

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



NEWSLETTER

November, 2011

MONDAY NIGHT

Bridge on a Monday evening recommences November 7.

Help support this session -

Be seen at seven fifteen!

MELBOURNE CUP

We hope you enjoy your bridge under Leyla's guidance, the fashions, decorations and the sumptuous buffet.

.... and may the best horse win!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome this month to: Linda Ryan, Gary Barwick and Sue Morris.

BRIDGE BUDDIES

Both groups of beginners have now finished the Beginners course and have commenced 5 weeks of Supervised Play.

Are you prepared to play a simple system and to act as a Buddy to a Beginner to help them as they start their Bridge-playing careers?

The aim is for an experienced 'Buddy' to play with a Beginner for the last two mornings of their Supervised sessions, and to follow this up with play in at least two Duplicate sessions.

We still need some more buddies, and as it is quite tricky to match people's availability, some back-up buddies would also be useful.

The last two sessions of Supervised are as follows:

Tuesdays, 9.30am 15 & 22/11
Saturdays, 9.30am 19 & 26/11

Please contact Wendy Mitchell if you are interested or add your name to the form on the notice-board.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

CLUB PAIRS **Wednesdays October 12 & 19** 10 tables

1st	Marie Purkiss & Camilla Barlow	115.2
2nd=	Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole Hamilton	112.2
2nd=	Bob Morris & Mei-Hua Crawford	112.2

RESTRICTED TEAMS **Thursdays October 13 & 20** 6 teams

1st	June Thompson, David Driscoll, Ellen Williams, Gary Barwick	93 VP's
2nd	Anne Whatmore, Nancy Deville, Tem Lancaster, Moira Love	92 VP's
3rd	Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, John Duncan, Martin Johnson	82 VP's

PRESIDENTS CUP **Monday October 31** 10 tables

1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	63.4%
2nd	Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkis	60.4%
3rd	Edward Mallinson, Barbara Grant	57.9 %

MONTHLY SHIELD

Dorothy & Peter Berzins have now grabbed the lead on 91, closely followed by Lyn Pears and Nancye Joss on 86. Wendy & Colin Mitchell on 69 have pushed Judy Wulff and Marilyn Whigham into 4th position on 67.

The best six scores count and November is the last month of the competition - so watch this space!

CONGRESSES

Best placed Central Coast competitors -

MUSWELLBROOK **Butler Pairs (28)** **October 8**

1st	Norm Berger & John Redfearn
6th	Sally & Gary Clarke

Teams (14) **October 9**

1st	Phillip Morris, Josie Ryan, Norm Berger, John Redfearn
3rd	Sally & Gary Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett

PENNANT HILLS **45 Teams** **October 16**
18th Kaylee Lemon, Ronnie Ng, Colin Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell

PORT STEPHENS **37 Teams** **October 30**
Central Coast players were well represented.
3rd Christine Hadaway, Tricia Nolan, Susan McCall, Pam Joseph
5th Shirley & Noel Crockett, Robin & Ed Vaughan
7th Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkiss, Ronnie Ng, Kaylee Lemon
10th Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull, Susan Stephens, Alison McGregor

NEW ABF RANKINGS

Congratulations on their promotion to:

Mei-Hua Crawford **Local Pamela Lumby Regional
Doreen Collis Life Master

CORRECTION OF SCORES

After the end of a pairs session the Director collects the travelling score sheets, processes the scores using a computerised scoring program and produces the results. The process of producing the results also updates the Results page on our web-site.

Some players with internet access have been known to check the results and, if they think that there is an error, ring the Director and discuss the presumed error with the Director. Nothing wrong with this happening – mistakes can happen. The Director of the next session will, as part of our procedures, check that the names and scores have been entered correctly and correct any errors.

However some of our members do not have internet access and may only play once a week – the first opportunity that they have to check the results occurs when they arrive at the session next week. Thus the correction period in the club lasts until the start time of the session a week later e.g. the session played on (say) Tuesday 25 October starting at 12:30 pm may be corrected up to 12:30 pm on Tuesday 1 November.

Colin Mitchell, Chief Director

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield		Monday 7
Evening Duplicate		Mondays 7, 14, 21, 28
Inter-Club Restricted Teams at CCBC		Thursday 10
Remembrance Day Pairs	(Red)	Friday 11
Club Teams Championship		Friday 18 & 25
(Pre-entry essential. Entries close Monday November 15, 4pm)		
Summer Pairs	(Red)	Monday 21

DECEMBER

Christmas Pairs	(Red)	Thursday 1
Evening Duplicate - 7.15 pm		Mondays 5, 12, 19
** No Bridge on Monday December 26 or Saturday 31**		

ALERT OR NOT?

Change to Alerting Regulations (effective October 1, 2011)

Previously all calls at the four-level or higher were classified as 'self-alerting'.

The criterion for this category of self-alerting action has now been modified to:

All calls at the four-level or higher, except conventional opening bids

All other actions above the level of 3NT (whether conventional or not) will remain non-alertable.

The ABF has changed the regulations to protect players against openings such as the Namyats convention where the opening is a transfer bid:

4C opening is a transfer to 4H; 4D opening is a transfer to 4S
These, and similar *OPENING* bids must now be alerted.

But, if you open say 4C, as a pre-empt in clubs, DO NOT ALERT.

SMILE A WHILE

Law of Gravity: Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Wendy Mitchell Editor