

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

SUPERVISED PLAY SESSION

Great news! The committee has approved a proposal by **Julie Sadler** to conduct Supervised Play on Wednesday mornings.

Recent Beginner graduates are urged to attend, but the sessions will suit any player wishing to improve their game.

The other clubs run similar sessions, but now we will too!

Cost: \$4
Time: 10am to 12pm
Day: Wednesdays

Come along and support this initiative while gaining the benefits of having your questions answered while your play!

SPECIAL ROLES

A number of members take on responsibility for special tasks, both on and off the Committee:

Chief Director	Ronnie Ng
Tournament Org.	Colin Mitchell
Recorder	Gwen White
Masterpoint Sec	Wendy Mitchell
Newsletter Ed.	<i>Vacant</i>
Biscuits etc	Julie Sadler
Stand-By Coordinator & Partnership Arranger	Julie Sadler
Webmaster	David Bowerman
Equipment	Stewart Duxbury

Their contact numbers are in our program booklet.

WORKSHOPS

I am proposing Monday am for 4 workshops, at least 2 on defence. Let me know what other specific topics you would like. *Wendy*

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD 8

7.5 tables

Monday Sep 4

1st	Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson	67.36%
2nd	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	57.29%
3rd	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	55.90%

With 2 sessions yet to play, there is a tie for first!

Totals

Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	118
Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	118
Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	95
Bob Morris & Gwen White	91
Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson	89
Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins	85

11 pairs remain eligible to qualify for the Shield and outright awards but 2 pairs need to play once more and 3 pairs need to play both remaining sessions.

INTRA-CLUB TEAMS

Red

16 teams

Thu Sep 7

		W	D	L	VPs
1st	Lorraine Lindsay, Helen Milward, Angela & Kevin Dougall	5	1	0	82.65
2nd	Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, Chris Hannan, Diana Ellis	4	0	2	80.85
3rd	Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury, Helen Eaton, Gary Barwick	4	0	2	71.44
4th	Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Wendy Mitchell, Henrietta Hohnen	4	1	1	70.64

SPRING PAIRS

Red

6.5 tables

Mon Eve Sep 11

1st	Phillip Morris & Helen McLean	63.58%
2nd	Peter Berzins & Toni Dixon	62.42%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Alan Bustany	57.78%

SWITCHING SINGLES

Best 5 out of 10

Mon Eve

18 players have played the minimum 5 sessions, so at least half of these will earn outright award masterpoints. The leaders and their totals are: Dorothy Berzins (110), Wendy Mitchell (106), Julie Sadler (106), Alan

Bustany (104). Five people need to play once more and six people need to play in the last 2 sessions to qualify.

GOSFORD PAIRS		6 tables	Mon 18
1st	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden		64.30%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Helen Eaton		59.85%
3rd	Marie Purkiss & Di Nichols		58.67%

CLUB SWISS PAIRS		20 pairs	Fri 15 & 22
1st	Colin & Wendy Mitchell		96.27 VPs
2nd	Carol Judd & Julie Sadler		79.42
3rd	Elizabeth Lawrence & Marie Purkiss		74.02

UHMP: Under 100 masterpoints

There have been 3 sessions this month, with the number of eligible pairs competing shown in brackets:

Tuesday 12 (7), Thursday 14 (8) and Saturday 16 (4).

In October we are conducting 3 more sessions: Monday Evening 9, Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12. These may not be your regular days to play, but if you are one of the 94 members who are eligible, why don't you arrange a partner??? Red points are there for the taking!!

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

GREAT LAKES

Swiss Pairs **54 pairs** **Sep 16**

2nd Greg & Sharon Mayo

16th Di Coats & Jan Clarke

18th Lorraine Lindsay & Helen Milward

Swiss teams **26 teams** **Sep 17**

7th Di Coats & Jan Clarke, Lorraine Lindsay & Helen Milward

12th Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

CCBC Novice and Restricted **Sep 23 & 24**

Swiss pairs

30 Novice pairs competed, a great roll-up but none from our club.

Another 14 Restricted pairs played with best results from our members being:
2nd John & Kathy Mitchell
3rd Gary Barwick & Ellen Williams

Swiss Teams 20 teams

About 16 players who are members of our club competed, but in teams with players from other clubs. Congratulations to Molly O’Neill and Bev Sivewright who were in the winning team.

