
5 card	5-3-3-2, 5-4-2-2, 5-4-3-1, 5-5-2-1, 5-4-4-0, 5-5-3-0	0.4434	Doubleton	4-4-3-2, 5-3-3-2, 5-4-2-2, 6-3-2-2, 7-2-2-2	0.5380
6 card	6-3-2-2, 6-3-3-1, 6-4-2-1, 6-4-3-0, 6-5-1-1, 6-5-2-0, 6-6-1-0	0.1655	Singleton	4-4-4-1, 5-4-3-1, 5-5-2-1, 6-3-3-1, 6-4-2-1, 6-5-1-1, 7-3-2-1, 7-4-1-1, 8-2-2-1, 8-3-1-1, 9-2-1-1, 10-1-1-1	0.3055
7 card	7-2-2-2, 7-3-2-1, 7-3-3-0, 7-4-1-1, 7-4-2-0, 7-5-1-0, 7-6-0-0	0.0353	Void	5-4-4-0, 5-5-3-0, 6-4-3-0, 6-5-2-0, 6-6-1-0, 7-3-3-0, 7-4-2-0, 7-5-1-0, 7-6-0-0, 8-3-2-0, 8-4-1-0, 8-5-0-0, 9-2-2-0, 9-3-1-0, 9-4-0-0, 10-2-1-0, 10-3-0-0, 11-1-1-0, 11-2-0-0, 12-1-0-0, 13-0-0-0	0.0512
8 card	8-2-2-1, 8-3-1-1, 8-3-2-0, 8-4-1-0, 8-5-0-0	0.0047			
9 card	9-2-1-1, 9-2-2-0, 9-3-1-0, 9-4-0-0	0.00037			
10 card	10-1-1-1, 10-2-1-0, 10-3-0-0	0.000017			
11 card	11-1-1-0, 11-2-0-0	0.0000003			
12 card	12-1-0-0	0.000000003			
13 card	13-0-0-0	0.00000000006			