

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

April 2013

PRESENTATION **DAY** *Friday March 15*

There were a fantastic 19 tables for bridge in the morning. Playing 2-board rounds, players were able to play against as many different pairs as possible. This added to the social side of the day, even though Red Points were at stake.

Thank you to Director Peter Berzins who had to score the old way (without Bridgemates).

79 people enjoyed the wide variety of fine food at the buffet - a little like the loaves and fishes in that no dishes ever seemed to run out!

Congratulations to all our prize and trophy winners for 2012. Of the 40 different recipients, 34 attended, the highest proportion for at least 5 years.

Certificates and free games for

some surprise categories were also awarded. It is hoped that this will become a regular feature.

The Ides of March theme - suggested by Dorothy and developed by the sub-committee - added to the fun.

We were pleased to welcome our special guests: James Ryan (CCLC Chief Director), and David Beauchamp and his wife Anita Curtis.

A big thank you to our photographers: Anne Whatmore and Nancye Joss.

The committee appreciates the congratulations and positive comments members have made about the day.

However, the biggest thank you goes to all the members who attended - it was your participation that made it such a success!!

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

PRESENTATION DAY PAIRS (R) Friday Mar 15, 38 pairs

1st	Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray	65.0 %
2nd	Kaylee Lemon & Ronnie Ng	63.3
3rd	Elaine McGorm & Claire O'Connor	62.6

EASTER PAIRS (R)

Monday Mar 25

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	68.8%
2nd	Phillip Morris & Adele Mills	64.6
3rd	Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver	55.3

After 2 sessions of the Switching Singles only 2 people have played in both with different partners - Phillip Morris and Wendy Alford:

SWITCHING SINGLES (1)

Thursday Feb 28 7 pairs

1st	Jack & Lorraine Lindsay	71.9%
2nd	Lucy Julebin & Dawn McCorquodale	58.3
=3rd	Daphne Montague & Juni North	52.1
=3rd	Yvonne Zammit & Phillip Morris	52.1

SWITCHING SINGLES (2)

Thursday Mar 21 8 pairs

1st	Carol Judd & Dorothy Berzins	62.5%
2nd	George Boettiger & Gwen White	58.9
3rd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	56.8

COUNTRY TEAMS (1/3)

Wednesday Mar 27

After the first 3 rounds, 3 teams were undefeated:

		<u>VP's</u>
1st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Adele Mills, Nancye Joss	66
2nd	Jacqui Wilson, Patricia Kull, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver	64
3rd	Di Nichols, Alison Heathcote, Sue Eastman, June Ball	61

Wednesday Apr 3

After 6 rounds, only the Wilson team remains undefeated, and the Jackson team (Robyn Jackson, David Goldsmith, Carol Judd, Leon Babinski) has moved into contention.

So the position before the last 3 rounds on April 10 is:

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>VP's</u>
1sr Wilson	6	0	0	127
2nd Berzins	5	0	1	114
3rd Jackson	4	0	2	101

CONGRESSES

Best performances of local players:

Maitland Swiss Pairs Mar 16 23 tables

7th Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon

16th Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

18th Shirley & Noel Crockett

Teams Mar 17 30 teams

2nd Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray, Sally & Gary Clarke

10th Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Barry Foster, Patricia Kull

12th Jan Clarke, Frances Lyon, Shirley & Noel Crockett

15th Pam Joseph, Susan McCall, Christine Hadaway, Tricia Nolan

Central Coast Super Congress Swiss Pairs Mar 23
Open **60 pairs**

6th Christine Hadaway & Karen Ody

=7th Sylvia Foster & Patricia Kull

=7th Lorraine & Jack Lindsay

11th Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

Restricted **31 pairs**

Local pairs came 2nd, 5th and equal 7th, including Robyn Henwood and Denise Collister.

Teams Mar 24
41 teams

Open

3rd Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody, Frances Lyons, Heather Cusworth

=4th Kerrie & Peter Johnman, Stewart Duxbury, Virginia Dressler

=4th Kaylee Lemon, Ronnie Ng, Marie Purkiss, Patricia Bowles

Restricted **17 teams**

Four local teams came in the top half of the field.

Well done: CCBC for a successful congress and those who did well against stiff competition from visiting players.

41ST SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE: Canberra, Jan 2013

At long last these results are available from the ABF website via a link to *bridgeunlimited.com*.

It is well worth taking a look at the wide variety of events - if you have never gone to Canberra for this event you should consider it for 2014.

After trawling the results, I have chosen the best of our local players for mention. Please let me know if I have missed any!

Super Novice Pairs (12)

5th Robyn Henwood & Denise Collister

National Open SW Pairs (188)

43rd Di Coats & Lorraine Lindsay

National Flighted Swiss Pairs (28)

4th Garry & Sally Clarke

Garry & Sally also came 16th (out of 46) in the National Seniors Teams (playing with David Smee and Gary Lane) and 12th (out of 152) in the South West Pacific Teams (playing with Sharon & Greg Mayo and Anita Curtis)

Friday Festival Teams (24)

7th Ronnie Ng and Kaylee Lemon (playing with Carmel Bourke and Patricia Lacey)

NEW ABF RANKINGS MARCH- Congratulations to:

Gold Life	Tony Burke	** Local	Ellen Williams
*Local	Robyn Henwood		
	Denise Collister	Local	Jim Hancox
Club	Joan Dominquez		

WELCOME TO THE COMMITTEE

A very warm welcome to Lyn Lynch who has agreed to fill the vacant position. Lyn brings considerable bridge knowledge and experience to our deliberations. Thank you Lyn.

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED (Regular players at our club)

February /March

CAROLE HAMILTON	2.07		DIANE NICHOLS	1.25
ELIZABETH LAWRENCE	2.05		JOHN LEHANE	1.22
BARBARA GRANT	1.94		ROSANNE RANSLEY	1.17
WENDY MITCHELL	1.92		TONI DIXON	1.03
DOROTHY BERZINS	1.81		PETER BERZINS	1.00
ROBYN JACKSON	1.47		DIANA COATS	0.98
JOAN LEHANE	1.38		COLIN MITCHELL	0.98
PHILLIP MORRIS	1.38		DENISE COLLISTER	0.92
SUE EASTMAN	1.37		DIANNE MARCH	0.91
LOUIS KOOLEN	1.26		ROBYN HENWOOD	0.89

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from March 8 Committee meeting

1. Leon is developing a new Equipment Loaning Policy including the investigation of the insurance situation
2. We are considering the interpretation of '*ex-officio*' in relation to both the President and the Patron
3. Allan and Ronnie are to trial Net Banking with our account (which requires two people to authorise payments)
4. Discussions are taking place with ACES bridge club with regards to establishing a competition between our clubs for a Ted Neilsen Memorial Trophy
5. Additional side tables are being purchased and a new refrigerator is a strong possibility.
6. Late players will be sent home if they arrive after the Bridgemates are started. Remember that all players are requested to be seated 5 minutes before the session starting time (Page 7 of our Program)
7. If possible we will pay for three pairs to play in the State Mixed Pairs competition in May.
8. Where appropriate, Directors are asked to continue to hold the short break about half-way through the session.

9. In April, one pair in each session will receive a free game card for being the closest to 50% (or above). If a Mitchell movement is being run it will be a NS pair one week and EW the next.
10. Planning will commence at our next meeting for our Charity Day on June 18. Ideas and assistance will be very welcome.

Wendy Mitchell, President

MEMBERSHIP

The ABF charges us an affiliation fee based on the number of Home Club members at midnight on March 31. This was 150 for CCLCBC.

At that date we also had 86 financial Associate members, with a total membership of 236. Members who did not renew comprised 19 Home Club and 16 Associate members.

Home Club members at the other local clubs were: Central Coast - 229, Brisbane Water - 169, Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay - 55.

Australian Bridge Federation figures at March 31:

Club Membership Total=32,590 (corresponding total last year: 31,517)

By State: ACT=842; NSW=13039; VIC=4931; QLD=7217; SA=1616, WA=4009; TAS=767; NT=169

WELFARE

In recent months, the club's best wishes have been sent to members -

Get Well: John White, Judy Wulff, Jane Langridge, Di March, Les Free, Heather Darby, Marilyn Whigham, Mei-Hua Crawford

Sympathy: Ted Neilsen's family, Bev Moran

Wendy Alford is our 'Welfare Officer'. Please advise Wendy if you know of any member who would appreciate a card.

WHICH GRAND SLAM WOULD YOU BID?

Board 13, Monday Evening, March 4

Bidding at our table:

North	South
1C	1S
2D *	2H #
3S †	4NT +
5C =	7NT \$

* Reverse, showing 16+ HCP

Forced to bid, showing 5xspades

† Jump raise (unnecessary, but you may have missed my reverse!)

+ Roman Keycard Blackwood (I have a big hand too)

Board 13 Dir: N Vul: All	♠ 754 ♥ A ♦ AJ82 ♣ AK642	
♠ Q ♥ T8 ♦ 9763 ♣ QJT753		♠ 32 ♥ 96432 ♦ KT54 ♣ 98
1 6 5 3 1 6	♠ AKJT986 ♥ KQJ75 ♦ Q ♣	N: 1 ♣ 4 ♦ 5 ♥ 7 ♠ 7NT S: 1 ♣ 4 ♦ 5 ♥ 7 ♠ 7NT E: W:

= 0 or 3 keycards (of the 4 Aces and the K of trumps)

\$ Partner has a strong hand so must have 3 keycards, specifically ♥A, ♦A and ♣A, as I have ♠A and ♠K. Partner must have 3xspades so we have a 10-card fit. We are missing the ♠Q, but it will fall on the first two rounds of trumps, unless there is a 3-0 split.

So I can count: 7 x spade tricks, 4 x heart tricks, 1 x diamond and 1 x club. 7S therefore is certain, but 7NT is the best score playing pairs.

We bid 7NT, one pair bid 6NT and one bid 6S. Two pairs stayed in 4S, but all pairs romped in 13 tricks.

Wendy M

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

Monthly Shield (3)	Eclectic	Monday 8
Country Teams (3)	(see March)	Wednesday 10
Switching Singles (3)	Eclectic	Thursday 18
Anzac Day Pairs	Red Points	Thursday 25

MAY

Bridge for Brain Research Challenge		Wednesday 1
Monthly Shield (4)	Eclectic	Monday 6
Club Swiss Pairs	(Pre-Entry)	Friday 10 & 17
Autumn Pairs	Red Points	Monday 13
Country Teams Regional Finals		Sat 18, Sun 19
State Mixed Pairs Finals		Sat 25, Sun 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for April to:

John Adams, Merran Adams, Lyn Baber, Phillipa Cooper, Robyn Fawcett, David Goldsmith, Ida Grejsen, Pam Harris, Jack Lindsay, Lorraine Lindsay, Elaine McGorm, Jan Morris, Lyn Pears, Barbara Smits, Patricia Tahmindjis, Suzanne Whelan, Sam Zammit

Remember: If our records are wrong or incomplete, please let me know so we can acknowledge your birthday.

NB: Change of Venue for Friday April 12
Bridge will be held in the Old Darts Area
(because of the Ballroom Dancing Annual Dinner)

SMILE A WHILE

Susie, do you know your numbers?" the teacher asks.

"Yup", she says. "My dad taught me."

"What comes after three?" "Four" Susie answers.

"Great. Now tell me what number comes after six?"

"Seven" "Excellent" Susie's teacher says.

"Your dad did a good job. So, what's after ten?"

"Jack" (Thanks to Adele Mills for this contribution)

Wendy Mitchell Editor