

**Welcome to the  
Central Coast  
Leagues Club  
Bridge Club**



**NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2017**

**A** **NUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**  
**Saturday August 5**

The meeting was held in the Park-view Room, with 28 members attending and apologies from 12. Reports were presented by the President, Treasurer and Tournament Organiser.

Sincere thanks for their contributions were expressed to outgoing Committee members: Rosanne Ransley (Vice President), Lynette Lynch (Secretary), Leon Babinski, Diana Coats and Trish Dennis.

All those who nominated for the 2017 – 2018 year were elected unopposed. No-one accepted nomination for the one vacant position.

Congratulations to those members continuing:

- ♠ Dianne March (President)
- ♥ Ronnie Ng (Treasurer)
- ♦ Ruth Griffin (Assistant Treasurer)
- ♣ David Bowerman

and to the incoming members:



Colin Mitchell    Anne Grayden  
(Vice President)    (Secretary)



Julie Sadler    Alison Mackey

## RECENT RESULTS

## Congratulations to all

### TED NEILSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Ted Neilsen took lessons from Zelda Overhall and won the trophy named after her in 1995. Ted served on the CCLCBC Committee and became a Director – famous for his phrase ‘*All change please!*’ at the end of a round. Ted also directed at ACES and always promoted interaction between the members of both clubs.

After Ted died in 2012 it was decided to remember him with a social competition between the two clubs. The inaugural competition was held on Thursday June 27, 2013 at the Gosford Golf Club, hosted by ACES. There were seventeen pairs from each club, with CCLCBC winning the trophy. Leon Babinski, member of both clubs, directed the session and had to play as well.

Read more about Ted’s achievements in our Newsletter of February, 2013 which can be found on our website.

### MEMORIAL PAIRS hosted by ACES Thursday Jul 27

The day started dramatically as Margaret Berriman fell at the door and was taken to hospital thus leaving the CCLCBC one pair short. Now 14 pairs played 15 pairs from ACES. Once again, Leon Babinski both directed and played!

The result of the day was Aces scoring 677.41 and the Leagues Club scored 622.58. Congratulations to the ACES club who won the trophy for the first time.

Individual placings were :

- |     |                                 |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1st | Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler     |
| 2nd | Sylvia Robb & Kerry Murray      |
| 3rd | Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins |
| 4th | Terry Abson & Tony Earnshaw     |

### ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

8.5 tables

Saturday Aug 5

- |     |                            |        |
|-----|----------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats | 62.42% |
| 2nd | Colin & Wendy Mitchell     | 57.90% |
| 3rd | Carol Judd & Anne Grayden  | 56.28% |

The Anniversary Pairs was first held in 1993, won by Jack Rushbrook and John White (both now deceased). If you look on the Honour Roll on the website you will see many familiar names of players who have won this trophy over the years. Peter Berzins won it twice with Zelda Overhall and twice with Dorothy Berzins. This year it is Dorothy's turn again, but with a new partner!

<b>MONTHLY SHIELD 7</b>		<b>5.5 tables</b>	<b>Monday Aug 7</b>
1st	Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany		64.58%
2nd	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury		58.85%
3rd	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden		56.48%

After 7 months the best 6 scores of the leaders are:

Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	104
Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	98

With 3 sessions yet to play, 3 pairs have already qualified and only 10 others remain eligible for outright awards

<b>AUSPICIOUS AUGUST</b>		<b>Thursdays</b>
<b>3 tables</b>		<b>Aug 3</b>
1st	Moira Love & Agnes Marsh	64.00%
2nd	George Boettiger & Janice Abberton	51.00%
3rd	Gina Robertson & Anna Schermer	49.00%
<b>4 tables</b>		<b>Aug 10</b>
1st	Moira Love & Agnes Marsh	61.31%
2nd	George Boettiger & Yvonne Zammit	54.17%
3rd	Pam Harris & Kath Harper	52.38%
<b>5.5 tables</b>		<b>Aug 17</b>
1st	Paul Unger & Ruth Griffin	65.10%
2nd	George Boettiger & Yvonne Zammit	62.89%
3rd	Julie Sadler & Margaret Crispin	56.77%

3 pairs have played the minimum 3 times already:

Moira Love & Agnes Marsh	175.3
Allan Roser & Robert Lassau	145.85
Margaret Campbell & Jan Bowyer	118.80

With 2 more sessions in this eclectic event, all pairs who have played to date have the potential to qualify for outright awards.

