

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



NEWSLETTER

September 2012

T EAMS OF THREE Friday Aug 24

After a 12-year break, the return of this event was a great success, thanks to:

- Tournament Organiser Di March for cajoling members to make up teams with less than 500 masterpoints
- Sixteen captains who guided their teams in teams' strategy and scoring and who played so patiently with each of the other three team members
- Director Ted Nielsen who battled with the scoring program, assisted by Colin
- All those who brought interesting goodies to keep up our energy!

AGM, Saturday 11/8

The proposed amendments to our Rules were passed.

Congratulations to our first Life Members:

Peter Berzins

Bill Thompson

and to Club Patron:

Colin Mitchell

Thank you to the 54 people who attended - a record!

Your new committee is:

President Wendy Mitchell

Vice President Di March

Secretary Dorothy Berzins

Treasurer Ronnie Ng

Asst. Treasurer Allan Raward

General Leon Babinski

Wendy Alford

Rosanne Ransley

Jim Hancox

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS **Friday August 3** *9.5 tables*

1st	Robyn Jackson & June Ball	61.0%
2nd	Tem Lancaster & Paul Unger	58.1%
3rd	Carol Judd & Nancye Joss	57.2%

GOSFORD PAIRS **Tuesday August 7** *5.5 tables*

1st	Robyn Jackson & Carol Judd	64.6%
2nd	Tem Lancaster & Paul Unger	62.5%
3rd	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	57.9%

ANNIVERSARY PAIRS **Saturday August 11** *11.5 tables*

1st	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence	61.8%
2nd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	59.5%
3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Adele Mills	59.4%

TEAMS OF THREE **Friday August 24** *16 teams*

		<u>IMP's</u>	<u>VP's</u>
1st	Lorraine Lindsay (capt), Betty Donnelly, Mary Pye, Tony Collis	45	61
2nd	Adele Mills (capt), Jan Wheeler, Matt Raj Mal, Jim Hancox	37	57
3rd	Colin Mitchell (capt), Patricia Carey, Barbara Thomas, Margaret Moorhouse	39	53
4th	Kaylee Lemon (capt), Don Holmes, Maureen Holmes, Ursula Middleton	35	53

CONGRESSES

Congratulations to local players who performed well:

COFFS COAST GOLD CONGRESS **August 14-19**

Open Swiss Pairs (112)

=18th Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon - *Best Pair < 1000 MP's*

=25th Patricia Kull & Sylvia Foster

=29th Les Free & John Free

=35th Colin & Wendy Mitchell

Restricted Pairs (66)

=8th Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes
=18th Elizabeth Lawrence, Carole Hamilton

Open Teams (70)

=5th Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon (+ Carmel Bourke & Pat Lacey
from Sydney)
=25th Colin & Wendy Mitchell, Kevin & Angela Dougall
=25th Les & John Free (+Ian Lisle & Vicky Wiley from Sydney)
=38th Sally & Gary Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett

Restricted Teams (18)

19th Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes, Sylvia Robb, Meryl Bethel

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS - Regional Final 7 teams

Two matches (14 boards each) of the GNOT were played On Sat 25/8 at CCLCBC. A further 4 matches were played on Sun 26/8 at Long Jetty, hosted by CCBC.

Thanks to Congress Director, Colin Mitchell, who had to run head-to-head matches with a triangle. After correction of a software scoring problem, final results were:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>VP'a</u>
=1st S & N Crockett, S & G Clarke	BWBC	112
=1st N Joss, A Mills, D Coates, W Mitchell	CCLCBC	112
3rd L & J Lindsay, K & A Dougall	CCBC	104
4th J Ball, G White, M Brennan, J Wilson	CCLCBC	88

Two teams will proceed to the National Final at Tweed Heads, November 30 - December 3.

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to Anne Watsford, who has
 transferred to our club from Bowral.

NEW ABF RANKINGS: AUGUST- Congratulations to:

Silver Life	Louis Koolen	National	Carole Hamilton	
Life	Bill Thomson	*State	Maureen Holmes	
	Patricia Kull		Helen Ferguson	

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**

!! PUT YOUR NAME ON THE NOTICE BOARD NOW !!

BEGINNERS LESSONS

Semester 2 Lessons will commence on *Saturday 15th September*, at 9.30am in the Old Darts Room

8 lessons for \$80

includes textbook, notes, worksheets and hand records

Bookings: Wendy on 4340 4870 or 0423 388 529

ABF research tells us that word-of-mouth is the best advertising, so please tell any non-bridge friends.

Also, if you could display a leaflet at a local shop, hairdresser, community noticeboard, library etc. it would be appreciated. Leaflets will be available from Directors and Committee Members.

SUPERVISED PLAY FOR IMPROVERS

Come along and practise your bidding, play and defence you. Play selected hands with one or two themes each week and extra tips on all aspects of the game.

Ask for guidance while playing the hands and take home hand records and commentary for further study.

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am **Place:** Drake Room

Cost: \$6 per session **Date:** from Tuesday 15th September

Booking is not required, but please register your interest by calling Wendy on 4340 4870 or 0423 388 529.

MONTHLY SHIELD

Considering that the best six scores count (and pairs must play a minimum of 6 out of 10), the contenders with two months to go are:

	<u>Best 6 Total</u>	<u>Played</u>
1. Wendy & Colin Mitchell	67	5
2. Peter & Dorothy Berzins	59	7
3. Bruce Branthwaite & Ted Neilsen	41	6
4. Carole Hamilton & Elizabeth Lawrence	39	5
5. Marion Ellis & Paul Unger	35	6
6. Toni Dixon & Jack Lindsay	33	5
7. Hilary Owen & Helen Smith	32	4
8. Jane Langridge & Alfie Nation	31	5

WISE AFTER THE EVENT

On Monday evening 3/9 (Board 6) I held:

- ♠AJ Getting prepared to open 2♣ with my 22 HCP,
- ♥AQ85 partner opened 1♠. Knowing we will look for slam,
- ♦AKQ3 I first bid 2♦ to find out more about partner's
- ♣Q65 hand. The rebid was 3♠ (normally showing about
16+ HCP)

Using Roman Keycard Blackwood partner responded 5♠, which shows 2 keycards and the Q of trumps. So, knowing partner has ♣A and ♠K and ♠Q I then bid 5NT asking for any further Kings.

The reply was 6♦ - one. My gut feeling was to bid a Grand Slam, but in the end, missing 1 King, I chickened out in 6NT.

However, when you get home it is easy to count 13 tricks!

Partner must have 6xspades so you have a sure 6xS, 1xH, 3xD and ♣A. Now if partner's extra King is ♣K, you have an additional 2xclub tricks, 13 in all. Or, if it is the ♥K, there are 3xH tricks, not just 1 - again 13 in total.

This was opener's hand: ♠ KQ98652

Would you have jumped? ♥ 6

♦ 92

Would you have bid the Grand? ♣ AK4

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

August

Carole Hamilton	2.26	Leyla Moncelet	0.69
Nancye Joss	1.65	Sam Zammit	0.65
Elizabeth Lawrence	1.64	Yvonne Zammit	0.65
Lorraine Lindsay	1.07	Barbara Grant	0.57
Dianne March	1.05	Margot Williams	0.56
Joan Lehane	0.99	Diane Nichols	0.55
Marie Purkiss	0.89	Robert Watkins	0.53
Robyn Jackson	0.89	Nancy Asquith	0.48
Diana Coats	0.78	Tony Collis	0.48
John Lehane	0.76	Enid Pauling	0.37

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your new committee held their first meeting on Friday August 24.

- Special responsibilities have been appointed (with understudies in brackets) as follows:

<i>Tournament Organiser</i>	Dianne March
<i>Partnership Arranger</i>	Dianne March
<i>Equipment Officer</i>	Leon Babinski (/Jim)
<i>Social Organiser</i>	Wendy Alford
<i>Welfare</i>	Wendy Alford
<i>Standbys</i>	Wendy Alford
<i>Milk and Water</i>	Jim Hancox
<i>Catering</i>	Rosanne Ransley
<i>Newsletter</i>	Wendy Mitchell
<i>Masterpoint Secretary</i>	Wendy Mitchell (/Rosanne)

- A sub-committee of one - Margot Williams - has been appointed as *Acting Secretary* in the absence of the Secretary.
- A number of items of business have been held over for decision at the next meeting - Standbys, Bridgemates, Name Badges
- I reiterated my wish that we 'offer a friendly, non-critical atmosphere, as well as correctly conducted bridge sessions to all our members'. We have lost some members and need to correct the perception outside the club that we are unwelcoming.

Wendy Mitchell

TO ALERT OR NOT ALERT - That is the question!!

A number of the Beginning players have asked for more information on alerts. This is a complex area and even experienced players 'get it wrong' through misunderstanding or forgetfulness. Hardly surprising when there are 10 pages of ABF Alerting Regulations.

Some extracts appear below:

- It is an essential principle of the game of bridge that you may not have secret agreements with partner, either in bidding or in card play.
- Your principle should be to disclose, not as little as you must, but as much as you can, and as comprehensibly as you can.
- A 'convention' is a call that, by partnership agreement, conveys a meaning other than willingness to play in the denomination named
- You must alert a call if it is conventional (unless it is self-alerting).
- The fact that your system card explains the meaning of a call does not remove the obligation to alert it

Alert? - No	Alert? - Yes
1♣/1♦ if the suit is at least 3	1♣/1♦ if the suit may be 2 or less
A 2♥ (say) opening, which promises only hearts, whether strong or weak.	2♥ (say) opening showing hearts and another suit (whether specified or not)
1NT, prepared to play in NT and with no specific information re suit holdings	2♣/2♦ openings if these are artificial
Self-alerting calls: Doubles; Redoubles; Cue bids of an opponent's denomination/suit; all calls at the 4-level or higher (except eg 4♣ transferring to ♥'s)	A single raise that may be strong or forcing eg 1♦ - 2♦
	Responder's first round weak jump shift or weak jump raise
Any 2♣ response to a 1NT opening bid in an uncontested auction.	Responses to Stayman (2♣)
Single-suited overcalls whether weak, strong or intermediate	All overcalls which show two suits, even if one of them is the suit named
1NT in pass-out seat which may not promise a stopper in opener's suit	Natural NT overcalls of RHO's opening suit bid which may not have a stopper in that suit

Did you know? Merely to name a convention (e.g. Michaels, Lebensohl, etc.) is not an acceptable explanation.

To be continued next edition . . .

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield (8)		Monday 3
Zelda Overhall 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

OCTOBER

Monthly Shield (9)		Monday 8
Club Pairs (Week 1)	Pre-Entry	Wednesday 10
Restricted Teams (Week 1)	Pre-Entry	Thursday 11
Club Pairs (Week 2)	(as Week 1)	Wednesday 17
Restricted Teams (Week 2)	(as Week 1)	Thursday 18
Presidents Cup	Red Points	Monday 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September to:

Patricia Birch, Anne Grayden, Heather Milne, Enid Pauling, Rosanne Ransley, Helen Smith, Trevor Treweek.

Remember: If your name does not appear, Happy Birthday also! Please let me know your birthday month so that I can amend our records.

VALE

Ex-member John Meares passed away on September 1. John and his wife Marea were well-known players at Parramatta. They played with us when they first moved to the Central Coast. The funeral is on Thursday 6/9.

SMILE A WHILE

A famous expert, well known for his arrogance and rudeness was partnering a Lady in a tournament. She was also well known, but only by her own bridge club for her good play and politeness. As a result of his wrong play the expert went down embarrassingly. The Lady was explaining gently her idea about the line which was taken. The expert, said angrily:

"Do you know who I am?"

"No." said the Lady softly and added:

"Look, the Director is over there. Go and ask him. He might be able to tell you who you are!"

Wendy Mitchell Editor