

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

TABLE FEES
INCREASE
2018

The last increase in playing fees was made more than 5 years ago. As explained in the President's Report, the new fees from January 1, 2008 will be:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Visitors</u>
\$5	\$7

There is a surcharge of \$1 for club Red point events and for Club Championships.

Membership fees remain unchanged at **\$7**. If you nominate CCLCBC as your home club then an additional **\$24** is charged (\$15 goes to the ABF and \$9 to the NSWBA).

UHMP State Final Nov 26
6.5 tables competed at CLCBC with other Finals across NSW.

Our local results were:

50 – 99.99 MPs 6 pairs

1st Leon Babinski &
Dianne March

2nd John McCaffrey &
Joe Conde

3rd Megan Raadsma &
Elaine Yanco

25 – 49.99 MPs 4 pairs

1st Jennifer Dempsey &
Trish Byrnes

2nd Tony Sappideen &
Stephen Calcroft

10 – 24.99 MPs 1 pair

Ruth Griffin &
Gina Robertson

0 – 9.99 MPs 2 pairs

1st Suzanne Rochester &
Denyse Stephens

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD 10

6 tables

Mon Nov 6

1st	Phillip & Marienne Jaffe	60.0%
2nd =	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	54.44%
2nd =	Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson	54.44%

After 10 months there were just 7 pairs who played at least 6 sessions. Of these eligible pairs, the top half (rounded down) earned outright masterpoints. Another 35 different pair combinations played less than 6 sessions.

Best 6 Total

Outright MPs

1st	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	130	1.09
2nd	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	122	0.76
3rd	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	106	0.55

Congratulations Adele and Stewart on winning the Shield!

REMEMBRANCE DAY PAIRS (R)

17 pairs

Sat Nov 11

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	62.80%
2nd	Paul Buck & Simon Smith	62.50%
3rd	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon	60.32%

SWITCHING SINGLES 10

6 tables

Mon Eve Nov 20

1st	David Bowerman & Julie Sadler	66.67%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Simon Smith	60.37%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Wendy Mitchell	59.63%

With an average of 6.4 tables over the event and a total of 4.65 green points issued to half the eligible field as outright awards, this is by the far the best participation since the event commenced in 2013.

Eligible Sessions	5	4	3	2	1
Players	22	3	5	11	15

Best 5 Total

Outright MPs

1st	Alan Bustany	121	1.29
2nd	Julie Sadler	116	0.90
3rd	Dorothy Berzins	112	0.64
4th	Wendy Mitchell	111	0.43

Congratulations to Alan Bustany for winning this Eclectic event.

TEAMS OF 3 (<450 MPs Total) 10 teams Fri Dec 1

A sincere thank you to the Captains who volunteered their time and expertise to this event and to Dorothy Berzins for drumming up enough participants to form 10 teams. Each member of the 'Team of 3' played with their Captain whose ranking was from Silver Life Master up to Silver Grand Master. A great opportunity to learn about the strategies of teams competition compared to duplicate.

		Wins	VPs
1st	Stewart Duxbury (c), Agnes Marsh, Paul Unger, Ruth Griffin	3	52.11
2nd	Dorothy Berzins (c), Alison Heathcote, Daphne Montague, Nola Daly	2	42.31
3rd	Wendy Mitchell (c), Leon Babinski, Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust	2	36.70

CHRISTMAS PAIRS 7 tables Mon Dec 4

1st	Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris	61.86%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	60.58%
3rd	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence	58.97%

CONGRESSES Best Local Players**TAREE TEAMS 16 teams Nov 4 & 5**

3rd	Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Di Coats, Lorraine Lindsay
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ILLAWARRA STATE NOVICE/RESTRICTED TEAMS Nov 4 & 5

16 teams competed in the Novice category and 9 in the Restricted. Two teams from the Central Coast entered the latter, with Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust teamed with Gary Barwick & Ellen Williams achieving a creditable 4 wins out of 8 matches.