**STATE OPEN PAIRS (1)                      10 tables                      Wednesday Aug 16**

North-South

1st	Paul Unger & Bob Morris	60.88%
2nd	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	60.19%
3rd	Colin Mitchell & Agnes Marsh	51.85%

East-West

1st	Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence	58.33%
2nd	Barry Foster & Martin Johnson	58.10%
3rd	Barry Davies & Lyn Lynch	56.25%

**SWITCHING SINGLES**

There has been a lot of interest on the third Monday Evening of each month with 48 individual players involved so far. 9 of these have already played the minimum of 5 times. With 4 sessions remaining all the rest are still in a position to qualify for outright awards by playing 5 times with different partners.

**CONGRESSES**

**Best Local Players**

**TAREE TEAMS**

**25 teams**

**July 39, 30**

Sharon & Greg Mayo, Sally & Garry Clarke (2nd), Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster, Judy Wulff & Martin Johnson (4th), Christine Hadaway & Judy Smyth, Noel & Shirley Crockett (8th)

**MOREE PAIRS**

**Final: 5 tables**

**Plate: 5 tables**

**August 5 & 6**

Angela & Kevin Dougall (2nd)

Bernie Davidson & Lorraine Lindsay (5th)

**COFFS COAST GOLD CONGRESS**

**BUTLER SWISS PAIRS**

**August 9 & 10**

**Open**

**118 pairs**

Colin & Wendy Mitchell (12th), Sharon & Greg Mayo (36th), Jan Clarke & Di Coats (44th). Other: Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen, Sally & Garry Clarke, Shirley & Noel Crockett, Helen Milward.     *Continued on Insert page*

## COFFS GOLD CONGRESS Continued .....

### Intermediate/Restricted 88 pairs

Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster (13th), David Snow & Martin Johnson (21st). Other: Margaret Regan & Irene Campbell, Molly O'Neill & Mary Wood.

### SWISS TEAMS

August 11 to 13

### Open 72 teams

Sally & Garry Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett (35th). Other Central Coast players competed in teams with players from elsewhere – none with any distinction!

### Intermediate/Restricted 36 teams

2 teams with members from the Central Coast competed.

## NEW ABF RANKINGS DECEMBER - JULY - Congratulations to:

Grand	Tony Burke	*State	Matt Raj Mal
*National	Austin Driscoll	Regional	Helen McLean
National	Roy Cotton	Club	Phillip Denniston

## MAKING THE SLAM AT THE COFFS GOLD CONGRESS

Running 6th in Session 7 Swiss Pairs, Wendy (West) picked up this hand:

- ♠ AQ96532
- ♥ 8
- ♦ 862
- ♣ T4

With Nil vulnerable and able to count 5/6 playing tricks she opened 3S. Partner used RKCB to find 1 keycard and bid 6S without checking for the trump queen.

The ♥K was led and dummy's 21 HCP hit the table: ♠ K

- ♥ A43
- ♦ AQ4
- ♣ AKJ965

Slightly disappointed that there was only 1 trump, albeit a good one, Wendy *paused to plan the play*.

Spades are good provided they break 3-2, no heart losers, and hopefully the nice club suit can be established to provide discards for the diamonds without having to risk a finesse.

So, winning the lead in dummy and cashing ♠K it was noticed that North played ♠T. Now, ruffing a ♥ to get to hand and cashing ♠A delivered the bad news of the 4-1 break, with South still holding ♠J & 8. Wendy now went into the think tank..... What would you do?

*(see Page 9 for the play and results)*

## CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF BRIDGE

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge were first published in 1928. The World Bridge Federation (WBF) now reviews and updates the **93** Laws of Duplicate Bridge (the Laws) every decade. The most recent change was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017 in Australia.

