

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



NEWSLETTER

December 2012

B RIDGEMATES
!!Up and Running!!

After a few hiccups, the software is now installed on both the laptop and office computer. Many thanks to Colin for the dozens of hours spent on making the implementation successful. Ronnie is helping with the training of other Directors.

Thank you to our Directors for the time they are taking to learn the operation of Bridgemates. After the initial learning period, their use will save at least half an hour at the end of each session.

Congratulations to all members who have taken to the new technology - not too different from using your mobile phone!

It is expected that all Directors will be ready and able to use Bridgemates from the New Year.

RESIGNATION

It is with regret that we accept the resignation as a Director of John Lehane. John has been a long term Director as well as President and teacher at CCLCBC, while Joan has been the regular stand-by at John's sessions.

I am sure that all members will join me in thanking John for his contribution to our club. We hope to see more of both John and Joan playing in our bridge sessions.

Wendy Mitchell

COMMITTEE VACANCY

Unfortunately Robyn Ivers has been unable to take up the vacant position as previously announced.

We need you Please contact me if you can help. *Wendy*

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

REMEMBRANCE DAY PAIRS Friday November 9

| | | |
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| 1st | Nancy Marchant & Agnes Marsh | 63.8% |
| 2nd | Angela & Kevin Dougall | 60.8% |
| 3rd | Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon | 59.8% |

CLUB TEAMS Fridays November 16 & 23

Victory Points

| | | |
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| 1st | Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Dorothy Berzins, Irma Heyting | 113 |
| 2nd | Anne Grayden, Helen Gulliver, Robyn Jackson, Carol Judd | 103 |
| 3rd | Les Free, Robyn Ivers, Dianne March, Agnes Marsh | 101 |

CHRISTMAS PAIRS Monday December 3

| | | |
|-----|------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Lorraine Lindsay & Jan Davis | 69.00% |
| 2nd | Robyn Jackson & Carol Judd | 61.1% |
| 3rd | Nancye Joss & Adele Mills | 58.7% |

CONGRESSES

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS FINAL

Tweed Heads, November 30 to December 2

64 teams competed in this knockout format. At round 2, 32 of the teams are out of contention and compete in the Repechage. Rounds 3 & 4 see 16 teams in the knockout and 48 in the Repechage. For rounds 5 & 6 there are 8 in the knockout and 56 in the Repechage; rounds 7 to 10 have 4 in the knockout and 60 in the Repechage.

In the Final, Sydney 2 (Brown, Kanetkar, Beauchamp, Morrison) defeated Sydney 1 (Neill, Griffiths, Gumby, Lazer, Richman, Peake).

Your local representatives were Central Coast 1 (Gary & Sally Clarke and Noel & Shirley Crockett) who had a great result, finishing 12th out of 60 in the Repechage. Central Coast 2 (Angela & Kevin Dougall, Di Coats & Wendy Mitchell) finished a creditable 27th.

On the last day, 100 pairs competed in a Swiss Pairs event. 53 of these pairs were classified as 'Country'. Our rankings were as follows:

| | <i>Overall</i> | <i>Country</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Di Coats & Wendy Mitchell | 29th | 15th |
| Gary & Sally Clarke | 33rd | 16th |
| Noel & Shirley Crockett | 63rd | 27th |
| Angela & Kevin Dougall | 66th | 29th |

After playing 70, 70, and 56 boards in three days we returned home more than a little 'bridged out'.

CLUB PROGRAM - 2013

The Program has been sent to the printer, so we expect it to be available well before Christmas. A sincere 'thank you' to our diligent proof-readers:

Nancye Joss, Robyn Jackson, Judy Fenton, Dorothy Berzins.

If you find any errors or inconsistencies, it will be no fault of theirs!!

The list of member details that was circulated was checked by only about half of our members. While any changes of telephone number are too late for the program, please continue to keep us up-to-date with phone number, email address and postal address.

The committee hopes you will enjoy the program of events that have been scheduled for next year. There are some interesting additions - more on these in the next Newsletter.

MASTERPOINTS - NOVEMBER

The files were prepared on November 27 (with Rosanne 'in training') but unfortunately could not be uploaded as we were experiencing problems with our internet connection. This intermittent problem has not yet been satisfactorily resolved, but we expect to process November points with those of December. Cards Ratings will also be processed then.

PHILOSOPHY FOR BIDDING (AND LIFE) - Ron Klinger:

Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you can miss them.

SUPERVISED PLAY FOR IMPROVERS

Just two weeks remaining to refine your bidding, play and defence.

December 11: *The Part-Score Battle*.

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

BRIDGEMATE REPORT

Colin Mitchell

The Bridgemate system is now being used at most sessions. From January 1 it will be used at all level D and B4c single session events (except two-table teams). There have been a few ‘teething’ problems but most members appear to be able to use the Bridgemates (referred to hereafter as BM) with increasing expertise.

From the director’s point of view the most common problems (now decreasing) have been as follows:

- The first screen presented on the BM is Section which should be pre-set to ‘A’. Occasionally it appears as ‘B’ or ‘C’ – to change it back to ‘A’ press the minus key until ‘A’ appears
- Some players have not been sure of their ABF number. On the side-table there is a folder containing the latest ABF Ranking reports – at the back of this book is an alphabetic list of club members which includes the ABF number. Most players have by now recorded their ABF number on their system card which, by regulation, should be on the table! End of problem!
- Correct ABF number entry is essential – after all the ABF numbers have been entered the screen will be re-presented with the names displayed. Before pressing the ‘OK’ key make sure that the well-known member ‘n/a’ is not on the screen. If necessary re-enter the correct ABF number etc by pressing CANCEL until the relevant cursor position is reached
- Members have not always checked the BM screen before pressing the OK key. Remember that the BM is an electronic representation of a travelling score sheet—if something on the screen looks incorrect call the director so that the screen can be checked and/or explained.
- The number of the board being played has not always been checked against the automatic display of the Board number expected. Accordingly, Colin has now changed the setting so that every Board number will have to be entered as each Board is played.

A BRIDGE HOLIDAY

In October we attended a week's bridge in Noosaville conducted by Paul Marston and Nigel Rosendorff. We enjoyed participating in the lessons and daily games, held at the friendly Noosa Bridge Club. We managed 7th in one of the two finals (played over 2 sessions with 34 tables).

When not feeding the brain there were very good dinners at Triol's Restaurant as well as luncheons organised by Noosa Bridge Club. We recommend that members keep a look out for the next week, planned in September/October next year.

Allan Raward and Wendy Alford

THE LAW: Inspection of Tricks

Recently one of our newer players reported that an 'experienced' player had told her that declarer is the only player allowed to ask to see all of the cards of the trick just played. I suggested that this is not correct but must admit that it took considerable time (and assistance) to find the appropriate law! For your information *Law 66 Inspection of Tricks paragraph A. Current Trick* states that 'So long as his(her) side has not led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his (her) own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played to the trick be faced. *Paragraph B Own Last Card* states that 'Until a card is led to the next trick, declarer or either defender may inspect, but not expose, his own last card played.

Note that if your card is still face up and an opponent has led the first card of the next trick you may still ask to see the cards of the trick just played.

As usual I suggested that, when in this situation, it is best to call the Director because (1) the Director is the only person with the authority to tell you what to do at the table and (2) your opponent may well be wrong in what he/she has said.

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MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Congratulations to all those who paraded and especially to the winners:

| | | |
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| | <i>Best Dressed</i> | <i>Best Hat</i> |
| Female | Rosanne Ransley | Marion Ellis |
| Male | Colin Mitchell | Tony Ransley |

Photographs from Melbourne Cup Day are now on our web-site, thanks to Colin. He hopes to be able to present these as a slide show in the future.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from November 16 committee meeting

1. Wendy and Colin attended the CCLC AGM on November 14. The new Chairman, James Ryan, acknowledged the Internal Clubs and encouraged others to promote such clubs. A motion passed at the AGM was to delete the category of Associate Membership so this will need to be changed in our Rules (which are based on CCLC)
2. The ABF has advised that capitation fees are to be increased by \$2.00 in 2013 and then by \$1.00 in 2014. Accordingly the committee passed a motion to effect an increase in CCLCBC Membership fees for home club members to \$30.00 for 2013/2014. Note also that ABF fees for Beginning players will not be waived after March 31, 2013.
3. More than 1,300 tickets were sold in our Lucky Draw Raffle. Unexpectedly this resulted in a small profit - we hope all the winners enjoy their free game.
Our new fun draw for a free game to the player sitting in a specific direction at a particular table will continue to December 15.
4. It was decided to introduce a new event in 2013 called *Switching Singles*. This will be conducted on one Thursday per month for 8 months. Players will need a minimum of 5 scores with **different** partners during this time.
5. We hope you like the new sign advertising our club. Soon you will also see our new holders for display of documents and brochures.
6. A sub-committee comprising Dorothy Berzins, Rosanne Ransley and Judy Fenton has been formed to organise the advertising of Lessons for Beginners in 2013. If you can assist or have ideas to contribute, please contact one of these members.
7. Note that for 2013 Presentation Day has been moved to a Friday in the hope of attracting more people to attend. The format for Presentation Day will be discussed at the next committee meeting on December 14. Again, any ideas are more than welcome!

Wendy Mitchell

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

1. Dealer North, East-West Vulnerable

| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST | West's hand |
|-------|------|-------|------|-------------|
| P | P | P | 1D | ♠ Q52 |
| P | 2C | P | ?? | ♥ KT54 |
| | | | | ♦ AKJT2 |
| | | | | ♣ 9 |

2H - 20 West is not strong enough for a 'reverse' bid which would force

partner to the 3-level in order to give simple preference. (East is a passed hand, so has 10 - 11 HCP only)

2NT - 60 Communication between the hands is likely to be a problem

2D - 100 This describes the Mini values and shows 5/6 diamonds

2. Dealer North, East-West Vulnerable

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

Pass - 10 Too timid - East-West have only 17-18 HCP between them

2NT - 60 This will probably make for a score of 120

3NT - 80 Probably an overbid, but South has good spades, so may score 400 at least, but there is no guarantee

X - 100 If 3NT is makeable, then 2S will go down at least 2. This would give North-South +500, the most profitable result.

BIDDING A GRAND SLAM

In Round 1 of the GNOT finals, playing against Team 16, I held the following hand, sitting North:

♠ Q ♥ QT985 ♦ AKJ94 ♣ 98

The bidding proceeded:

| <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> | <i>West</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1H ¹ | 2H ² | 4C ³ | 4S ⁴ |
| 5D ⁵ | Pass | 5S ⁶ | Pass |
| 6D ⁷ | Pass | 7H ⁸ | All Pass |

1. Despite the singleton Q, the hand meets the Rule of 20 and is too strong to make a weaker 2-suited bid.
2. Michael's Cue Bid, showing spades and a minor
3. Splinter bid, agreeing hearts and showing a singleton or void in clubs
4. Competitive, with a fit in spades and either minor
5. I hold the ♦ A
6. First round control in the enemy suit - tell me more
7. I also hold the ♦ K
8. That's all I need to know!

Di Coats' hand was: ♠ AT62 ♥ AKJ2 ♦ Q7632 ♣ - -

We were happy with our bidding and the outcome - making 13 tricks.

Unfortunately the board was flat, as 7H was also bid at the other table (without any interference). We were beaten 3 - 25 and dropped to the Repechage. East-West at our table was the pair who eventually won the Swiss Pairs event.

Wendy

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

'Christmas Week'

Mon 17 to Sat 23

*Join us for the chance to wish each other Happy Christmas
Christmas Cake from the Peter Berzins kitchen plus refreshments*

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

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

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| New Years' Cup | Red Points | Monday 7 |
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| 'Jumping January' (new event) | Eclectic | Thursdays 3, 10,17, 24, 31 |
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Play in at least 2 out of the 5 sessions to be eligible for outright awards

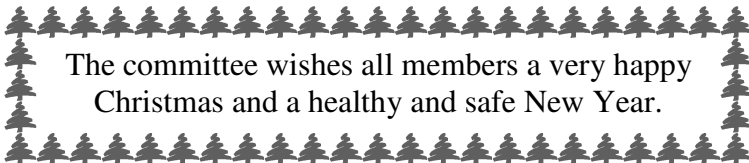
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| Australia Day Pairs | Red Points | Friday 25 |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for December to:

Dallas Caldwell, Heather Carlile, Tony Collis, David Driscoll, Helen Eaton, Helen Lorne-Smith, Diane Nicholls, Clyde Penfold, Hans Smits, Sandy Vaughan, John White.

SMILE A WHILE

A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."



Wendy Mitchell Editor