

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017

TUESDAY
November 7
Melbourne Cup Day

Sweeps will be available from 9.30, if not before. You are asked to be seated at 9.45am so that play can actually *commence* at 10am.

Paying before the day will help speed things up - but otherwise you can pay your \$30 at the door.

This covers your bridge and lunch, the latter being served in the Park-view Room.

Expect a great day and remember the colour theme:

BLACK, RED, SILVER

Prizes as usual for best dressed etc.

VALE
TEM LANCASTER
92 years
See Pages 4 & 5

UHMP State Final 2 Sessions
Sunday Nov 26

Remember: you can play in the Final, *whether or not* you played in the Club sessions, provided you had less than 100 MPs at August 31.

The local final is being hosted by our club, so why not come along? You will be playing the same hands as everyone else who are playing in one of the 13 venues across the State. Not only can you earn those elusive Red MPs, but there are prizes as well.

Watch out for the Entry sheet at the Club, There will be a charge per player of \$25 which includes lunch and other refreshments.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD 8

7.5 tables Monday Oct 9

1st	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	75.0%
2nd	Henrietta Hohnen & Alan Bustany	58.33%
3rd	Paul Unger & Daphne Montague	54.17%
With just 1 session remaining Adel & Stewart have leapt into the lead.		

Totals

Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	130
Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	119
Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	103
Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins	102

Only 8 pairs remain eligible. Outright awards will go to the top half.

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS (R)

15 pairs Thu 5

1st	Julie Sadler & Dorothy Berzins	63.19%
2nd	Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany	62.50%
3rd	Jim Hancox & George Boettiger	61.81%

CLUB GRADED PAIRS

Mon 23 & 30

<i>Grade A</i>	8 pairs	<i>Matchpoints</i>	
1st	Bob Morris & Gwen White	163	54.44%
2nd	Patricia Kull & Dorothy Berzins	160	54.42%
3rd =	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	157	53.40%
3rd =	Anne Grayden & Carol Judd	157	53.40%

Grade B

7 pairs

1st	Paul Unger & Daphne Montague	59.90%
2nd	Peter Hall & Lyn Lynch	56.25%
3rd	Marion Ellis & Mei-Hua Crawford	52.60%

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

MUSWELLBROOK

Oct 7 & 8

Pairs Final (14)

1st	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster
4th	Sharon & Greg Mayo

Pairs Plate (24)

The NS and EW fields included a number of local players who did not make the Final, but none starred.

Teams 18 teams

3rd Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster, Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman

NZ CONGRESS

Sep 29 – Oct 7

Many well-known Australian players ‘crossed the ditch’ to compete, including locals Angela & Kevin Dougall, Lorraine Lindsay & Jan Davis. There were 12 different Pairs events including Goulash, Same-Sex, Swiss, Seniors. Angela & Kevin came 1st out of 74 in the ‘Congress Pairs’ – congratulations!!

The 7 different Teams events includes Youth, Back-to-the-Future, Point-a-Board. In the ‘Seniors Teams’ our local four came a very creditable 6th out of 40.

SPRING NATIONALS

Oct 18 - 26

A good number of Central Coast players travelled to Canterbury Racecourse to compete in this National event. It was smoothly run with top directing (including Ronnie Ng) in a very good venue. A look at the ‘name’ players competing reveals a very strong field, so it was a humbling experience for many, but a necessary one for those looking for competition beyond club level.

Members who braved it were:

Open Pairs (134): Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa, Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

Restricted Pairs (36): Gary Barwick & Ellen Williams, Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust

Novice Pairs (18): Steve Calcroft

Two Men and a Truck Teams (18): Gary Barwick & Ellen Williams, Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust

Open Teams (62): Tony Burke, Jan Clarke & Di Coats, Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Sharon & Greg Mayo, Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen, Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman

Women’s Teams (18): Di Coats & Jan Clarke, Helen Milward

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VALE TEM LANCASTER

20.8.1925 - 25.10.2017

The youngest of over 30 cousins, *Temple* inherited the family name normally given to boys. Tem never liked her name and was going to change it when she moved to the Central Coast but every name she thought of using she associated with a troublesome student she had taught, and so kept her distinctive name.

Tem could read before she started school, and up until her stroke would read three to four books a week, particularly about people, places and events. Her grandchildren said that if you wanted to know anything 'just to ask nana', it was quicker than looking it up in an encyclopaedia!

Tem both studied and lived history! With husband Ivor and their youngest she went to the UK for a year, regularly visiting Europe and USSSR. Tem joined the Richard the III Society, convinced he had been much maligned by Shakespeare and was innocent of the death of the princes in the Tower, long before historians started to be of a similar viewpoint.



Eventually Tem took bridge lessons in 1988 from our club teacher at the time and the first Patron, Zelda Overhall.

At the bridge table Tem was unfailingly pleasant and friendly, with a wonderful smile. Her regular partner of recent years, Paul Unger writes: 'A true lady with whom I played twice a week for the past 7 years. In the last 5 years we won one Red point event each year. Our highlight was this year's Presentation Day

Growing up in the country, Tem played many card games, including Solo. She described floating under the willow in a small boat on the Cooradigbee River on a hot day, trying to keep the cards out of the water and drying off those that fell in.



FIRST PLACE		YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Trophy Events	Summer Pairs	2007	Elaine Riley
Club Championship Events	Restricted Teams	1995	Sheila Hindley, Betty Pearce, Val- erie Clarke
	Teams of 3	2013	Paul Unger, Moira Love, Lorraine Lindsay (c)
		2014	Paul Unger, Marion Ellis, Bill Thomson (c)
	Graded Pairs B	2015	Paul Unger
	Graded Pairs B	2016	Paul Unger
Special Events	Birthday Pairs	1997	Valerie Clarke
	Presentation Day Pairs (NS)	2017	Paul Unger
	Magic May	2017	Paul Unger

Cup, winning North-South against many strong pairs. Tem's answer to every board was NT, leading to her nickname of "No Trump Tem". I and others will miss her greatly.'

Tem is survived by her three children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who will miss her dearly.



With Elaine Riley 2008



Charity Day 2014
Is this game worth it?

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TOMAREE CONGRESS

Swiss Pairs

44 pairs

Oct 28

4th Ian McKinnon & Virginia Dressler

8th Diana Ellis & Chris Hannan

10th David Snow & Martin Johnson

Swiss Teams

28 teams

Oct 29

4th Sylvia & Barry Foster, David Snow & Martin Johnson

9th Gwen White & Margo Brennan, Susan McCall & Pam Joseph

13th Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols, Gabrielle Fitzgerald & Berenice Air

REPORT - UHMP: Under 100 masterpoints

Our club conducted 6 sessions. Of the **94** members who were eligible to compete, **27** played at least once in various pair combinations and **18** of these earned some Red Points.

Because of the small numbers participating in each of the MP bands (0-9.99), (10-24.99), (25-49.99) and (50-99.99) the Tournament Organiser, Warren Lazer had to group these into 1 or 2 bands.

Masterpoints were then awarded to the top half of the group. The table below gives the statistics for our club:

DATE	Contending Pairs	Number in groups	Pairs earning MPs	Total Red MPs issued
Tue 12/9	7	2, 5	1, 2 = 3	0.39
Thu 14/9	8	2, 6	1, 3 = 4	0.49
Sat 16/9	4	2, 2	1, 1 = 2	0.13
MonPm 9/10	2	2	1	0.08
Tue 19/11	5	5	2	0.29
Thu 12/10	4	4	2	0.17
TOTALS	30		14	3.10

NEW ABF RANKINGS OCTOBER - Congratulations to:

****Local** Steve Calcroft

Club

Nerida Gillies

***Local** Pauline Caust, David Howells

Graduate

Carol Godfrey

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I would like to thank Alison and Peter Mackey for all the tidying and beautification work they did in our rooms and add a note that Alison has also scrubbed the kitchen floors with a v. hard straw broom (took hours, over 2 days). Now I ask that if anyone sees the floor a bit grubby or spills some tea/coffee could they please use our new mop and give it a wipe over. That goes for everything i.e. cleaning up our room after a session. Or, if you dirty something, don't just take it to the sink and leave it there, please wash and wipe it up and put it away. Gee I got a bit carried away there didn't I? I guess I just wanted to say it is our club, our rooms and our shared responsibility to help keep it clean.

Also if you have been wondering where the red rug and table came from Helen McLean donated them to us before she moved to Tasmania. On that note we are unlikely to see Helen's mother Shirley again and have also lost Maureen Cooksley, who has returned to Sydney and Margot McGuinness who has moved to Sydney. I wish them all the best and hope we will see them again one day.

Lastly I wish to thank Wendy Mitchell for buying and donating that beautiful room divider. I hope we can all make use of the mirrors as we come in from windswept walkways . . . Happy bridging Di

SOME CARD GAME JARGON - *Living Creatures*

Can you match the name to the meaning? (Answers next month)

Names

Albatross, Beaver, Bull, Cat, Dog, Coot, Crab, Duck, Fish, Hideous Hog, Hippopotamus, Moose, Peewee, Pig's Eye, Puppy Foot, Quacks, Rabbit, Rattlesnake, Round Robin, Rueful Rabbit, Salmon, Secretary Bird, Stripe-tailed Ape, Swan, Swine, Ugly Duckling, Walk the Dog.

Meaning

7411 shape, 8410 shape, 5322 shape, 4441 shape, a '2' card, a '3' card, a '7' card, any non-honour card, Q's and J's, an 'Ace' card, the ♦Ace, the ♣Ace, a very good hand, a very bad hand, underbid a good hand intentionally, the contract of 5NT, a response system to 1NT-X, an event format, a poor player, a poor player with incredibly good luck, an inexperienced bridge player, enforcer of the rules to own detriment, top player who humiliates others, call out of turn, the dummy, to redouble, the double of a game contract to stop the bidding of a slam.

SWITCHING SINGLES

Best 5 out of 10 Mon Eve

20 players have now qualified, so 10 will receive green points for outright awards. 4 more players need to play the last session to qualify.

Alan Bustany has raced to the lead and will be almost impossible to beat.

The next 3 positions are very close! Totals are: Alan Bustany (121),

Wendy Mitchell (111), Dorothy Berzins (110), Julie Sadler (106).

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)	E	Monday	6
Melbourne Cup	9.30am for 10am start	Tuesday	7
Remembrance Day Pairs		Saturday	11
Club Teams	C / Pre-entry	Wednesday	15, 22, 29
Switching Singles (10)	E	Monday Eve	20
State UHMP Finals	P	Sunday	26

DECEMBER

Teams of 3	C / Pre-entry	Friday	1
Christmas Pairs	R	Monday	4
Dashing December	E (2 out of 4)	Fridays	8 to 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November to:-

Wendy Alford, Mei-Hua Crawford, Eunice de Vries, Helen Ferguson, Noelle Gills, Jim Hancox, David Howells, Margaret Moorhouse, Ronnie Ng, Karen Ody, Molly O'Neill, Judy Wulff

NEW MEMBERS

Eunice de Vries (4328 29790), Carol Richmond (0413 581 922), Michelle Campbell (0414 975 116)

SMILE AWHILE

- We had a 75-percent game tonight!
Three out of four opponents thought we were idiots.
- About the man who wanted to learn bridge in *one* day?
He ordered 35 copies of *Five Weeks To Winning Bridge*.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors

MONDAY WORKSHOPS

Do you have **ADD**? (Automatic Defence Disease)

Replace the A with a T for **Thoughtful** to become infected instead with **TDD!!!** (Taking Declarer Down).

Come along to some or all of three defence workshops and one on bidding with Game Force hands.

Time: **9.30am – 11.30am**

Cost: \$10 per workshop

Receive: Worksheet, Notes, Hand Record with commentary

November 13

2nd Hand Play

November 20

3rd Hand Play

November 27

2C responses – a comparison

December 4

More Defence: techniques, tactics and tips

Entry on the noticeboard would be helpful but is not essential.

Wendy Mitchell

IMPROVERS COURSE and SUPERVISED PLAY

It was great to have 12 people attend the first session of Improvers when we reviewed NT bidding!

Anyone who wants to attend specific sessions is more than welcome:

November 2 Stayman Convention

November 23 Suit bidding review and Blackwood

November 30 Suit shifts and rebids, Play & Defence strategies,

December 7 Practice on the above

Arrive at 9.15am to go over the Review from the previous week.

Session time: **9.30am to 11.30am**

(Wendy)

At the **Supervised Play** conducted by Julie at **10am** each **Wednesday** the topics from the previous Thursday(s) will be reviewed by means of set practice hands. Hand records and commentary will be provided.

All are welcome at these sessions.

A BIDDING PROBLEM - Monday Evening 30/10/17

With 6x♦'s and 5x♠'s and a minimum hand it is usual to open 1S, so that you can bid 2D after partner's non-raise response.

However the North hand on Board 24 can count 9 Playing tricks, so is certainly strong enough to start with 1D and then 'reverse' by bidding spades next time. Supposing there is no interference from East, South will respond 1S.

With a 9-card S fit, North doesn't need

much now from partner to make a Slam. However, the void prevents North from using Keycard Blackwood – if partner shows 2 keycards they might be the ♠K and ♣A which leaves two immediate Heart losers.

The alternative is for North to make the splinter bid of 4C, agreeing spades, showing first round control of clubs and a hand strong enough for at least game opposite a mere 6 points. South can now cue 4H, showing the ♥A. However, North will still have a problem asking for keycards – if the answer is 2, they may be the ♥A and ♣A, in which case the spade suit is very poor.

In fact it is best if South takes control. Holding 3 keycards and knowing partner is very strong, South can bid 4NT. The reply of 5H shows the 2 missing keycards, ♠A and ♦A but denies ♠. 6S should then be bid. 7S is makeable because the spade finesse makes if it is taken, but a Grand Slam should not be bid if it depends on a finesse. Played 6 times the contracts were:

1 x 6S making 13, 2 x 6S making 12, 1 x 4S making 13 and 2 x 4S making 12. No one tried the D slam.

Board 24 Dir: W Vul: Nil	♠ AJT72 ♥ 54 ♦ AKQ962 ♣	
♠ Q85 ♥ J6 ♦ T8 ♣ QJT754		♠ 6 ♥ KT9873 ♦ J54 ♣ K83
1 6 7 1	♠ K943 ♥ AQ2 ♦ 73 ♣ A962	N: 1 ♣ 7 ♦ 2 ♥ 7 ♠ 7NT S: 1 ♣ 7 ♦ 2 ♥ 7 ♠ 7NT E: W: