

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



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018

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**Saturday
August 4
10.30 am**

- **Motions**, with seconder, must be received by the Secretary no later than Wednesday July 11
- **Agenda** will be displayed and emailed no later than July 14
- **Nominations**, with seconder, should be made on the form on the noticeboard
- See Patrons' Paragraphs p. 11
- **Finger food** will be provided after the meeting
- **Anniversary Pairs** will commence at 12.30 pm

**VALE
HELEN GULLIVER
See pp 8, 9, 10**

Sincere thanks to our sponsors:

- Avoca Surf House
- Avoca Beach Seafoods
- Edwards Family Butchery, East Gosford
- Three Donkeys Wholefood Café, Wamberal
- JAX Hair & Beauty, Wamberal - Hair
- JAX Hair & Beauty, Wamberal - Manicure
- Waterfall Café, Kariong
- Golden Tips Hair & Beauty, Kariong
- Albert's Line - Coffee Loft
- Michel's Patisserie, West Gosford
- 2 x Laser gift certificates, Karin Holyman
- Repatterning session, by Pamela De Lacy
- Two Ewes Boutique, West Gosford
- Barrozza Italian Restaurant, Killarney Vale
- Becker & Co Coffee Shop, Avoca Beach

STOP PRESS

The final Charity total is over **\$3,500**

RECENT RESULTS**Congratulations to all****MONTHLY SHIELD (5) (E) 5.5 tables Mon Jun 5**

1st	Dianne March & Len Pascoe	59.90 %
2nd	Patricia Kull & Dorothy Berzins	59.38 %
3rd	Trish Dennis & Wendy Mitchell	57.29 %

CLUB PAIRS (C) Wed Jun 6***Qualifying* 10 tables*****North-South***

1st	Jan Clarke & Pauline Evans	67.59 %
2nd	Martin Johnson & David Snow	57.18 %
3rd	Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence	56.94 %

East-West

1st	Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris	58.56 %
2nd	Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins	54.86 %
3rd	Julie Sadler & Jacqui Wilson	53.24 %

***Final* 5 tables Wed Jun 13**

1st	Barbara Grant & Paul Unger	57.18 %
2nd	Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins	55.79 %
3rd	Julie Sadler & Jacqui Wilson	54.51 %

All 10 pairs in the Final section received outright awards.

***Plate* 4.5 tables**

1st	Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust	66.44 %
2nd	Marie Purkiss & Di Nichols	60.88 %
3rd	Adele Mills & Steward Duxbury	53.70 %

The top part of the field in the Plate received outright awards.

SWITCHING SINGLES (5) (E) 5.5 tables Mon Eve May 21

1st	Garry Clarke & Sally Clarke	58.33 %
2nd	Peter Mackey & Ruth Griffin	53.65 %
3rd	Julie Sadler & David Bowerman	53.12 %

CHARITY DAY PAIRS 14 tables Tue Jun 19***North-South***

1st	Helen Milward & Chris Williams	64.67 %
2nd	David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt	64.25 %

3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Patricia Kull	55.56 %
	<i>East-West</i>	
1st	Elizabeth Lawrence & Gwen White	65.53 %
2nd	Pamela De Lacy & Cheryl Davison	63.53 %
3rd	Ken Townsend & Louis Koolen	59.69 %

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

CENTRAL COAST INTERCLUB TEAMS Jun 12

	14 teams	Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Judy Wulff, Martin Johnson	4	1	1	83.82
2nd	Sue Morris, Gary Heyting, Angela & Kevin Dougall	4	0	2	79.87
3rd	Pauline Evans, Helen Milward Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke	4	0	2	78.78

NEWCASTLE CONGRESS Jun 16 & 17

Open Swiss Pairs 22 tables

1st Noel & Shirley Crockett, 2nd Jan Clarke & Di Coats (*N-S*)

3rd Ian McKinnon & Virginia Dressler (*E-W*)

Restricted/Novice Swiss Pairs 20 tables

2nd Roy Cotton & Marianna Xerri (*E-W*)

Open Teams 30 tables

2nd Noel & Shirley Crockett, Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke

8th Marie Purkiss, Di Nichols, Elizabeth Lawrence, Toni Dixon

9th Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Gwen White, Alfie Nation

Restricted/Novice Teams 14 tables

Players from Central Coast BC came 2nd and 4th.

COUNTRY TEAMS OUTER-METRIPOLITAN ZONE FINAL

Sat Jun 30 & Sun Jul 1

Hosted by Central Coast Bridge club and directed by Alan Bustany on behalf of NSWBA, 10 teams competed - 4 representing the Central Coast and 6 from the Hunter Region.

