

Welcome to the

**Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

MELBOURNE CUP
DAY PAIRS
Tuesday Nov 6

Royal Flemington

Celebrated in the CC Leagues Club

Parkview Room

9.30 am Champagne, Orange
Juice, Sweep tickets
10 am Bridge
1.30 pm Lunch

COST (To be Confirmed): \$30
Pre-Enter on the board at the Club

Add to the fun: dress as your favourite
Royal figure, Beefeater, corgi

**HELPING OUT IN
THE DROUGHT
FARMERS APPEAL DAY
Tuesday Nov 20 - 9.30am**

Parkview Room

Whole day Inter-Club Teams
event with Special Red points.

\$100 per team, includes lunch
WEAR YOUR FARM GEAR

Lots of Fun and Great prizes
Drought Relief Raffle drawn
(see below)

Enter on-line or at the club before
November 16

DROUGHT RELIEF INTER-CLUB TEAMS

All monies raised will go to Rural Aid Australia through the Central Coast Leagues Club, who will match us dollar for dollar. Their web site is www.ruralaid.org.au and they have programs such as "Buy a Bale", "Farm Rescue" and "Farmers R & R". (continued . . Page 3)

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

GOSFORD PAIRS	(R)	4 tables	Sat Sep 1
1st	Colin & Wendy Mitchell		63.10%
2nd	Dorothy & Peter Berzins		55.95%
3rd	Mei-Hua Crawford & Marion Ellis		52.38%

MONTHLY SHIELD (8)	(E)	5 tables	Mon Sep 3
1st	Bob Morris & Gwen White		59.03%
2nd	Patricia Kull & Dorothy Berzins		57.52%
3rd	Christine Williams & Pauline Evans		55.79%

INTER-CLUB TEAMS	14 teams	4 matches	Thu Sep 6
		Wins	Draws
1st	Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt	3	1
2nd	Jan Clarke, Pauline Evans, Sally Clarke, Helen Milward	2	1
3rd	Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler Colin & Wendy Mitchell	2	1

SPRING PAIRS	(R)	7 tables	Mon Eve Sep 10
1st	Henrietta Hohnen & Alan Bustany		62.96%
2nd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler		62.35%
3rd	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence		61.11%

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

BLUE MOUNTAINS BYGONE BEAUTIES

Sep 1 & 2

Swiss Pairs	34 tables	6*9 board matches
<i>NS field</i>		<i>EW Field</i>
7th	Di Coats & Jan Clarke	15th Toni Dixon &
14th	Christine Hadaway & Donelle Foate	Elizabeth Lawrence
16th	Marie Purkiss & Di Nichols	

GREAT LAKES

Sep 15 & 16

Swiss Pairs 50 pairs

At least 10 pairs from the Central Coast clubs competed. In the top third of the field were: 3rd Ian McKinnon /Virginia Dressler; 5th Noel &

Shirley Crockett; 7th Nola Daly / Marianna Xerri; 12th Susan McCall / Pamela Joseph; 13th Di Coats / Jan Clarke.

Swiss Teams 28 teams

Some great results from the 5 local teams who played. Second were Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Helen Milward, Lorraine Lindsay, closely followed in third position by Barry Foster, Henrietta Hohnen, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa. Other teams were 11th, 12th and 16h.

GNOT REGIONAL FINAL CCLCBC Sep 23

Nine teams competing for the right to represent the Central Coast Region at the National Final in Tweed Heads at the end of November.

Gone are the days when fourteen plus teams contested the Regional Final over three sessions – Friday night at Brisbane Water, Saturday afternoon at Central Coast Leagues and Sunday at Central Coast with two teams going to the National Final. Now only one team qualifies.

	14 board matches	Wins	VPs
1st	Lorraine Lindsay, Helen Milward Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Chris Hannan	4 (<i>Gosford 2</i>)	60.95
2nd	Adele Mills, Sue Morris, Chris Williams, Pauline Evans	3 (<i>Gosford 1</i>)	56.24
3rd	Shirley Crockett, Noel Crockett Judy Wulff, Pamela Joseph	3 (<i>Woy Woy 4</i>)	52.14

CANBERRA IN BLOOM: Report next Newsletter

DROUGHT RELIEF INTER-CLUB TEAMS (... continued)

There will be no prize monies and no director fees. The only expenditure by our club will be lunch and refreshments. We will be conducting two raffles, one to be drawn on Melbourne Cup Day and one on the actual day. Prizes have been donated by Central Coast businesses. For the 20th November, (3 for \$5) first prize is a weekend for two at the Mantra, Ettalong Beach; second \$100 voucher from The Cowrie, Terrigal; third \$60 voucher at Tandoori Dhabi, Tumby Umbi.

Remember that team events are enjoyable. I would recommend that novice and restricted players team up, so that we can have a separate field from the open teams. The more teams that enter, the more we raise for the farmers.

Louis Koolen (President)

INTERCLUB TEAMS REPORT: THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

14 teams assembled at the club rooms at 9:30 to play in our second Inter-club Teams of the year. Teams 1 -> 4 in the foyer and 5 -> 10 teams in the main room. The traffic police had been busy erecting signs that indicated which way players were to go when going from the foyer to/from the main room to/from the kitchen / toilets etc.

Some mild verbal complaints about the movement of 4 * 14 board matches but only one email that will be considered at the next Club Committee meeting [more comments of a personal nature later in the article].

The teams were seeded on current masterpoint totals and, needless to say, the winners [Koolen, Grant, Brandt, Bowerman], pictured below, had been seeded sixth.

Compscore had not considered the fact that Brandt / Bowerman were in good form having won Moree Pairs on the previous weekend.

Clarke (Jan), Evans, Clarke (Sally), Milward were a close second and Grayden, Sadler, Mitchell Wendy & Colin were a somewhat distant third.



Many thanks to the ladies [Neryl Tyrrell, Pamela De Lacy and Margo Burnet] who came into the club well before lunch time in order to serve the soup [two sorts] and rolls followed by cheese cake for dessert; they then tidied everything away and disappeared.

There is no truth in the rumour that the soup-maker extraordinaire [Leon Babinski] is considering a change in career. Alan Bustany ran a tight ship as director so that we finished just in time for the après-bridge wine and nibbles.

Colin Mitchell



2nd: Sally, Pauline, Jan, Helen (with Director Alan) 3rd: Wendy, Julie, Anne, Colin

Editor's Comment

In previous years there have been fewer boards / match and more opponents. Swiss Teams theory suggests that for an accurate result there should be fewer matches and more boards per match. My experience in a teams match last year at the club confirms this. MFP and I were playing an eight-board match in the GNOT. We had a rather pedestrian set of boards and had not played them very well. Our team mates came back to score up – they had also not played the boards very well and we thought that we had lost the match. However, they had saved the best until the last - they had played one hand in something like two of a major suit redoubled vulnerable with overtricks. I can still remember the score of 2260 which won us the match. Had the match been longer our opponents would have had a chance to win more boards and minimise the adverse score.



The aftermath - Inside and Outside



BRIDGE EDUCATION

- **BRIDGE TRAVEL: Pacific Garden Hotel Wamberal**

November Tuesday 13 to Friday 16

Derrick Browne and John Newman have asked for *input re the topics you would like* covered in the clinics and workshops conducted over the four days. There are forms near the noticeboard to enable this. Complete the appropriate one (Developer or Open) with your requirements and hand it to Wendy Mitchell (or send to bridgetravel).

Enquiries and bookings to: Derrick – 9969 5959, John - 0412 062 957
ore email to – bridgetravel@bigpond.com.

- **WENDY'S WORKSHOPS – 2 over 1, Game Force**

The response from last month's request was such that I will conduct 4 sessions on this increasingly popular adaption of Standard American.

