

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



NEWSLETTER

January/February, 2012

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RESENTATION**

DAY - Saturday March 10

With Bridge in the morning and a great meal in the afternoon—what more could you want! Details are being finalised now - put this in your diary and please watch the notice board

BEGINNERS SUPERVISED

These sessions began on January 10th with 4 to 5 tables each Tuesday morning. Nancye Joss has been very pleased with the players' progress.

IMPROVERS LESSONS

A series of six lessons will be offered by Wendy in mid-March to introduce the Stayman, Blackwood and Jacoby Transfer conventions as well as to refine the opening bids, responses and rebids of beginning players.

BEGINNERS LESSONS

A new series of 8 lessons for \$80, will commence on Tuesday 7th February, 9.30-11.30am. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to ring Wendy (4340 4870) or Margot Williams (4385 9940)

MONTHLY SHIELD

This is a club championship event run on the first Monday of each month for 10 months. Pairs must play a minimum of six sessions. Points earned are in proportion to the number of tables for any one session. The final result for each pair is the sum of their six best results.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome this month to Felicity Fane; Audrey Hadley; Joan Kook.
Welcome back: Sue Hanson

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

NEW YEAR'S CUP Monday January 9 16 tables

1st Jane Langridge & Alfie Nation 63.9%

2nd Daphne Montague & Helen Ferguson 60.5%

3rd Carol Judd & Anne Grayden 60.3%

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS Thursday January 26 7 tables

1st Angela & Kevin Dougall 60.7%

2nd Dorothy & Peter Berzins 59.9%

3rd Carol Judd & Nancy Joss 56.0 %

CONGRESSES

STATE OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING November 12-13

My apologies for not including this result in the last Newsletter.

Bob and Vick Morris qualified 4th East-West out of 25 pairs.

They elected not to play in the Final, but then were placed 5th out of 48 in the Swiss Pairs. A GREAT RESULT, WELL DONE!!!

CANBERRA SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE - Jan 16 - 29

Best placed Central Coast (mostly) players -

Grand National Pairs Grand Final 104 Pairs

44th Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray

51st Elaine McGorm and Pam Harris

59th Norm Berger & Diane Nichols

South West Pacific Teams 162 Teams

101st Sally & Garry Clarke, Sharon & Greg Mayo

111th Jack & Lorraine Lindsay, Ronnie Ng, Kaylee Lemon

National Life Masters Teams 38 Teams

14th Michelle Tredinnick, David Tucker, Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen

19th Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull, Kaye Donaldson, Janice Palm

National Novice Teams**18 Teams**

5th Hope Tomlinson, Sylvia Foster, John Duncan, Martin Foster

National Swiss Pairs**204 Pairs**

53rd Sally & Garry Clarke

131st Lorraine & Jack Lindsay

133rd Di & Peter Coats

National Flighted Swiss Pairs**28 Pairs**

8th Sally & Garry Clarke

9th Ronnie Ng, Kaylee Lemon

National Restricted Swiss Pairs**80 Pairs**

25th Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull

NEW ABF RANKINGS

Congratulations to Norm Berger, promoted to **National at Jan 31.

There is now a wealth of information regarding master points and rankings of players. For example, below are the Top 20 masterpoint earners in our club for the month of January, 2012:

1	Lindsay, Jack	5.09
2	Harris, Pam	3.04
3	Morris, Bob	2.98
4	Coats, Di	2.98
5	Morris, Vicky	2.98
6	White, Gwen	2.69
7	McGorm, Elaine	2.64
8	Coats, Peter	2.44
9	Joss, Nancye	2.05
10	Boettiger, Jorgen	1.97

11	Ng, Ronnie	1.93
12	Bowles, Patricia	1.87
13	Judd, Carol	1.84
14	Eastman, Sue	1.76
15	Pears, Lyn	1.68
16	Lawrence, Elizabeth	1.67
17	Ferguson, Helen	1.55
18	Mitchell, John	1.47
19	Mitchell, Kathy	1.47
20	Ball, June	1.30

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

December

Ellen Williams	1.32
Louis Koolen	1.12
Mary Stelzer	1.01
Barbara Grant	0.99
Bert Barwick	0.94
Nancye Joss	0.80
Angela Dougall	0.80
Kevin Dougall	0.80
Les Free	0.74
Pamela Carew	0.68

January

Bob Morris	1.15
Vicky Morris	1.14
Denise Collister	0.73
Jack Lindsay	0.70
Carol Judd	0.67
Claire O'Connor	0.65
Agnes Marsh	0.61
Elizabeth Lawrence	0.56
Carole Hamilton	0.50
Juni North	0.50

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Your committee still needs 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.

Dorothy Berzins is compiling a history of the club for the occasion. If you have any old programs etc, please contact her. (An outline of the club's history can be found on our website.)

WE NEED A NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Following the resignation of Anne Whatmore, there is a vacancy on your committee. If you can attend a meeting once a month and help out at special events - your club needs you! Don't be shy. Make your interest known to Marilyn, Di or Margot - they will answer any questions.

DIRECTORS

We are still looking for more. Training is provided - if interested please contact the Secretary, Margot Williams.

FINDING THE BEST SLAM - Monday January 30

Board 24 Dir: W Vul: Nil	A76 AQ 8 KQJ7632										
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At our table the N-S bidding began: 1C - 1S - 3C. South then asked for Aces, finishing in 6NT, making 13. Only one other pair managed this top score; the majority were in 6S.

Using Roman Keycard Blackwood North shows 3 Key cards, so South knows they are A, A and K. The next bid up asks for the Q and the answer is yes.

South can now count 12 top tricks: (2, 2, 2, 6) as North must have at least 6xclubs. In fact there are 7, and 7NT cannot be beaten.

In 6S, declarer is missing the Q and the finesse fails!

Playing pairs, 6NT outscores 6S. In team scoring the difference of 30 is only 1 IMP—not so critical!

Board 24, Vul: Nil			
Pair		Score	
NS	EW	NS	EW
12	3	1020	
11	1	980	
8	8	980	
7	6	980	
6	4	520	
5	2	980	
4	12	1020	
3	10		50
2	7	980	
1	5	980	

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Club Mixed Pairs	Pre-Entry		Saturday 4 & 11
Entries close Friday 3, 4pm			
Monthly Shield (1)			Monday 6
Interclub Teams	(Red)	9.30am	Thursday 9
Pre-Entry required - entries close Monday 6, 4pm			
Autumn Pairs	(Red)		Tuesday 14

MARCH

Monthly Shield (2)			Monday 5
Presentation Day Pairs	(Red)	9.30am	Saturday 10
Grand National Open Teams			Monday 12, 19, 26
Club Selection—Pre-Entry required			
Country Teams	Pre-Entry		Saturday 17, 31
Easter Pairs	(Red)		Wednesday 28

PLAYING BRIDGE IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

On a tour to Puerto Montt and Frutillar I found that the tour guide was a bridge player. She gave me the address of the Santiago Bridge Club, so on Monday 23rd Colin and I took a 15min taxi ride there from our hotel. A licensed club, serving light snacks as well as drinks, two large rooms for duplicate, and other rooms for social bridge and smoking. Only 8 tables that night as most members were away for the summer holidays. We managed to drag ourselves off the bottom in the last round, when we happened to play against a youngish man who represented Chile at the Bermuda Bowl last year.

People were very friendly and helpful, despite our lack of Spanish. They have been using Bridgemates for about a year, but still record the results of each round on paper as a check. Hands are shuffled at the table and at the end of the first round they are recorded via the Bridgemates! The only other difference was the use of the Stop card when you are about to make a jump bid. A lift back to our hotel by two kind elderly gentlemen finished the evening nicely. Wendy M

SMILE A WHILE

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Wendy Mitchell Editor