The first 2 teams will join 8 others from other Zones and Sydney in a Round Robin Final on December 16 to determine State and Country Teams Title holders.

	Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st C Dibley, M Seldon, Greg & Sharon Mayo (H3)	7	1	1	133.25
2nd C Chandler, C Moskovsky, E Humphrey, R Yandle (H1)	6	0	3	108.40
3rd Jaan Oitmaa, S Foster, Lorraine Lindsay, K Ody (CC3)	6	0	3	103.95
4th Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury, Helen Eaton, Gary Barwick (CC2)	5	0	4	92.21

NEW ABF RANKINGS MAY

<i>**Regional</i>	Steve Calcroft	<i>Local</i>	Joan Grant
<i>**Local</i>	Alma Van Der Walt	<i>Graduate</i>	Peter Mackey

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Before I say anything else, may I extend a huge thank you to Anne Grayden and Matt Raj Mal who saved our Charity Day. Most of you were not even aware that there had been a crisis on Tues. morning. Fay from the Leagues Club rang me at 9.05 to say that Randall could not find our playing tables "where were they?" I said, "in the Parkview Room next to the stage." She answered no, Randall had taken them over to our rooms months before. I had thought those tables were just extras and we were keeping them in case we ever needed them. However, last week I allowed them to be used for the 'trash and treasure' instead of carrying the long heavy tables in from the very back room. Disaster - 9.15 and no playing tables. Thankfully Anne and Matt were in the club by 9.15am. They carried the heavy long tables into the foyer, swapped over the 'Trash & Treasure', loaded the playing tables onto a trolley and by 10.15am - the tables were in the Parkview Room and set up ready to play! As I said before, a big thank you to Matt and Anne and all those who were seconded into helping.

Next I would like to give a big 'Thank You' to all the Cooks who made such a wonderful morning tea and to Matt, our great Director who, I was unable to thank on the day, and Ruth and the Committee for facilitating such a smooth running day. And lets not forget the donors and buyers

who allowed us to raise the \$3,500+ that we will be dividing equally amongst our 4 local Charities:

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

Lastly I would like to give a plug to our major sponsors, listed elsewhere. We are not the only people who ask for donations from them, nor are we the only ones to receive their donations..... so please, if you get a chance to patronise them, please do so. And, even better, give them a big verbal thankyou too.

While I am on the 'Thankyous', may I acknowledge and thank bigtime, Wendy, for religiously publishing these great newsletters each month. I believe she has done not only a good job but more then her fair share - Don't you? So please, can we have a volunteer to publish in the coming year. Much of the work is cut and paste, (you do not have to write it yourself. - there will be contributors!). And, if you only have time to publish every second month, so be it. We can only do what we can,..... So, please consider taking over for a short while.

Lastly, 4th August is our Anniversary Pairs and AGM. I hope we will see a big attendance. The meeting will begin at 10.30am with a light morning tea to follow. Please do not forget to attend and bring any matters you would like raised in the General Business section. It is a great chance for the whole club to consider an issue , not just the committee. AND.... remember all positions are declared vacant, so, how about nominating for an executive position or to become a committee member. We welcome new faces.

Yours in Bridge

Di March

CHARITY DAY REPORT

Many, many thanks to

- those who obtained voucher donations from the businesses on p.1
- those businesses and individuals who donated various vouchers
- the makers of jams, pickles, biscuits, cakes, greeting cards, pantry chooks etc for sale
- the creators of original artworks
- the green thumbs donators of plants and pots

- all those who brought in their amazing *Treasures/Trash*
- the many members who sold and bought raffle tickets and donated items for the hampers
- those that made goodies for morning and afternoon tea on 19th

14 Lucky Door prizes included cups with chocolates, soup bowls with chocolates, gift packs, candles, \$25 vouchers and coffee vouchers.

5 Hampers and 15 vouchers from local businesses were used for Raffle prizes. Lucky winners included Di Coats, Peter Mackey, John McGrath, Margo Brennan, Bernie Davidson, Stewart Duxbury, Stephanie Berglin, Moira Love, Jan Davis, Trish Dennis, Leon Babinski, Gwen White, Alfie Nation, Don Holmes, Patricia Kull.

There were 11 different ‘Silent Auctions’ which included business vouchers, and items kindly donated by members. The last bid for these was made by: Ruth Griffin (2), Dorothy Berzins (2), Wendy Mitchell, Rosanne Ransley (2), Marion Ellis (2), Alison Mackey, Pauline Caust, + ?

Ruth Griffin (our professional fund-raiser) is very proud of our club members - the way so many people helped in so many ways including the setting up of the Trash and Treasure in the club foyer and the Parkview room for bridge play - and the packing up!

