

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



NEWSLETTER

November 2012

**MELBOURNE
CUP DAY**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

Thank you to all 73 people who contributed to the atmosphere of a very enjoyable day.

There have been a large number of compliments, so I would like to acknowledge members who made special contributions:

- ◇ Committee members Wendy Alford and Rosanne Ransley who chose the menu, table layout and organised the decorations
- ◇ Members Claire O'Connor, Margaret Moorhouse and Gwen White for the sweeps
- ◇ Anne Whatmore for agreeing (on the day) to be the official photographer
- ◇ Robyn Ivers for suggesting the Black & White theme and all

present for getting into the spirit of dressing up

- ◇ Director Leyla Moncelet who played to make up the numbers and looked after 17.5 tables with lots of 'Director!' calls
- ◇ Balloon blowers and all who came early to set up and stayed late to pack up!

Next year we will need to raise the price as the cost of food and beverages has increased. Nevertheless I'm sure you will still get great value and we hope to see you all, and even more, in 2013.

Wendy Mitchell

RESIGNATION

Jim Hancox has resigned from the committee. We thank him sincerely for the contribution he made in the past 2 months - at 93 years old he is an example to us all!!

Our best results were: Bob & Vicky - 9th out of 24, North-South
Ronnie & Kaylee - 10th out of 25, East-West
Unbeknownst to them, Bob & Vicky could have played in the final on
the second day, but they did not attend. Ronnie & Kaylee came 14th
out of 32 pairs in the Swiss Pairs on the Sunday.

TAREE SWISS TEAMS **October 7** **21 teams**
9th Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Marilyn Whigham, Judy Wulff

MUSWELLBROOK PAIRS **October 13** **18 pairs**
7th Ronnie Ng and Kaylee Lemon

MUSWELLBROOK TEAMS **October 14** **8 teams**
2nd Phillip Morris, Josie Ryan, John Redfearn, Norm Berger

MONTHLY SHIELD

15 eligible pairs remained after the 9th session on October 8.

Top contenders were:

Wendy & Colin Mitchell (67), Peter & Dorothy Berzins (59), Bruce
Branthwaite & Ted Neilsen (41), Carole Hamilton & Elizabeth Lawrence
(41), Marion Ellis & Paul Unger (35) and Jane Langridge & Alfie Nation
(35).

The 10th and final session was held on Monday November 5. In a very close
finish the Berzins earned 4 points but this was not enough to catch the
Mitchells who managed to score 0. So the final placings were:

	<u>Points (best 6)</u>	<u>Sessions Played</u>
1st Wendy & Colin Mitchell	67	7
2nd Peter & Dorothy Berzins	64	8
3rd Bruce Branthwaite & Ted Neilsen	51	7

At the end of this event there were only 11 pairs who had played 6 or more
sessions together. However, there were of course many people who played
over the 10 months - in fact 55 other pair combinations!

Of course there are many reasons why pairs cannot play together
consistently, but the competition would be enhanced if they did. Please
think about this for next year.

MEMBER DETAILS

Please ensure that you check all your details on the Member List being circulated at each session. Place a tick in the last column to indicate that you have done this. Reasons for these are as follows:

- Telephone number Club Programme
- Address Mail out of membership renewal
- E-mail address Urgent notices, AGM minutes
- Birthday month For inclusion in this Newsletter

ABF RANKINGS - OCTOBER

There were no new rankings for our members this month

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

October

Judy Wulff	1.71	Janette Kukura	0.92
Ronnie Ng	1.69	David Driscoll	0.85
Graham Carson	1.50	Leyla Moncelet	0.84
Kaylee Lemon	1.45	John Mitchell	0.79
Joan Brierty	1.24	Patricia Kull	0.79
Norm Berger	1.08	Kathy Mitchell	0.78
Les Free	0.99	Dianne March	0.72
Betty Adler	0.98	John Redfearn	0.75
Helen Ferguson	0.97	Sylvia Foster	0.71
Sue Eastman	0.94	Gwen White	0.70

SUPERVISED PLAY FOR IMPROVERS

Come along and practise your bidding, play and defence. 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: until Tuesday 18th December

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

MEET MORE OF YOUR COMMITTEE



Executive: Wendy Mitchell
*President (and general dogs-
Body); Masterpoint Secretary*



Executive: Dorothy Berzins
*Secretary - correspondence,
minutes, publicity*

Committee: Robyn Ivers has agreed to fill the vacancy left by Jim Hancox. This will be ratified at our next meeting.



Executive: Di March
*Vice-President, Tournament
Organiser and Partnership
Arranger*

Our sincere appreciation to **Margot Williams** who, when her health allowed, filled the position of Secretary in Dorothy's absence. Margot will still be called on for her knowledge of procedures.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from November 2 committee meeting

- At least two members are required to proof read the Club Programme for 2013 - can you volunteer this skill?
- The Club Mixed Pairs and Club Pairs have been scheduled so that it will be practical to invite placegetters from these events to play in the State Mixed Pairs and State Open Pairs, respectively.
- Four months have been chosen in which to run 'eclectic' events. These are similar to the Monthly Shield format. As well as green points earned in each session, outright awards give the top part of the field addition points.
- 16 Bridgemates have been purchased. Thanks to Colin for the time spent in installing software and setting up their operation. As some of you will have experienced, their use is being phased in, as and when each Director is trained in their use. It is hoped that Ronnie will assist Colin in this process.
When you look on our website, you will see that the contract and the lead are displayed - a huge advantage when you are trying to analyse that bad result!
- Our Web space has been increased (at a fee) to 500 Mb. This will enable the Webmaster (Colin), when he has time, to add photographs
- For next year the conditions for the Restricted Teams will be changed. The limit will be that each individual member have less than 150 Master points at 30/6. This change will greatly increase the flexibility in forming a team, so we hope that participation in the event will improve for 2013.
- The Appeals Policy will be amended so that a player has 30 minutes after the end of play to notify the intention to appeal, but the actual written appeal can be lodged up to 24 hours after the end of play. (*We need more appeals with less stress*)
- Membership renewals will be issued at the end of this month and payments of fees will be accepted in December

Wendy Mitchell

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN PAIRS

This event will cease after the final in January 2013. Originally introduced to encourage developing players, Australian Bridge Federation Secretary, Di Marler, says *'We are confident that our novice and restricted players are well accommodated with the inception of events at both state and national level.'*

REVOKES

There are more than three pages relating to revokes in *The Laws of Duplicate Bridge* - Laws 61 to 64. Do you know these rules ?

Right to inquire about a Possible Revoke (Law 61B)

1. Declarer may ask a defender who has failed to follow suit whether he has a card of the suit led.
2. (a) Dummy may ask declarer (provided the dummy has not already violated the limitations placed on dummy)
(b) Dummy may not ask a defender (Law 16 re authorized and unauthorized information and extraneous information may apply)
3. Defenders may ask declarer and, unless prohibited by the Regulating Authority, may ask one another (at the risk of creating unauthorized information)

TEST YOUR BIDDING (Thanks to Greg Quittner - from 20+ years ago)

1. Dealer North, East-West Vulnerable

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	West's hand
P	P	P	1D	♠ Q52
P	2C	P	??	♥ KT54
				♦ AKJT2
				♣ 9
West's best bid?				<u>2D / 2H / 2NT</u>

2.

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	South's hand
P	1S	P	1NT	♠ AJT7
2H	2S	??		♥ 83
				♦ K832
				♣ KQT

South's best bid? P / X / 2NT / 3NT

Answers next month

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)		Monday 5
Melbourne Cup Day	10am Bridge	Tuesday 6
Remembrance Day Pairs	Red Points	Friday 9
Club Teams (1)	Pre-Entry	Friday 16
Summer Pairs	Red Points	Monday 19
Club Teams (2)	As week 1	Friday 23

DECEMBER

Christmas Pairs	Red Points	Monday 3
'Christmas Week'		Mon 17 to Sat 23

Join us for the chance to wish each other Happy Christmas

Please note that there will be **NO BRIDGE** on the following days:

Monday Evening	December 24
Tuesday	December 25
Wednesday	December 26
Monday	December 31
Monday Evening	December 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November to:

Wendy Alford, Nancy Asquith, Betty Donnelly, Helen Ferguson, Jim Hancox, Teresa Jensen, John Lehane, Margaret Moorhouse, Ronnie Ng, Wendy Stapleton, Anne Watsford.

APPEAL !!!!

Newsletter editor required. Are you interested? Do you know anyone suitable? Please contact me ASAP

SMILE A WHILE

The Senility Prayer

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Remember

You don't stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing...

Wendy Mitchell Editor