The Coffs Gold Congress was the first ABF event to implement the new Laws. A Seminar on the significant changes was presented by Tony Howes (Head of NSWBA Director Accreditation) and John McIlrath (ABF National Director Development Officer).

Our directors attended a workshop on the changes in Tomaree recently - Alan Bustany, Ronnie Ng, Matt Raj Mal, Louis Koolen, George Boettiger, Julie Sadler and Leon Babinski.



Closer to home our Chief Director, Ronnie Ng has presented two Friday seminars which were attended by ten or so interested members.

## **From our Chief Director:**

The purpose of the revised Laws remains the same: they set out the right procedures to follow and maintain a fair and level playing field for every player. If irregularities do occur, the Laws are not for punishing the offending side, but more importantly to remove any advantages gained from the infraction and hence restore equality.

The aim of this series of articles is to introduce members to the changes of the Laws and how the changes affect the game. These articles also target members who want to know the proper procedures of the game. This article, the first one of three, will focus on general procedures other than the specifics regarding the auction and play of a board.

Before a session, our directors deal a set of boards for the day. The Laws now require the backs of the cards to be identical. The Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) can also further require all Australian clubs to use cards with symmetrical faces. Members can help the directors by letting them know if you notice any decks of cards without identical backs.

Our club requires players to be seated five minutes before a session starts. Once seated, they may only change direction within a session with the permission of the Director. In addition, they should only move when and as directed to the correct seat. Thus it is important for players to pay attention to the Director's announcements and instructions.

Players are expected to maintain a courteous attitude at all times and avoid remarks or unnecessary actions that can cause annoyance or embarrassment to others. For example, they may not vary the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent. They may also not leave the table needlessly before the round is called.

A board being in play should be placed at the centre of the table and will remain on it, correctly oriented, until play is completed. Each player should count his cards face down first before inspecting his hand. The Laws also forbids players to touch any cards other than his own unless a player plays dummy's card as the declarer, or with the opponents' permission.

Any player may attempt to prevent an irregularity. However, once it has happened, only the declarer or either defender (not dummy) may draw attention to it and the Director must be summoned at once. Any premature correction from the offending side can lead to further rectification. The non-offending side may also forfeit their rights if they take any action before the Director is called.

After the play, no player should disturb the order of his played cards and return the cards to the board before the number of tricks won/lost is agreed upon. If there is a disagreement, the Director must be called. If the order of the cards has been disturbed and the Director is not able to reconstruct the play, the player who disturbs the order

of the cards may jeopardise his right to claim ownership of tricks in question or to claim (or deny) a revoke. Players should then shuffle his cards before putting them back to the correct pocket. Thereafter no hand can be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present.

Any error in scores can be corrected within two days after the session. Any changes in scores after the correction period can only be made if the Director of the session is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the record is wrong.

*Ronnie Ng*

## **KEY POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S KEYBOARD**

Hi All

I am looking forward to our Birthday week of celebrations. I hope you are all ready for a busy and enjoyable one too. It will begin and end with a Red Point Event - our scheduled Foundation Cup on Monday Aug 28 and an extra, ungazetted 30th Birthday Pairs on Saturday Sept 2.

Each session, during the week, we will be having drinks and nibbles all through and after play. On Mon Eve, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday we will be having spot prizes and some fun goals e.g. a prize for anyone who wins a trick with a 7, a booby/encouragement prize for the pair who comes last, plus others. (Suggestions gratefully received – just ring or tell me, Di.)



Tuesday will also be a Special Beginners day. While others are welcome to play, the emphasis will be on the less experienced players, with prizes for the top pair under 2 points, the top pair under 5 points ie Graduate level, the top Club level pair and the top pair Local and under.

Now as you know from Aug. 1st the new bridge rules came into operation and I would like to thank Ronnie for conducting talks to keep us informed. However, perhaps you missed the talks or wish to be more informed and buy your own Rule Book. If so, the discounted price is \$16 for a soft copy or \$17.50 for a hard cover edition. Again, let me know and we will do a bulk order for you.

