



Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Charity Day 2017

Green Point Event

Thursday 22nd 2017
Parkview Room



11am Stalls open | Morning tea | 12.30pm Bridge | Silent Auction
Trash & Treasure Table | Raffles drawn on the day | Delicious
afternoon tea | Plants, Books and Gifts for sale | Spot prizes



Come for bridge, charity and a fun(d) raising day



**RECENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all

COUNTRY TEAMS CLUB QUALIFYING (10 teams) 22 May

RANK	PLAYERS	MPs
1	Jan Davis, Lorraine Lindsay, Janet Clarke, Di Coats	2.80
2	Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury, David Snow, Martin Johnson	3.60
3	Patricia Kull, Dorothy Berzins, Maureen Holmes, Don Holmes	2.40

PRESIDENT'S CUP (18 pairs) 19 May

RANK	PLAYERS	MPs
1	Hope Tomlinson & Martin Johnson	0.90
2	Jan Clarke & Diana Coats	0.63
3	Dorothy Berzins & Margo Brennan	0.45

MAGIC MAY OUTRIGHT 31 May

RANK	PLAYERS	MPs
1	Paul Unger & Tem Lancaster	0.82
2	Margot McGuinness & Heather Carlile	0.57
3	Diane Nichols & Marie Purkiss	0.41

OTHER EVENTS congratulations to local players contesting these events**STATE MIXED FINALS OVERALL** (14 pairs) 28 May

RANK	PAIRS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	MPs
11	Henrietta Hohnen & Stewart Duxbury	0.96
14	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	0.74

COUNTRY MIXED PAIRS FINALS OVERALL (13 pairs) 28 May

RANK	PAIRS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	MPs
4	Martin Johnson & Christine Hadaway	0.8
5	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	0.6
12	Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson	

NSWBA AUTUMN SWISS PAIRS (48 pairs) 28 May

RANK	PAIRS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	MPs
12	Helen Eaton & Gary Barwick	1.14
31	Wendy Mitchell & Colin Mitchell	0.56
48	Ruth Griffin & Tony Ransley	

COFFS HARBOUR TEAMS (24 teams) 20-21 May

RANK	TEAMS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	RED PTs
1	Kim Morrison, Greg Mayo, Sharon Mayo, David Weston	2.80



**BATHURST & DISTRICTS SWISS PAIRS** (40 teams) 6 May

RANK	PAIRS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	MPs
3	Janet Clarke & Di Coats	2.66

BATHURST & DISTRICTS TEAMS (20 teams) 7 May

RANK	TEAMS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	RED PTS
4	Janet Clarke, Di Coats, Leslie Gunson, Keith Mitchell	1.83

MAITLAND BRIDGE CLUB TEAMS (40 teams) 7 May

RANK	TEAMS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	RED PTS
1	Greg Mayo, Sharon Mayo, Michael Simes, Ken Wilks	6.50
4	Silvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman	2.68
6	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, David Snow, Martin Johnson	2.02

COMING EVENTS AT CCLCBC

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

5 June	Monday	Monthly Shield 5 (E)
5 June	Monday night	Switching Singles 5 (E)
7 June	Wednesday	Club Pairs 2 (C/P)
16 June	Friday	Grand National Open Teams (G/P)
22 June	Thursday	Charity Day Pairs (Green)
23 June	Friday	Grand National Open Teams (G/P)
25 June	Sunday	NSW Country Teams Regional Finals
29 June	Thursday	Transient Teams
30 June	Friday	Grand National Open Teams (G/P)

UPCOMING EVENTS ELSEWHERE

4 June	Sunday	Trumps Bridge Centre Winter Teams
4 June	Sunday	NSW Country Teams Regional Finals at Newcastle, Camden Haven & Southern Highlands Bridge Clubs
18 June	Sunday	NSW Country Teams Regional Finals at Coffs Harbour & South Coast
10-11 June	Sat & Sun	Nambucca Valley Congress
17-18 June	Sat & Sun	Newcastle Congress
18 June	Sunday	Wollstonecraft Bridge Club Teams
24 June	Saturday	NSBC@Lindfield 2 Men and a Truck Restricted & Novice Congress
24-25 June	Sat & Sun	Grafton Bridge Club Congress
25 June	Sunday	Kings & Queens Sydney Mid-year Swiss Pairs
30 June-2 July	Fri-Sun	North Shore Bridge Club Super Congress





FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Long Jetty Bridge Club have advised that there will no longer be a collection of tea bag tags. At this time I do not know if this means another wheelchair has been obtained or that the arrangement has simply finished. However, I would like to sincerely thank all club members who so altruistically saved their tags.

We have completed selling 'the give me 5 for kids' raffle tickets and last week handed approximately \$112 to the Leagues Club for the Children's Ward. Thank you all buyers. Now, we begin selling our own raffle tickets for our other 5 Charities.

I attended the CCLC Small Clubs combined meeting on the Thursday evening, 25th May. I wish to report

- the Baker Street Foyer and surrounds should be completed and opened approximately mid June
- the bistro area will be closed from 29th July to some time in October (to be advised)
- congratulations to CCLC Camera Club, who entered & WON a 6 nation competition.

