

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



NEWSLETTER

August 2013

**A
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GENERAL
MEETING**

Saturday August 3, 10.30 am

A terrific turn-out: thank you to the fifty members in attendance at the AGM.

After hot and cold finger food, there were 13 tables for the red point Anniversary Pairs, directed by Leyla Moncelet.

Reports presented to the meeting by the President, Treasurer, Tournament Organiser and Chief Director are available on the web-site. The draft minutes will also be available there soon, as well as being e-mailed to members.

Thank you to outgoing committee members Allan Raward and Wendy Alford. Congratulations to

incoming members Diana Coats and Robyn Ivers.

So, your 2013/2014 committee is:

President	Wendy Mitchell
V. President	Di March
Secretary	Dorothy Berzins
Treasurer	Ronnie Ng

Members:

Leon Babinski, Rosanne Ransley, Lynette Lynch, Diana Coats, Robyn Ivers.

The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Friday, August 23. In the meantime, Lyn has taken on Assistant Treasurer, Di Coats is the new Stand-by Coordinator and Robyn will look after Welfare and the all important biscuits (etc).

Please contact Robyn if you know of anyone in need of a Get Well, Sympathy or simply Thinking of You card.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (6) 22 pairs Monday July 1

1st	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	65.5 %
2nd	Alfie Nation & Marie Purkiss	64.6
3rd	Robyn Jackson & Carol Judd	58.6

WINTER PAIRS 19 pairs Saturday July 6

1st	Patricia Bowles & Jacqui Wilson	61.8 %
2nd	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	61.3
3rd	Jan Henry & Nancy Joss	60.7

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS 12 teams

Tuesdays July 16, 23, 30

		<i>Wins</i>	<i>Draws</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>VPs</i>
1st	Patricia Bowles, Kaylee Lemon, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver	4	0	2	106
2nd	Dorothy Berzins, Di Coats, Peter Berzins, Bill Thomson	4	0	2	105
3rd	Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Jenny Buckley, Martin Johnson, Karen Ody	2	1	3	101

SWITCHING SINGLES (5) 6 pairs Thursday July 18

1st	Phillip Morris & Dorothy Berzins	61.0%
2nd	Peter Berzins & Matt Raj Mal	56.2
3rd	Wendy Alford & Dot Storey-Wilson	53.0

FOUNDATION CUP 8 pairs Thursday July 25

1st	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	66.7%
2nd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	64.9
3rd	Marion Ellis & Joan Brierty	554.2

ANNIVERSARY PAIRS 26 pairs Saturday Aug 3

1st	June Ball & Helen Ferguson	58.5%
2nd	Gwen White & Jacqui Wilson	57.9
3rd	Jan Henry & Nancy Joss	57.1

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS 16 pairs Tuesday Aug 6

1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	60.2%
2nd	Bruce Branthwaite & Nancye Joss	59.3
3rd	Carol Judd & Anne Grayden	58.2

JOVIAL JULY Eleven different pairs played over the five Monday evening sessions, with 8 pairs eligible for the best 3 out of 5.

1st	Wendy & Colin Mitchell	Average %	61.9
2nd	Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon		59.3
3rd	Phillip Morris & Helen McLean		58.9

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

Taree Swiss Teams 26 teams July 20 & 21

A number of local players travelled to Taree for this event. The best performed 'pure' Central Coast team was 5th: Christine Hadaway, Tricia Nolan, Noel & Shirley Crockett. Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon were in the team finishing 2nd and Sally & Gary Clarke were members of the team finishing 3rd.

Brisbane Water Super Congress July 27 & 28

Open Swiss Pairs 32 tables

NS 6th Shirley & Noel Crockett EW 4th Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody

Restricted Swiss Pairs 20 tables

NS 3rd Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson

EW 3rd Beverley Sivewright, Molly O'Neill

Novice Pairs (part of Restricted field)

NS 1st Carol Long & Faith Ross

Open Teams 49 teams

7th Peter Johnman, Stewart Duxbury, Kerrie Johnman, Virginia Dressler

Restricted Teams 22 teams

4th Beverley Sivewright, Molly O'Neill, Irene Campbell, Margaret Regan

Novice Teams (part of Restricted field)

1st Jonathon & Rhonda Nix, Mary McFadden & Jean Moran

Congratulations to BW Bridge Club whose congress attracted record numbers and was the 2nd largest in NSW.

