

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**June/July 2012**

**A  
NNIVERSARY  
- 25 YEARS**

I think it would be agreed that the highlight of our year so far has been our 25-Year Anniversary Day celebration. There were 18½ tables for the bridge session, ably directed by Peter Berzins.

This was followed by our sumptuous Chinese Banquet, with refreshments, attended by 72 members. Eight of these were the original members of the first club meeting of the CCLC Bridge Club.

We now have a complete history of the club that was compiled very diligently by Dorothy Berzins. We had a trip down memory lane with a powerpoint presentation of photographs compiled by Wendy and Colin Mitchell on equipment set up and provided by Jan Macadie's daughter, Lyn Bonser.

The history can continue to be updated in the folders that Dorothy has already completed. Our

'official volunteer photographer' Nancye Joss took some snaps and Wendy Alford has also made a book of photographs for us all to view.

Adele Mills baked us a large fruit cake that was iced for the occasion by her daughter Rebecca Hughes. The cake was cut by Bill Thomson, surrounded by the "Originals", Needless to say there was barely a cake crumb or piece of icing left at the end of the day ... bridge players have great appetites!

The gold and red table decorations were an inspiration from Robyn Ivers and in keeping with our theme of a Chinese Banquet.

The catering was arranged by Wendy Alford and Jan Macadie (members of our committee). The club caterers are also to be commended for the food provided and their table service.

Thank you to the CCLC staff for setting up the Parkview Room

and for providing bar service for our celebration.

All in all it was a day filled with laughter and reminiscing. A big thank you to all members who were able to attend. The day would not have been such a success without you.

**Marilyn Whigham**

*President*

## **RECENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all the following winners:

### **BRIDGE FOR BRAINS Wednesday May 2** *9.5 tables*

<b>North-South:</b>	1st	Joan Brierty & Jane Langridge	60.2%
	2nd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	56.9%
	3rd	Anne Grayden & Carol Judd	55.2%
<b>East-West:</b>	1st	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	58.3%
	2nd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	55.8%
	3rd	Peter & Di Coats	55.3%

Joan & Jane came a fantastic 24th out of 1928 pairs across Australia!!!!

### **CHARITY DAY PAIRS Tuesday May 29** *12 tables*

1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	64.9%
2nd	Angela & Kevin Dougall	62.2%
3rd	Heather Tarrant & Phillip Morris	60.1%

### **WINTER PAIRS Friday June 1** *12.5 tables*

1st	Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng	63.6%
2nd	Sue Eastman & Norm Berger	59.8%
3rd	Maureen & Don Holmes	56.6%

### **CLUB SWISS PAIRS June 18 & 25** *8 tables*

1st	Marie Purkiss & Bev Moran	111
2nd	Nancy Asquith & Diane Nichols	102
3rd	George Boettiger & Gwen White	100
4th	Robyn Jackson & Carol Judd	100

### **25TH ANNIVERSARY PAIRS Friday June 29** *18.5 tables*

#### North-South

1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	58.7%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Nancy Joss	57.1%
3rd	Judy Wulff & Marilyn Whigham	56.9%

### East-West

1st	Hope Tomlinson & Martin Johnson	60.4%
2nd	Marion Ellis & Jim Hancox	60.2%
3rd	Bill Thomson & Bill Pinfold	59.6%

### **MONTHLY SHIELD**

### **First Monday of each Month**

Six sessions have been played and there are four more to come. To be eligible to win a pair must play in at least 6 sessions. The following shows the leaders' scores, with the sessions played in brackets:

C & W Mitchell	55 (3)	B Branthwaite & T Neilsen	27 (4)
P & D Berzins	41 (6)	P Unger & M Ellis	24 (5)
T Dixon & H Gulliver	38 (2)	P Bowles & M Purkiss	23 (2)
M Crawford & V Morris	34 (2)	P Harris & E McGorm	22 (2)
H Owen & H Smith	32 (3)	A Grayden & C Judd	21 (2)
T Dixon & J Lindsay	31 (4)	J Wulff & Whigham	20 (6)
J Langridge & A Nation	31 (4)		

When their best 6 sessions are chosen, any of these pairs could win!

## **CONGRESSES**

### **STATE MIXED PAIRS      Qualifying      May 26**

The best placed of our 2 representative pairs was Dorothy & Peter Berzins - 14th N/S out of 26. Congratulations to Kevin & Angela Dougall who were 8th, missing the Final by 1 position.

### **Swiss Pairs      May 27**

This event is for pairs missing the cut for the Final. Of 25 tables the best placed local players were Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster (12th) and Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon (15th). Well done.

### **NSWBA TEAMS OF 3      46 teams      June 3**

In this event, teams of 3 are allocated a captain from a pool of top-ranked players. The captain plays with each team member in turn. Some notable results of Central Coast players were:

- 7th (P Gumby), Helen Eaton, Kaylee Lemon, Ronnie Ng  
8th (D Browne), Barbara Grant, Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes  
14th (A Wilsmore), Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson, Barry Foster

**NEWCASTLE CONGRESS Swiss Pairs (74) June 16**

=9th Sally & Gary Clarke, Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

19th Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes

**Teams (42) June 17**

3rd Lorraine & Jack Lindsay, Angela & Kevin Dougall

**WOLLSTONECRAFT TEAMS 22 teams June 17**

4th Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon, P Mann, C Bourke

**COUNTRY TEAMS DIVISIONAL FINAL -**

**OUTER METROPOLITAN 8 teams July 1**

3rd Sally & Gary Clarke, Shirley & Noel Crockett

Local players have competed in other tournaments around NSW in the last two months. For more result you may care to look at:

[www.congress.bridge-club.org](http://www.congress.bridge-club.org)

and

[www.nswba.com.au/tourn/conres.asp](http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/conres.asp)

**NEW MEMBERS**

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Welcome to the following players who have recently joined.

We hope you enjoy playing with us:

Kath Bromley, John Wherry, Susan Whelan, Ruth Griffin  
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**VALE**

**Tony Davis**

Tony had said that he was living on borrowed time and his son Martin advised that he passed away last month. I understand that Tony and his father developed their own bidding system based on the statistical probability of particular hand shapes. Some of you will have experienced the impact of this unusual system which Tony taught to his partner, Gwen Williams, who passed away about 18 months ago.

Gwen had told Tony not to give up bridge, so to honour her wishes he arrived nearly every day, without a partner. I played with him on a couple of occasions - an exhilarating experience!

Tony was a gentleman of the 'old world'. Thank you to those who helped him gain pleasure from bridge. Our sympathy to his family.

*Wendy Mitchell*

## VALE

## Peter Coats

Peter passed away last month after a brave battle with cancer. Apparently he did not want a big fuss at his funeral, but over 700 people thought otherwise!

To many of us, Peter was the doctor who welcomed you with talk of a bridge hand and opened the window so he could have a smoke. When he had to give up practising medicine we saw more of him at the bridge table. Peter had achieved a reputation for 'psych' bids - but these were usually the product of intelligent analysis of the bidding and were either spectacularly successful or spectacularly disastrous.

Dorothy Berzins has included a tribute to Peter in the book of the club's history. He will be sorely missed. Our sincere condolences to his wife Di and their children.

## NEW ABF RANKINGS - Congratulations to:

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Felicity Fane Club Master	Jacqueline Wilson Life Master

## CHARITY DAY Tuesday May 29

Ronnie advises that income from the day was \$1692.60. A detailed break up is not available but a sincere thank you to all who donated items for the:

- Trading Table - a special mention for Pat Unger whose novelty sweet things were a great hit with various grandchildren
- Monster Raffle hampers, and the organisations that donated vouchers - Pinned Up, Mark the Barber, Star Catering, Avoca Beach Seafood, AllMalay Avoca Beach, Michels Patisserie Erina Fair, Leon Babinski (who is disappointed people always prefer wine & chocs to him!)
- Silent Auctions - Adele Mills, Margot Williams, Peter Cole (hairdresser) and those who were bought as bridge partners for a day (Lorraine, Jack, Nancye, Colin and Wendy)
- afternoon tea—Pam Harris and Elaine McGorm

**and** for the hugely popular Rocky Road - thank you Carol Judd

Well done to the committee and all contributors for a successful day.

Pandora - the local charity that helps families in need on the Central Coast has been the recipient of your efforts.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**10.30 am Saturday August 11**

The nomination form for the new committee is on the noticeboard. Nominations will be received until the commencement of the AGM. Please consider if you can contribute to your club by standing yourself for election to the committee, or by nominating someone else!

If you need information about what the committee does, talk to one of the current committee.

Your attendance at the AGM is very important in order to achieve a quorum, and to find out about the activities of the past year and financial status of the club.

You will be rewarded with finger food, followed by the opportunity to earn Red Masterpoints in the bridge tournament that follows at 12.30pm.

### **IMPROVERS LESSONS**

A series of six 2+ hour lessons will be conducted commencing at 9.30am in the Drake Room as follows:

**Tuesdays:** July 24, 31 August 7, 21, 28 Sep 4

The cost of \$70, payable at Lesson 1, includes text book, lesson notes, review exercises and hand records.

**Week 1:** No Trump openings, deciding the final contract; NT card play

**Week 2:** The Stayman convention and applications; Leads

**Week 3:** Raises and rebids; the Blackwood convention; Suit play

**Week 4:** Shifts by responder and rebids with a fit; Bath Coup; Signals

**Week 5:** Rebids to show Mini/Midi/Maxi; Unblocking; Stoppers

**Week 6:** Jacoby Transfers – What, Why, When

These lessons will suit Beginning players, or novice who wish to review their bidding and card play and the use of some basic conventions.

To book, or for further information, please contact Wendy Mitchell directly:

4340 4870

0423 388 529

### **WORKSHOPS BY DAVID BEAUCHAMP - Tuesday September 18**

Always entertaining and educational - keep this date free. Details to follow.

## CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

May/June

Louis Koolen	1.26	Janet Slight	0.75
Kaylee Lemon	1.01	Carol Farrell	0.53
Barbara Grant	1.01	Gary Barwick	0.51
Graham Carson	0.93	June Ball	0.48
Diane Nichols	0.76	Ellen Williams	0.44

## BRIDGE PLAYER OR SERIAL KILLER ?



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Thanks to Elizabeth Lawrence and grateful acknowledgment to the Waverley Bridge Club Newsletter (Victoria) for the above (slightly modified by the editor). This was part of a trivia fundraising for the Oceania Under 25 Women's team to compete in China this month.

There are two serial killers and six bridge players. Can you pick them? (Answers next newsletter.)

**Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial-killer and a bridge partner?**  
**You can reason with the serial killer.**

## COMING EVENTS

### JULY

Foundation Cup                      Red points    Thursday 26

### AUGUST

Henry Kendall Pairs      Red points    Friday 3  
Monthly Shield (7)    Monday 6  
Gosford Pairs                      Red points    Tuesday 7  
Anniversary Pairs                      Red Points    Saturday 11  
Teams of Three                      Championship Event    Friday 24  
*(Pre-Entry Required)*

*This trophy event has not been conducted for some years. It is in the same format as the NSWBA Teams of 3 (see Page 3). Captains (experienced members of our Club) are drawn for on the day. This is a fun event, especially for less experienced players. So start arranging your 3 members now .....*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**June:** Allan Bennetts, George Boettiger, Bruce Branthwaite, Tony Burke, Sue Hanson, Robyn Ivers, Dianne March, Colin Mitchell, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham.

**July:** Patricia Bowles, Denise Branson, Margo Brennan, Toni Dixon, Patricia Downes, Naomi Flint, Don Holmes, Moira Love, Jim Mansfield-Clark, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Ted Neilsen, Tony Ransley, Joyce Small, Heather Tarrant, Bill Thomson.

(Remember - if you are not listed above, please let me know, so that I can add your details to our database. Happy Birthday!)

**THANKS** - To Felicity Osborne-Firth who recently donated bridge books for our book borrowing trolley, as well as a number of boards.

### SMILE A WHILE

- People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.
- You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*