Lastly the room is still fluctuating and growing and some things are simply placed temporarily until they reach their final destination. However one thing that is final is the small notice board near the door to the office. It is there for everyone's use. If you are aware we need to buy something simply write it on the board and then the appropriate person will see it and take action.

The new chairs seem to have been received well. So well in fact, that one kind member has donated 4 new arm chairs of the same design. Thank you Anon.

Thanks for handling the change so well and I hope you are enjoying our new, old room. Don't forget any ideas put in the suggestion box. These suggestions can be either practical or design orientated.

P.S. the word from the Club is that the alterations should be finished by the end of August with a possible 2 weeks leeway.

Yours in Bridge

Di March

### **MAKING THE SLAM . . . Continued from Page 5**

Coffs Gold Bulletin Editor, Nick Hughes described the hand and how to play it to make 13 tricks after the sequence above:

*Cross to the ♣A to ruff another heart, then back to the ♣K – don't need that finesse – and ruff a club as South pitches a diamond.*

*Now down to the ♠Q-9, sitting over south's ♠J-8. Next take the diamond finesse (which is successful) and call for a club from dummy, tabling your cards if that is your style. You have just performed the grandly named Grand Coup.*

Desperate to make even the Small Slam, that is exactly how Wendy played it, but without the flamboyant tabling of the cards. While the Imps score for 13 tricks was the same as making 12, the result on this much-discussed hand contributed to Wendy and Colin reaching 2nd place to contest the winners in the last round.

Contracts (with frequency) and scores NS were:

3NT (1) +50, 4S (1) -420, 4S (2) -450, 4S (3) -480, 4HX (2) -500, 4S (1) 510, 4HX (2) -800, 5HX (1) -800, 6S (16) -980, **6S (1) -1010.**

So only 16 out of 59 pairs bid the Small Slam and the only other West to make 13 tricks was just in Game. In the Intermediate/Restricted field the bidding wasn't as good but the play was better: 6 out of 44 bid and made the Small Slam while 24 bid game – 20 making 12 tricks and **4 making 13!!**

### **UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS: UHMP**

If your rank is State, \*Regional, Regional, \*\*Local, \*Local, Local, Club, Graduate or Nil, then this NSWBA Red point event is for YOU!!!

Any registered player, member or not, can play in any or all of the sessions - see Page 10. As long as your partner also has <100 MPs you are eligible to win State level Red points. Your chances are maximised if you play with someone in the same category as you: <10, <25, <50, <100.

Checkout the noticeboard for a list of eligible players - more than 90!!

**### BE IN IT TO WIN IT ###**

## COMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

Foundation Cup	R	Monday	28
Auspicious August	E	Thursday	31

### SEPTEMBER

Birthday Pairs	R	Saturday	2
Monthly Shield (8)	E	Monday	4
Intra-Club Teams (2)	R	9.30am Thursday	7
Spring Pairs	R	Monday Eve	11
Gosford Pairs	R	Monday	18
Switching Singles (8)	E	Monday Eve	18

### UHMP TIMETABLE

UHMP - 2017	
CCLCBC	CCLC
Tuesday, Sep 12, 12.30pm	Monday, Sep 4, 9.30am
Thursday, Sep 14, 12.30pm	Monday, Sep 11, 9.30am
Saturday, Sep 16, 12.30pm	Thursday Sep 14, 1.30pm
Monday, Oct 9, 7.15pm	Thursday Sep 21, 1.30pm
Tuesday, Oct 10, 12.30pm	Friday, Sep 29, 9.30am
Thursday Oct 12, 12.30pm	

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August to:-

Joanne Abbott, Leon Babinski, Dorothy Berzins, Lyn Beston, Jacqueline Bridel, Jan Clarke, Maureen Cooksley, Barrington Davies, Mae Erling, Joan Grant, Tem Lancaster, Robert Lassau, Marea Mears, Phillip Morris, Janice Roughley, Anna Schermer.

### NEW MEMBERS & WELCOME BACK Please make very welcome:-

Janice Abberton (0475 842 786), Mark Te Brugge (4365 9185), Kerry Dwyer (0409 367 701). Please add phone numbers to your Program.

**SMILE AWHILE:** Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!

*Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors*