

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**June 2013**

**C** **HARITY DAY**  
**Tuesday June 18**

Thank you to all those people who have brought in items for the hampers etc and who have purchased scarves, plants, biscuits and jam already.

There is a great day ahead, with lucky door prizes, a mystery prize, and some valuable vouchers donated by local businesses. So buy / sell those raffle tickets!

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

There will be a *Trash & Treasure* table, and books, cakes, jams/ preserves and plants for sale.

All proceed go to *Pandora*, our local charity.

**TED NEILSEN  
MEMORIAL TROPHY**

***THURSDAY: June 27, 9.30am***  
*Gosford Golf Club*

Members of ACES and CCLCBC will remember Ted on this inaugural social day. Each pair will be allocated points according to their final position. Points will be added for each club to determine the winner of the trophy.

Even though Thursday may not be your usual bridge day, please try to join us. Enter your name on the notice board at the club at least one week before.

Come early to get a parking spot.

**Cost: \$5 Lunch: Free**

Remember:

**NO BRIDGE AT CCLCBC**  
**No Masterpoints**

## RECENT RESULTS

**Congratulations to all**

### **MONTHLY SHIELD (4)                      12 pairs    Monday May 6**

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	64.6 %
2nd	Nancye Joss & Di Coats	63.6
3rd	Alison Heathcote & Mei-Hua Crawford	59.7

### **AUTUMN PAIRS                              24 pairs    Monday May 13**

1st	Di Coats & Nancye Joss	69.1 %
2nd	Patricia Bowles & Marie Purkiss	64.8
3rd	Gwen White & Kerry Murray	63.0

### **SWITCHING SINGLES (4)                8 pairs    Thursday May 16**

1st	Nancye Joss & Dorothy Berzins	56.0 %
2nd	Colin Mitchell & Paul Unger	55.4
3rd	Tem Lancaster & Anne Whatmore	53.0

### **CLUB SWISS PAIRS                        20 pairs    Fridays, May 10 & 17**

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>VP's</u>	
1st	Bill Thomson & Bill Pinfold	4	1	113
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	5	1	110
3rd	Nancye Joss & Phillip Morris	4	2	107

## **BRIDGE FOR BRAIN RESEARCH CHALLENGE**

**Wednesday May 1**

A total of 1957 pairs played in this event. We had 3 pairs in the top 20%. Our other local clubs were also well represented.

John & Joan Lehane	84 th
Wendy Mitchell & Sue Eastman	241 st
Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	322 nd

## **CONGRESSES**

### **STATE MIXED PAIRS                      NSWBA                      May 25, 26**

Of the three pairs representing our club, Colin & Wendy Mitchell performed best in the qualifying round, coming 10th out of 23 N-S pairs.

Well done to the two local pairs who qualified for the final - Sally & Gary Clarke and Judith Smyth & Ed Mallinson.

Forty-six pairs played on the second day in a Swiss Pairs event.

Unfortunately our three pairs did not distinguish themselves.

However, congratulations to Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson from Brisbane Water who finished a fantastic fifth.

### **COUNTRY TEAMS REGIONAL FINAL** **May 19**

This was contested by 8 teams from the three Central Coast clubs:

	<b>VPs</b>
1st Sally & Gary Clarke, Jan Clarke & Di Coats	<b>129</b>
2nd Angela & Kevin Dougall, John Redfearn & Norm Berger	<b>123</b>
3rd Jacqui Wilson & Judy Wulff, Gwen White & Elizabeth Lawrence	<b>120</b>
4th Dorothy & Peter Berzins and Adele Milles & Nancye Joss	<b>118</b>

### **STRATHFIELD CONGRESS** **May 17, 19**

Well done Ronnie Ng and Kaylee Lemon who came 10th in the Butler pairs (out of 54) and 10th (out of 27) in the Teams, playing with Ernie & John Newman.

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

Nancye Joss	1.03	Diana Coats	0.76
Mei-Hua Crawford	0.96	Agnes Marsh	0.74
Diane Nichols	0.87	Mary Pye	0.69
Don Holmes	0.84	Dawn McCorquodale	0.60
Maureen Holmes	0.82	Margaret Moorhouse	0.59
Claire O'Connor	0.82	Heather Carlile	0.55
Robyn Ivers	0.81		

### **NEW ABF RANKINGS MAY- Congratulations to:**

\*National Ronnie Ng



























\*\*Local Agnes Marsh

## A RARE BID

It isn't often that, in a competitive auction with both pairs vulnerable, the opposition bid 4♥ and then redouble my double! This happened to MFP and me a few weeks ago in a late Saturday evening game – the second round of a pairs competition. This also does not happen very often nowadays – that an event is held on a Saturday evening. In the nineteen - seventies and –eighties weekend congresses were held with a match-pointed Pairs competition on Saturday afternoon and evening followed by Swiss teams on Sunday morning and afternoon. Some of the country congresses were strenuous as the “après Pairs” celebrations took its toll on players on Sunday! But I digress – the bidding on the hand, with dealer South and both pairs vulnerable, was short:

S	W	N	E
1♣	1♥	X	4♥
P	P	X	P
P	XX	All Pass	

I led the spade Ace; we took the obvious four tricks for +400 – a good score you may think except that we can make 3NT or 5C for +600! Luckily none of the other NS pairs had bid 5C although a few of them had made it so we did get a good score.

Board 23 Dir: S Vul: Both	 A984   KJ54  A9832	
 QT52  KQ832  A3  Q7	 	 J6  J97654  QT862 
3  14      19  4	 K73  AT  97  KJT654	N: 5  1  3  3NT S: 5  1  3  3NT E: 3  W: 3 

*Colin Mitchell*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Items from May 24 Committee meeting**

1. A review of Directors' pay and responsibilities has been undertaken. No change has been made to the pay scale, but a new Duty Statement will be issued and in the future Directors will be appointed after signing a contract.
2. Committee Roles have been reviewed and updated. A few are still to be written and some policies are being revamped.
3. An external drive has been purchased. Lynette Lynch will carry out routine backups of our documents and store the drive off-site.
4. We have, at last, been able to set up Net Banking. This will enable us to pay some accounts on-line and avoid charges for cheques.
5. We have been given permission by the Leagues Club to manage our own key system for our office. Leon is investigating.

*Wendy Mitchell, President*

### **TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS**

**Saturday June 22**

Tony Howes will conduct a Regional training day, in the Parkview Room from 10am to 4.30pm. Our club will pay f\$25 per head for our directors to attend. We are arranging for the necessary teaching aids and for a light lunch. Any profit after paying Tony's fee will be ours to keep.

### **TRAINING FOR IMPROVERS**

There are two sessions on suit play remaining. Come along on **Tuesday 11** and/or **Tuesday 25** June to learn how to improve your suit play. Just \$10 per lesson.

### **BEGINNERS SUPERVISED PLAY**

Thank you to Elizabeth Lawrence and Elizabeth McGorm who are acting as buddies Yvonne Butler and Helen Pells. Well done Yvonne for braving her first duplicate session on Monday night, playing with John Wherry.

## MONTHLY SHIELD

After 5 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	64 (5)
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	64 (5)
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	56 (4)
George Boettiger & David Goldsmith	24 (1)

The number in brackets represents the number of sessions played.

**50** different partnerships have played so far, **24** of these only once.

*Those who have played once only must play in the remaining 5 sessions to be eligible.*

## SWITCHING SINGLES

As this event requires the best 5 results with different partners, it is not too late to join in now. Leaders at present are Dorothy Berzins, Paul Unger and Colin Mitchell.

## OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

### Part 2

*In the March Newsletter I published an excerpt from Part 1 of an article by Matthew McManus. The following is a summary of Part 2, published by Matthew in the NSWBA eCongress News January.*

The five options declarer has when there is an opening lead out of turn (OLOOT) come down to either **liking or disliking the lead**, and making a decision as to whether to play the hand yourself or to let your partner be declarer.

The primary factor in coming to a decision revolves around the suit which the other side has led out of turn. The question is:

**“is that suit likely to be good or bad for our side?”**

Some examples of when **it might be bad**:

- we are in no-trumps, the opponents have bid and raised the suit they led and our stopper is tenuous;
- we are in a suit contract where we will probably need to do a lot of ruffing and the opponents have led trumps;
- we are in a slam and we only have small cards in a suit and the opponents lead the ace of that suit.

Some examples of when **it might be good**:

- one player has bid a suit strongly, we have a good holding in that suit (eg. AQ), but the suit is sitting over our hand – it would be good if we can make them lead around into our holding;
- they lead a suit where we are void and so can trump – accepting the lead might avoid an early attack on a danger suit;
- they lead a trump and we know that we have plenty of them between the two hands – again accepting the lead might protect a danger suit.

Sometimes, of course, **it is not clear whether or not the lead is good or bad for our side**. A general principle to follow when you are not sure is that if it is a high card it is more likely to be dangerous for us than if it is a low card.

If we come to the decision that the suit led is bad for our side, then the option we should take is to prohibit the lead of that suit. The card will be returned to the hand which led out of turn and the correct leader must lead some other suit.

The least used option – to keep the lead out of turn as a penalty card and allow the correct leader to lead whatever they want – is often overlooked. It can be particularly useful when you are unsure whether the lead is good or bad for your side.

As an example, say you are in 3NT with weakish holdings (say, Jxx) in both clubs and diamonds but your partner is likely to have some help there. The wrong hand leads ♣6. Your best choice may be to have the correct hand lead what they want but to keep the ♣6 as a penalty card. Let's assume now the correct hand leads the ♦A and dummy comes down with ♦Qxx and ♣AKx – so diamonds is the problem suit.

**Because there is a penalty card**, you now have the right to demand a club lead at trick two and catastrophe may be avoided.

When you decide that the lead is good for your side, you now have another decision to make – should you play it or should you trust your partner to be declarer? We will look at that in the next article.

## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

Monthly Shield (5)	Eclectic	Monday 3
Graded Pairs	Championship	Wednesday 5
Charity Day	Red Points	Tuesday 18
Switching Singles	Eclectic	Thursday 20
Ted Neilsen Memorial Trophy	At ACES	Thursday 27, 9.30am

### JULY

Monthly Shield (6)	Eclectic	Monday 1
Jovial July	Eclectic (3/5)	Each Monday evening
Winter Pairs	Red Point	Saturday 6
Grand National Open Teams	Gold/Pre-Entry	Tuesdays 16,23,30
Switching Singles	Eclectic	Thursday 18
Foundation Cup	Red Point	Thursday 25

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for May to:

Allan Bennetts, George Boettiger, Dasha Brandt, Bruce Branthwaite, Tony Burke, Heather Darby, Sue Hanson, Robyn Ivers, Len Jensen, Dianne March, Colin Mitchell, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams.

**NEW MEMBER** A warm welcome to Pam Gowthorp

**WELCOME BACK** Great to see Marilyn Whigham at the bridge table again.

### FEEL FRIENDLY FACTORS - JUNE

Members have already enjoyed the first two of our get-togethers after bridge with cheese, dips and biscuits. Buy your own drink and join us on:

<i>Week 2</i>	Tuesday 11	and	Friday 14
<i>Week 3</i>	Thursday 20	and	Saturday 22
<i>Week 4</i>	Monday 24	Evening	

### SMILE A WHILE

- ◆ Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy
- ◆ Smile and the world smiles with you; snore and you sleep alone
- ◆ Happiness is a choice we make every morning - a promise to ourselves, sworn on a waking smile.

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*