

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



NEWSLETTER

Mid-April, 2011

P**PROMOTIONS—**
Congratulations to all our
new ‘masters’:

Peter Berzins	Grand
Marie Purkiss	Gold Life
Tony Collis	Life
Liz Kerr, Di Nicholls	National **
Sue Eastman	National
Rose Sperling	State *
Jim Hancox	Graduate

LESSONS

18 Beginners have just completed 6 weeks of lessons and are ready for supervised play.

Under the pathway policy developed by the committee each will receive a Graduation Certificate. On joining the club they will be given a club name badge, one month’s free games, and a protected Player badge valid for 3 months.

They will also be offered a ‘Bridge Buddy’ for a minimum of 4 ses-

sions. Bridge Buddies will play the beginner’s system and provide encouragement and feedback on the hands played.

Advanced Course

Watch out for dates and a list of topics to be offered by Lorraine.

AUTUMN PAIRS

There were 4 tables of players on the evening of March 21 for this Red Point trophy event. While as few as 3 tables are enough to award masterpoints under ABF regulations, our Club rules require 5 tables for any trophy event.

This event will be rescheduled to a date to be advised. Even if you do not usually play on a Monday evening, please make a special effort to attend—after all you may be the winner!

NEW MEMBER

Joy Fogg is our newest member - please make her welcome.

TIP FOR THE MONTH *Lorraine Lindsay*

When partner makes a forcing bid like 2 Clubs- bid the next suit up: "2 Diamonds" and wait to see what suit the big hand has. If you can support their suit then do so.

The only time you should bid another suit is if you have NO fit with the big hand and that is after they have revealed their hand. Supporting the big hand is your top priority if you possibly can.

Of course asking for Aces comes into the equation. Remember partner does not know the strength of your hand, but you know all about the 2 CLUB hand. Thus the weaker hand virtually takes over bidding once the suit has been revealed.

The "2 Club" opening bid should contain a 5 card suit or better. If the hand is balanced, then it should have 23/4 H.C.P.s

Thus that is why it is called a "GAME FORCE"--- 9+ playing tricks!

RECENT RESULTS

PRESENTATION DAY – Saturday March 12

There were 12.5 tables ably directed by John Lehane. About 40 attended the lunch. Nancye Joss took some great photos which she has collated in a presentation day album. This is available for members to see on the front table. There are also previous event photos for anyone who would like to see in albums in the office. Most of the recipients attended but it would be nice to see more members attend Presentation Day as it is an important club occasion. It is a great opportunity to mix socially with members as well as to congratulate winners for the past year. *Marilyn W*

Presentation Day Pairs results were as follows:

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| 1. | Dorothy and Peter Berzins | 58.9% |
| =2. | Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes | 57.8% |
| =2. | Rose Sperling, Teresa Jensen | 57.8% |

MONTHLY SHIELD – Mondays - Cumulative @ April 4

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| 1. | Trish Bowles, Marie Purkiss | 45 |
| 2. | Nancye Joss, Lyn Pears | 42 |
| 3. | Camilla Barlow, David Bowerman | 33 |

EASTER PAIRS - Friday April 8

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| 1. | Angela and Kevin Dougall | 67.6% |
| 2. | Alfie Nation, Jane Langridge | 59.5% |
| 3. | Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver | 59% |

COUNTRY TEAMS – Saturdays April 9 & 16 9 teams

The following top 5 placegetters are eligible to play in the Regional Final on Sunday June 5 at the Central Coast Bridge Club:

1. Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Angela & Kevin Dougall
2. Helen Gulliver, Toni Dixon, Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray
3. Judy Wulff, Marilyn Whigham, Kathy & John Mitchell
4. Marie Purkiss, Trish Bowles, Carole Hamilton, Elizabeth Lawrence
5. June Ball, Gwen White, Teresa Jensen, Rose Sperling

CONGRESSES

Apologies to Rose Sperling (one of our newer members) whose fine result I omitted when reporting on the GOLD COAST CONGRESS last month. In the Restricted Pairs, Rose and her partner Sue Hosier came first place in Final B. Well done!!

MAITLAND TEAMS - March 20 33 Teams

- 3rd Angela & Kevin Dougall, Jack & Lorraine Lindsay
6th Sally & Gary Clarke, Greg & Sharon Mayo
7th Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, John Redfearn, Norm Berger

CENTRAL COAST SUPER CONGRESS – April 2 and 3

Swiss Pairs 60 pairs

4. Kevin and Angela Dougall
13. Lorraine & Jack Lindsay
16. Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray
17. Phillip Morris, Gary Heyting
22. Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody

Open Swiss Teams 36 Teams

11. Helen Eaton, Eunice De Vries, Glen Campbell, Judy Hopkinson
13. Virginia Dressler, Kerrie & Peter Johnman, Janet Clarke
17. Karen Ody, Christine Hadaway, Jacqui Wilson, David Adams

WHEN TO CALL THE DIRECTOR

On a number of occasions recently I have heard discussion at a table other than my own which goes something like “You shouldn’t have done that”, “should we call the Director”, “no we don’t need to” etc.

Law 9.B.1(a) states ‘The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity.’ Also the opening paragraph of the ‘Introduction to the 2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge’ includes:

The Laws are primarily designed not as punishment for irregularities but rather for the rectification of situations where non-offenders may otherwise be damaged. Players should be ready to accept gracefully any rectification or adjusted score awarded by the Director.'

Have you been part of a similar conversation recently and NOT called the Director? If so next time don't be frightened and please change the "no we don't need to" to "yes we must" followed by "Director please". *Colin M*

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

Anzac Day Pairs (Red points) Monday 25

NB: No bridge on Good Friday, April 22 or Evening of 25th

MAY

Monthly shield Monday 2

Bridge for Brains Wednesday 4

Grand National Pairs (Gold Points) Wednesday 11, 18, 25
(Below Life Master)

Charity Day Pairs (Red points) Tuesday 31

CHARITY DAY

Our raffle this year will be for a **\$200 petrol voucher** as well as various other prizes. Raffle tickets will be available after Easter.

We would like to make up small hampers with a theme, eg: bathroom toiletries, groceries, a romantic date, a picnic whatever you can imagine. Please make your donations with this in mind.

Once again we will be auctioning off players for a bridge session with the winners. Nancye Joss, Lorraine and Jack Lindsay, Colin and Wendy Mitchell will be 'on the auctioneer's block'!

Proceeds as usual will go to the local Pandora women's group who carry out charity work in our community.

Watch out for further details at sessions, on the noticeboard and in next month's Newsletter.

Marilyn Whigham

SMILE AWHILE

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.
(Bob Hope)

Wendy Mitchell Editor