

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**December, 2011**

**MELBOURNE CUP**

Tuesday November 1

14.5 tables enjoyed the morning bridge in the Parkview Room, thanks to Director Leyla.

Winners were:

*N-S*: 1st: Daphne Montague & Yvonne Vansteenwyk; 2nd: Allan Raward & Wendy Alford; 3rd Julie & Neville Sadler

*E-W*: 1st: Susan McCall & Pamela Joseph; 2nd: John Tagg & Les Free; 3rd: Colin Mitchell & Mei-Hua Crawford.

A sumptuous buffet followed, with enough food for twice the number! Sweeps, fashion and the race itself - a great day.

Congratulations and thank you to Jan Macadie, the committee and seconded helpers for giving us such an enjoyable day.

**NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome this month to: *Beginning Players* - Paul & Robyn Fawcett, Judy Fenton, Ros Horton, John De Ville, Jim Mansfield-Clark, Rosanne Ransley, Robert Watkins  
*Returning Player* - Kerry Dwyer

**BRIDGE BUDDIES**

The system seems to be working successfully, with most beginners having played in at least one 'real' duplicate session. Two beginners, with their buddies, even won masterpoints in the Christmas Pairs!

A very sincere thank you to all those people who have so generously offered and given their time to help these new players to start what we hope is a lifetime of bridge addiction! Please see the names on Page 4.

## RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY PAIRS Friday November 11** 12.5 tables

1st	Patricia Bowles & Wendy Mitchell	64.3%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Bill Thomson	62.5%
3rd	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	59.7%

### **SUMMER PAIRS Monday November 21** 10.5 tables

1st	Lyn Pears & Nancye Joss	60.4%
2nd	Jim Swindells & Michael Newman	59.6%
3rd	Toni Dixon & Jack Lindsay	59.4 %

### **CLUB TEAMS Fridays November 18 & 25** 8 teams

1st	Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Angela Dougall, Kevin Dougall	129VP's
2nd	Gwen White, Alfie Nation, Jacqui Wilson, Margo Brennan	112 VP's
3rd	Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkiss, Elizabeth Lawrence, Carole Hamilton	111 VP's

### **MONTHLY SHIELD**

Congratulations to Dorothy & Peter Berzins who finished clearly first, with a total of 112 for their best 6 scores. Last month's positions were unchanged with Lyn Pears and Nancye Joss second on 97 and Wendy & Colin Mitchell third on 81.

### **CHRISTMAS PAIRS Thursday December 1** 9 tables

1st	Gary Barwick & Ellen Williams	62.5%
2nd	Carole Hamilton & Elizabeth Lawrence	62.3%
3rd	Jim Hancox & Paul Unger	58.1%

## CONGRESSES

Best placed Central Coast competitors -

### **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Teams (40) November 5 & 6**

5th	Shirley & Noel Crockett, Sally & Garry Clarke
8th	Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Vicky & Bob Morris

## CCBC ALMOST SUMMER TEAMS (30)

November 20

- 1st Kerrie & Peter Johnman, Virginia Dressler, Janet Clarke  
2nd Carolyn Molloy, Deborah Bennett, Roslyn Howes, Margaret Foster  
3rd David Beauchamp, Ross Stuart, Sally & Garry Clarke  
4th and Best Local  
Marie Purkiss, Patricia Bowles, Peter & Dorothy Berzins

## Grand National Open Teams Final (GNOT) November 25 - 28

64 team from across Australia, including two representing our region, competed in this ABF event.

The eventual winners were Sydney 3 who defeated Sydney 1. In the Repechage consisting of 60 teams, Central Coast 1 (Garry & Sally Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett) finished 45th and Central Coast 2 (Irma & Gary Heyting, Phillip Morris, Josie Ryan) finished 57th.