NEW ABF RANKINGS SEPTEMBER - Congratulations to:

Bronze Life Susan McCall ***Local* Alison Mackey

CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF BRIDGE

A reminder of the definition of a *comparable* call:

- 1. **It has the same or similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or**
- 2. **It defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or**
- 3. **It has the same purpose (e.g. an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.**

Last month we looked at examples of comparable calls when an insufficient bid was not accepted. This month let’s consider the following bids out of rotation (again all not accepted) with North as dealer:

Auction 5				Comments
N	E	S	W	East first made a 1♥ bid out of rotation, not accepted and North opened the bidding with 1♠. East can now make a comparable 2♥ bid (satisfies Point 1: both shows 11-15 hcp and a 5-card Heart suit).
1♠ 1♥				

Auction 6				Comments
N	E	S	W	East first made a 1♥ bid out of rotation, not accepted and North opened the bidding with 1♣. East can bid 1♥, however it wouldn't be treated as a comparable bid because an overall at the 1-level can be made with 8-10hcp with a decent suit (different meaning to a proper opening bid – violates Point 1). West has to pass for one round.
1♣ —1♥—				

Auction 7				Comments
N	E	S	W	South first made a 1♥ bid out of rotation, not accepted and North opened the bidding with 1♠. If NS plays 2/1 Game Force, a 2♥ bid by South is comparable (satisfies Point 1: both 1♥ and 2♥ shows an opening hand with a 5-card Heart suit)
1♠		—1♥—		

Auction 8				Comments
N	E	S	W	East first made a weak-2♥ bid out of rotation (6-card heart suit, weak), not accepted and North opened the bidding with 1♦. East can repeat his 2♥ bid as a comparable bid if systematically EW plays weak jump overcalls (Point 1 is satisfied).
1♦		—2♥—		

Auction 10				Comments
N	E	S	W	South first made a pass out of rotation, not accepted and North opened the bidding with 1♥. Any limiting bids are comparable by South: 1NT, 2♥, 2NT (natural)... They are a subset of hands with less than opening hcp (from the pass out of turn) and thus comparable (Point 2). 1♠ is not comparable as it has an unlimited hcp range.
1♥	P	—P—		

Lead restrictions may apply when an offending player's call is withdrawn and is not replaced by a comparable call, and afterwards his side become defenders. At his partner's first turn to lead (may be at the opening lead), the declarer may prohibit him to lead any (one) suit which has not been specified in the legal auction by the offender.

A player may request an explanation of the opponents' auction when it is his turn to call (unless he needs to pass for the rest of the auction). He is entitled to know about relevant alternative calls available that were not made, and about inferences from the choice of action. The partner of the player may not ask a supplementary question until his turn to call.

If a player realises during the auction that his explanation was wrong or incomplete, he must summon the Director before the opening lead is faced and correct the mis-explanation. On the other hand, if he realises that it is his partner who has given a mistaken explanation, he may not

correct the error during the auction, nor indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. He must call the Director only at his first legal opportunity:

- if he is the defending side, he must call the Director after play;
- if he is the declarer or dummy, he must call the Director after the final pass of the auction.

Note: I would like to acknowledge the publication “Director is Called” by John McIlraith. Some of the examples here are based on his materials in the book.

Ronnie Ng Chief Director

IMPROVERS COURSE

The first half of this is being proposed for Thursday mornings, 9.30am to 11.30am. Dates: Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7
Beginners will learn Blackwood & Stayman and review bidding and responses. Contact me for more details.

Wendy Mitchell

A HAND TO REMEMBER

Board 6 Dir: E Vul: E-W	♠ AKQJT932 ♥ J53 ♦ Q ♣ T	
♠ ♥ AKQ42 ♦ K2 ♣ AK9832		♠ 754 ♥ 876 ♦ A983 ♣ 754
13 19 4 4	♠ 86 ♥ T9 ♦ JT7654 ♣ QJ6	N: 2 ♠ S: 3 ♠ E: 6 ♣ 1 ♦ 6 ♥ W: 6 ♣ 1 ♦ 6 ♥

Sitting West in Round 1 of the Club Swiss Pairs I excitedly counted my playing tricks – 5 in spades, 5 in clubs and 0 or 1 in diamonds. Well, that’s game in my hand, but if partner has the ♦A, then I appear to have 12 tricks, with just the 1 club loser! Naturally East and South passed and I opened 3NT. If they use this bid at all, most people show a long minor with no outside A. It does not occur very often. Nor does my bid, the Kabel Ace Ask which I haven’t used since 2013!

3NT requests partner to bid specific aces – so Colin’s reply of 4D was just the Ace I wanted! There was only one problem – he failed to take into account that Paul Unger, North, bid a great 4S, so Colin had made an insufficient bid.
Director Ronnie took the offender away from the table to find out the meaning of the bid and whether we had any agreement over the interference.

As a result Colin was allowed to bid 5D, judged to be a *comparable* bid under the new Laws. I bid 6C, choosing the longer suit, but you can see that 6H also makes. This didn't matter as no one else bid the 23HCP slam.

One NS pair was allowed to make 4SX, but even 6SX by North, down for -1100, would be better than our score of 1370.

Lorraine Lindsay wrote about the Kabel Ace Ask convention in our Club Newsletter of May 2011, which you can read on our website. My 2013 hand is in the September Newsletter.

Wendy Mitchell

KEY POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S KEYBOARD

Hi All

I was hoping our room and area would be looking better by now but things move slowly, very slowly. Fay said "I won't say you are at the bottom of the list of repairs but..."

At least we have the 2 new lights in our playing area. And, I have written to the club asking them to formalize in writing when and how often the toilets, kitchen and our room are to be cleaned. I also wrote re the extra mustard chairs we were supposedly getting and to have those old chairs and crates outside the clubhouse removed. Hopefully our Foyer is a work in progress and one day our Trophy Cupboards and Notice Boards will be mounted. We have in writing that all will be covered by insurance.

Our next big event is Melbourne Cup which unfortunately clashes with the official opening of the "new club". As you probably know by now, this means that in the morning we will still be in our own rooms. We will still begin with Champagne on Arrival and our Cup Sweeps (followed by our actual playing). Then later we will adjourn to the Parkview room for Lunch and the viewing of the Cup. So still dress up and come for a fun day. This year, we are having a red, black and silver theme. Hopefully a great combination that should suit everybody.

Lastly, we are still looking for the final member for our committee and hopefully someone with the time to takeover the production of this newsletter. See Wendy or Tony Ransley about what that actually entails. Remember a club is a group of lots of different people each doing their own little bit to help.

Yours in Bridge

Dianne March

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Henry Kendall Pairs	R	Thursday	5
Monthly Shield (9)	E	Monday	9
Switching Singles (9)	E	Monday Eve	16
Graded Pairs (1 & 2)	C Pre-entry	Monday	23 & 30

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)	E	Monday	6
Melbourne Cup	9.30am for 10am start	Tuesday	7
Remembrance Day Pairs	R	Saturday	11
Club Teams	C Pre-entry	Wednesday	15, 22, 29
Switching Singles (9)	E	Monday Eve	20

UHMP TIMETABLE - October 2017

CCLCBC
Monday, Oct 9, 7.15pm
Tuesday, Oct 10, 12.30pm
Thursday Oct 12, 12.30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for October to:-

Gary Barwick, Nola Daly, Pamela De Lacy, Phillip Denniston, Angela Dougall, Rhonda Innes, Patricia Kull, Leonie Lovell, Adele Mills, Sue Morris, Ilona Olancin, Allan Raward, Gwen White, Helen White.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Please delete landline number and add mobile number as follows:
Bruce Branthwaite (0412 999 003), Robert Watkins (0414 657 981)

NEW MEMBERS Margaret Crispin (0416 230 868), Margot Burnet (0407 439 811) and **WELCOME BACK** Kathryn Ivits (0405 121 627)

GOODBYE

Best wishes to Joyce Johnston who is returning to Sydney.

SMILE AWHILE There are *three* kinds of bridge players:
(1) Those who can count, and (2) those who can't.

Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors