

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



NEWSLETTER

July 2013

A **NNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Saturday August 3, 10.30 am

*Notices of Motion must be received
by the Secretary by July 6, so these
can be added to the Agenda.*

The Agenda will be placed on the Notice Board no later than July 13 (21 days before the meeting) and will be emailed to members who have email addresses.

A nomination form for committee positions is on the noticeboard. Please consider if you can contribute to your club by standing for election.

There are positions to be filled. Do you have expertise to offer? Don't hide your light under a bushel!!

**TED NEILSEN
MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Thursday June 27

This was a highly successful day, with 17 tables competing.

The inaugural trophy was won by CCLCBC. See inside for details.

CHARITY DAY

After what turned out to be 'Charity Month', we expect to write a cheque to the Pandora Committee for **\$3, 660.**

A record result - see inside for acknowledgements and details.

Thank you all!!

VALE

Jane Langridge - June, 2013

Jane had been a member of our club since 2010. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (5) 24 pairs Monday June 3

1st	Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	63.3 %
2nd	Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	61.7
3rd	Patricia Bowles & Jacqui Wilson	59.5

GRADED PAIRS

Wednesday June 5

*A - *National and above*

12 pairs

=1st	Vicky & Bob Morris	58.5 %
=1st	Gwen White & George Boettiger	58.5
3rd	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	57.8

B - National and below

13 pairs

1st	Claire O'Connor & Pam Harris	60.8 %
2nd	Anne Weir & Leyla Cross	58.5
3rd	Jim Hancox & Paul Unger	57.6

CHARITY DAY (Red)

15 tables Tuesday June 18

North-South

1st	Nancye Joss & Bruce Branthwaite	60.2 %
2nd	Lucy Julebin & Dawn McCorquodale	59.7
3rd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	55.3

East-West

1st	Vicky & Bob Morris	62.5 %
2nd	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	57.0
3rd	Gwen White & Jacqui Wilson	53.6

SWITCHING SINGLES (5)

7 pairs Thursday June 20

1st	Alison Heathcote & Dorothy Berzins	64.6 %
2nd	Pam Gowthorp & George Boettiger	63.5
3rd	Gwen White & Alfie Nation	61.5

CONGRESSES

Newcastle Congress

June 15 & 16

Out of 74 in the Swiss Pairs, the best performed local players were Shirley & Noel Crockett (4th) and Jenny Buckley & Martin Johnson (22nd).

The Crocketts combined with Sally & Gary Clarke to come 4th in the teams out of 42. Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray were 9th and Norm Berger, John Redfearn, Angela & Kevin Dougall 14th.

Central Coast Interclub Teams **Thursday June 20**

13 teams played with Marie Purkiss, Sue Eastman, Kaylee Lemon and Ronnie Ng coming in 3rd.

North Shore Super Congress **June 28 to 30**

Kaylee & Ronne, playing with Anne Small & Ron Smith were 3rd out of 28 teams on the Friday. Coming 7th were Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Patricia Kull and Barry Foster.

The Swiss Pairs on the Saturday saw Ronnie & Kaylee 5th out of 37 (N-S). In the teams on the Sunday they came equal 13th out of 40, playing with John & Ernie Newman.

Country Teams Outer Metropolitan

Eight teams contested the divisional final including two from the Central Coast. Best-performed locals were Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Peter & Dorothy Berzins who came 4th. The winners were a Newcastle team - Christo Moskovski, Helen Johnson, Pam Robinson & Peter Peterson.

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

Gwen White	1.39	YvonneZammit	0.75
Tem Lancaster	0.92	Mei-Hua Crawford	0.70
Elaine McGorm	0.88	Bill Thomson	0.69
Bob Morris	0.86	Paul Unger	0.61
Pam Harris	0.85	Theresa Jensen	0.60
George Boettiger	0.79	June Thompson	0.60
Sam Zammit	0.76	Vicky Morris	0.60

NEW ABF RANKINGS JUNE- Congratulations to:

	<i>Life</i> Gwen White
<i>Club</i> John Adams	<i>Graduate</i> Rosanne Ransley

ABF CHANGES TO ALERT PROCEDURES

The following is an extract from an article by Laurie Kelso in the July ABF Newsletter:

As of August 1, 2013 there will be **two** significant changes to the current alerting procedures, both having an impact upon the average club player.

The **FIRST** is that when a player opens the bidding with 1♣, his partner will no longer alert it, irrespective of whether the 1♣ opening is natural or conventional. Instead, responder will be required to make a prescribed statement (otherwise termed an ‘Announcement’).

The actual ‘announcement’ required will vary depending upon the nature of the 1♣ bid:

- For natural (Green) systems; the appropriate *minimum length of the club suit* (i.e., 2+, 3+, 4+, etc.) should be announced.
- For Strong Club (Blue) systems; the word “**Strong**” together with the *minimum HCP* holding (e.g. “16+”) should be announced.
- For system options other than those above (e.g. a Polish 1♣); the word “**Unusual**” should be used.

The **SECOND** area where an announcement will be required is after any natural 1NT opening. The responder will now be obligated to state:

- The appropriate *HCP range* (e.g. “12-14” or “15-17” etc.).

All announcements will need to be made consistently in the prescribed manner. Alternative designations or terminologies should not be used.

It is the *responsibility of responder* to make the announcement whenever their partner opens either 1♣ or 1NT. These are the only two calls that will lead to an announcement.

After any announcement, the opponents will still be able to ask supplementary questions, however the basic information already conveyed will obviate much of that need. A side benefit is that many of the problems currently created due to inopportune (and sometimes pointed) enquiries will now disappear.

The Laws relating to mistaken explanations and unauthorised information will still however apply to incorrect announcements in the same way that they currently apply to incorrect Alerts.

Since these new procedures represent a significant change in approach, it is to be expected that some players will need time to adjust. Consequently, Directors will be encouraged to exercise suitable tolerance in respect to inad-

vertent non-compliance and this will continue until most of the players become familiar with the newly promulgated procedures.

Announcements have been used in both England and the United States for a number of years and it is felt that the above application of the same approach will also be beneficial in Australia.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from June 21 Committee meeting

1. Thanks to Paul Unger who has agreed to monitor our supply of bottled water
2. The club's By-Laws are being revised to include
 - a definition of 'ex-officio'
 - Provision for the appointment of a Recorder
 - Free game cards for the Chief Director
3. A suggestion box is available for members to make proposals to the Committee

Wendy Mitchell, President

TRAINING FOR DIRECTORS Saturday June 22

27 Directors from our region attended the workshop in the Parkview room, conducted by Tony Howes. Participants enjoyed sandwiches from the Bistro, with some fruit and soft drink for lunch. Some then joined the après-bridge nibbles with the Saturday duplicate session. Because our club hosted the event, five of our directors, plus our two trainees, were able to attend for a total cost to the club of less than \$25.

MONTHLY SHIELD

After 6 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	76 (6)
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	64 (5)
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	59 (5)
Colin & Wendy Mitchell	42 (3)
Carol Judd & Robyn Jackson	40 (4)

Note: There are 34 pairs who are not eligible to win as they have played only one session so far.

SWITCHING SINGLES

After 5 months, the results are as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Eligible sessions</u>	<u>Average</u>
Dorothy Berzins	246.0	4	61.50
Gwen White	120.4	2	60.20
Paul Unger	113.1	2	56.55
Colin Mitchell	112.2	2	56.10
Wendy Mitchell	210.1	4	52.53
Phillip Morris	202.3	4	50.58
George Boettiger	147.4	3	49.13
Wendy Alford	141.0	3	47.00
Judy Fenton	91.0	2	45.50
Jim Mansfield-Clark	82.5	2	41.25
Neryl Tyrrell	122.8	3	40.93
Joan Dominguez	75.9	2	37.95

The winner will be the best 5 results with different partners, so join in now and challenge the leaders!!!

CHARITY DONORS



Our sincere thanks to those businesses who so generously donated vouchers for our raffle. In return, members are encouraged to consider supporting these organisations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Cowrie Restaurant Terrigal	\$100	Gourmet Hamper	David Goldsmith
Lakehouse Café Murray's Beach	\$150	+ wine	June Clarkson
Beauty Chic (massage)	\$45	+ Beauty products	Marion Ellis
92 Thai Restaurant, Gosford	Meal	Food hamper	June Ball
All Malay Restaurant, Avoca	\$50	+ wine	Gwen White
CCLC food outlets	\$50	+ wine	Pat Unger
Cheeky Charlie's Bar & Café, Erina	\$50	+ wine	Helen Smith
Golden Tips Hair & Beauty, Kariong	\$50	+ Hair products	Ruth Griffin
Shazzlee's Nails, Green Point	\$30	+ Beauty products	Di March
Frangipani Café, High Tea	\$17	+ coasters, napkins	Robyn Henwood

All the hampers/gift packs were made up of the vouchers and items so kindly donated by our members. Also, Lucky Draw prizes were won as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Lucy Julebin	Mystery	John Wherry
Genesis Fitness Club	1 month membership (+ related items)	Robert Watkins
Members	Whisky + Cards	Tem Lancaster
Members	Wine	Claire O'Connor
Members	Wine	????? (please tell us)
Members	Chocolates	????? (please tell us)



Spot prizes of a free game were drawn during the day.

The sub-committee headed by Rosanne Ransley is very appreciative of all the support given by members via donations, time and purchases. To acknowledge just some of those who contributed:

Scarves (\$430) - Ruth, Lynette, Gwen, Daphne, Wendy M; **Preserves** (\$357) - Nancye, Rosanne, Dorothy; **Plants** (\$265) - Ellen, Tony R, Mei-Hua, Matt, Dorothy, Joan D; **Baking** (\$264) - Pat Unger, Lynette, Wendy M, Rosanne, Ruth



Many members: **Trash & Treasure, Books** (\$427); **Raffle & Donations** (\$1,852); **Lucky Draw** (\$63)

Morning and afternoon tea: Judy F, Lynette, Wendy M, Rosanne, Gwen, Dorothy, Wendy A

Left-over items have been donated to Vinnies and Fairhaven Services. We will invite Linda Dicks to receive our cheque to Pandora for \$3,660.

TED NEILSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY - Thursday June 27

This inaugural competition was held at the Gosford Golf Club, hosted by the ACES club. Seventeen pairs from ACES and seventeen pairs from CCLCBC enjoyed the lovely view while playing bridge.



Cheryl Sharples, President of ACES welcomed everyone and thanked CCLCBC for proposing to remember Ted with a social competition between the two clubs where he directed.

Leon Babinski, member of the two clubs, directed the session and had to play!

Playing two-board rounds we were able to play twelve pairs in the time available. Pairs were seated alternately by club, both N-S and E-W.

Sandwiches and wraps, followed by sponge cake was enjoyed by all for lunch.

The cost of the lunch is being shared by both clubs.

During lunch Colin Mitchell and Cheryl did the scoring using ASE9.

ACES			%
Cheryl Sharples	Bruce Branthwaite	NSA03	59.1
Barbara Smits	Hans Smits	NSA13	52.8
Maureen(Mo) Costar	Sylvia Galbraith	NSA15	52.1
Claire Hastings	Nan Roth	NSA01	50.2
Terry Abson	Tony Earnshaw	NSA17	48.5
Pam Hannaford	Dawn Cook	NSA05	45.5
Jenny Clarke	June Rado	EWA12	54.0
Liz Stephenson	Jan Gibson	EWA04	53.8
Pam Bourne	Phyl Frost	EWA16	49.9
Trevor Treweek	Bob Lloyd	EWA06	49.2
Rosemary Cohen	Barbara Cohen	EWA10	46.2
Margaret Blomfield	Beulah Cant	EWA08	44.3
TOTAL			605.6

The results were then transferred to a spreadsheet. To determine the winner of the trophy, the best SIX scores by each club, in both directions were taken. The results are shown in the tables.

CCLCBC			%
Toni Dixon	Marion Ellis	NSL06	63.8
Vicky Morris	Gwen White	NSL14	63.6
Wendy Mitchell	Colin Mitchell	NSL08	61.3
Mei-Hua Crawford	Alison Heathcote	NSL04	57.6
Wendy Alford	Matt Raj Mal	NSL16	54.0
Neryl Tyrrell	Joan Dominguez	NSL10	45.9
Adele Mills	Phillip Morris	EWL05	71.3
Kathy Mitchell	John Mitchell	EWL17	59.3
Paul Unger	Jim Hancox	EWL13	53.4
Moira Love	Ursula Middleton	EWL07	52.4
Dot-Storey Wilson	Daphne Montague	EWL15	50.8
Robyn Ivers	Agnes Marsh	EWL03	47.4
TOTAL			680.8

Ted's wife Margaret and son Matthew, with his wife Charlene attended the lunch. When the winner had been decided, Margaret presented the trophy to Wendy Mitchell who accepted it on behalf of the CCLCBC.



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Matthew thanked everyone and said how proud Ted would have been to have a trophy named in his honour.

We all look forward to this event in 2014 when CCLCBC will host the occasion.

PAST AND PRESENT

In 2001, bridge was played in the 8th Australian Masters Games at the Quick Tricks club in Newcastle. Although the field was small (about 10 tables) there were players from across Australia.

The event was run like the Olympics, with an opening Ceremony and closing Parade for all sports.

Local players - Allan Bennetts and June Snedden won the Gold Medal - the first time that bridge was included in the Games.



June Snedden and Allan Bennetts keep their hand in as bridge players with the golden touch.

Bridge players take Masters gold

Allan Bennetts and June Snedden winners of the 8th Australian Masters Games – First time played in these unique games – 2001.

In 2013 the 49th Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championship was held in Hong Kong. Local players - Ronnie Ng and Kaylee Lemon played in the Xiashun APBF Open Pairs. There 42 tables playing 28 boards. Kaylee and Ronnie came 16th N-S in the first Qualifying session but after the second qualifying session they had dropped to 23rd. A great experience to play in international competition!

OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

Part 3

The following is a summary of Part 3 of a series, published by Matthew McManus in the NSWBA eCongress News February.

Declarer has decided to accept the lead out of turn. Now declarer has to decide whether he or his partner should play the hand. He has the option of making himself the dummy, with partner playing the hand. Alternatively, he can accept the lead, dummy comes down now and he plays next himself – meaning dummy plays last to Trick 1.

For most players, this is an easy decision - you are obviously a better player than your partner and playing the hand yourself must be worth a trick or two for your side!

However, a better principle to follow is that it will almost always be **better if the hand which has revealed less is concealed.**

Consider the auction: 1NT 2♣
 2♥ 3NT

Declarer has shown 15-17 with four hearts and not four spades. It is quite specific, and thinking defenders can eliminate a lot of possible hands which declarer can't have as they defend. (Make this hand dummy.)

The converse of this is that if you have **something surprising in your hand then you should declare.** For example, you have a minimum opening with 5-5 in the majors. In response to your 1♠ bid, partner makes a limit raise and you bid game. There is a lead out of turn. If there is nothing particularly good and bad about the suit led, then you may be of a mind to accept the lead. This is a case where it is probably better if you choose to play the hand yourself. The five card side suit is likely to be a bonus which should keep hidden from the opponents for as long as possible.

There are a few other situations where it can be better to **make yourself the dummy:**

- you are playing a suit contract, and the lead out of turn is in a suit where **you have a singleton.** The opponents are unlikely to be able to hurt you in this suit. In addition, it may set up some tricks in your partner's hand, on which he can discard losers from your hand.
- **you hold a 4333 shape.** The maxim, "lead through strength, lead up to weakness" is often a useful guide to the defenders. When you have a hand with 4333 and honours scattered through your suits and this is dummy, it may be difficult to ascertain which suit constitutes strength and which is weakness.

Stop Press!!!

JOVIAL JULY

9 pairs played in the first of five Monday nights. Remember your best three results make you eligible for extra masterpoints. Please join us....

1st Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon

2nd Ellen Williams & June Thompson

3rd Colin & Wendy Mitchell

COMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST

Anniversary Pairs	Red	Saturday 3
Monthly Shield (7)	Eclectic	Monday 5
Henry Kendall Pairs	Red	Tuesday 6
Teams of Three	Pre-Entry	Friday 9
Auspicious August	Eclectic (2/4)	Saturdays 10 to 31
Club Pairs Championship	Pre-Entry	Wednesdays 21, 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for July to:

Patricia Bowles, Margo Brennan, Kathleen Bromley, Toni Dixon, Patricia Downes, Naomi Flint, Don Holmes, Robyn Jackson, Moira Love, Jim Mansfield-Clark, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Joyce Small, Heather Tarrant, Bill Thomson, Neryl Tyrrell.

(Remember to tell me if I don't have you listed for your birthday month)

NEW MEMBERS Joe Griffin (4385 5983), Yvonne Butler (4368 1281), Brandon Zheng (4328 5298) and Theo Chadwick (4324 8477) have joined in recent weeks. Please make them very welcome and add their details to your Program Book.

FEEL FRIENDLY FACTORS - JULY

Please place any ideas that you would like the committee to consider in the Suggestion Box that you will find on the side tables.

SMILE A WHILE

- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Wendy Mitchell Editor