

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



NEWSLETTER

August, 2011

A NNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday August 13

Please join us at 10.30 am to hear the President's and Treasurer's reports regarding the club in the last 12 months.

By attending the AGM you can

- help make up the quorum
- ask questions about the finances and management of the club
- vote for the new committee
- enjoy a light lunch from 11.30am as a reward!

Nominations have been received for all executive positions, but more are required for the general committee. Please consider approaching someone to stand for the committee, or if you are willing to do so your-

self, don't be shy! Just put your name on the form on the notice board and wait for a proposer and seconder.

Nominations can be taken until the start of the meeting.

BRIDGE PROMOTION

Eight people attended our Open Day on Thursday 21 and sixteen on Saturday 23. All seemed to enjoy themselves and fourteen have confirmed that they will attend Beginners lessons.

Courses of 8 lessons for \$80 will be conducted at our club for two hours from 9.30am on :

- **Tuesdays** from August 23
- **Saturdays** from August 27

These will be advertised in the local paper, but your help in promoting them will also be appreciated.

TIP FOR THE MONTH *Lorraine Lindsay*

The use of a double after partner opens and there has been an overcall, can be very useful as it can show the unbid suit or suits but it can also show support for partners suit as a support double. Often this double can be a little ambiguous--but at least it shows some values in your hand without committing to a suit. It really asks partner for another bid!

NEW ABF RANKINGS at June 30

Congratulations to the following for their promotions:

Phillip Morris	Gold Life	Phyllis Whyte	Silver Life
Diane Nichols	Life	Carole Hamilton	* State
Moira Love	* Regional	Wendy Alford	** Local
Ronnie Ng	** Local	David Driscoll	Graduate

RECENT RESULTS

GRADED PAIRS - WEDNESDAY July 6

There was one field of 7.5 tables comprising seven A ranked pairs and 8 B ranked pairs. Congratulations to Jack and David who won the A trophy clearly, and to Maureen and Ursula for a close third and the B (ranks *National and below*) trophy.

1st	Jack Lindsay & David Driscoll	61.5%	A
2nd	Nancye Joss & Adele Mills	60.4%	A
3rd	Maureen Holmes & Ursula Middleton	60.1%	B

STATE OPEN TEAMS: OUTER METROPOLITAN FINAL

This was contested in Newcastle on July 2 and 3 by 5 Newcastle teams and 2 Central Coast teams. Newcastle representatives took out the first three places. Fourth was Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Angie and Kevin Dougall and fifth Koolen, Grant, Murray and Innes.

BRISBANE WATER SUPER CONGRESS

Open Swiss Pairs - 60 pairs

1st David Weston, Julian Foster 2nd Peter and Di Coats
5th Gary and Sally Clarke =6th Wendy and Colin Mitchell
10th Ronnie Ng, Kaylee Lemon in a new partnership

Because Swiss Pairs scoring is like teams scoring, the results for each pair are compared with the average for the rest of the field. This has the advantage that overtricks are not critical, but there is an element of luck in the hands that you meet. That luck was with MFP and me for most of the day, running 2nd after Round 3 and then 1st for 3 rounds. We were well beaten in the last round because our opponents had the cards to bid a slam for 1430 (datum 830) and a game for 650 (datum 490). This means that they were not bid by all the other East-West pairs. Then we missed 3NT while most of the field made major games that should go off. C'est la vie!

Restricted Swiss Pairs - 30pairs

1st Janet Slight, Carol O'Farrell

Open Teams - 45 teams

=3rd Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody, Frances Lyons, Janet Clarke

=3rd Lorraine & Jack Lindsay, Sharon & Greg Mayo

5th Kevin & Angie Dougall, Peter & Dorothy Berzins

Restricted Teams—16 teams

2nd Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, John Duncan, Martin Johnson

!Congratulation Brisbane Water for a great congress!

MONTHLY SHIELD

Nancye Joss and Lyn Pears have increased their lead over Judy Wulff and Marilyn Whigham. Dorothy and Peter Berzins are now third.

RESIGNATION

Excerpts from a letter to the Committee:

I have already informed the Committee verbally re my intention to resign from teaching Beginners in the future, but I thought I should make my decision formal to you all.

My decision is based mainly on ill health and the desire to free up our time next year. As you are aware running continuous courses like teaching Beginners is an ongoing commitment which leaves little spare time for other things.

Having taught Beginners for well over 20 years, I think it's time to hang up my hat and pass the baton to someone else.

I will still be available to run Intermediate and Advanced courses from time to time. I think they are needed and judging from the good response I have had these past weeks to the current set of lessons I would hope you will allow me the privilege of running more in the future.

Thank you all for your support these past years and I wish you every success in keeping our great game growing.

Lorraine Lindsay

THANK YOU..... to Lorraine Lindsay.

Lorraine Lindsay has taught bridge here on the Central Coast for over 20 years. Lorraine is now suffering ill health and needs “to take a break “ from teaching beginners. However she may still be available to run Intermediate and Advanced courses from time to time.

Apart from the Central Coast, Lorraine has also travelled to many country areas to teach beginners bridge. This has allowed many country clubs to expand their horizons as they did not have an experienced bridge teacher in their area. Lorraine also enjoys travelling the high seas with Jack to teach bridge to ship passengers.

I think that some of the most valuable parts of bridge that Lorraine passes on to her pupils is her genuine love and enthusiasm for the game. I for one have been a beneficiary of this gift, and although I often joke that Lorraine must take the blame for my mistakes at the table..... I will be forever grateful that I was given such a wonderful introduction to the game of bridge. I am sure that many players will share these sentiments.

Enjoy your retirement Lorraine and also enjoy the experience of becoming a new grandmother later this year. I am sure that many bridge players hope that your health improves and we can continue playing across the bridge table with you, for many years to come.

Marilyn Whigham
President

WELCOME to Wendy Mitchell our new beginners bridge teacher.

Wendy has played bridge for many years and is an experienced bridge player and teacher. Wendy has been a great club treasurer and committee member and offers continuous, generous assistance to our club. Wendy also travels the high seas teaching bridge, and has taught bridge at schools, colleges and in the community.

Thank you Wendy for accepting this position, and for offering an additional course of lessons on a Saturday morning beginning on the 27 August. Tuesday lessons begin on 23 August.

Now Wendy is about to enter a new role in our club:
...Teacher of Bridge Beginners - new members for our club.

Marilyn Whigham
President

NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to
John Branson; Denise Branson; Agnes Marsh;
Trevor Treweek; Cheryl Davison

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LESSONS
Lorraine Lindsay

8th AUGUST

9.30am—11.30am

CARD PLAY *incl. dummy reversals*

A full set of notes and hand records + bidding and commentary on each hand for only \$10

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP

This event is designed to give less experienced players a chance to win a trophy. You are qualified to compete for the trophy if you are ranked *Regional or below.

Of course you need to play with another eligible player. Thursday may not be your regular day and/or your regular partner may not be eligible, but he/she will understand if you make this event an exception.

To find a suitable partner, refer to the current ABF list which you will find in the 'Recap' folder on the trolley – or check the notice board for a copy. If you are unsure of asking someone, then talk to Jan Wheeler or other committee member.

We have over 100 eligible members, so we could hope for at least 8 tables of eligible players. Those players of higher rankings can compete for the Red Points, but not for the trophy!. There is also a Special Prize for the best Local** (or below) pair.

So find a partner and keep THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8 free!!!!!!

SLAMS AND FINESSES

Two hands from the Central Coast Teams Championship on Saturday July 30 are of interest.

Match 3, Board 23 Dealer: South All Vulnerable

	♠ 5		South opened 1NT (15-18). North transferred to diamonds, then bid 3H. After opener bid 3NT, 4NT was simple Blackwood. The reply was one Ace, so I punted on 6D not knowing if we had the DK or DQ!
	♥ AKJ2		
	♦ AQT9532		
	♣ K4		
♠ AT4		♠ K98762	
♥ Q93		♥ T864	
♦ J74		♦ 8	
♣ 8753		♣ 96	
	♠ QJ3		
	♥ 75		
	♦ KQ6		
	♣ AQJT2		

With my regular partner (MFP) the bidding would have gone:

1NT (15-17)	3D (slam interest, asking about honours)
3NT (2 of the top 3)	4NT (checking for Aces)
5D (one)	6D (certain)

With S declarer the lead was SA and D switch. Draw trumps and play the clubs, discarding two hearts from dummy, leaving only diamonds, making 12.

If N is declarer you may get a club lead. There is no need to ruff heart losers as these and the S5 will be discarded on the clubs, making 13!

Match 5 Hand 10 Dealer: East All Vulnerable

♠ K984	
♥ K43	
♦ AJ73	
♣ 95	
♠ JT5	♠ AQ2
♥ QJ85	♥ A762
♦ 4	♦ KT9
♣ KJT87	♣ A32
♠ A763	
♥ T9	
♦ Q8652	
♣ Q64	

East opens 1NT and whichever version of Stayman you use will find the 4-4 major fit in hearts. 4H is a perfectly reasonable contract with 11 total points in West's hand.

This hand is perfect for trying a finesse for an extra trick.

Assume a D lead from S, won by N. N has to return a D (even though dummy is now void) or gives a free finesse anyway. Small club to CJ holds. Run HQ. If N does not cover, run HJ, then small to HA.

If you now ruff a D to reach dummy and run SJ, then small to SQ you have no spade losers. Next the CA and small to C10 picks up the CQ. Discard the last D on the CK.

I don't think anyone bid 6, but believe it or not EW can also make 6C and even 6NT! Needing 3 finesses and the DA on side is not a high percentage.

CARDS RATINGS—MOST IMPROVED June

Tony Davis	1.29	
Norm Berger	1.13	
Paul Unger	0.92	
Maureen Holmes, Kevin Dougall, Angie Dougall		0.71
Tem Lancaster	0.68	
Allan Raward, Wendy Alford	0.58	
Ursula Middleton, Bruce Branthwaite	0.5	

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Gosford Pairs (Red)	Tuesday 2
Anniversary Pairs (Red)	Saturday 13
Foundation Cup (Red)	Wednesday 24
Australia -Wide Pairs	Friday 26
Central Coast Region Final GNOT	Sat 27, Sun 28

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield	Monday 5
Zelda Overhall Cup (Trophy for Best * Regional and below)	Thursday 8
Spring Pairs	Wednesday 14
Inter-Club Teams	Thursday 22

SMILE AWHILE (for teachers and students)

- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Wendy Mitchell Editor