## NEW ABF RANKINGS

Congratulations on their promotion to:

David Driscoll Club Master      Vicky Morris \*\* National  
Ronnie Ng \* State

## CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

### October

Tem Lancaster	1.79
John White	1.44
Ellen Williams	1.44
Norman Berger	1.26
Bob Mavin	1.2
Gary Barwick	1.17
Toni Dixon	1.13
Kaylee Lemon	1.13
Jim Swindells	0.88
Les Free	0.84

### November

Robyn Henwood	1.55
Denise Collister	1.49
Louis Koolen	1.19
Nancy Asquith	1.18
Carol Farrell	0.95
Gwen White	0.88
Diane Nicholls	0.87
Carole Hamilton	0.85
Sue Morris	0.67
John Tagg	0.66

## **SINCERE THANKS**

The Beginning players and I are very grateful for the twenty members who have acted as Bridge Buddies. They not only gave up their time so generously, they had the stress of playing an ultra-simple system!

Leon Babinski, Camilla Barlow, Bruce Branthwaite, Mei-Hua Crawford, Nancy De Ville, Anne Grayden, Pam Harris, Elaine McGorm, Carol Judd, Di March, Colin Mitchell, Leyla Moncelet, Bob Morris, Vicky Morris, Juni North, Lyn Pears, Neville Sadler, Anne Stimpson, Marilyn Whigham, Gwen White and others who offered but who were in excess of requirements.

This has been an outstanding response and with continued goodwill and support the new players will soon become active members of our club. While matching people/days is complicated, we intend to offer this Buddy System to the next batch of Beginners. If there are any suggestions for improvement or refinement, please let me know.

*Wendy Mitchell*

## **SUPERVISED PLAY FOR BEGINNERS**

The committee has decided to make available further Supervised Sessions for Beginners. These will be conducted on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am, starting in January for a maximum of ten weeks.

Some of the new players do not feel quite ready to play in the duplicate; others feel they would benefit from further supervised play in conjunction with playing in duplicate sessions.

At the end of this time the new players will be offered six Improvers Lessons, in which they will be introduced to the mysteries of Blackwood, Transfers and Stayman.

The recent Beginner Lessons graduates will be contacted to advise them of the starting date. If you know of anyone who may benefit from Supervised Play, please advise Margot Williams or Marilyn Whigham.

## **BEGINNERS LESSONS IN 2012**

8 lessons for \$80, commencing Tuesday 7th February, 9.30-11.30am

## **PUBLICATION OF RESULTS**

For many years the three registered bridge clubs on the Central Coast have forwarded the names of winners of each duplicate session to the Express newspaper for publication. This was a way to give public recognition to our players. Unfortunately the newspaper has recently decided to no longer provide this service.

## **25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

In 2012 it will be 25 years since the establishment of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club. (An outline of the club's history can be found on our website.)

Your committee is asking for your input on how we should celebrate. Please make your suggestions on the sheet on the notice board, or discuss your ideas directly with a committee member.

## **HAVE YOU HEARD SOMETHING SIMILAR?**

Member Sue Eastman brought to our attention an article circulated at Central Coast Bridge Club. The author, John Redfearn, has kindly given permission for us to publish relevant extracts:

### ***Unauthorised Information following an inappropriate comment.***

*Let me paint for you a fairly common scenario. West opens the bidding and East responds. West eventually bids 4H and at this point East realises that the partnership should be in 3NT. However, East knows that if he bids 4NT (ii the safer option) then West will take the 4NT bid as an ace ask and merrily continue the bidding. So, East writes 4NT on the bidding pad and makes a comment like, "Umm. I've nowhere else to go."*

*No doubt, many of you over the past few years have heard comments like, "I don't know whether I should bid this" or (after a pass) "I'll leave it up to you partner."*

*Comments such as these are **unauthorised information**. If your partner makes such a comment you are **NOT** allowed to act upon it. If you feel that your opponents have acted upon UI such as this then please call the director.*

*Many new players (indeed quite a few established players) do not know the rules (eg dummy's rights, when you can ask a question, what is UI). We do NOT want players to become directors and give their own rulings at the table. We DO want players to become more aware of their rights and obligations at the table. Always keep in mind that the rules are there for the protection of everyone.*

Editor's Note: We all know that what we should be doing is .....

## **CALLING THE DIRECTOR**

In my capacity as Chief Director I have, in recent weeks, received details of incidents that have occurred at the table in this club. All were received well after the event, one first-hand and the remainder second or third hand.

Some of these incidents have remained just that – incidents to which the Director was not called but should have been. In the other incidents reported to me the Director was called but the plaintiff was not happy with the decision.

There is nothing that can be done about any of these incidents by the time, usually well after the event, that it gets to me. The time to do something is immediately!

The procedure is quite simple – if an incident occurs and you are not happy with what is happening at the table – call the Director. If the Director is called, makes a ruling and you are not happy with the decision – **appeal** the ruling. Appeals forms are available from the Director and must be given to the Director of the day no later than half an hour after the end of the session.

*Colin Mitchell*

## **TALKING OF DIRECTORS**

### **WE NEED MORE**

Are you interested in becoming a director? The club will pay for your training and when you submit and pass a written examination, the club will pay each year for your registration.

At our club the Director's duties comprise dealing boards, directing the session and scoring - and for all this fun you will be paid!

Please contact the Secretary, Margot Williams.

## BRAINS AND BRIDGE

We know that bridge is good for our brains, so all members should find this brain exercise easy!

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3 H0W 0UR  
M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5!  
1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5! 1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17  
WA5 H4RD BU7 N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND  
1S R34D1NG 17 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7  
3V3N 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD! ONLY  
C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15.

## INTERESTING HANDS - AN EXAMPLE FROM Vu-Bridge

South is in 6C and West leads  $\spadesuit 10$ . A brilliant player, South tells the kibbitzers: 'I'm sure I will make that slam!' And you - will you?

North		
$\spadesuit$ 4		
$\heartsuit$ 652		
$\diamondsuit$ AJ6		
$\clubsuit$ AKJ985		
West	East	You can count 11 tricks:
$\spadesuit$ Q873	$\spadesuit$ K9652	(1, 1, 3, 6) so you need 1 more!
$\heartsuit$ KJ84	$\heartsuit$ J109	
$\diamondsuit$ 10987	$\diamondsuit$ 432	
$\clubsuit$ 2	$\clubsuit$ 43	
South		
$\spadesuit$ AJ10		
$\heartsuit$ AQ7		
$\diamondsuit$ KQ5		
$\clubsuit$ Q1076		

Take the lead and draw trumps.

Now play the 2 remaining diamonds, finishing in dummy, followed by the 4 of spades to... your 10.

West will make the queen or king, and is then end-played: he's bound to deliver your 12th trick in spades or hearts or else he's got to give you a ruff - and - sluff in diamonds.

## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

**\*\* No Bridge on Monday December 26 or Saturday 31\*\***

### JANUARY

New Years Cup (Red)	Monday 9
Australia Day Pairs (Red)	Thursday 26

### FEBRUARY

Club Mixed Pairs	Saturday 4 & 11
Monthly Shield          Round 1	Monday 6
Inter-Club Teams (Red) 9.30am, Pre-entry required	Thursday 9

### SMILE A WHILE

- Good King Wenceslas phoned Domino's for a pizza. The sales-girl asked him 'Do you want your usual? Deep pan, crisp and even?'
- What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine? This will sleigh you.
- 'I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.' *Shirley Temple*
- You know you're getting old when Santa starts looking younger. *Robert Paul*

### THE FESTIVE SEASON

Make sure you join us for bridge in the week before Christmas to enjoy some Christmas goodies. The Committee and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year!

There will be no Newsletter in January. Please remember to forward any items to me at [wmi20245@bigpond.com](mailto:wmi20245@bigpond.com) or leave them in the Newsletter tray in the Office. Ideas/details for Personal Profiles would be especially welcome.

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*