

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



NEWSLETTER

May 2014

C **HARITY DAY** **Tuesday, July 1** *CHANGE OF DATE*

Rosanne Ransley is leading the planning committee for this important event. Save your money and watch this space!

PLEASE DIARISE DATE

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At March 31, our membership comprised 139 Full members and 86 Associates, for a total of 225. For comparison, we had 236 members in 2013 and 259 in 2012.

TOURNAMENTS

State and National events are governed by Regulations supplementary to those applying to regular club tournaments.

If you are competing in the upcoming Grand National Open

Teams, please ensure you understand the requirements to be a 'contending' team; to arrange a substitute; to request augmentation. You must also understand the obligations if you progress past the club qualifying events.

We will make the regulations available - please read them!

REMINDER/REQUEST **from your Directors:**

The 3 Don'ts for bridge players

1. Don't use the Bridgemates until you have personally heard the announcement that they can be used
2. Don't start play until you have personally heard the announcement that play may start
3. Don't move until you have personally heard the announcement to move

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

COUNTRY CARNIVAL PAIRS Wednesdays Apr 2 & 9

There were 3 'master' categories of players who could qualify from this new event to the Regional Final:

Open, Restricted (<300 MPs) and Novice (<100 MPs)

Our entries were such that the field was divided into two, with 6.5 tables in the Open and 6 table of Restricted and Novice combined.

Open

1st	Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence	120.0
2nd	Adele Mills & Nancy Joss	114.6
3rd	Carol Judd & Anne Grayden	113.4

Restricted & Novice

1st	Brandon Zheng & Alison Heathcote	117.9	Novice
2nd	David Howells & Robyn Ivers	112.9	Novice
3rd	Ursula Middleton & Maureen Holmes	110.1	Restricted
4th	Jim Hancox & Paul Unger	109.3	Restricted

We hope that 6 pairs will represent our club in the Regional Final - two from each category.

Masterpointing Note

Being a State event, red points will be awarded at grade B4s. These points are sent to the Regional Convener and processed after the Regional finals, so do not expect to see them on your record for some time.

The Open section receives the points at the normal Red point rate. Because the second section was limited by each players' masterpoint standing, a *Master Factor* has to be applied. In this case the median ranking of the field was Regional, and a factor of 0.65 was applied.

SWITCHING SINGLES 9 pairs Thursdays Apr 3

1st	Bruce Branthwaite & Matt Raj Mal	65.3 %
2nd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	57.4
3rd	Peter Hall & Les Free	56.0

MONTHLY SHIELD (3) 19 pairs Monday Apr 7

1st	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	62.4 %
2nd	Di Coats & Nancye Joss	60.0
3rd	Julie Sadler & Carol Judd	59.9

EASTER PAIRS 28 pairs Wednesday Apr 16

1st	Elizabeth Lawrence & Alfie Nation	65.4 %
2nd	Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	65.2
3rd	Heather Bellamy & Enid Pauling	64.3

ANZAC DAY PAIRS 16 pairs Friday Apr 25

1st	Jan Clarke & Diana Coats	69.8 %
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	66.5
3rd	Wendy Mitchell & Patricia Bowles	59.6

ECLECTIC EVENTS***Switching Singles - best 4 results with different partners***

After 4 months (including results of May 1), 13 individuals have played at least twice, and another 18 have played once. See the website for all results. The leaders are:

	Total	Sessions	Average
Colin Mitchell	182.9	3	61.0
Dorothy Berzins	177.0	3	59.0
Bruce Branthwaite	176.3	3	58.8
Matt Raj Mal	228.9	4	57.2

Monthly Shield - best 6 sessions with the same partner

After 3 months, the leaders are:

Peter & Dorothy Berzins (44), Jack & Lorraine Lindsay (36) and Carol Hamilton & Elizabeth Lawrence (28).

CONGRESSES**Best Local Players****BW INTRA-CLUB TEAMS 12 teams Apr 10**

2nd Marie Purkiss, Toni Dixon, Carol Hamilton, Elizabeth Lawrence

“I didn’t mean to do that”

The second part of the April article by Matthew McManus (NSWBA Chief Tournament Director) about ‘inadvertent/unintended’ actions:

2) The classic case where the director is called for an alleged **unintended call of a card** from dummy is in the following situation. West is declarer and this is the club suit: ♣3 2 ♣ A Q
Declarer leads ♣2 from his hand, intending to finesse dummy’s queen. North surprisingly plays the king. Far too often, declarer says, “queen,...I mean the ace”.

For the director to allow you to change an unintended call (whether it be naming a card in dummy or making a bid), you must satisfy him that you never intended to make the call you did.

When talking about naming dummy’s card, the equivalent would be that you have to convince him that what you actually said was just a “slip of the tongue”. If there is any suggestion at all that there was a change of mind, no matter how quickly the correction was made, then the director will NOT allow a change.

In this example, when declarer led the ♣2 from his hand, his intention was clearly to play the queen hoping for the finesse to work. When he called for the queen, after North played the king, this was just carelessness. It was only after noticing the king that he quickly changed his mind. If the card which declarer originally named could ever have been in his thoughts to play, then he will almost never be able to successfully claim that it was an *unintended* call.

The other thing that can sometimes happen is that declarer gets “ahead of themselves” and names a card he was intending to play to the next trick. For instance, playing in no trumps, dummy has the singleton ♥A while declarer holds ♥KQJ109. With the lead in dummy, declarer’s plan is to unblock the ace and then lead a diamond to his ace and cash the rest of the hearts. Unfortunately, he calls for a “small diamond”, and then says, “I mean, the ace of hearts.”

It is unlikely that declarer will be able to convince the director that “small diamond” was an unintended call. Playing that card was clearly in his thought process. It was careless that he called for it before cashing ♥A.

When the director comes to the table to rule on a possible change of *unintended* call of a card, the declarer must be able to immediately say what he intended to play. Otherwise, he didn't have an intended card to play and so no change will be allowed.

So when can declarer successfully plead an “*unintended*” call?

In practice, it really comes down to when the director is confident that it was a slip of the tongue. For instance, declarer is pointing to a low club in dummy's hand on the table, but says, “low spade”. I would allow that change.

Similarly, declarer has ♦K765 and after ruffing the three little ones, the ace has fallen and the king is now good. He goes to dummy and says, “king of hearts, I mean diamonds”. On the face of it, this very much looks like an *unintended* call. I would investigate whether there was any way he could have been thinking about playing ♥K (such as leading it to the following trick), but in most cases I would probably look favourably on the claim for an *unintended* call.

(For those of you interested in where this arises in the Laws of Bridge, refer to Law 45C4b.)

Continued next month Seeking to change an unintended call during the bidding.

Editor's Note:

If you follow the link from our website to the NSWBA, click on [Members](#) and then on [eCongress News](#), you can find an article by Matthew in each edition. Often funny, and always educational.

Of course you can also find out about upcoming congress events, results, holidays and other news and articles.

MEMBER WELFARE

A Get Well card has been sent to June Ball.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from April 11 Committee meeting

- Thank-yous were recorded re two Sunday working bees in the club room and to Alison Heathcote for vacuuming the hallway
- Colin and Ronnie carried out the installation of updates of Bridgemate software and documented these
- CCLC has now officially taken over our Westnet account. There is no longer any cost to us for internet access or email address
- James Ryan, Chairman of CCLC Board of Directors, visited our club room. Subsequently the timbers were removed from the hallway and other items cleared.
- Leon and Ronnie will investigate system requirements and options to replace our computer which is operating very slowly
- It was decided to support both Pandora and Wildlife Arc through our Charity Day this year

Wendy Mitchell, President

NEW ABF RANKINGS APRIL - Congratulations to:

Grand	Diana Coats	
Graduate	Heather Bellamy	Tony Ransley
	Ruth Griffin	Brandon Zheng

MOST IMPROVED - New ABF Masterpoint Centre Report

The ABF has formula for Most Improved Player

$$= (\text{Points This Year} * 10000) / (\text{Total Points} + 100)$$

Check out if you have made the top 50 for our club by choosing *Links*, then *Masterpoints* from our website.

Under **Reporting**, choose *Club Reports* and from the drop-down menu choose our club: 2-036.

You may be pleasantly surprised!!

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - APRIL

Agnes Marsh	0.94
Robyn Ivers	0.92
Lorraine Lindsay	0.89
Nancy Joss	0.77
Tony Ransley	0.72
Patricia Bowles	0.65
Allan Raward	0.65
Enid Pauling	0.58
Heather Bellamy	0.58

Judy Fenton	0.56
Alison Heathcote	0.53
Jan Henry	0.52
Adele Mills	0.52
Bruce Branthwaite	0.51
Alfie Nation	0.50
David Howells	0.50
Pamela Wackwitz	0.50
Matt Raj Mal	0.49

CLUB ROOM UPDATE

- Thank you to Heather Tarrant for the donation of a second book-case. This is now serving as storage for Director's items
- Thank you to Carol Judd for her generous donation of the spectacular beach scene you now see on entering the club room. This is our 'window' to the outside world
- The 'on loan' paintings by Lyn Baber are now hung from a gallery rail donated by the Patron and President
- The office door and surrounds have been painted and grey paint to match our walls has been obtained and used
- The blind on the hallway door is to stop prying eyes when we are not present - it should be up when we are playing
- An end piece has been added to the storage shelves to improve their appearance
- One wall fan is now fixed so that it cannot oscillate, and it is angled higher
- A generous, anonymous, benefactor has donated a new refrigerator with separate freezer. No more sour milk or wet carpet, and plenty of room for refreshments. (It is already hard to find the milk!)
- Holders for the foam cups are on order

We are almost finished - hopefully there will be no more updates!

COMING EVENTS

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, 6/6

JUNE

Monthly Shield (5)	(E)	Monday 2
Switching Singles (5)	(E)	Thursday 5
Grand National Open Teams 3rd session		Friday June 6
Club Pairs	(C/P)	Mondays 16, 23
Charity Day Pairs	(R)	Tuesday 24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for May to:

Patricia Carey, Doreen Collis, Joan Dominguez, David Ford, Sylvia Foster, Helen Gulliver, Jan Henry, Gary Heyting, Rhonda Innes, Lucy Julebin, Jan Macadie, Nancy Marchant, Vicky Morris, Frank Pellarini, Kath Pellarini, Marie Purkiss, Dorothy Storey-Wilson, Paul Unger.

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

NEW MEMBERS: Please make the following welcome to our club and add their phone numbers to your Program book -
Robert Lassau (0458 208 886); Pauline Caust (0413 283 552); Leonard Pratt (4328 5247); Ron Moller (4325 2549)

CHANGE OF NUMBER: Joan Dominguez: 4365 6585

SMILE A WHILE

Thanks to Neryl Tyrrell for this gem:

He loved a girl, she loved him; Hearts were trumps
He satisfied her every whim; Diamonds were trumps
Married a while, he stayed out late; Clubs were trumps
The lived, they died, a common fate; Spades were trumps.

Wendy Mitchell Editor