

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



NEWSLETTER

September, 2011

NEW COMMITTEE
Congratulations to the committee elected at the AGM on August 13:

President Marilyn Whigham

Vice-President Di March

Secretary Margot Williams

Treasurer Allan Raward

General Leon Babinski

Jan Macadie

Wendy Alford

Ronnie Ng

Since the AGM Anne Whatmore has kindly offered to fill the vacant committee position.

The committee will hold its first meeting on Friday 9/9 at which various tasks will be allocated.

Sincere thanks to all outgoing members – Camilla Barlow, Claire O'Connor, Jan Wheeler, Mei-Hua Crawford, Elaine McGorm.

HAS THE MOVE BEEN CALLED?

Even if the time is up for the end of a round, please do not move and start the next set of boards until instructed to do so by the Director. The Director may wish to let slow tables catch up, or there may be a skip, or simply an announcement to be made.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

If you are willing for the club to record your email address we can email you the draft minutes of the AGM, any last minute changes of venue etc, as well as send you this Newsletter!

Just send an email to

cclcbridgeclub@westnet.com.au

which includes your name.

RECENT RESULTS

GOSFORD PAIRS TUESDAY AUGUST 2 9 tables

1st	Lyn Pears & Carol Judd	62.9%
2nd	Jack Lindsay & Diana Coats	60.3%
3rd	Tem Lancaster & Paul Unger	58.5%

ANNIVERSARY PAIRS SATURDAY AUGUST 13 10 tables

1st	Patricia Bowles & Marie Purkiss	67.8%
2nd	Bob & Vicky Morris	64.1%
3rd	Ted Neilsen & Anne Whatmore	57.6%

FOUNDATION CUP WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24 10.5 tables

1st	John & Joan Lehane	62.1%
2nd	Diana & Peter Coats	59.2%
3rd	Maureen Holmes & Ursula Middleton	57.9%

AUSTRALIA-WIDE PAIRS FRIDAY AUGUST 26 10.5 tables

NS	1st	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss	62.6%
	2nd	Nancy Asquith & Teresa Jensen	56.5%
	3rd	Rose Sperling & June Ball	56.4%
EW	1st	Angela & Kevin Dougall	60.9%
	2nd	Vicky & Bob Morris	57.1%
	3rd	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	52.9%

Results above 60% are forwarded to the organisers.

MONTHLY SHIELD

Nancye Joss and Lyn Pears are still well in the lead with a total of 82 for 6 sessions. Judy Wulff and Marilyn Whigham have 67 for 5 sessions and Dorothy and Peter Berzins are on 53 for 4 sessions.

GNP REGIONAL FINAL AUGUST 14 **BWBC**

17 pairs competed, with the first two in each direction qualifying to play in the National Final, to be held on the 21st & 22nd January 2012 at the Rydges Lakeside Hotel, Canberra. Congratulations to: Fran Campbell & Don McAlpine, Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray, Pam Townsend & Pauline Pearson, Len Perkins & Gary Barwick.

CC GNOT REGIONAL FINAL AUGUST 27-28 CCLCBC

Ten teams contested the final, directed by Colin Mitchell

	Wins	Draws	Losses
1st = Eaton (Helen, Eunice De Vries, Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody, Jan Clarke)	6	1	2
1st = Crockett (Noel & Shirley, Garry & Sally Clarke)	6	0	3
3rd Ryan (Josie, Phillip Morris, Irma & Garry Heyting)	5	0	4
4th Koolen (Louis, Barbara Grant, Bob & Vicky Morris)	4	0	5
5th Mitchell (Wendy, Margo Brennan, Peter & Dorothy Berzins)	4	0	5

Because the Eaton team was not eligible to contend, teams Crockett and Ryan proceed to the National Final, which will be held on Friday to Monday, 25th to 28th November at Tweed.

COFFS COAST GOLD CONGRESS AUGUST 16-21

Best results for local players are listed.

Open Swiss Pairs – 136

Lorraine & Jack Lindsay (24th), Angela & Kevin Dougall (27th),
Kaylee Lemon & Wayne Burrows (53rd)

Restricted Swiss Pairs – 72

Patricia Kull & Sylvia Foster (=15th), Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole
Hamilton (=22nd)

Open Teams – 80

Garry & Sally Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett =29th
Kerry & Peter Johnman, Carolyn Molloy, Virginia Dressler 36th
Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Colin & Wendy Mitchell 40th

Each pair within each team was ranked. Best out of 168 pairs:

Wayne Burrows, Kaylee Lemon (25th), Colin & Wendy Mitchell
(31st), Jack & Lorraine Lindsay (52nd), Kerry Johnman & Virginia
Dressler (56th), Sally & Garry Clarke (67th)

Restricted Teams – 38

Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes, Beryl Bethel, Faith Ross 10th
Best out of 76 pairs were Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes (5th)

CARDS RATINGS—MOST IMPROVED

August

David Driscoll	1.48	Jim Swindells	1.1
Dallas Caldwell	1.04	Ellen Williams	0.88
Diane Nichols	0.85	Pam Harris	0.84
Kathy Mitchell	0.79	John Mitchell	0.78
Elizabeth Lawrence	0.77	Nancye Joss	0.76

BEGINNERS LESSONS

These have commenced, with 12 players on a Tuesday and 10 on a Saturday. The latter includes a 15-year old and his Nan! Already, pupils unable to attend on a Tuesday have come on a Saturday and vice versa. I can still accept new players from Week 3, that is Tuesday 6/9 or Saturday 10/9, but not after that.

Wendy Mitchell

NEW MEMBERS: A warm welcome to

Gina Robertson; Ana Schermer; Michelle Barany;

Bob Lloyd; Therese Giddings

NEW PLAYERS

Ten people who have completed their beginner lessons have now joined our club. They are beginning to play in the bridge sessions. Please welcome them and respect their "Protected" status for three months. It can be frightening when you come for the first few times, as I am sure we all recall.

Remember, these are the people who will go on to become committee members and directors in the future. Our numbers have dropped; we need them to enjoy the game and continue to play. *Camilla Barlow*

INTERPRETING THE HAND RECORDS

The new style of printed hand record gives a wealth of information. To save you from adding up the HCP for each hand are shown (bottom left). Then at a glance you can see the possible number of tricks (given best defence and play) in any suit or in NT for your direction. If there are any making contracts, the best you can score is shown at the bottom. There is also an *Optimum Result* shown for the NS pair. A few examples (from Friday 2/9) to illustrate:

Board 1 Dir: N/Nil Opt. Res -100	♠ K9865 ♥ J62 ♦ AQ ♣ T73	N 5 S 5 H 8 D 8 C 5 4 110
♠ - ♥ QT93 ♦ K9854 ♣ QJ52		♠ AQT7 ♥ 85 ♦ 73 ♣ A9864
10 8 10 12	♠ J432 ♥ AK74 ♦ JT62 ♣ K	E 8 W 7 N 4 S 4 H 5 D 5 C 7 7 8 8 120

NS can make 8 tricks in hearts or spades for 110, but EW can make 2NT if played by East, for 120. The optimum result for NS therefore is to bid 3H or 3S and go down 1. At worst this is -50, but if doubled NS get -100, obviously better than -120!

Board 2 Dir: E/ N-S Opt. Res -140	♠ Q8 ♥ AKQJ9 ♦ A86 ♣ Q75	N 5 S 5 H 3 D 3 C 6 7 6 80
♠ AKT432 ♥ T74 ♦ ♣ AKJT		♠ 976 ♥ 832 ♦ Q7542 ♣ 92
18 15 5 2	♠ J5 ♥ 65 ♦ KJT93 ♣ 8643	E 4 W 4 N 9 S 9 H 4 D 4 C 4 5 5 140

If South is allowed to play in 1H, NS will score 80. EW however have 140 for 3S. If NS went on to 4H, they would be down 3 for -300 and if doubled -800! Therefore the optimum result for NS is to allow EW to have the contract, -140 for NS.

Board 15 Dir: S/ N-S Opt. Res 130	♠ K6 ♥ AQ9872 ♦ AQT5 ♣ 9	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>6</td><td>S</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>4</td><td>H</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>H</td><td>9</td><td>D</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>D</td><td>10</td><td>C</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>C</td><td>5</td><td></td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>140</td></tr> </table>	N	6	S	6	S	4	H	4	H	9	D	9	D	10	C	10	C	5		5				140						
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If allowed to play in 3H, NS will score 140, but EW can sacrifice in 3S. If down 1 and doubled this is only 100 to NS. Consequently, if NS then bid 4D this makes for 130, but if they bid 4H they are down 1, -200 if doubled. The optimum result then is 130 for NS.

Wendy Mitchell

PERSONAL PROFILE - PART 1 (abridged)

Dorothy Berzins (nee MacLean)

Dorothy was born in Taree and went to Sydney to attend University in 1963. After graduating with a BA Dip Social Studies she worked with the Dept of Veteran's Affairs from 1968 until going overseas in late 1969 on the P&O Iberia. The ship hit the wharf at Fiji, lost an engine in Acapulco, had three feet of oil pumped into the first class baggage hold at Curacao, and Dorothy had her first taste of bridge! Making up the fourth with experienced players, she enjoyed the games but could not understand why her partner was so dismayed when she was in 2S making 12 tricks – after all she made overtricks didn't she?

About five years later Dorothy talked three friends into joining her to learn to play Bridge properly and enrolled in classes with Ron Klinger in 1974 (ten sessions once a week). Dorothy remembers well her first game at the Association as a brand new beginner. With a stranger for a partner she played against Tim Seres and Mary McMahan. Tim was listening to the races through earphones while he played but it did not

interfere with his bidding a Slam. Dorothy led out her Ace and Tim made his contract (holding Kx). Tim very kindly pointed out that it was generally a good idea to make aggressive leads against Slams. What a nice man he was (and Dorothy and partner Hilda won E-W!)

Appointed as the Senior Social Worker for the Northern Territory in 1974 Dorothy flew to Darwin. Within a week she was playing at the Darwin Bridge club which then played in a Hotel/Club and drinking alcohol while you played was the norm. It was all very Somerset Maugham too with ceiling fans and no air conditioning. Dorothy had played three times at the Club before Cyclone Tracy came along and Darwin was turned upside down. Despite the traumas and the incredible work hours – not to mention a destroyed Club venue - bridge started up about two weeks after the cyclone. At first they played in a building that was only partially restored and every time a storm happened (most nights in the Wet Season) the loose wires and roofing would rattle alarmingly.

During her 8 years in the Territory, Dorothy was Secretary and President of the Bridge Club for about 6 years as well as being President of the Australian Association of Social Workers (NT), a Director of the YMCA, secretary of the Professional Officer's Association and a founding member of Crisis Line. Her first Bridge Congress experience was at Mt Isa when a few stalwarts from Darwin flew there over one Easter. She recalls that Reg Busch from Queensland was the Director.

In 1978 the Darwin Bridge Club held a "Back to Darwin" Bridge Congress with Dorothy helping with much of the organizing. George Stephens who ran the Contract Bridge Supplies was a special guest and later found that he was related to Col Stephens (husband of Ruth Stephens from Central Coast Bridge Club) who then lived in Darwin.

During her years in Darwin Dorothy gave free bridge lessons for a number of years and wrote the weekly Newspaper Bridge Column. It was a case of a big fish in a small pond and Dorothy would probably be mortified to reread her columns now. Many of the bridge players were school teachers and the kids loved to be able to see who won and go and congratulate them.

To be continued ...

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Zelda Overhall Cup (Red)	Thursday 8
<i>(Entry open to all players; trophy for best Regional* and below; special prize for best Local** and below)</i>	
Spring Pairs (Red)	Wednesday 14
Inter-Club Teams (R) 9.30am	Thursday 22
<i>(Entries close 4pm, Monday Sep 19)</i>	

OCTOBER

Monthly Shield	Monday 10
# Club Pairs	Wednesday 12/19
# Restricted Teams	Thursday 13/20
<i>(Less than 400 MP's total for whole team at June 30)</i>	
President's Cup	Monday 31

Prior entry required - please check noticeboard

SMILE AWHILE

- Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
- A set of jump leads walk into a bar. The bartender says, 'I'll serve you, but don't start anything.'
- Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
- Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: 'Does this taste funny to you ?'
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were a bit cold, so they lit a fire in the craft. It sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Wendy Mitchell Editor