Lastly, in his report to the CCLC Small Clubs, Ed Johnson gave a big wrap about our Presentation Day, especially the happy atmosphere and sociability of the members.

Someone mentioned the captain never gets her photo in the Newsletter.



The American bridge team was desperate. They had 3 great players for the Bermuda Bowl World Bridge Championship but could not find a suitable 4th. Finally in the slums of Iraq they found an unknown bridge genius. They quickly made him a US citizen and member of the team. As expected, the ex-Iraqi showed amazing bid judgement and made many impossible contracts. After winning, the Iraqi called his mother to tell her the news.

"I don't want to talk to you. You deserted us. You're not my son", the mother said.

"But mother" he pleaded, "I just won the greatest bridge event in the world, I'm in the middle of hundreds of adoring fans and I'm due a huge bonus".

"Let me tell you" his mother sobbed, "there are gun shots all around, the neighbourhood is a pile of rubbish and rubble, last week your two brothers were beaten mercilessly and this week your sister was raped in broad daylight I'll never forgive you for making us move to New York".

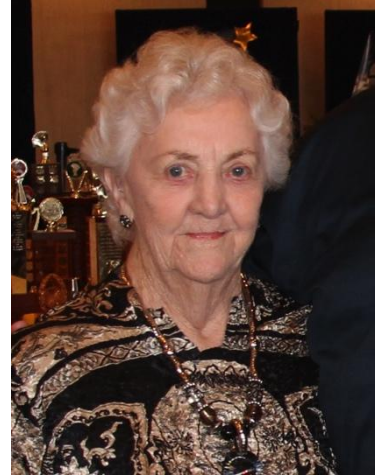


NONAGENARIANS

Congratulations to our venerated players who became nonagenarians this month. Gorgeous Marie Purkiss and charming Jack Cain. They couldn't be more different in their approach to birthdays (or bridge). Marie, who would rather her 90th birthday passed without fanfare, declined an opportunity to reveal her history for this newsletter. Whereas Jack was very amenable to recounting his history (I thought I had a book on my hands by the time he'd reached 20 years old).

Marie has amassed 273.08 Gold, 439.20 Red and 428.96 Green for a total of 1,141.24 MPs and recently gained promotion to Grand Master. This points total included 67 MPs in the last 12 months, so promotion to Silver Master, which only requires a further 1,358.78 points, is well within reach (if she would only take her bridge seriously).

Marie, who could reasonably be described as the ultimate silent assassin, at the bridge table (meant only with true admiration), has played many events in the past year on the Central Coast, as well as congresses at Maitland, Newcastle, Pennant Hills, Blue Mountains, Coffs Harbour, Tomaree, Hunters Hill, Muswellbrook and Southern Highlands.



On the other hand Jack, who has 26.08 MPs, displays a light-hearted attitude to the results of any bridge hand. It's fair to say he's left his run a little late, if his aim is to reach Marie's remarkable bridge achievements, but he obviously enjoys playing.

Jack was born in Glasgow, in 1927, during tough times (Glasgow's unemployment never dropped below 14% between 1920-39, reaching 30% from 1929-32). Very few families had an income >£300 p.a. and Scotland, with 10% of the UK's population, had 25% of the unemployment.

The family first came to Australia in 1929. Father didn't like it and only stayed a month. Jack, his mother, older brother Henry and two sisters, Mindel and Rita, stayed a year before returning to Glasgow.

Back in Glasgow, the family's funds only went as far as educating Henry at Hutcheson's Grammar School, where academia was precedent. Jack's education



was far less enlightening at The Gorbles Public School and wanting to be an engineer remained an aspiration. Instead, at 14 he was apprenticed to a blacksmith (as hammerman) at 7s 6d a week. Three months later he started another apprenticeship (Jack calls it slave labour) in cylinder grinding and making bearings.

Before turning 16 Jack had decided to run off to sea. He headed to Greenock, a port on the Clyde, where he talked a ship's captain into giving him a job. Sailing off to Rothesay, Jack became a little alarmed when the ship returned to Greenock then left for Rothesay again. He had signed up as dishwasher on the local ferry. Several return trips later, his dream of sailing the high seas abandoned, he walked home in time for a late dinner without any of the family guessing what he'd been up to.

He learnt Morse Code and graduated as an officer in the merchant navy. He finally spent time at sea until he was called up for army service at 18. Posted to Germany as a POT (Potential Officer Material), his duty ended (still a POT) at 21. The Army offered training, upon discharge, and Jack asked it be piano lessons. After 2 months lessons from a German in Battenberg, he was demobbed at York and issued with a suit, raincoat, shoes, rail ticket and a small stipend.

He went back to mechanical work in Glasgow, became a good dancer (piano lessons seem to be an unfinished storey?) and tried his hand at selling, before immigrating to Australia in 1952, where his brother had lived for some years.

Staying in his brother's garden flat, near White City, Jack took a job selling ladies' frocks. He did well (he says the accent was the key) and soon went out on his own selling bed sheets, before getting a small factory in Broadway, where he made petticoats (there is a 'I was in ladies dresses, bed sheets & petticoats' theme here).