Find all about it on Fridays:

Oct 19 Force to Game - Focus on Majors. Comparison with Standard,
Oct 26 The Forcing 1NT (a 70-year old convention) and implications
Nov 2 Impossible 2S; Distinguishing 3 or 4xcard Major fits in 2/1
Nov 9 Forcing to Game over 1D – a little different

Other areas are included briefly – How to defend, handling interference, Conventions to use with 2/1. For \$10 a session you receive notes, worksheets and hand play with records.

The content is designed for Intermediate/Advanced players. However, if you want to learn about the system but not necessarily play it, the first 2 sessions would be suitable.

Wendy M

PLAYING WITH A NOVICE

There are a number of players starting to play at the club who have finished their Beginners course with Wendy and have now been unleashed upon the club members.

Each has a completed system card with the orange sticker that prohibits the use of brown sticker conventions against them. They should be easily identifiable by their name badge with the statement "I do not play any conventions".

This appears to be something like a red rag to a bull – more than one more experienced players (?teachers?) have started to "teach" the new players: conventions they have not learned and should not be playing yet,

as well as meanings of bids and responses that are outdated and/or in direct conflict with what has been taught.

Beginning players are deliberately taught a “no-frills” bidding system so that they can learn how a simple bidding system with no conventions is structured. When they have played for some time / many sessions and have mastered the basics they should attend an Improvers course -Simple Stay-man, Basic Blackwood and Simple Transfers. After they have gained more experience they should attend Intermediate lessons where they will learn a few frills etc.

This is consistent with the teaching sequence in the big clubs and the text books. The famous Zelda Overhall (Teacher and first Club Patron) forbade her pupils from learning anything new for two years!

Our recent graduates are obviously a keen group and it is appreciated that you want to help them. However, we hope to keep them, not confuse them!

Colin Mitchell

NEW ABF RANKINGS - AUGUST

<i>Grand</i>	Helen Eaton	<i>Bronze Life</i>	Bob Morris
	Barbara Grant	<i>National</i>	Cynthia Dean
<i>Silver Life</i>	Gwen White	<i>Graduate</i>	Suzanne Harrison

UHMP – so far

There have been four sessions conducted, with two more in October.

Participation has been quite good: **Tables** **Eligible Pairs**

Tuesday Sep 11	8.5	9
Saturday Sep 15	4.5	4
Monday Eve Sep 24	4.5	6
Thursday Sep 27	6	8

Remember, only the scores of contending pairs are relevant. The results of non-eligible pairs, or eligible pairs who do not pay the \$2, are ignored. Depending on the number of participants, some of the Under 100 MPs categories will need to be grouped together before red points can be allocated. Half of each group (rounded down if there is an odd number) will receive points – probably in November.

Last year there were 27 people who played at least once (different partners are allowed) and 18 of these earned some red points. So far this year 34 different people have played at least once.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

UHMP (5)		Tuesday	2
Henry Kendall Pairs	R	Thursday	4
Club Swiss Pairs	C/P	Friday	5 & 12
Monthly Shield 9	E	Monday	8
UHMP (6)		Thursday	11
Switching Singles 9	E	Monday Eve	15

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield 10	E	Monday	5
Melbourne Cup	9.30 start	Tuesday	6
Remembrance Day Pairs	R	Saturday	10
Club Teams 1,2,3	C/P	Wednesday	14, 21, 28
Switching Singles 10	E	Monday Eve	19
InterClub Teams	R/P 9.30 start	TUESDAY	20
(Drought Relief)			

NEW MEMBERS

Please make welcome: Jenny Anderson (0414 906 547), Suzanne Harrison (0425 721 236), James Havyatt (0408 220 643) and Jann Small (0414 704 815) and add their numbers to your program book.

WELCOME BACK: Rosalind & Philip Dey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for October to:-

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

THINK & SMILE AWHILE

The best test of a bridge player isn't about keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he is in it (A. Sheinwold).

Did you hear about the Elvis Presley coup? It's when your left-hand opponent leads from A-Q around to your K-x: the King is no longer dead!

Colin Mitchell, Editor