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A breakdown of monies raised for Charities:

Pre-charity day sales:	Greeting cards	73
	Pantry chooks, jams etc	461
	Easter Raffle	390
Donations & Miscellaneous		149
Charity Day Raffle		1138
Lucky Door tickets		351
Silent Auctions		245
Trash and Treasure		472
Duplicate bridge		<u>260</u>
		<u>\$3,539</u>

Director and Standby fees were paid out of club funds and the above amount will be rounded up to a figure divisible by 4!

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InterClub Teams at Central Coast

Having suffered a modest loss in the first match we found ourselves playing one of the stronger teams in the competition [in fact they finished fifth of the fourteen teams].

The first of 9 boards [18] was probably a 1- or 2-IMP swing either way; the second board [10] appeared and [sitting North] I held

♠ 963, ♥ void, ♦ AKJ872, ♣QT64.

The bidding was fairly speedy and competitive:

<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
3H	3S	5H	?

I applied the mnemonic – PPP [Pause Plan Play (in this case – Bid)]. A lecture by David Beauchamp came to mind - don't bid 5 over 5. However, with spade support, heart control, and good minor suits, I gave in to temptation and bid 5S.

East then bid 6H, partner bid 6S, two passes back to East who doubled - and there the contract rested.

The play was quick.

West led the Heart King, declarer asked dummy to trump it and then drew trumps in 2 rounds.

Diamond Ace, discard a club on the Diamond King and small Club towards the King.

East can take the Club Ace now or on the next round of Clubs, but because the Club Jack falls, that is the only trick for East-West. Plus 1660 and +14 Imps.

Board 10 Dir: E Vul: All	♠ 963 ♥ ♦ AKJ872 ♣ QT64	
♠ 4 ♥ KQ753 ♦ Q6543 ♣ J5	+	♠ 82 ♥ AJT9862 ♦ T ♣ A97
1 0 8 9 1 3	♠ AKQJT75 ♥ 4 ♦ 9 ♣ K832	N: 5 ♣ 3 ♦ 6 ♠ S: 5 ♣ 3 ♦ 6 ♠ E: 4 ♥ W: 4 ♥

We won the match.

CM 14/06/18

Vale Helen Gulliver (21/5/1942 - 24/6/2018)

Anne Grayden

My early memories of Helen are as “that girl from the other side of the Range” who comes across and wins all the events in her age group at the school carnival. She was a champion athlete who represented our region at the NSW PSSA in Sydney.

We attended two small primary schools, Mallanganee & Mummulgum, separated by the Richmond Range. Helen’s parents owned a shop in Mallanganee and her father and my grandfather shared an interest in breeding and racing greyhounds, as well as having a barber shop between them at one stage.

I also remember Helen as a fellow school bus traveller to our secondary schools in Casino. Helen, who’d been a boarder until she fell foul of the ‘lady of the house,’ ended up with the rest of us on Jerry’s old bus, a bus in desperate need of maintenance. On rainy days we needed raincoats to keep dry despite Jerry’s valiant attempt to block the holes with his used chewing gum. This was a time of heavy flooding on the North Coast and Helen was not going to accept a flooded bus in silence so she reported Jerry to the authorities in Casino - expecting justice would follow. It seems that Jerry had friends in ‘high places’ and he found the perfect punishment for a high spirited teenager. Helen was made to sit in the front seat, the domain preserved for the occasional adult passenger or for the kids labelled as ‘goody-goodies’. The embarrassment of it all!!

The next time I met Helen was on entering the bridge world in the early 1990s when we found ourselves in a supervised bridge session run by Lorraine Lindsay.

In the period between school and bridge, Helen had become a fully registered nurse, had married the love of her life and best friend, Kel, and had lived in Sydney and, for several years, in London. Whilst in London she studied ceramics and sculpture. On her return to Sydney Helen completed

a Ceramics Certificate Course. Both here and in London she was tutored by several well-known artists in this field. Helen set up a gallery and conducted pottery workshops on Sydney's North Shore and around the State for many years. She also taught at a number of institutes of learning, including East Sydney Technical College where she had previously studied, and UNSW.

In 1988 Kel, Helen and her studio moved to the Central Coast. She then learned lead lighting at East Gosford and incorporated this into her works of art. Many of her creative pieces have found homes in various galleries around Sydney and the Central Coast. The AWA Building, York St, Sydney houses some of her work as a permanent front window display.

Since 1988 Helen enjoyed her bridge. She won a couple of trophies with me before forming a formidable partnership with her sister and friend, Toni, winning in excess of 30 Club trophies with her. Well done!! The latest trophy was presented at our recent Presentation Day.

