

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**April 2014**

**P**RESENTATION DAY  
Friday, March 21

The wonderful autumnal decorations created a lovely impression for members as they arrived.

Did anyone recognise the music? (Vivaldi's *Autumn* !)

All our bridge equipment was transported to the Parkview Room on Thursday evening by committee members and spouses, but the tables were not set up for us until Friday morning. Sincere thanks to all those that pitched in to have the room ready in time.

There was a small hiccup when two members forgot the day and one pair had mixed their dates. However, Director Ronnie Ng soon had 19.5 tables in two sections under control and our timetable was achieved.

The format of three distinct sessions of 9-board rounds, interspersed with award-giving and refreshments was well-received. Considerable interest was shown in the display of results across the field after each session.

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## RECENT RESULTS

**Congratulations to all**

### **MONTHLY SHIELD (2)                      23 pairs                      Monday Mar 3**

1st	Joan & John Lehane	65.5 %
2nd	George Boettiger & David Goldsmith	64.0
3rd	Jack & Lorraine Lindsay	60.1

### **SWITCHING SINGLES                      9 pairs                      Thursday Mar 6**

1st	David Driscoll & Colin Mitchell	64.6 %
2nd	George Boettiger & Paul Unger	59.6
3rd	Matt Raj Mal & Alan Bustany	57.0

*See Page 4 for cumulative results*

### **COUNTRY TEAMS                      10 teams                      Mondays Mar 17, 24, 31 VP's**

1st	Diana Coats, Nancye Joss, Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Gary Heyting	180
2nd	Marie Purkiss, Patricia Bowles, Patricia Kull, Kaylee Lemon	174
3rd	Colin Mitchell, David Bowerman, Wendy Mitchell, Alan Bustany, Dasha Brandt	166

*The club will pay for three eligible teams to represent CCLCBC at the Regional Final on Sunday May 18 at Brisbane Water BC.*

### **PRESENTATION DAY PAIRS                      39 pairs                      Friday Mar 21**

#### North-South

1st	Patricia Bowles & Kaylee Lemon	67.7 %
2nd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	59.4
3rd	Jim Hancox & Pam Harris	58.7

#### East-West

1st	Bob & Vicky Morris	61.0%
2nd	Joan Brierty & Marion Ellis	59.0
3rd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	56.0

## CONGRESSES

## Best Local Players

<b>BWBC COUNTRY TEAMS</b>	<b>10 teams</b>	<b>Mar 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>VPS</b>
1st Shirley & Noel Crockett, Ed & Robin Vaughan			170
2nd Bob & Vicky Morris, John Duncan, Denise Nisbet			165
3rd Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa			153

<b>CCBC GNOT</b>	<b>10 teams</b>	<b>Mar 15, 16</b>	<b>VPs</b>
1st Judith Smyth, Christine Hadaway, Susan McCall, Tricia Nolan			176
2nd Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Toni Dixon, Gary Heyting			164
3rd Nancy Asquith, Di Nichols, Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes			160

### **MAITLAND CONGRESS** **Mar 22, 23**

<b>SWISS PAIRS</b>	<b>46 pairs</b>
4th Gwen White & Jacqui Wilson	
5th Ian Lincoln & Chris Williams	
6th Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	
<b>SWISS TEAMS</b>	<b>28 teams</b>
2nd Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Bob & Vicky Morris	
11th Sylvia Foster & Karen Ody, Patricia Kull & Barry Foster	

### **CCBC SUPER CONGRESS** **Mar 29, 30**

<b>OPEN SWISS PAIRS</b>	<b>66 pairs</b>
2nd Angela & Kevin Dougall	
8th Gary Heyting & Anne Steel	
<b>RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS</b>	<b>26 pairs</b>
4th June Thompson & Di March	
<b>OPEN TEAMS</b>	<b>49 teams</b>
=9th Angela & Kevin Dougall, John Redfearn, Norm Berger	
<b>RESTRICTED TEAMS</b>	<b>12 teams</b>
Some members of our club played in 'mixed' teams, but there were no 'stars'.	

## SWITCHING SINGLES - Eclectic Event

In February, 8 pairs competed, in March there were 9 pairs. So far, five individuals have played twice with different partners, as follows:

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>George Boettiger</b>	113.8	56.9
<b>Matt Raj Mal</b>	111.2	55.6
<b>Dorothy Berzins</b>	107.6	53.8
<b>David Driscoll</b>	107.5	53.8
<b>Marion Ellis</b>	75.7	37.9

The best four results with different partners count towards outright masterpoints. The last Switching Singles is in November, so there is plenty of time to join in this event. Plan your partners ahead of time, or even just turn up without a partner!

### A FITTING END?

On 27/3/14 news.ninemsn.com.au reported:

#### **Bridge champion dies playing the perfect hand**

An 80-year old English woman has suffered the “perfect bridge player’s death” after collapsing while playing a once-in-a-lifetime hand.

Wendy Brown died while playing a 29-point hand, which only comes around once every 150,000 times, experts say.

The long-running Cornwall champion slumped forward in her chair after suffering sudden heart failure, the *Exeter Express and Echo* reports.

“The other members of the bridge club responded magnificently and tried everything to revive her,” her son Charlie Brown said.

“But when all is said and done, it was a lovely way to go.

“I can imagine the smile on her face when she looked at her cards and she knew she had a winning hand.”

Her friend Barrie Benfield said he hadn’t seen a 29-point hand in 18 years or so.

“My theory is that she couldn’t take the excitement,” he said.

“It’s very sad but what a way to go - it’s the perfect bridge player’s death.”

Experts say if you played bridge once a week, it would take 115 years to get such a hand.

*Thank you to Charles, CCLC Guest Relations, for noticing and providing this article for us.*

### **PRESENTATION DAY - *Continued***

Our visitors, Paul Hughes and James Ryan, together with Life Members Peter Berzins and Bill Thomson and Patron Colin Mitchell, assisted in the presentation of trophies and awards.



CCLC Chairman James Ryan with Mixed Pairs Champions - Joan & John Lehane; Graded Pairs A - Bob & Vicky Morris, Gwen White & George Boettiger; Graded Pairs B - Pam Harris & Claire O'Connor; Pairs Champions - Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen; Swiss Pairs - Bill Thomson.

Photographer Tony Ransley is the only member who does not appear in a photograph! A selection is on display in the club room - if you want copies (20c each) just put your name and photograph number on the list on the noticeboard.

## MEMBER WELFARE

Get Well cards have been sent to Alfie Nation and June Ball.

*Do you know someone who would appreciate our thoughts? Just contact Robyn Ivers.*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Items from March 14 Committee meeting*

- Our By-Laws have been amended to allow for the Tournament Committee and Director's Committee to combine their meetings
- Our process of subscription renewal was reviewed, noting that we were unable to email members due to lack of internet access
- On-line entries for events that require pre-entry will be set up in advance by the Tournament Organiser
- It was agreed to reserve a section of noticeboard for member use only. Items must be dated and removed after 2 weeks. There will be an initial trial period of three months.
- Our advertising for Beginner Lessons produced no responses

*Wendy Mitchell, President*

## CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - JAN/FEB/MAR

Finally we have managed to upload the ratings files for the last three months. Apologies, but better late than never!

Marion Ellis	2.69	Robyn Ivers	0.99
Joan Brierty	2.17	Judy Fenton	0.99
Sue Eastman	2.16	Joan Lehane	0.89
David Howells	1.75	Dorothy Berzins	0.86
Rosanne Ransley	1.65	Lyn Baber	0.82
Tony Ransley	1.60	Peter hall	0.79
Diana Coats	1.59	Jim Hancox	0.77
Matthew Blackham	1.16	Elizabeth Lawrence	0.73
Matt Raj mal	1.16	George Boettiger	0.73
Paul Unger	1.14	John Wherry	0.72
Trish Dennis	1.14	Frank Pellarini	0.67
Jan Macadie	1.13	Ruth Griffin	0.59
John Lehane	1.07	June Clarkson	0.51
		Gwen White	0.51

## NEW ABF RANKINGS MARCH- Congratulations to:

Club

Peter Hall

### CLUB ROOM UPDATE

- Work by the Hope Church has been suspended temporarily because of drainage problems from the adjacent building
- Complaints by bridge club members direct to CCLC Management have resulted in some clearing of rubbish both outside and inside the building
- The trophy cabinets, door and fire extinguisher have been installed by our trusty team of Leon, Tony and John
- A decorative 'bridge' fan, donated by Matt Raj Mal has been displayed

### “I didn’t mean to do that ....”

*In the NSWBA enews this month, Matthew McManus (NSWBA Chief Tournament Director) writes about ‘inadvertent/unintended’ actions.*

*Part of the article follows:*

One of the more confusing laws in the game gets dragged out whenever a player claims that what just happened was “*inadvertent*”. There are three situations when a player sometimes seeks assistance from the director when they assert that they didn’t mean to do what just happened:

- 1) the bid they made**
- 2) the card they called for from dummy**
- 3) the card they played as declarer**

**3) Declarer’s played card:** If the declarer deliberately plays a card, it can never be deemed an unintended play. The law does not apply here. If you, as declarer, play and face a card from your hand, you can only change it if you have revoked, or if a change is permitted by the director following an infraction by the opponents. The fact that you have carelessly pulled out the wrong card and put your queen, instead of the ace, on the opponent’s king, or if you have “ruffed” with a heart when spades are trumps, is irrelevant. A card played by declarer is rarely able to be changed, and definitely not just because it was inadvertent or unintended.

*more next month . . .*

## COMING EVENTS

### APRIL

Country Carnival Pairs	2nd session	Wednesday 9
Monthly Shield (3)	(E)	Monday 7
Easter Pairs	(R)	Wednesday 16
Anzac Day Pairs	(R)	Friday 25

**NO BRIDGE**

**Good Friday**

**April 18**

### MAY

Switching Singles (4)	(E)	Thursday 1
Monthly Shield (4)	(E)	Monday 5
Club Swiss Pairs	(C/P)	Tuesdays 6, 13
Bridge for Brain Research		Wednesday 7
Grand National Open Teams (G/P)		Fridays 23, 30

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY for April to:**

John Adams, Merran Adams, Lyn Baber, Matt Blackham, Philippa Cooper, David Goldsmith, Pam Harris, Jack Lindsay, Lorraine Lindsay, Elaine McGorm, Suzanne Rochester, Hope Tomlinson, Suzanne Whelan, Sam Zammit

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

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please make the following beginning players welcome to our club and add their phone numbers to your Program book -

Suzanne Rochester (040 700 3096), Lorraine Bignall (0438 621 276), Rosalie Watson (0433 158 925).

### **SMILE A WHILE**

**Bidding definitions:** *Reverse Bid* — an opening like “Club One.”  
*Splinter Bid* — the only known way to become declarer with a singleton trump in each hand.

### **Is this your partner - or perhaps you?**

My partner is a well-balanced player. He makes up for his *inadequacy* in the bidding with his *ineptitude* in the play.

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*