

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



## **NEWSLETTER**

**October 2013**

### **R** ELOCATION UP-DATE

After some adjustments, the new Donniston St room has an L-shaped office and enough space (just) to fit 13 tables. It is intended to leave 10 tables set up permanently and use folding tables when required for any above 10.

Painting has occurred - beyond that the only information I have been given is in response to a list of questions I posed to General Manager, John Keene.

Below is a summary:

*Insurance* - covered by CCLC

*Liquor Licence* - no

*Toilets* - probably as now

*Bridge Club status* - probably as a tenant of a rented property

*Cleaning* - depending on property management

*Water* - sink to be provided, probably no access to kitchen

*Fire Exits* - two to room and building

*Access* - transfer our key system to new office; rest depends on occupancy status

*Fixtures* - depends on status

*Air-conditioning* - yes

*Microphone* - need amplifier

*Phone* - internal line and current phone number OK. Need to negotiate with Telstra to relocate ADSL line for internet.

#### ***Quoting John:***

*'The case for moving groups centre around the need to diversify the business to secure the Club's viability. The solutions proposed to ease the pain may not be ideal but there has been a determination to satisfy as many critical needs as possible.'*

Wendy M, President

## RECENT RESULTS

## Congratulations to all

### MONTHLY SHIELD (8) 17 pairs Monday Sep 2

1st	Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	65.1 %
2nd	Jacqui Wilson & Alfie Nation	62.1
3rd	Dianne March & Matt Raj Mal	61.6

### GOSFORD PAIRS 26 pairs Wednesday Sep 4

1st	Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	73.4 %
2nd	Diana Coats & Dorothy Berzins	64.4
3rd	Jack & Lorraine Lindsay	60.3

### INTRA-CLUB TEAMS 9 teams Thursday Sep 12

	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Draws</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>VPs</i>
1st Nancye Joss, Adele Mills Dorothy & Peter Berzins	6	1	1	158
2nd Kaylee Lemon, Patricia Bowles Marie Purkiss, Diane Nichols	6	0	2	149
3rd Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa Martin Johnson, Jenny Buckley	4	1	3	134

### ZELDA OVERHALL CUP 19 pairs Tuesday Sep 17

Congratulations to Hans & Barbara who not only won the Cup for the best pair \*Regional or below, but also won the whole event!

1st	Hans & Barbara Smits	64.7%
2nd	Jan MacAdie & Agnes Marsh	63.0
3rd	Tem Lancaster & Paul Unger	61.1

The special prize for best \*\*Local or below goes to

Denise Collister & Robyn Henwood	50.8%
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### SWITCHING SINGLES (8) 6 pairs Thursday Sep 19

1st	George Boettiger & Matt Raj Mal	61.0%
2nd	Phillip Morris & Judy Fenton	58.0
3rd	Wendy Alford & Wendy Mitchell	57.0

### AUSPICIOUS AUGUST

After investigating several ways of coping with the 2-winner movement in

the first week, the NS and EW scores were modified and the final result for the outright awards - best 2 out of 4 - is as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Masterpoints</u>		
1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	121.8		0.44
2nd	Jan Henry & Nancye Joss	120.2		0.31
3rd	Robyn Ivers & Paul Unger	117.7		0.22
4th	Gwen White & Jacqui Wilson	115.6		0.15

Out of 28 different pairs who played over the 4 sessions, 9 pairs played at least 2 sessions with the same partner.

## **CONGRESSES**

## **Best Local Players**

Again in the past month quite a number of our members tripped around the State (and beyond) to play in congresses. If you haven't tried this yet - don't be shy! Watch out for congress flyers at the club or go the NSWBA website: [www.nswba.com.au](http://www.nswba.com.au) and look at Congresses and Holidays.