Left to Right:
Helen
Nancye Joss
Toni Dixon

Friday, March 16
2018



In our very early days in the bridge world Zelda said “it is time for you girls to further your bridge education”. We all knew better than to argue with the bridge guru so it was off to Canberra. She warned us about the ‘wailing wall’, telling us we’d spend a great deal of time up against it, but we were too inexperienced to know anything about the culture of Canberra. The ignorance of beginners is bliss!!

Several more times to Canberra, many more times against the ‘wailing wall’ and some memorable times at places like Foster and Mudgee provided Helen with great enjoyment but I’m sure all team members would want me to thank you, Helen, for your company on those jaunts.

Our sincere condolences to Kel, Toni & family, and Peter & Anne & their family.

Anne

Editor’s Note:

Helen’s record is impressive. She won at least once:

- All Club Championships for which she was eligible (total 8 wins)
- 9 out of 11 Perpetual Trophy events (total 15 wins)
- 11 other Special events (total 15 wins)

Two of these wins were with Anne Grayden, and the rest with her sister, Toni Dixon. At the time she ceased playing Helen had achieved the rank of Gold Life Master.

WORKSHOPS

Wendy Mitchell

I will conduct a series of Intermediate Workshops on **Tuesday mornings** in **August**, 9.30 to 11.30 am. I have been asked about some topics, eg:

- The best opening lead
- Defence - to help your side, not declarer!
- Plan the Play - don’t Panic

but would be happy to offer others if you let me know what you need...
Tips on various conventions? Bidding to show the strength of your hand?
Specific hands you had trouble with? Q & A session?

Please ring me on 0423 388 529 or email wmi20245@bigpond.com

PATRON'S PARAGRAPHS

Idly sitting in front of my computer the other evening I thought that, as I was made patron of the club some years ago, I should find out if there are any duties that go with the title [apart from running the elections at the AGM].

I consulted Dr. Google, Wikipedia, Webster's Dictionary, Oxford English Dictionary etc etc etc [Yul Brynner as King of Siam] and eventually found a definition that I liked -

“a person chosen, named, or honoured as a special guardian, protector, or supporter....”

That made it easy – guardians, protectors and supporters are renowned for offering advice, protection and support to the entity of which they are the patron - hence the following paragraph(s) .

I always find it interesting in other groups of which I am a member to hear people complaining about problems that occur in the day-to-day running of that organisation. When I ask them if they have talked to the officers [committee] about these problems they generally say no!

Our club's Annual General Meeting gives you your chance to:

- congratulate the committee on the wonderful job that they have done in the last year
- bring to the attention of the committee any problems that you may have with the way the club is being run
- make suggestions about the way you would like the club to be run in the year to come
- nominate yourself to a committee position where you will be able to solve all these problems

Do not pass up this golden opportunity! If you feel really strongly about the management of the club and feel that you could contribute, then the nomination form is on the notice board.

Colin Mitchell, Patron

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Monthly Shield 6	E	Monday	2
Teams of Three	C/P	Thursday	5
Jovial July	E (2 of 4)	Saturdays	7, 14, 21, 28
Switching Singles 6	E	Monday Eve	16
Club Restricted Teams	C/P	Tuesdays	24 & 31
Winter Pairs	R	Monday Eve	30

AUGUST

Auspicious August	E (3 of 5)	Thursdays	All
Anniversary Pairs	R - after AGM	Saturday	4
Monthly Shield 7	E	Monday	6
Foundation Cup	R	Monday	13
Switching Singles 7	E	Monday Eve	20
State Open Pairs Q1&2	R/P	Wednesdays	22 & 29
Australia Wide Pairs		Monday Eve	27

NEW MEMBERS: Please make very welcome new members:
Monika Peters (0476 051 083) and Jennifer Rowe (0405 357 192).
Please add their phone numbers to your Program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for July to:-

Margo Brennan, Kathleen Bromley, Theo Chadwick, June Clarkson, Toni Dixon, Helen Eaton, Barry Foster, Joe Griffin, Ann Gunner, Christine Hadaway, Don Holmes, Robyn Jackson, Louis Koolen, Moira Love, Alison Mackey, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Pam Townsend, Neryl Tyrrell, Peter Yates, Richard Webb.

SMILE AWHILE

Some Bridge Jargon Explained (from an old newsletter)

- Doubleton: 4,000 pounds
- Finesse: A female bridge player from Finland.
- Free bid: All of them - once you pay your table fee.
- 50 - 50 Chance: When a Player expects it to come off 8 or 9 times out of 10.

Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors