

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



## **NEWSLETTER**

**August 2012**

### **A** **NNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday August 11  
10.30 am**

Thank you to those members who have accepted nomination. Further nominations will be received until the commencement of the AGM.

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 as well as the 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.

### **TEAMS OF 3 - Friday Aug 24**

This trophy event has not been conducted for some years. It is in the same format as the NSWBA Teams of 3. Captains (experienced members of our Club) are drawn on the day.

You play one match with every other member of the team. This is a fun event, especially for less experienced players. So arrange your 3 members and enter now ..... (Entries close Wed 22nd, 4pm)

#### **Teams Tactics**

Because the scoring system is different to that of Pairs, keep in mind the following:

- Bid borderline games when you are **vulnerable**
- Ensure your contract - overtricks are not so important
- Do not make low-level **penalty** doubles

## RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

### GRADED PAIRS                      Wednesday July 4

A (\*National and above)

1st     Adele Mills and Nancy Joss

B (National and below)

1st     Brian Warburton & June Clarkson

### FOUNDATION CUP              Thursday July 26              *5.5 tables*

1st    Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant              65.3%

2nd    Sue Morris & Marie Purkiss              63.0%

3rd    Jack Lindsay & Paul Unger              55.7%

## CONGRESSES

Congratulations to local players who performed well:

### TAREE TEAMS                      25 teams                      July 21 - 22

6th    Lorraine & Jack Lindsay, Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon

### BRISBANE WATER SUPER CONGRESS              July 28-29

#### *Open Swiss Pairs              26 tables*

North-South field    5th     Christine Hadaway & Karen Ody

6th     Gary & Sally Clarke

=10th    Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

=10th    Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng

12th    Toni Dixon & Phillip Morris

East-West field    2nd     Marie Purkiss & Sue Morris

=5th     Peter & Dorothy Berzins

9th     Lorraine & Jack Lindsay

#### *Restricted Swiss Pairs 21 tables (1 field)*

=1st     Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster

9th     Kerrel Walker & Carol Anderson

10th    Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes

=11th    John & Kathy Mitchell

=11th    Martin Johnson & John Duncan

14th    Robyn Henwood & Denise Collister

*Open Teams*

*34 teams*

- =3rd Virginia Dressler, Kerry & Peter Johnman, Stewart Duxbury  
6th Peter & Dorothy Berzins, Angela & Kevin Dougall  
7th Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Di Coats, Wendy Mitchell  
=13th Noel & Shirley Crockett, Gary & Sally Clarke

*Restricted Teams*      *18 teams*

- 2nd Rex Joseph, Janice Donohoe, Alison Heathcote, Mark Mathews  
6th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, John Duncan

Remember - you can find full results 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**

A warm welcome to Heather Darby and David Goldsmith.

**NEW ABF RANKINGS : JULY- Congratulations to:**

Grand Master	Wendy Mitchell	Local	Barbara Smits
Silver Life	Judy Wulff		Hans Smits
*State	Ronnie Ng	Club	Jewell Jessop
Regional	Barbara Boddington		Peter Hall
	Hilary Owen	Graduate	Jacqueline Bridel

**IMPROVERS LESSONS**

These lessons continue in the Drake Room as follows:

**Tuesdays:** August 7, 21, 28 Sep 4

Discussion of previous week's review questions from 9.15am to 9.30am

The cost of \$70 includes text book by Derrick Browne, lesson notes, review exercises and hand records.

**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 suit Beginning players, or novices who wish to review their

bidding and card play and the use of some basic conventions. If you are repeating these lessons the cost is \$45 or \$7.50 per individual session.

To book, or for further information, please contact Wendy Mitchell directly:  
4340 4870                      0423 388 529

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

Always entertaining and educational - keep this date free.

- Fourth suit forcing
- Two-way check back

Expand your gadgets to reach the right contract or simply improve your understanding of other people's bidding methods.

(For Intermediate/Advanced players)

Place: Parkview Room              Time: 9.30am              Cost: \$12

## **THE McCUTCHEON TROPHY**

### ***What is it?***

This ABF trophy has been presented annually since 1971 to the player who wins the most Australian masterpoints in the calendar year. It honours the services to bridge of Dr George Buchanan McCutcheon who died in December, 2001.

### ***Who was McCutcheon?***

George McCutcheon was born in Scotland in 1925 and moved in 1959 to Queensland. He quickly established new bridge clubs and in 1960 George conducted, for the fledgling Toowoomba Bridge Club, its (and Australia's) first Congress. In 1961 at the new Brisbane Congress the possibility of a week-long event was discussed. As a result in February 1962 the Gold Coast Bridge Congress came into being.

Another area within our game where George contributed significantly was the establishment, in 1962, of our national masterpoint system.

### ***What does it mean for you?***

The ABF Masterpoint Centre reports on the National McCutcheon Rankings overall as well as the top 10 within each Masterpoint ranking. None of us expect to appear on that list, but if you look at Club Reports for our club (2-036) you will see our top Masterpoint earners within each ranking.

For example, at June 30, 2012 the top earners for CCLCBC were:

All ranks - Kaylee Lemon, Silver Grand - Lorraine Lindsay, Grand - Chris

Williams etc etc. If you are not on this list, you can look up your own individual ranking at *Players - Masterpoint Lookup* by entering your ABF number.

*Where is it?*      **[www.abfmasterpoints.com.au](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au)**

<b>SOME SALIENT STATISTICS</b>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>NSW</u>
Bridge clubs affiliated with the ABF	338	49
Bridge Players	33,298	13,480
Members with less than 100 Masterpoints	70%	

Within our club 42.7% of financial members have less than 100 masterpoints (i.e. Regional or below) and 22% have less than 15 masterpoints (i.e. below Local master)

## **PARTNERSHIP SKOAL**

We've shared our ups  
And our downs --  
Enjoyed our smiles  
Forgotten our frowns  
Taken two to Tango  
As we've known --  
But united together  
Our skills have shown.  
Nice to win -- yet if to lose  
Hold that grin -- ne'er to infuse --  
Infuse a wrath -- to lose a gain  
Of enjoyment -- composure to remain  
This our outlook -- let it be --  
Twixt the Partner  
Shared by me.  
To be a winner  
Be a grinner --  
And ne'er  
You'll suffer defeat --  
Show thus your composure  
This tribute and disclosure  
Frustration there to beat.

*Allan Bennetts*

## CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

July

Helen Gulliver	2.25
Norm Berger	1.85
Sue Eastman	1.83
Toni Dixon	1.49
Neryl Tyrrell	1.45

Teresa Jensen	1.37
Helen McLean	1.29
Ursula Middleton	1.16
Nancy Asquith	1.14
Alfie Nation	1.14

## BRIDGE PLAYER OR SERIAL KILLER ?

1.



2.



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8.



Answers:

1. Jeff Meckstroth (USA) is one of only 10 players to have won The Bermuda Bowl, The World Open Pair and the World Team Olympiad - known as the "triple crown of bridge".
2. Alfredo Versace (Italy) played his first bridge tournament at 10 years and is currently ranked 5th in the world. Also notable for recently being bested by the 2012 Oceania Girls Team ( who are currently com-

peting in the 14th World Youth Teams Championship in China.)

3. Geoff Hampson (Canada) has played in seven World Championships, having learned to count points at the age of 6, and then learning the game at high school. A professional bridge player, he is also a movie buff and avid golfer.
4. Eddie Kantar (USA), 2xtimes world teams champion learned bridge at 11 years, started teaching it at 17, and has been writing bridge articles and text books since 1954. He is the only person ever to have played in a World Bridge Championship and a World Table Tennis Championship.
5. Javed Iqbal (Pakistan) was a serial killer who killed 100 boys during an 18-month period. He disposed of the bodies in an acid drum outside his house.
6. Mike Cappelletti, senior, (USA) is most widely recognised for his defence to 1NT, the 'Cappelletti' convention. He is an ACBL Grand Life Master and also a poker authority.
7. Simon Hinge (Victoria, Aus) is chairman of the Match and Tournamentj Committe of the VBA. A member of the winning Victorian Open Team in last year's Australian National Championship
8. Armin Meiwes (Germany) sliced up and ate a Berlin computer engineer. He filmed himself killing, disembowelling and cutting up the corpse of Bernd Brandes who he met through an internet chatroom.

## **GOOD LUCK TO CCLCBC REPRESENTATIVES:**

### ***Central Coast Regional Final of Grand National Pairs - Sunday August 12***

Patricia Kull & Jacqui Wilson; Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole Hamilton;  
Maureen Holmes & Ursula Middleton

### ***Regional Final Grand National Open Teams - Sat Aug 25 & Sun Aug 26***

Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Di Coats, Wendy Mitchell  
and Gwen White, June Ball, Margo Brennan, Jacqui Wilson

## COMING EVENTS

### 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 (Pre-Entry Required)	Friday 24

### SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield (8)		Monday 3
Zelda Overall Cup	Red Points	Thursday 6
Inter Club Teams	Red Points, Pre-Entry	Thursday 13
Workshop with David Beauchamp		Tuesday 18
Spring Pairs	Red Points	Wednesday 19

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August to:

Patricia Bowles, Denise Branson, Margo Brennan, Kath Bromley, Toni Dixon, Patricia Downes, Naomi Flint, Don Holmes, Robyn Jackson, Moria Love, Jaames Mansfield-Clark, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Ted Neilsen, Tony Ransley, Joyce Small, Heather Tarrant, Bill Thomson.

### SMILE A WHILE

Many thanks to member Allan Bennetts for his original poem on Page 5. Allan has not been able to play bridge for some time, but as he says, he is "still around watching the Way, the Truth and the Life!!!"



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