

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



NEWSLETTER

May 2013

B **RIDGE
FOR BRAINS
CHALLENGE**

Forty members played in the 10th year of this event . With table money at \$8 per player and other donations the total to be sent to Neuroscience Research Australia is over \$400. Thank you - well done!

John & Joan Lehane are currently placed 25th out of 682 pairs overall.

Red Masterpoints are allocated to pairs who come in the top half of the field (for clubs that score on-line)

**CHARITY DAY
Tuesday June 18**

The ad-hoc committee in charge, led by Rosanne Ransley has met and started planning. To give you an idea:

- 11am Items on sale. Morning tea available.
- 12.30pm Duplicate (Red)
Spot prizes throughout
- 3pm Afternoon tea

Raffle tickets will be available soon. Donations of hamper items as prizes will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a *Trash & Treasure* table, Cake stall and Plant stall and Lucky Door prizes. You can assist by approaching local businesses for vouchers etc

Some details about the charity we are supporting - *Pandora* – will be made available.

THURSDAY June 27

No bridge at our club this day.

Instead CCLCBC will play against ACES for the inaugural Ted Neilson Memorial Trophy at Gosford Golf Club, commencing 9.30am.

More information inside.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

COUNTRY TEAMS

Wednesday Apr 10

After the final three rounds the positions of the leading teams were unchanged:

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>VP's</u>
1sr Wilson	7	1	1	174
2nd Berzins	7	1	1	170
3rd Jackson	6	0	3	156

It is hoped that three teams will represent CCLCBC at the Regional Final to be held on Sunday May 19 at Brisbane Water.

The Wilson team had already qualified and the Jackson team is unavailable. Berzins (Peter & Dorothy, Nancye Joss, Adele Mills) and the 4th team (John Tagg, Joyce Small, Rosanne Ransley, Peter Hall, Wendy Mitchell, Lucy Julebin) will play. The 5th team (Di Nichols, June Ball, Sue Eastman, Alison Heathcote) have been invited to compete.

SWITCHING SINGLES

Thursday Apr 18

1st Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	62.9 %
2nd Wendy Alford & Paul Unger	57.7
3rd Judy Fenton & Wendy Mitchell	52.5

ANZAC DAY PAIRS

Thursday Apr 25

1st Bruce Branthwaite & Nancye Joss	62.7 %
2nd Colin & Wendy Mitchell	61.6
3rd Carol Judd & Gwen White	59.0

BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE

Wednesday May 1

North-South

1st Wendy Mitchell & Sue Eastman	60.6 %
2nd Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	58.3
3rd Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins	52.1

East-West

1st	John & Joan Lehane	66.9 %
2nd	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	55.6
3rd	Alison Heathcote & Mei-Hua Crawford	55.3

CONGRESSES

Best performances of local players:

HAWKESBURY TEAMS (31) April 14

7th Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng, playing with a pair from Bowral
(Eric Lindh & Patricia Phillips)

Five teams of players from Central Coast clubs competed, but none performed with distinction!

TILLIGERY SWISS PAIRS (56) April 28

- 3rd Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng
- 4th Sally & Garry Clarke
- 8th Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant

NEW ABF RANKINGS MARCH- Congratulations to:

Gold Life	Kaylee Lemon	Graduate	Merran Adams
Club	Kevin Carson		Gina Robertson

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED (Regular players at our club)

April

GEOFFREY MITCHELL	2.70	LEYLA MONCELET	0.67
SAM ZAMMIT	1.20	LOUIS KOOLEN	0.67
YVONNE ZAMMIT	1.18	JIM SWINDELLS	0.66
PAUL UNGER	1.11	MATT RAJ MAL	0.64
BOB MAVIN	0.92	JIM HANCOX	0.60
BARBARA GRANT	0.87	WENDY MITCHELL	0.58
BEVERLEY ROGERS	0.85	ROBYN JACKSON	0.57
DAVID GOLDSMITH	0.68	ELAINE MCGORM	0.55

TEAM CAPTAINCY

When entering a teams event at any level the entry form/notice will usually ask that one of the team members be nominated as the Team Captain. Does it matter who you nominate?

The definition of a team in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge is: Two or more pairs playing in different compass directions at different tables but for a common score (applicable regulations may permit teams of more than four members) but no mention is made of a captain.

However the team captain does get a mention in Law 92 - *Right to appeal*: **A.** Contestants Right – A contestant or his/her captain may appeal for a review of any ruling made at his table by the Director..... and

D. Concurrence of Appellants - An appeal shall not be heard unless2. in a team event the team captain concurs in making the appeal.

There are regulations aplenty in the NSWBA & ABF Tournament Regulations; captains are also mentioned in the Supplementary Regulations for events such as the GNOT, Country Teams etc but the team captain is mostly a non-playing captain.

In a club, inter-club or congress event it is rare to have a non-playing captain. So just what will the director of such an event expect of the team captain?

The captain shall be the first point of contact for

- ◆ paying the entry fee (if collected at the table)
- ◆ ensuring that the correct ABF numbers and names of the team members are entered on the electronic scoring device or team record sheet
- ◆ ensuring in a multi-session event that any substitute team members are recorded with the Director
- ◆ ensuring that the correct details are entered on the match result slip before it is lodged with the Director (if electronic scoring devices are not in use)

If a team wishes to appeal a Director's ruling the captain will follow the correct procedure as defined in the Laws (see Law 92)

So when you are completing a team entry be aware of what the Director/Convenor will ask of you – the TEAM CAPTAIN!

Colin Mitchell

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from April 12 Committee meeting

1. Infection Control: Following a submission by member Tricia Nolan, it has been decided to provide hand sanitiser at all sessions. Since playing cards are touched by everyone, you may wish to use the sanitiser before eating. Face masks have also been purchased. If you require to use one during a session, they are kept with the First Aid kit. (The other two bridge clubs have taken similar action)
2. Standbys: Are you interested in being a standby? We are looking at pairing standbys - i.e. Having two for each day, so that they can alternate or cover for one when the other is away. Please talk to Wendy M or Wendy A for more information.
3. Some new side tables have been purchased - for special occasions!
4. There will be no special *Feel Friendly* activity in May, but watch out for something different in June.....
5. We have upgraded our bridge scoring program (ASE) to the latest version and purchased a second copy for use on the laptop. Ronnie has now installed this.
6. A complete stocktake of all our equipment and consumables has been undertaken (thanks Leon and Lynette)
7. The committee will hold an additional meeting next month to review and update all duty statements.
8. If you have not yet received your annual ABF registration card, or your free game for being nearest 50% in April, please ask the director of the day.

Wendy Mitchell, President

TED NEILSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Ted's untimely death late last year prompted the suggestion that the players from the two clubs at which he directed - our club and ACES - might get together annually for a friendly competition.

The first of these will be hosted by ACES on Thursday June 27. Bridge, at \$5 per player, will commence at 9.30am. It is hoped that players will stay for lunch, after which the winning club will be announced and the trophy presented.

The proposed format of competition is for a roughly equal number of pairs to play from each club. Seating will alternate between pairs from each club. Points will be awarded to, say, the top half of the field. The club with the most points will win the trophy.

The emphasis is on 'friendly' - no masterpoints involved!

Final details next month. Watch out for an entry form.

TRAINING FOR IMPROVERS

Nancye Joss is conducting 6 sessions, commencing Tuesday May 14 at 9.45 am. Three sessions will be dedicated to suit contracts and three to No Trump contracts. Come along to any or all - great value at \$10 per session or \$55 for the six. Contact Nancye on 4369 3371, or Wendy M on 4340 4870.

BEGINNERS SUPERVISED PLAY

There will be four more sessions before players will be ready to play in a duplicate session. Any novice is welcome to join the group - 9.30am on a Tuesday. Cost is \$5, with hand records and commentary provided.

STATE MIXED PAIRS NSWBA May 25, 26

The club is paying the fees for three pairs, invited from the Club Mixed Pairs Championship held in February. These are Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Phillip Morris & Toni Dixon, Colin & Wendy Mitchell. Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon will also be competing.

Good luck to all!

TAMWORTH TEAMS

(13)

April 20, 21

Michael Johnson (Armidale Bridge Club and NSW Congress Player of the Year) and partner Michael Simes invited Di Coats to play with them in this event. I was happy to partner Di to make up the team.

A two-day event with only 13 teams posed a problem for Director Michael Wilkinson. His innovative solution had 8 teams playing a Swiss movement while 5 teams played a round robin. Every 3 rounds four teams from the Swiss swapped with teams from the round robin.

In the last session the 4 leading teams played off for the event; another 2 teams played off for best local team; the remaining 7 teams played a round robin in the consolation.

At the end of 3 rounds our team was placed 3rd, and that was also our position after the final play-off. We drew with the two teams that beat us and lost only one match while they lost 2 and 3. However we had two other draws and their wins were bigger than ours. That is the nature of teams.....

Colin was our chauffeur and also played - as captain of a youth team! Needless to say there were various comments alluding to a 'second childhood' etc.

We had a very enjoyable weekend. Typical of 'country' congresses the company was friendly and there was an amazing amount of food. An added pleasure for me was that the founder of the Tamworth Bridge Club (Marge Weaver) was my mother's first cousin.

Wendy Mitchell

MONTHLY SHIELD

After 4 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	54 (4)
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	42 (3)
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	40 (4)
George Boettiger & David Goldsmith	24 (1)

The number in brackets represents the number of sessions played. Remember you must play at least 6 sessions out of the 10 available. To date, there have been forty different pairs and 21 of these have played in 2 or more sessions.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

Monthly Shield (4)	Eclectic	Monday 6
Club Swiss Pairs	(Pre-Entry)	Friday 10 & 17
Autumn Pairs	Red Points	Monday 13
Country Teams Regional Finals	BWBC	9.30am, Sun 19
State Mixed Pairs Finals		Sat 25, Sun 26

JUNE

Monthly Shield (5)	Eclectic	Monday 3
Graded Pairs	Championship	Wednesday 5
Charity Day	Red Points	Tuesday 18
Ted Neilsen Memorial Trophy		Thursday 27

(see inside for details)

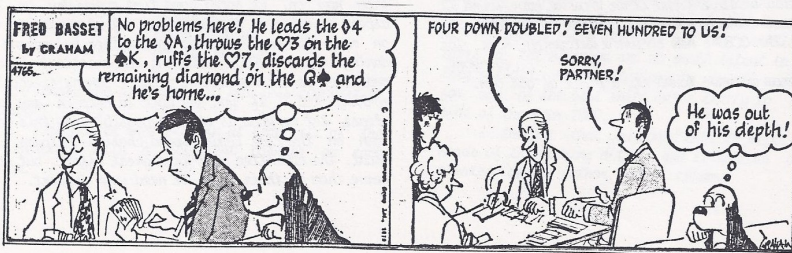
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for April to:

Pam Bourne, Patricia Carey, Doreen Collis, Joan Dominguez, David Ford, Helen Gulliver, Jan Henry, Ros Horton, Lucy Julebin, Janice Macadie, Nancy Marchant, Vicky Morris, Juni North, Frank Pellarini, Kath Pellarini, Marie Purkiss, Neville Sadler, Dorothy Storey-Wilson, Paul Unger.

NAMES AND NUMBERS - please add to your Program

Jan Clarke	4385 5408	Dawn McCorquodale	4339 2919
Jessie Colman	9449 4697	Kerry Murray	4339 7244
Elizabeth Cree	4384 4458	Tricia Nolan	4360 1800
Alison Heathcote	0478 524 196	Pat Tahmindjis	4322 0505
Martin Johnson	4344 3208	Marianna Xerri	4392 1185

SMILE A WHILE



Wendy Mitchell Editor