

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

June 2014

LESS THAN A
MONTH AWAY
.....
Charity Day on

Tuesday, July 1 will be held in
the Parkview Room of the
Leagues Club.

This year we are raising money
for two worthy LOCAL chari-
ties: Wildlife ARC and Pan-
dora.

Already there are sales of mar-
malades, pickles, rocky road,
biscuits and lovely note cards.
Raffle tickets at \$2 each or 3 for
\$5 are now available, or take a
book (mark off your name) and
sell to your friends.

It's going to be a great day with
lots of different things to buy,
such as Strelitzias, succulents,
scarves and aprons.

Have your nails painted by our
specially untrained "nail con-
sultants". Appointments will be
taken beforehand.

The day begins at 11am with a
savoury morning tea and a
browse through the stalls.
Bridge (Red Points) starts at
12.30 and prizes will be drawn
throughout the afternoon.

A fabulous afternoon tea is
planned and more fun with
lucky door and spot prizes to be
had. Put the date in your diary
now!!!

OUR NUMBERS ARE DOWN

Table numbers 10% down com-
pared to last year. If you have
ideas as to why or helpful sug-
gestions, please convey them to
a committee member.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

SWITCHING SINGLES (4) 8 pairs Thursday May 1

1st	Bruce Branthwaite & Dorothy Berzins	69.3 %
2nd	Colin Mitchell & David Bowerman	60.9
3rd	Peter Hall & Les Free	53.0

MONTHLY SHIELD (4) 13 pairs Monday May 5

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	64.6 %
2nd	Julie Sadler & Carol Judd	59.6
3rd	Robert Watkins & Cheryl Davison	53.3

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS RESEARCH CHALLENGE

10 tables Wednesday May 7

North-South

1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	66.4%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Carol Judd	58.4
3rd	Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	56.1

East-West

1st	Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins	66.7 %
2nd	John Tagg & Joyce Small	57.1
3rd	Bruce Branthwaite & Mei-Hua Crawford	56.8

AUTUMN PAIRS 11 pairs Mon Eve May 12

1st	Colin Mitchell & David Bowerman	66.7 %
2nd	Heather Tarrant & Lynette Lynch	64.6
3rd	Helen McLean & Phillip Morris	59.3

CLUB SWISS PAIRS 8 & 7 tables Tue May 6 & 13

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>VPs</u>
1st	Christine Williams & Ian Lincoln	4 102
2nd	Sylvia Foster & Karen Ody	4 102
3rd	Diane Nicholls Marie Purkiss	5 101

Please see Page 7 for a full report on this event.

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS Fri May 23, 30 & Jun 6

Results next month after the 3rd session.

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

COUNTRY TEAMS Regional Final 7 teams May 18 at BWBC

- 1st Angela & Kevin Dougall, John Redfearn & Norm Berger
2nd Di Coats, Nancye Joss, Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Adele Mills,
Gary Heyting
3rd Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray

STATE MIXED PAIRS FINAL May 24 & 25 at NSWBA

Ten pairs represented the Central Coast clubs. 57 pairs competed in the qualifying sessions on Saturday. Congratulations to local pair Angela and Kevin Dougall who performed very well to finish 2nd East-West, therefore making the Sunday final. In this they managed a very creditable 12th out of 14.

Dorothy Berzins & Gary Heyting just missed the cut, finishing equal 8th. With five other Central Coast pairs they qualified for the new event on the Sunday - the Country Mixed pairs. Dorothy & Gary then won this, with Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman second out of 14 pairs.

Two of our three local pairs who did not qualify for the Country Mixed Pairs took advantage of free entry to the Swiss Pairs Congress on the Sunday, run at the same time as the two finals.

See the NSWBA website and the eCongress News for a photograph of Dorothy and Gary.

COUNTRY CARNIVAL PAIRS Regional Final Sun June 8

Good luck to our representatives playing at Brisbane Water BC:

Open Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence

Gwen White & Margo Brennan

Restricted (<300 MPs)

Alan Bustany & June Thompson

Novice (<100 MPs)

David Howells & Robyn Ivers

Matt Raj Mal & Peter Hall

CLUB ROOM UPDATE

- The foam cup holders are installed and working well
- Holes are being cut in the blue stools to hold your cup

“I didn’t mean to do that”

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

1) The final, and maybe most common, situation where a player may seek to change an unintended call is during the bidding. The player must be able to convince the director that the bid, pass or double which he made was never his intention.

If it appears that it may have been a change of mind (no matter how quickly it happened – even if his pen is still on the bidding pad), no change will be allowed.

Some examples: a player who has four spades and five hearts and opens 1♠ certainly looks like someone who was maybe considering a spade bid; after partner’s 1NT opening, a player with five hearts bids 2♦ and hurriedly changes to 2♥ – that looks like he has forgotten that they are not playing transfers; a player with 12 points passes and then wants to change to 1♣ – that sounds like while in the process of passing he re-assessed his hand or recounted his points. All of these scenarios would rarely result in a favourable ruling.

Some circumstances where I have allowed a change:

- a player has an opening hand with five spades and one heart: as he goes to write 1♠, the “one heart” distracts him and he instead bids 1♥.
- the auction starts with 1♠ by the player’s left hand opponent, 2♠ by partner (a Michael’s cue bid showing hearts and a minor), 3♠ by the next opponent, now 4♠! The player in question has heart support and was keen to bid game in hearts, but with everyone else bidding spades, he somehow got into the swing of things and did the same. I allowed him to change it back to 4♥ – 4♠ was never in his thoughts.

Using bidding boxes tends to result in an increased number of calls for the director for unintended calls. This is because of mechanical problems such as accidentally pulling out the wrong card, or having another card stuck to the bidding card as you make your bid. If this is honestly what has happened, then a change without penalty is usually allowed.

There are two other important aspects to this law: firstly, it says the player must change, or attempt to change, the unintended call without pause for thought. However, this does not necessarily mean it has to be instantaneous. The player has to change or attempt to change (for example, by calling the director) immediately he becomes aware that he has made an unintended call.

For example, a player meant to pull out the 1♠ bidding card, but as he did so the 1NT card got stuck on top and he doesn't notice. When he hears his partner announce, "15-17", he only now looks down and sees what has happened. By saying something or calling the director immediately, he would be allowed to make a change without penalty, even though the reason he discovered the error was because of something else that occurred.

The second significant aspect to the law is that a player is entitled to change an unintended call up until the time when his partner next makes a call. That means that even if your left hand opponent has made a call, you can change your unintended call as long as you call the director as soon as you realise what has happened. If the director permits you to change your call, then the opponent can also change his call without any penalty.

If however your partner has made a call after your unintended call and before you have said anything it is too late to change and there is nothing you can do about it. If this is the case, it is very important that you don't make any comment or reaction. You don't want your partner – or your opponents – to know that anything has gone wrong.

The laws relating to unintended calls are some of the more difficult ones for the director to administer. Each time they come up, the director has to make a judgement based on evidence which may not be very precise. It is possible that there could be two scenarios which seem very similar in which the director (or directors) made the completely opposite rulings. It is the nature of these laws and the information which the director relies upon and needs to analyse which makes this possible – and in both cases, it may be that the ruling is correct.

MEMBER WELFARE

A 'Missing You' has been sent to Julie Jessop and 'Get Well' cards have been sent to Agnes Marsh, Moira Love, John White, Anne Whatmore, Helen Gulliver and Di March.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from May 9 Committee meeting

- A total of \$500 was sent to Neuroscience Research Australia as a result of the Bridge for Brains Research Challenge. The cost to the club was \$55.
- A request to CC Leagues Club for funding (in addition to our annual allocation) to cover monies spent on refurbishing our new room was declined
- Dorothy Berzins will conduct Beginners Lessons on Wednesday evenings, starting June 4 from 7pm to 9pm
- Flowers were presented to Carol Judd as thanks for the donation of the beach scene

Wendy Mitchell, President

NEW ABF RANKINGS MAY- Congratulations to:

State Master	Moira Love
Regional Master	Patricia Birch

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - MAY

LOUIS KOOLEN	1.18
CAROL JUDD	0.92
MARY PYE	0.90
PAUL UNGER	0.86
BARBARA GRANT	0.84
KAREN ODY	0.73
JULIE SADLER	0.66
KATHY MITCHELL	0.66
JACQUI WILSON	0.65

ANNE GRAYDEN	0.65
ROSALIE WATSON	0.62
MATT RAJ MAL	0.61
PHILLIP MORRIS	0.60
KATHLEEN BROMLEY	0.59
CHERYL DAVISON	0.54
DAPHNE MONTAGUE	0.53
ROBERT WATKINS	0.53

CLUB SWISS PAIRS REPORT

At the beginning of the second session of this event, Dorothy Berzin's partner, Adele Mills had not arrived. Dorothy played the session with Peter Berzins, but clearly procedures for 'substitution' could not be followed in the time frame. The cumulative result put Dorothy/Adele/Peter as first with 109 Victory Points.

A special meeting of the Tournament Committee was convened for Wednesday May 21. The committee considered the NSWBA Tournament regulations and agreed that Dorothy and Adele were classified as an 'unauthorised withdrawal' under the rules. This decision was supported by the opinion of the NSWBA Tournament Appeals Adviser, Warren Lazer and Chief Director, Matthew McManus.

Consequently, the winners of the Trophy are Christine Williams and Ian Lincoln. There was a tie break to decide first using the principle of which pair, with equal VPs, had played against stronger opponents, based on the nettimps against these. Masterpoints for each match remain the same, but the outright awards have been recalculated.

MONTHLY SHIELD - *best 6 sessions with the same partner*

The leaders after 4 months are:

Peter & Dorothy Berzins (58), Jack & Lorraine Lindsay (36) and Di Coats & Nancy Joss (34).

Note that a pair who enters this event this month can still win, provided they play the remaining sessions with the same partner!

BRIDGE HOLIDAYS

Have you ever tried one? There are plenty to choose from (see our wall document holder for fliers). They introduce a new dimension to your bridge - friendly competition, new formats, workshops and socialising in a different venue.

Sue Eastman, June Ball, June Thompson and Ursula Middleton are just back from a few days at Peppers Guest House in the Hunter with John Newman of '*Bridge Travel*'. They were very happy to win the teams event. Well done!

COMING EVENTS

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

JULY

Charity Day Pairs	(R)	Tuesday 1
Switching Singles (6)	(E)	Thursday 3
Winter Pairs	(R)	Saturday 5
Monthly Shield (6)	(E)	Monday 7
Jovial July	(E)	Mon Evenings
Graded Pairs	(C/P)	Thursdays 10 & 17
Ted Neilsen Memorial Pairs	(P)	Thursday 24
Foundation Cup	(R)	Monday 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for June to:

George Boettiger, Dasha Brandt, Bruce Branthwaite, Tony Burke, Sue Hanson, Robyn Ivers, Dianne March, Colin Mitchell, Jan Oitmaa, June Rado, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams.

(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 -

Pamela & Bernard Ansiewicz - 0419 902 902; Ron Moller - 0404 815 940; Colin Pratt - 4340 5980.

CHANGE OF NUMBER: Bob Verduin: 4369 1045

SMILE A WHILE

- Joe knows absolutely nothing about the game; his wife plays *twice* as well.
- Too bad, partner, that was an unlucky grand slam - the *ace of trumps* was offside.

Wendy Mitchell Editor