Jack was knowledgeable about boxing (his brother had been a handy boxer and fought for money, in Glasgow, which father no doubt tried to multiply as a local bookie). This came in handy when Scotsman Peter Keenan beat Australian Kevin James, to take the British Empire Bantamweight Title at Sydney Stadium in 1956. Jack made a cool £100 on the fight.

Australian born Sheila came into his life in 1955. They married and set up home in a rented manor in Edgecliff (ask Jack about being the perfect tenant if you have plenty of time). Two children, Katie and Henrietta, followed and the family moved to Mosman where Jack became an owner and operator of fashion shops. Vacations were spent at a holiday home in Macmasters Beach.

He retired in 1985 but stayed in the Mosman area. Sheila passed away in 2000 after 45 years of blissful marriage. In late 2014, Jack moved to Kincumber and joined the bridge club soon after.

His two daughters, one living at Macmasters Beach and the other in France, have made Jack a Grandfather 5 times and Great Grandfather 4 times over.





REACH & SQUEEZE, REACH & SQUEEZE

adapted from an article in the Easts Bridge Club Newsletter

North's charge to Blackwood could be characterized as reckless. Worse, failure to use 5NT meant Grand Slam was called without two Kings.

West's lead of 5♦ was won by the Q♦ in Dummy. Declarer plays the A♥, from Dummy, causing East's K♥ to drop. South still appears a long way from home even with the 'lucky' ♥ guess. 13 tricks appear possible with 5 in trumps, 2 in ♠, 4 in ♦ (note J♦ drops) and 2 in ♣, but blockages in 3 suits make it seem difficult to win them all. Is it possible to make Grand Slam? See next page.

From Easts Bridge Club December 2016		North ♠ K ♥ AQJ ♦ KQ ♣ AQ98765 21		<table border="1"> <tr><th>W</th><th>N</th><th>E</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1♣</td><td>Pass</td><td>1♥</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Pass</td><td>4NT</td><td>Pass</td><td>5♥</td></tr> <tr><td>Pass</td><td>7♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>Pass</td></tr> <tr><td>Pass</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	N	E	S	1♣	Pass	1♥		Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass	7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass			
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NEW ABF RANKINGS - APRIL

Congratulations to

<i>Life</i>	David Snow	<i>**Local</i>	Peter Hall
<i>National</i>	Pam Townsend		Janice Roughly
	Jurate Laisve		Joan Brierty
<i>*State</i>	Gary Barwick	<i>Local</i>	Margaret Berriman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

in May to



Jack Cain, Margaret Campbell, Doreen Collis, Joan Dominguez, David Ford, Helen Gulliver, Jan Henry, Gary Heyting, Lucy Julebin, Stewart Lee, Pramila Muthiah, Frank Pellarini, Kath Pellarini, Marie Purkiss, Jim Swindells, Paul Unger, Pamela Wackwitz.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY



NEW & OLD FRIENDS

please welcome and add to your Program

Returning members

Jan Davis and Helen Eaton

(phone numbers in the 2017 Program)



**FROM THE MASTERPOINTS SECRETARY****GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY**

Recently I received a letter from Carla who lives in Christchurch and who will be remembered by Tuesday and Thursday players in particular. Here is her letter in part:

Dear Wendy

You may not remember me, but I was a visitor to your club for several months in the second half of last year. Everyone at the Central Coast Leagues Bridge Club was very nice to me, in particular directors George, Matt.

I very much appreciated all the kindness I was shown and am enclosing a booklet I put together for Beginners and Intermediates that has been quite popular here in Canterbury. (I also put together a training manual for new directors that can be downloaded for free).

Thanks again to all the friendly people at CCLC Bridge Club, and long may it continue.
Carla Heslop

I have been in touch with Carla and have her permission to edit her *Bridge Protocol* booklet to suit the Australian 'bridge environment'. When I have done this, including the Law changes that will come into effect on August 1 both here and in New Zealand, she would like the booklet to be made freely available to members of our club as well as to the other clubs on the Central Coast. I feel sure that players of all levels will find the booklet informative, I would like to thank Carla for her generous offer. Wendy Mitchell

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making Grand Slam

Declarer cashes a second trump (East throws a ♠) and then leads the K♠, overtaking with the A♠. Declarer uses Dummy's last trump to win the J♠ lead, which West covered with the Q♠. Declarer now plays the K♦ from Dummy, overtaking with the A♦ and then draws West's 2 remaining trumps.

The adjacent table shows the state of play with South on lead.

South leads the last trump. East, desperate to retain the ♣ stopper, lets go of the J♦. This makes the 10♦ good and South plays it, to see East discard the 10♠. The lowly 5♠ now makes.

Finally, South plays the 4♣ only to see the K♣ pop, which Dummy covers with the A♣. Dummy's Q♣ cleans up East's J♣ 'stopper'.

North		East	
♠	--	♠	10
♥	--	♥	--
♦	--	♦	J
♣	AQ987	♣	J103
West		South	
♠	43	♠	5
♥	--	♥	4
♦	97	♦	108
♣	K	♣	4