ABF CHANGES TO ALERT PROCEDURES

Congratulations to everyone who has played since the beginning of August for implementing these changes - it is not easy to alter habits after a life-time of bridge! Below is the summary that we have been handing out to players.

From August 1, 2013, **ALL RESPONDERS** must:

- make an **Announcement** re their **1C** bid (**no Alerts!**)
- **Announce** the strength of their **1NT** opening.

PARTNER OPENS	YOUR SYSTEM	MINIMUM ♣ LENGTH	YOU MUST SAY
		2+	Two plus clubs
1C	Green	3+	Three plus clubs
		4+	Four plus clubs
1C (strong)	eg Precision	0+	Strong, at least XX HCP
1C	eg Polish	0+	Unusual

PARTNER OPENS	YOUR SYSTEM	YOU ANNOUNCE the Point Range
1NT	Natural, Balanced hand	eg 12 to 14
		15 to 17
		15 to 18 etc

Remember - you are to use the above wording, not variations of it.

MONTHLY SHIELD

After 7 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	90 (7)	Only 24 pairs remain
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	76 (6)	who are eligible to
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	59 (6)	win. These should
Carol Judd & Robyn Jackson	48 (5)	try to play with the
Colin & Wendy Mitchell	42 (4)	same partner!!!
Angela & Kevin Dougall	40 (3)	

There are another 36 player combinations who are no longer eligible to win as they have played less than 3 sessions.

NEW ABF RANKINGS JULY- Congratulations to:

<i>Life</i>	Kerry Murray	<i>* Regional</i>	Claire O'Connor
<i>**Local</i>	Allan Raward	<i>Graduate</i>	Judy Fenton

SWITCHING SINGLES - best 5, different partners

After 6 months, 14 individuals remain eligible. The top six are:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Eligible sessions</u>	<u>Average</u>
Dorothy Berzins	307.0	5	61.4
Gwen White	120.4	2	60.2
Colin Mitchell	112.2	2	56.1
Paul Unger	162.1	3	54.0
Phillip Morris	263.3	5	52.7

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - JULY

Bob Mavin	1.32	Carol Judd	0.71
Helen Gulliver	1.05	Brian Warburton	0.67
Jan Clarke	1.02	Lucy Julebin	0.62
Colin Mitchell	1.00	Wendy Mitchell	0.57
Toni Dixon	0.96	Dawn McCorquodale	0.57
Alfie Nation	0.89	Angela Dougall	0.52
Nancye Joss	0.82	Marie Purkiss	0.52

If you have never tried it, why not go to

www.bridgecentral.com

Logon by entering your ABF number (Player Number) and Surname.

View your Statement. For every bridge session you can see if you performed above or below your current rating.

The overall impact for the month (and previous months) is shown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Items from July 12 Committee meeting

- As the Parkview Room was no longer available for the AGM, we decided our preferred option was to request the New Darts Area (this involved the moving of a training course to the Old Darts Area)
- Member suggestions re the tea break on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Monday evenings were considered. It was decided to accept the compromise recommended by the Directors Meeting, that the breaks in these sessions be kept to 4/5 minutes
- It was agreed to display business cards of those organisations that supported our Charity Day.

Wendy Mitchell, President

COMING EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield (8)	Eclectic	Monday 2
Gosford Pairs	Red	Wednesday 4
Intra-Club Teams (2)	Red/Pre-entry	Thursday 12
Zelda Overhall Cup	Red	Tuesday 17
Switching Singles (8)	Eclectic	Thursday 19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August to:

Joanne Abbott, Leon Babinski, Camilla Barlow, Dorothy Berzins, Lynette Beston, Jacqueline Bridel, Judy Fenton, Joy Fogg, Theresa Giddings, Tem Lancaster, Geoffrey Mitchell, Phillip Morris.

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

MEMBER RENEWAL

Ilona Olancin renewed her membership. It was good to see her again while she was visiting her family at Copacabana, but she has now returned to sunny Florida.

STOP PRESS

Three teams will represent our club at the Regional Final of the GNOT at Brisbane Water BC, August 24 & 25. We wish them luck:

- (1) Foster, Tomlinson, Johnson, Buckley, Ody
- (2) Kull, Wilson, White, Murray, V Morris
- (3) D & P Berzins, Thomson, and augmented players Dixon & Lawrence

SMILE A WHILE

- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure
- You're never too old to learn something stupid

Wendy Mitchell Editor