

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



NEWSLETTER

March, 2011

LAST CHANCE to enter
for **Presentation Day**

Saturday March 12

Bridge 9.30, Lunch 1pm

Entries close Thursday 10th; see
the notice board for full details.

Come along and enjoy one the
most important days of the year,
subsidised by the Central Coast
Leagues Club.

BEGINNERS LESSONS

The information session on
Tuesday March 1 was very suc-
cessful, with 14 attending.

The next series of Lorraine's
lessons commence Tuesday,
March 8 for 6 weeks from
9.30am to 11.30am at a cost of
\$60. Phone 4324-9701 for
bookings.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Each week your Director for the
day has been reading out one of
the Laws of Bridge. Please take
note!

Your committee decided that
this should be done to educate
all players and to correct the
misunderstandings of some.

Remember—the Director is
your match referee and (as with
other sports) only the Director
can make the ruling at the table.

MEMBERSHIP

This stands at about 240, some-
what less than last year. Some
have stopped playing due to ill-
health and some may have for-
gotten. If you know anyone who
has not rejoined, please encour-
age them to do so.

HINT OF THE MONTH

When playing a NT contract and the hand is quite flat (no 5xcard suit), pick your best 2 suits i.e. those that have the most cards—4/4 and 4/3 fits—and work on setting them up. It is easy to exclude the suit led to you and one other suit that has less potential e.g. 3/3 fit. Plan your play ahead and good luck!

Lorraine Lindsay

RECENT RESULTS

INTERCLUB TEAMS – Thursday, February 3

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| 1. Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Bob & Vicky Morris | 135 |
| 2. Di Nichols, Nancy Asquith, Adriana Smith, Colin Shore | 125 |
| 3. Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Lorraine & Jack Lindsay | 123 |

18 teams participated in this event—congratulations to the clear winners!

CLUB MIXED PAIRS – SATURDAY, February 5 & 12

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| 1. Angela & Kevin Dougall | 137.4 |
| 2. Dorothy & Peter Berzins | 115.7 |
| 3. Vicky & Bob Morris | 110.6 |

CONGRESSES

Well done to all placegetters!

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE—Canberra, January

South West Pacific Teams—164 teams:

Best teams containing local players were:

- 8th Tony Burke, (S Browne, S&A Richman, R Waters)
48th Sally & Gary Clarke, (S & G Mayo)
54th Jack & Lorraine Lindsay, (M Simes, K Wilks)
60th Virginia Dressler, Jan Clarke, Carolyn Malloy, (A&P Boulton, M Fox)
87th Di & Peter Coats, (R & S Grenside)

GREAT LAKES TEAMS—February 19 & 20 41 Teams

1. Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Kevin & Angela Dougall
6. Noel & Shirley Crockett, Sally & Gary Clarke
7. Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver
9. Peter & Dorothy Berzins, Irma & Gary Heyting

GOLD COAST CONGRESS – Saturday February 26 to Saturday March 5

This year was the 50th Anniversary of this popular congress. It was held in the Convention Centre at Broadbeach. Gianarrigo Rona, *President of the World Bridge Federation*, spoke to the assembled teams on Thursday. It is the largest tournament he has ever attended and he was very impressed with the attendance and organisation.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS—continued

All divisions and sections play the same boards and the use of Bridgemates enabled all results to be posted and checked within an hour of end of play. Great organisation indeed! An innovation this year was an *Education Program* consisting of nine well known players speaking for one hour on a range of topics. These were so popular that the room could not accommodate everyone, but the notes can be downloaded from the ABF website (Gold Coast Congress, Education Program).

There were 694 pairs competing in the following divisions:

Open – 304, Senior – 98, Intermediate – 82, Restricted – 122, Novice – 88

Each section in the finals consisted of 14 tables (except for the last section in each division). Results from the 12 Central Coast players finishing in the top two thirds were:

Open	D	23rd	Kaylee Lemon, (W Burrows)
Open	E	1st	Tony Burke, (S Browne)
Intermediate	B	23rd	Margo Brennan, (L Carr)
Restricted	C	1st	Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes
Novice	A	7th	Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson
Novice	A	25th	Martin Johnson, (J Smyth)

A grand total of 436 teams played as follows:

Open – 240, Seniors – 46, Intermediate – 48, Restricted – 64, Novice – 38

There were only 3 ‘pure’ Central Coast teams, but 23 other players from our area played in a further 11 teams. Best performers (in the top two thirds) were:

Open	71st	Virginia Dressler, Ian McKinnon, (J Mott, G Mundell)
Open	88th	Kaylee Lemon, (W Burrows, P Hall, J Coutts)
Open	125 th	Marilyn Whigham, Judy Wulff, (F McRae, R Matskows)
Intermediate	10th	David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull
Restricted	43rd	Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes, Sylvia Robb, (Simpson)
Novice	2nd	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, (K & P Balkin)

In the play off this team unfortunately were beaten by the leaders.

As happened last year, teams were provided with datums for each board, and the ranking of each pair compared to the whole field. Provided this was not used to blame your partners, the information was very instructive.

Swiss Butler Pairs – 232 pairs competed for the Ivy Dahler Shield

Of 11 local players in 14 pairs the best were:

NS	4th	Tony Burke, (S Browne)
NS	22nd	Kaylee Lemon, (W Burrows)
EW	55th	Margo Brennan, (L Carr)

Swiss Butler Restricted Pairs – 160

Our representatives were Di Nicholls and Sue Eastman who finished a great 10th.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Monthly Shield	Monday 7
Autumn Pairs (Red points)	Monday Evening 21

APRIL

Monthly Shield	Monday 4
Easter Pairs (Red points)	Friday 8
Country Teams	Saturday 9 & 12
Anzac Day Pairs (Red points)	Monday 25

NB: No bridge on Good Friday, April 22

CAN YOU BID THE GRAND?

Holding ♠AQ1096543 ♥A ♦J6 ♣A3 I opened 1S because I counted only 8.5-9 playing tricks. Colin responded 2D. 4NT, Key Card Blackwood on diamonds found him with 2 keycards—obviously ♦A and K. Now I bid 6S, hoping for the spade finesse to work. This was Colin's hand: ♠K7 ♥QJ85 ♦AKQ7 ♣Q52. With the missing ♠K and the ♦Q for a discard of a club, the grand is cold, but we (he?) missed it!

(Hand 28, Pairs Qualifying Round 1, GCC)

Wendy Mitchell

INNER STRENGTH From Jan Macadie, courtesy Sheila White

If you can start the day without caffeine, If you can get going without pep pills, If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains, If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles, If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time, If you can take criticism and blame without resentment, If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him, If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend, If you can conquer tension without medical help, If you can relax without liquor, If you can sleep without the aid of drugs .

The You Are Probably The Family Dog!

SMILE AWHILE

The bridge player who knows how to laugh at himself will never cease to be amused! (Ron Klinger)

Wendy Mitchell Editor