

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



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2014

OUR NEW ROOM

To all our wonderful helpers who made the move to our new room possible, a sincere *THANK YOU*.

It all started **Saturday 13th September**, when players dismantled and packed the trophy cabinet and many other items.

Sunday 14th September was the big working bee day and thanks to Di March, Claire O'Connor, Julie Sadler, Alison Heathcote and our demolition crew, Phil Morris, David Driscoll, Alan Bustany, David Bowerman and Peter Berzins, I have never seen a place dismantled so quickly.

Thanks also to June Clarkson and Carol Judd who bought in packing cases and took table clothes home to wash. June also donated covers for our front table.

As we still had Bridge sessions on Monday afternoon and Monday evening, the room had to be made suitable for play. Well done to all those who survived the chaos.

Tuesday 16th September was the day of the "Big Move".

Apart from thanking all those who had to forego their bridge that day, we need to acknowledge the tremendous work done by Di March, Alison Heathcote, Elizabeth Lawrence, Julie Sadler, Phil Morris, Ruth Griffin, Gary Heyting, Nancye Joss, David Bowerman, Peter Berzins, Rosanne Ransley, Theodore Chadwick and Wendy Mitchell. A special thank you to Judy Fenton who made and delivered lovely salmon cakes for the workers.

The Leagues Club staff were a great help throughout the day.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (8) 7 tables Monday Sept 1

1st	Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris	66.0%
2nd	Bill Pinfold & Bill Thompson	59.0%
3rd	Jacqui Wilson & Alfie Nation	55.6%

SWITCHING SINGLES (7) 2.5 tables Thursday Sept 4

1st	Peter Berzins & Dorothy Berzins	67.7%
2nd	Les Free & Peter Hall	63.7%
3rd	George Boettiger & Pam Gowthorp	54.8%

GOSFORD PAIRS 9.5 tables Monday Sept 8

1st	Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	61.7%
2nd	Marie Purkiss & Patricia Bowles	58.1%
3rd	Bill Pinfold & Bill Thomson	58.0%

INTRA-CLUB TEAMS 14 teams Thursday Sept 11

		Wins	Draws	Losses
1st	Smyth, Ody, Oitmaa, S Foster	4	1	0
2nd	L Lindsay, Joss, D Berzins, Mills	4	0	1
3rd	C & W Mitchell, Bustany, L Pratt	2	1	2

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS 11 tables Friday Sept 26

1st	Jan Clarke & Diana Coats	68.1%
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	65.1%
3rd	Claire O'Connor & Pam Harris	56.6%

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

Victory at Foster. September 21

Well done to Diana Coats, & Jan Clarke and team mates Francis Lyons & Richard Lock who came 1st. Also to Matt Blackham and team mates Michelle Tredinnick, Judy Scott & Jacqui Wallace who came 3rd and to Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman who came 4th.

**INAUGURAL NOVICE CONGRESS CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB
SEPTEMBER 13**

Congratulations to Rosanne & Tony Ransley who came a creditable 5th out of 30 pairs. They then backed up the next day winning 3 matches in the teams event for more masterpoints. Well done.

Pennant Hills Teams September 21

Well done to Marie Purkiss, Diane Nichols, Elizabeth Lawrence and Carole Hamilton who came 7th out of 35 teams in a tightly contested Event with many big names.

Blue Mountains

Bygone Beauty's September 6/7

Congratulations to Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa who came 1st E/W out of 31 pairs in the Swiss Pairs Event.

MELBOURNE CUP

Melbourne Cup will be held on Tuesday 4th November in the *Parkview Room*.

Champagne and Orange Juice on arrival.

Bridge starts at 10.00am

\$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00 sweeps on sale

Buffet lunch and wine

Race starts at 3.00pm

Prizes for best dressed male and female

Theme this year is...*Shades of Blue*

SWITCHING SINGLES AFTER 8 MONTHS

The clear leader is Dorothy Berzins on 67.2, followed by Bruce Branthwaite on 57.8 and Matt Raj Mal on 57.6.

NEW ABF RANKINGS SEPTEMBER - Congratulations to:

Life	Susan McCall	Life	Bob Morris
*National	Ursula Middleton	State	Robyn Henwood-
State	Denise Collister	** Local	Alan Bustany
Club	David Howells		

State Open Pairs Final Sydney 18/19 October 2014

The following players have had their entry fees paid by the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club so they can compete in the Pairs Final:-

Dorothy Berzins & Diana Coats, Peter Berzins & Gary Heyting, Jurate Petrauskas & Alan Bustany, Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

The finals will be held at 162 Goulburn St, East Sydney on Saturday 18th October, 12.00noon & 4.00pm and Sunday 19th October, 10.00am & 2.00pm until end of play.

Smile awhile....thanks to Len Pratt for this contribution

NEVER TEACH YOUR WIFE TO PLAY BRIDGE

Roy, who had just retired and was a good player, persuaded his wife Mabel to learn the game. Playing at the Kalamunda Districts Bridge Club one afternoon Roy opened an Acol 1 No Trump, 12-14 High Card Points. Mabel replied 2 No Trumps. All Pass.

Mabel then placed her hand on the table which could best be described as a collection of tram tickets. Roy asked "why did you bid 2 No Trumps with that hand?" Mabel replied "Well you have always told me that 1 No Trump is the most difficult contract to make!!!"

COMMITTEE CAPERS:

Well I think the Committee has been rather preoccupied this September with the “great migration” to focus on anything else. Let us hope it does not become an annual event. I did tell John Keene that I was thinking of renaming the Gosford Pairs the “CCLC Nomadic Pairs”. He did see the joke.

Di March and I looked at some of the events for next year and Di has met with the other local club’s Tournament Secretaries (in a coordinating meeting hosted by Louis Koolen) in order to avoid clashes of events in the programme for 2015.

The Treasurer has produced a new form to be used to account for Table monies. The previous form was a bit complicated so we are hoping this will be easier to complete. Directors will be responsible for the collection and completion of the form in future. Standbys will only collect the money if the Director asks them to do so.

To aid this process we will be putting reusable plastic zip lock bags on each table in which players are to put their money and to note additional details e.g. Visitor present, or Beginner, and Bridge Buddy.

Rosanne is back and keen to start organising our Melbourne Cup Event. The colour scheme this year will be **BLUE** so start planning your outfit.

George Boettiger has offered to facilitate an informal discussion group for Members on Thursdays from 11.00am. There will be no charge for this. Presumably what is offered will be determined by the interest of Members. This could be a great way for newer players to query bids or have someone explain defence, play issues or a clarification of Directors rulings.

The Intra Clubs Teams - Directed by George Boettiger, was a very enjoyable day with excellent food throughout and wine and cheese platters at the end. With permission, we had expanded into the foyer so our venue was not too crowded.

Until we can get the air-conditioning temperature correct, please remember to bring some extra warmth. The black table cloths are not much of a fashion statement!

Cheers,

Dorothy Berzins, President

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Now came the job of setting up again. David Bowerman had our computer functioning immediately. Ruth Griffin planned the layout of the playing area. Di March and Wendy Mitchell sorted out the Office cabinet amongst other things. The rest of us set up the tables and chairs and unpacked boxes. Alison Heathcote and Peter Berzins unpacked and set out the cards and checked the dealing machine.

Wednesday 17th September, saw us still at it. Dave Driscoll, Peter Hall, Alison Heathcote, Peter Berzins, and Rosanne Ransley worked on setting up the tables for play. Colin and Wendy Mitchell, Peter Berzins and Peter Hall finished the clearing out of the old room. Others set up the kitchen urn, set out the tea and coffee etc. So, at last we were ready for our 1st Wednesday game.

Subsequent to that Wednesday, we have been constantly unpacking and finding storage spaces for items. Tony and Rosanne Ransley put up our wonderful print of Wamberal while Dave Driscoll, Ron Moller and Peter Hall came in again on Sunday 28th September to install trophy cabinets, the white boards and the notice boards. Bruce Branthwaite and Robert Watkins unpacked and set up the trophies. I think I even saw Bruce cleaning the glass in the cabinets with windex. Well done everyone.

I would like to make a special mention of Dave Driscoll who has been an amazing help during this move and has worked tirelessly taking down, then putting back up the heavy items i.e. notice boards, trophy cabinets and white boards. He made at least three shopping trips to get the right equipment for the jobs and has been back and forth to the old and new room on more than six occasions.

We have decided to wait for our “*go to Man*” Leon to return from holidays to plan other renovations for storage in the kitchen and office areas.

Cheers

Dorothy

MEMBERS NEWS:

* Well done to Ruth Griffin who raised an amazing \$2,374 from her High Tea on 25th September 2014 for Breast Cancer Research, and she is not finished yet.

After selling the remaining merchandise Ruth will have raised \$3,330 this year, bringing her total over 9 years to \$24,599. Dorothy assured me that the sandwiches and cakes were delicious as was the view over Terrigal Beach from Ruth's home.

* We are sorry to hear that Nancy Marchant had a fall and is staying with family in Sydney. Hope you are on the mend Nancy.

* Three of Dorothy's students have so far taken the plunge.....i.e. to join in one of our normal playing sessions. Peter and Sue Leonard played on Wednesday at the first day in our new room while Lynn Brown started on Saturday 27th September playing with Anne Grayden. Another beginner, Kerri is planning to start on October 13th (Monday evening)

* We are sad to lose Heather Tarrant from the Central Coast. Heather played on Monday nights and Saturdays with Lyn Lynch and went out on a high note with a spectacular 64.6% win on Saturday 27th September. Congratulations to Heather and Lyn. We wish Heather all the best and hope she enjoys retirement on the South Coast.

* David Howells and his wife Mary are currently travelling in a van between Avignon and Nimes. They are heading for Carmague and Toulouse and later Spain. Sounds great. Nice to know David is sparing a thought for us and our move while on his travels.

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Switching Singles (9)	(E)	Thursday 2
Spring Pairs	(R)	Thursday 9
Monthly Shield (9)	(E)	Monday 13
Club Restricted Teams	(C/P) 1&2	Tuesday 21 (all day)
Presidents Cup	(R)	Wednesday 29
Pot Luck Teams	(E)	Thursday 30

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)	(E)	Monday 3
Melbourne Cup (10.00am start)		Tuesday 4
Switching Singles (10)	(E)	Thursday 6
Remembrance Day Pairs	(R)	Tuesday 11
Club Teams (1)	(C/P)	Wednesday 12
Club Teams (2)	(C/P)	Wednesday 19
Club Teams (3)	(C/P)	Wednesday 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for October to:-

Gary Barwick, Kevin Carson, Pamela DeLacy, Angela Dougall
Patricia Drover, Paul Fawcett, Patricia Kull, Adele Mills, Bill Pinfold,
Alan Raward, Gwen White, Margot Williams

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

PLAY TOUGH BUT FAIR.
DON'T STARE AT OPPONENTS, THEIR CARDS, OR WHERE IN
THEIR HAND THEY PLAY A CARD FROM.

If you think an experienced opponent may have done something
inappropriate, speak privately to the official recorder.

Trish Dennis / Wendy Mitchell