

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



NEWSLETTER

February, 2011

PROGRAM CHANGES

The Graded Pairs is on Wednesday **July 6** (not March 16).

This is a Trophy event with two sections, A for National* and above, B for National and below. Only Green points at the normal rate, but the prize is worth more if you win!

Please amend the phone number for Jim Hancox to 4321 0581

NEW RANKINGS

Congratulations to those promoted in December, 2010.

Graduate Masters:

Janice Bowyer, Basil McCann

Club Masters:

Barbara Smits, Hans Smits

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Associates:

Jenny Buckley

Mathew & Stephanie Mathews

RENEWALS

Just a reminder that you should have paid your annual fees by now. If you haven't, please find a committee member who will write you a receipt for \$26.50 if this is your Home Club, or \$6.50 otherwise.

CHECK YOUR SCORES!!

Playing in the GNOT finals at Tweed Heads Diana and Peter Coats and Dorothy and Peter Berzins had the unfortunate experience in Match 6 of wrong scores affecting their final ranking.

- A disputed score was not corrected although the Director had advised that it would be
- All the scores attributed to North-South were wrong

The moral of this story: always check your scores and report any errors **before** the start of the next session, following the procedure as instructed by the tournament organisers.

RECENT RESULTS

CHRISTMAS PAIRS – Wednesday, December 1

1. Helen Gulliver, Toni Dixon 63.8%
2. Elizabeth Lawrence, Marie Purkiss 61.3%
3. Vicky & Bob Morris 61.0%

NEW YEARS CUP – Monday, January 3

1. Teresa Jensen, Nancy Asquith 62.2%
2. Nancy Joss, Lyn Pears 61.4%
3. Angela & Kevin Dougall 57.7%

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS – Wednesday, January 26

1. Nancy Joss, Adele Mills 64.6%
2. Patricia Bowles, Sue Eastman 56.3%
3. John Lehane, Joan Lehane 55.3%

CONGRESSES

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE

National Swiss Pairs: K Lemon, C Bourke 104/228

National Senior Teams: N&S Crockett, E&R Vaughan 18/46

P&K Johnman, J Clarke, V Dressler 19/46

National Novice Teams: H Tomlinson, B Foster, J Duncan,

M Johnson 6/20, and 2nd in the 0-99 masterpoint section

Grand National Pairs: 4 pairs represented the Central Coast. Of these, Norm Berger & Louis Koolen performed best with 47th out of 116.

South West Pacific Teams: Still being played as we go to press

DID YOU KNOW?

Law 7 C. Returning Cards to Board

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original thirteen cards, after which he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. ***Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present.***

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At least 24 boards must be played in a session to earn full masterpoints and pairs must play at least 75% of the boards. Minimum table numbers are 3 (Howell); 4 for other pairs movements. The top 1/2 of the field earn points in pairs, the top 1/3 in teams.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Nancye Joss

Many of you will have taken lessons from Nancye and you almost certainly have played against her in the last 16 years since she moved to the Central Coast. You will also know many of her past and present partners – Justine Harkness, Lorraine Lindsay, Adele Mills, Lyn Pears, Carol Judd, Karen Ody and Nancye's sister, Jan Henry.

Nancye said, with some surprise, that she has been playing bridge now for 50 years! After teaching out her bond at North Sydney Demonstration School she 'escaped' to Canada. There she met three other teachers who played bridge. Having grown up (in Wauchope) playing all sorts of card games, Nancye found bridge easy to pick up and the four ladies played socially at every opportunity.

On her return to Sydney she played socially with her sister Jan. Nancye was Infants Mistress at Yagoona and then at Newtown where she established a partnership with her Deputy. This led to lessons with Ron Klinger who was teaching at the NSW Bridge Association. At this time she played at the Association and at Lindfield with several people you may know – Bruce Branthwaite, Julie Sadler, John Redfearn. Nancye attended many of Ron's lessons, including the course on his Power System, which she played.

Retiring as Principal at Boronia Park Primary, Nancye moved to the Central Coast in 1994 and joined Brisbane Water BC as her home club, as well as the Leagues and Central Coast clubs. Nancye served on the BWBC committee for several years including four as Vice President. She played with Felicity Osborne-Firth and Joan Williams (Life Member at Brisbane Water) for several years. Nancye has won our Monthly Shield 8 times as well as the Graded Pairs A (4 times). You will also find her name on at least 6 of our Trophies and several other events on the Honour Roll.

Bridge has provided Nancye with some wonderful opportunities for travel to various parts of NSW and beyond, playing in congresses at the Gold Coast, Canberra, Bathurst, Mudgee, Great Lakes, Port Macquarie and Muswellbrook for many years as well as a rather calamitous experience as the bridge teacher on board the ill-fated ship, Achille Lauro!

Currently Nancye usually plays four days per week. For her, the game of bridge is a constant challenge – both fascinating and frustrating and a never-ending learning process. It is great fun and provides wonderful opportunities for friendship and social life and for meeting all sorts of interesting people. For her, life without bridge would be a lesser life indeed!

Nancye's advice to all players wishing to improve:

- Think about every card you play, your opponents play, the bidding
- Don't play like an automaton
- Read about bridge !
- Enjoy the game and keep trying

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| Monthly Shield | Monday 7 |
| Inter-Club Teams (Red Point) | Thursday 10 9.30 am |
- You may enter at the club, or online, but you must do so
by 4pm on Monday 7
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| Club Mixed Pairs Championship | Saturdays, 5 and 12 |
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- Closing date is *Wednesday 2 at 4pm.*

MARCH

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| Monthly Shield | Monday 7 |
| Presentation Day Pairs (Red points) | Saturday 12
9.30 Bridge, 1pm Lunch |
| Autumn Pairs (Red points) | Monday Evening 21 |

ALERTS

A number of complaints have been received lately about players alerting their partners bid incorrectly. The two main problems appear to be:

1. alerting after their RHO has bid
2. giving an explanation of the bid when this has not been requested.

The Alerting Regulations take up ten pages of the ABF Tournament Regulations – yes I did write ten. Players are not really expected to be fully conversant with all ten pages but they are expected to know how to alert correctly as follows:

- 7.2** Self-alerting calls should not be alerted.
- 7.3** You alert partner's calls, not your own. Alerts should be made immediately after the alertable call has been completed.
- 7.4** Alerts are made by audibly saying, "Alert" and, if written bidding is in use, circling the call on the bidding pad.
Circling a call provides prima-facie evidence that it has been alerted.
- 7.6** Do not explain your alerted calls or delayed alerted calls unless a request has been made.

If a late alert or an unrequested explanation occurs during the bidding call the Director who will attempt to restore equity by giving you various options.

In recent weeks the most common illegal alert at my table has been - RHO leans over the table, circles the bid of one club and says "that could be short" or "it may be a short club". Just follow the regulations (see 7.4 & 7.6) and relax – if the opponents want to know they will ask.
Colin Mitchell, Chief Director

SMILE AWHILE

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger!'

Wendy Mitchell Editor