### **PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS TEAMS (26) Sep 7-8**

1st Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng playing with Michele Tredinnick and Matt Blackham

### **HUNTERS HILL TEAMS (46) Sep 8**

7th Noel & Shirley Crockett, Pam Joseph & Susan McCall  
21st Jacqui Wilson & Gwen White, Di Nicholls & Sue Eastman

### **GREAT LAKES Pairs (50) Sep 14-15**

3rd Noel & Shirley Crockett  
5th Christine Hadaway & Tricia Nolan  
11th Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa  
14th Sally & Gary Clarke  
16th Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray + 4 other local pairs competed

### **Teams (30)**

5th Adele Mills & Toni Dixon, Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes  
9th Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Jenny Buckley & Martin Johnson

### **PENNANT HILLS TEAMS (48) Sep 22**

22nd Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

## MONTHLY SHIELD

After 8 sessions, the leaders are as follows:

Dorothy & Peter Berzins	91 (8)	Only 16 pairs remain
Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	81 (7)	who are eligible to
Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	62 (7)	win. These should
Carol Judd & Robyn Jackson	57 (6)	try to play with the
Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	51 (7)	same partner!!!
Colin & Wendy Mitchell	42 (4)	

There are another 48 player combinations who are no longer eligible to win as they have played less than 4 sessions.

## SWITCHING SINGLES - best 5, different partners

After 8 months, 10 individuals remain eligible, but 4 of these need to play in the next 2 sessions with different partners.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Eligible sessions</u>	<u>Average</u>
Dorothy Berzins	317.1	5	63.4
Matt Raj Mal	171.4	3	57.1
George Boettiger	224.7	4	56.2
Phillip Morris	272.5	5	54.5
Paul Unger	162.1	3	54.0
Wendy Mitchell	267.1	5	53.4
Wendy Alford	251.0	5	50.2
Judy Fenton	149.0	3	43.5
Neryl Tyrrell	217.6	5	43.5
Di March	127.7	3	42.6

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from September 20 Committee meeting

- Still awaiting clarification re use of Orange Stickers for players to claim protection against Brown Sticker conventions and Yellow systems
- Di March & Wendy have included some State Qualifying events in the 2014 draft program
- Policy re non-playing directors for Championship and Red point events. Agreed to look for an outside director for Championships if

regular director wants to play. For Red point events this could be left to individual to decide - further discussion next meeting

- A draft role for a club Recorder was distributed for consideration. It was agreed that I will approach a candidate for the position.

*Wendy Mitchell, President*

### **IMPROVERS LESSONS**

Oct 4 CANCELLED

Oct 11 Shifts, Fit Rebids,  
Signals

Oct 18 Strength Showing,  
Unblocking

Oct 25 Jacoby Transfers

**9.15** am with Wendy Mitchell

### **BEGINNERS LESSONS**

After 5 late cancellations, six people began the course on Monday night 30/9.

If you know of anyone who wants to learn, they can join in Week 2. Just contact me:  
**4340 4870 or 0423 388 529**

### **MEMBER WELFARE**

Sympathy cards have been sent to Margaret Boddington re John; Pamela de Lacy re Betty Provis; Leon Babinski

Get Well cards were sent to Margot Williams, Joyce Small

*Do you know someone who would appreciate our thoughts? Just contact Robyn Ivers. In her absence, contact Dorothy Berzins.*

### **MELBOURNE CUP DAY - Tuesday November 5**

We promise you another great day - enter now on the Notice Board.

Cost for members: \$30, including bridge.

Non-member guests pay \$40 for lunch. Non-member bridge costs \$7.

The luncheon will comprise a similar menu to last year's - platters of delicious cold meats, chicken, prawns, smoked salmon and salads

The usual attractions - champagne/orange juice on arrival, Melbourne Cup sweeps, spot prizes, Best Hat, Best Dressed.

The theme this year is **THINK PINK** - so come and join us.

This is one of the two days a year that your club subsidises members. A great chance to catch up and enjoy the bridge, the company and the race!

## CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - SEPTEMBER

Merran Adams	1.38	Maureen Holmes	0.80
Les Free	1.13	John Tagg	0.70
Judy Fenton	1.05	Tem Lancaster	0.68
Lyn Lynch	0.92	Sam Zammit	0.61
Heather Tarrant	0.90	Yvonne Zammit	0.61

## NEW ABF RANKINGS SEPTEMBER- Congratulations to:

*Club* Wendy Stapleton      *Graduate* Sam Zammit

## FEEL FRIENDLY FACTOR - October

This month the pair closest to 50% (closest below, not above) will receive a free game each. Ask for your card the next time you play.

## TERRITORY GOLD FESTIVAL

Sep 4 - 8

Combining a sightseeing holiday with bridge, we attended this congress for the first time. This year it was held in Alice Springs. Alternate years it is held in Darwin.

In the Matchpoint pairs, there were 62 in the qualifying session. This was followed by a semi-final with 42 pairs, and then the Final, Plate A, and Plate B, each with 14 pairs. The remaining 20 pairs played 2 sessions in the Consolation.

We played badly enough in the qualifying to drop to the Consolation. Another bad session (49.38%) and lastly a good session (70.99%) saw us snatch 1st place by 0.82% !! The reward was 4 bottles of wine.

36 teams played a Swiss with 8 x 10 board matches over 3 sessions. Playing with Warren Lazer & Pauline Gumby we came =13th.

While 70 other pairs continued to compete in the 4-session Swiss Pairs, we visited Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). Returning to the Alice we visited the Telegraph Station, the Flying Doctor and School of the Air.

Wendy did not recognise Alice Springs after 35+ years - Gallery Guth, for those that remember it, burned down some time ago. With optional Welcome Dinner 'Under the Stars' and Farewell Dinner combined with pleasant bridge and excellent organisation, we can highly recommend this festival.

*Colin & Wendy Mitchell*

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK**

Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson (NS) and Martin Johnson & Jenny Buckley (EW) beat a very large field to win the **Regional Restricted Pairs Championship** held at the Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay on September 6 & 13.

These two pairs will represent the Central Coast Region in the inaugural Ted Chadwick Restricted pairs being held during the Sydney Spring Nationals from Oct 23 - 31, so we wish them good bridging!

### **NEW DIRECTOR**

More congratulations are in order - well done **Leon Babinski** on passing your director's qualifying examination.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Three Australians were honoured this year with awards from the International Bridge Press Association (IBPA). Included was **Ian McKinnon**, ex-member of our club, local player and responsible for ASE Scorer and CARDS. Ian won the periodically presented Alan Truscott Memorial Award for his *Duplicate Bridge Schedules, History and Mathematics* - a giant work for Directors, history buffs and the mathematically inclined.

Read about the Sportsmanship Award and others on the ABF website.

### **FOULED BOARD**

Following a recent incident you are reminded of the club's policy: Players at a 'sit out' table **MUST NOT REMOVE THE CARDS** from any board on the table.

Please see Page 8 of your CCLCBC Program, point 16, under PLAYING CONDITIONS. Note also point 9. Adhering to this policy ensures fair and accurate results and saves a great deal of time for directors.

# COMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER

→ → **LONG WEEKEND** ← ←  
### **ALL BRIDGE SESSIONS AS NORMAL** ###  
(Ignore the Program)

Monthly Shield (9)	Eclectic	Monday 14
Club Restricted Teams	(C/P) All Day	Thursday 17
Spring Pairs	Red	Monday eve 21
Switching Singles (9)	Eclectic	Thursday 24
President's Cup	Red	Wednesday 30

## NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)	Eclectic	Monday 4
<b>Melbourne Cup</b>	Red (see Page 5)	Tuesday 5, 9.30am
Club Teams	(C/P)	Fridays 8, 15, 22
Remembrance Day Pairs	Red	Monday 11
Switching Singles (10)	Eclectic	Thursday 21
Summer Pairs	Red	Saturday 23

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for October to:

Kevin Carson, Pamela de Lacy, Angela Dougall, Patricia Drover,  
Paul Fawcett, Adele Mills, Bill Pinfold, Allan Raward, Gwen White,  
Margot Williams

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

**NEW MEMBERS** A very warm welcome to new members Jennifer Clarke (4363 2748), Bob Verduin (4369 4015) and returning member June Rado (4369 0730). Don't forget to add their details to your program book.

## SMILE A WHILE

Did you hear about the lady who always went *down one* in 3 NT?

When asked about this she said she was just following her teacher's advice:  
"Eight ever, Nine never."

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*