STATE OPEN PAIRS FINAL**Qualifying Sessions 33.5 tables Nov 18**

Best qualifiers from the Central Coast came from the East-West field:

18th Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust

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MELBOURNE CUP REPORT

18 tables

Tuesday November 7

North-South

1st	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	64.03%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	58.26%
3rd	Judy Wulff & Marilyn Whigham	57.47%

East-West

1st	Elizabeth Lawrence & Alfie Nation	67.65%
2nd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	67.53%
3rd	Peter Berzins & Toni Dixon	63.12%



Members arriving at the superbly decorated club rooms were welcomed with champagne, orange juice and fruit punch and most took the chance to spend their money on



the sweeps. (Paul Unger was sent by his mother Pat to buy tickets and did not stay to play, but probably won the most!).



The theme of red, black and silver was striking and most players added to the effect with their clothing in these Cup Day colours.



Matt Raj Mal directed (assisted by Ronnie Ng), with tables in the main room and in the foyer. After bridge all enjoyed the buffet in the Parkview Room and



we were entertained with a special race call (the Mackeys), quiz (the



Ransleys) and fashion parade, judged by Marion Ellis.



A great day, made most enjoyable by the hard work and imagination of Ruth Griffin and Alison Mackey (and of course their husbands). Bob Morris, Elaine McGorm and Gwen White ably organised the sweeps, once again. Thank you to these people especially, as well as to the many others who contributed in many ways to the day's success.

!!! APOLOGIES AND MORE APOLOGIES !!!

Firstly, my apologies for cancelling the workshop on Monday Nov 27 – I managed to double-book myself. Secondly, I have done it again and am not available for the postponed date of December 11.

This workshop looks at different methods of responding to a strong 2C opening and compares them on a variety of strong hands. This is quite instructive, even if you have no intention of changing your favourite method!

So. . . . I know of at least 3 people who want to do the workshop – Please contact me if you are also interested and I will arrange a mutually acceptable date and time – very likely next year! *Wendy Mitchell*

SOME CARD GAME JARGON - *Answers*

Albatross - 8410 shape; Beaver – redouble; Bull - an 'Ace' card; Cat - the dummy; Dog - a very bad hand; Coot - call out of turn; Crab - a '3' card; Duck - a '2' card; Fish - a poor player; Hippopotamus - the contract of 5NT; (. . . . P8)

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STATE OPEN PAIRS FINAL

Nov 19

The top 14 pairs competed in the State Open Pairs Final.

The Country Pairs Final also consisted of 14 pairs, including 7 from the Central Coast. Excitingly, Julie and Anne led most of the day, but ended up being pipped by 4 matchpoints for second place by an Illawarra pair.

Matchpoints

1st	Stuart Cutsforth & Renate La Marra	369
2nd	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden	365
3rd	Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson	342

45 pairs took part in the Swiss Pairs, including 3 local pairs.

GNOT National Final

Nov 24 - 27

Central Coast was entitled to 1 team, which consisted of Di Coats, Janet Clarke, Chris Hannan and Diana Ellis. Each round half the field is 'knocked out' and these teams then play in a 9 round Swiss event.

Unfortunately this is what happened to our team in Round 1. They then finished 39th out of 57 in the Swiss Teams.

Some of you may be interested in the performance of the Sydney 4 team which included John Newman and Derrick Browne. They beat Western Victoria in Round 1, Brisbane 3 in Round 2 and Brisbane 1 in Round 3 but lost Round 4 to Adelaide 2. Their 6 person team then finished 7th in the Swiss.

In the Final, Sydney 1 defeated Sydney 3.

NEW ABF RANKINGS OCTOBER - Congratulations to:

<i>Silver Life</i>	Alfie Nation	<i>State</i>	Lyn Lynch
	Margo Brennan	<i>Regional</i>	Allan Raward
<i>*National</i>	Bev Sivewright	<i>*Local</i>	Cathy Russell
<i>*State</i>	Ellen Williams		Rosanne Ransley

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi Everybody

Can thoroughly recommend the trip a deal ' 2 for \$1999' to China - 5 Star Hotels, although they were mostly out of town. Bus and tour good. They gave us a

free afternoon in Beijing. While we were there, and on other days, if we did not want to do the organised excursion, we were free to get a taxi and go anywhere. Not so in the other towns. If we did not do the "optional extra" we were mainly left stranded with no way to catch up. It was cheap because the Chinese Govt. subsidised the trip in order to encourage tourism. You can't use Google or Yahoo while there and their history is a little 'out'. For example, I asked about the 'Great Leap Forward' of '56 and was assured that it did not begin till '66. They knew all about 'Trump' but did not know who Kim Jong Jung was.

Also told until 2 years ago they had very close relations with South Korea??? No mention of North Korea. Anyway, enough of that.

Some not so good news. - We need to put our fees up beginning 1st January 2018. Simply with the rising cost of living, our bank account has been declining over the last 3 years. No surplus, not even making budget.

So, next year our fees will be \$5 per game - with \$6 for red point days - and the \$7 and \$8 respectively for visitors.

Well, that is the end of the bad news, now for the good news. I heard you all had a highly successful Melbourne Cup Day and I would like to congratulate the organisers, especially Alison who is so new to the job. And a huge THANK YOU to all the helpers who I heard were numerous and did such a wonderful job.

Our club was one of the venues for the State UHMPs Finals on Sunday 25th. Thank you Colin and Ruth for organising this event. There were 6.5 tables with all clubs in our region participating. It was a competitive and friendly day with all players being of a similar grade. The response from our club was a little weak when you consider just how many of our players were eligible. That was my last year but hopefully many more of you will take up the challenge in 2018.

Well that's all for this year, folks. Don't forget the only days we do not play bridge are Xmas Day and Boxing Day. Make sure to come for our drinks and cake from 18th to 23rd December.

 MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Di March

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Dashing December	E (2 out of 4)	Fridays	8 to 29
NO BRIDGE		Monday 25	
NO BRIDGE		Tuesday 26	

JANUARY

Jumping January	E (3 out of 5)	Monday Eve	1 to 29
New Year's Cup	R	Tuesday	2
Summer Pairs	R	Saturday	20
Australia Day Pairs	R	Friday	26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for December to:-

Joan Brierty, Alan Bustany, Heather Carlile, Diana Coats, Tony Collis, Trish Dennis, Marion Ellis, Carol Godfrey, Barbara Grant, Alison Heathcote, Nancye Joss, Greg Mayo, Diane Nichols, Hilary Owen, Gina Robertson, Chris Spikesman.

and for January to:

Peter Berzins, Janice Bowyer, Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, Jan Davis, Austin Driscoll, Ruth Griffin, Barbara Hogan, Martin Johnson, Carol Judd, Ian Lincoln, Leonard Pratt, Matt Raj Mal, Tony Ransley, Carol Richmond, Sylvia Robb, George Shina, John Tagg, Ed Vaughan, Robin Vaughan, Rui Wang, Anne Whatmore.

NEW MEMBERS & WELCOME BACK

Simon Smith (0422 933 736), Margaret Berger (0415 836 417), Joy Fogg (4365 6696)

(contd. from Page 4) Hideous Hog - top player who humiliates others; Moose - a very good hand; Peewee - any non-honour card; Pig's Eye - the D Ace; Puppy Foot - the C Ace; Quacks - Q's and J's; Rabbit - an inexperienced bridge player; Rattlesnake - 4441 shape; Round Robin - an event format; Rueful Rabbit - Poor player with incredibly good luck; Salmon - a '7' card; Secretary Bird - enforcer of the rules to own detriment; Stripe-tailed Ape - to the double of a game contract to stop the bidding of a slam; Swan - 7411 shape; Swine - a response system to 1NT-X; Ugly Duckling - 5322 shape; Walk the Dog - underbid a good hand intentionally.

Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Editors