

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



NEWSLETTER

February 2013

TED NEILSEN
December 28, 2012

At the time of printing the January Newsletter we were all in a state of shock over Ted's untimely death. It is still very hard to believe and I for one miss his signature call:

All change, please, all change!

A great number of members attended Ted's funeral, as did members of Aces where Ted also directed. At the wake that followed, his wife Margaret was very happy to receive Ted's CCLCBC badges (3 for some reason!). She had been looking for them but they were in his drawer in the office.

I also presented her and her son with a copy of Dorothy's profile

of Ted and a list of special wins at our club.

I would like to thank all members for accommodating the change of starting time for bridge that day, and for staying back so that we could celebrate Ted's life.

A special thanks to those who provided the lovely food: Carol Judd, Nancye Joss, Leyla Moncelet, Adele Mills, Margaret Moorhouse, Vicky Morris, Diana Coats, Rosanne Ransley, Dorothy Berzins, Wendy Alford. (Sincere apologies if I have missed anyone).

Colin and I were happy to provide the liquid refreshment.

I am sure you will enjoy reading the profile etc on Pages 4 and 5.

Editor

RECENT RESULTS

JUMPING JANUARY

Congratulations to all

This new event was held over five Thursdays in January. It was not possible to count the third session because of lack of numbers, but the others had pairs as follows: (1) 8, (2) 13, (4) 8, (5) 10.

A total of 26 different pairs played, but only 7 of these played at least twice with the same partner. Placegetters were:

Total Best 2 Scores

1st Dorothy Berzins & Diana Coats	121.7
2nd Jack & Lorraine Lindsay	121.2
3rd Alfie Nation & Toni Dixon	115.2

Thank you to all who participated. Your next chance to play in another event of this type is in *Jovial July* - each Monday night.

NEW YEARS CUP

Monday Jan 7 29 pairs

1st Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	63.7%
2nd Angel Dougall & Kevin Dougall	57.9%
3rd Margaret Moorhouse & Ruth Zachert	57.4%

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS

Friday Jan 25 25 pairs

1st Dorothy Berzins & Adele Mills	62.2 %
2nd Angela & Kevin Dougall	61.6 %
3rd Gwen White & Alfie Nation	57.8 %

MONTHLY SHIELD 1

Monday Feb 4 17 pairs

1st Peter & Dorothy Berzins	61.6 %
2nd Angela & Kevin Dougall	59.5 %
3rd Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	58.0 %

CONGRESSES

Grand National Pairs, Canberra

Jan 19 –20

104 pairs

Fantastic result by Elaine McGorm and Pam Harris. In three rounds out of four they finished in the top quarter of their field. Their final position was 44th - Well Done!!

Other locals were Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster (57th) and Rhonda Innes and Kerry Murray (67th).

Summer Festival of Bridge

I was unable to access these results - if you did well, please let me know so I can acknowledge you next month!

Great Lakes Swiss Teams (37) Feb 16 & 17

Congratulations to the best Central Coast Teams:

5th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, Jenny Buckley

6th Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Angela & Kevin Dougall

11th Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman

NEW ABF RANKING JANUARY - Congratulations to:

Local Master Felicity Fane

CARDS RATINGS

Because our January Masterpoints were not submitted until February 12, the new ratings are not available. Also, there may be other ABF promotions that will show up at the end of this month.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new members:

Marianna Xerri, Dawn McCorquodale, Geoff Mitchell

and returning members:

Jan Clarke, Martin Johnson, Patricia Tahmindjis

!!! BE KIND TO LEYLA !!!

While Peter, Colin and Ronnie are playing bridge in the Gold Coast Congress, Leyla Moncelet will be running most bridge sessions. Norm Berger is also helping out, and Lorraine will take her usual session. So, not too many Bridgemate errors or Director calls please.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Ted Neilsen

The following was written about Ted and included in the Club History compiled by Dorothy Berzins.

Ted learned to play bridge when he worked for the NSW Railways in 1962. The workers used to play Euchre and 500 on Friday evenings until someone suggested that they learn bridge and taught them a form of Auction Bridge.

A NSW Railways' Bridge Club was formed and later a special competition with the Qld Railways was organised. On alternate years on the Queen's Birthday weekend, a group of NSW Workers would travel to Brisbane for a Bridge Match and the next year the Qld workers would travel to NSW. Fortunately the train trip was free for the workers at that time.

Ted moved to the Central Coast 17 years ago and took lessons with Zelda Overhall to learn duplicate bridge. He also had follow up play sessions with Josie Ryan.

Ted has been active on the CCLCBC committee for 6.4 years between 1999 and 2009/10 (the committee of 1999 served for 20 months due to the change in the Leagues club Financial Year).

Ted started his training as a Director in 2000 and has been directing since 2002. Ted has won at least 17 Championship Events during this time, including 7 with partner Neville Buchanan.

David Weston, ABF Masterpoint Secretary emailed the following response when advised of Ted's death:

Hi Dorothy,

Sorry to hear about Ted. I knew him back when we both worked for the railways. I was working in the city, and he was at Hornsby depot, which I had reason to visit regularly. Ted was one of the people that used the Mapper computer system I was in charge of. It was called M.E.T.R.E. (Making Electric Train Running Easier) that kept track of the electric cars and their major components, together with the repairs and maintenance of same. At the time, back in the mid-80's, a lot of workers were afraid of the computer and did not want to have anything to do with it, but not Ted. He was always more than happy to jump in and have a go! He will be sadly missed.

TED NEILSEN

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

FIRST PLACE		YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Club Champion- ship Events	Restricted	1996	Neville Buchanan, Matt Raj Mal, Stuart Robbins
	Teams	2003	Neville Buchanan, Kath Crane, Terry Magnusson
	Mixed Pairs	2000	Carol Jackson
Trophy Events	Anniversary Pairs	1996	Neville Buchanan
		1997	Neville Buchanan
	Gosford Pairs	2000	Neville Buchanan
	Zelda Overhall Cup	1995	Norm Roberts
	President's Cup	1998	Neville Buchanan
		2010	Bruce Branthwaite
Special Events	February Pairs	2001	Neville Buchanan
		2005	Neville Buchanan
	March Pairs	1999	Neville Buchanan
	Mid-Year Pairs	1997	Neville Buchanan
	July Pairs	2003	Neville Buchanan
	October Pairs	2000	Carol Jackson
		2002	Neville Buchanan

SECOND PLACE		YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Inter-Club Teams		2003	Neville Buchanan, Joyce Small, Bruce Branthwaite
		2004	Neville Buchanan, Trish Bowles, Graham Winder

BEGINNERS LESSONS Tuesday March 5 9.30 am

A sincere thank you to the sub-committee in charge of promoting and advertising these lessons: Dorothy Berzins, Rosanne Ransley and co-opted member, Judy Fenton.

Advice was also provided by Nancye Joss and Marilyn Whigham.

If you can help by taking posters or leaflets, or by telling your friends it will be appreciated. We need new players!

DO YOU KNOW THE LAW?

Law 45 - Card Played

There is often confusion as to how this law applies i.e. when is a card actually played. The Law says

C. Compulsory Play of a Card

1. A **defender's** card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face must be played to the current trick (if the defender has already made a legal play to the current trick, see Law 45E).
2. **Declarer** must play a card from his hand if it is
 - a) held face up, touching or nearly touching the table; or
 - b) maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played.

As with all rules this often has to be interpreted by the Director depending on the situation at the table. This is particularly true of situation b) above. When is a card "maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played" ?

It does not matter whether either defendant saw a card in Declarer's hand; this does not mean that the card has been played. Declarer could show all his cards to the opposition if he wanted to, but this does not mean he has played a specific card. Even if a defender saw a particular card in Declarer's hand the defender does not have the right to tell Declarer what card he should play.

Dorothy Berzins

8.5 Failure to alert, mistaken alert, mis-explanation

8.5.1 If a member of the offending side becomes *declarer*, before the opening lead is faced, *declarer and dummy* each have a responsibility to call the Director and in his presence correct a failure to alert, a mistaken alert or a mis-explanation from their partner. (See also the Code.)

8.5.2 If the offending player becomes a *defender* a correction must *not* be given until the end of play of the hand, at which time the Director must be called and a correct explanation provided. (See also the Code.)

PRESENTATION DAY FRIDAY MARCH 15

This has been moved from the traditional Saturday, with the hope that more members will be able to attend. A sub-committee was formed to look at other ways to make the day appealing and I am sure you will be pleased with the results of their efforts.

A big thank you to Wendy Alford, Rosanne Ransley, Dorothy Berzins and co-opted members Robyn Jackson and Gwen White.

Please see the notice board for the entry form and full details. Using the CC Leagues Club subsidy as well as Bridge Club funds we are providing an excellent buffet meal, with drinks, for only \$15 to members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from February 15 Committee meeting

1. There remains a vacancy on the committee - either as an assistant to the Secretary or as a general 'dogsbody'.
(Yes, you have read this before. A couple of names have been given to me as possible candidates - please don't run if I ask to talk to you!)
2. Membership stands at 147 Full (Home) and 81 Associates. The total of 228 is 31 less than last year.
3. A number of problems occurred in January with Bridgemates and Web-site results. Directors are still learning how to handle problems; players must help by taking particular care to check data entry. The unexpected installation of new software put additional stress on the directors.
4. The club's Rules (ie Constitution) have been updated to include the references to Life Members and Patron. When the CCLC Board have approved them they will be displayed on the website.
5. Placegetters from the Club Mixed Pairs will be invited to play in the State Mixed Pairs, May 26 & 27. The club will pay for up to three pairs to compete.

SWITCHING SINGLES - THURSDAY FEB 28

This the first of ten sessions. Play in at least five, with different partners. Start planning now

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Inter-Club Teams (1)	Red Points	Tuesday 19, 9.30am
Pre-Entry - <i>entries close: Friday 15th, 4pm</i>		
Club Mixed Pairs	Week 2	Thursday 21
<i>(No Side Game)</i>		
Switching Singles (1)	Eclectic	Thursday 28
<i>(See inside and the January Newsletter)</i>		

MARCH

Monthly Shield (2)	Eclectic	Monday 4
Presentation Day Pairs and Luncheon	Red Points	Friday 15
<i>(See inside for details)</i>		
Pre-Entry - <i>entries close: Friday 8th, 4pm</i>		
Switching Singles (2)	Eclectic	Thursday 21
Easter Pairs	Red Points	Monday 25
Country Teams (1 of 3)	Pre-Entry	Wednesday 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for February to:

David Bowerman, Cheryl Davison, Sue Eastman, Irma Heyting, Maureen Holmes, Julie Jessop, Joan Kook, Elizabeth Lawrence, Lyn Lynch, Agnes Marsh, Dawn McCorquodale, Kathy Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell, Leyla Moncelet, Claire O'Connor, Margaret Penfold, Yvonne Zammit.

Remember: If our records are wrong or incomplete, please let me know so we can acknowledge your birthday.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Kathy & John Mitchell advise that their phone number is now 4369 3878. Please amend the number printed in your program.

SMILE A WHILE

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the League records were destroyed in a fire ...and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

Wendy Mitchell Editor