

**Welcome to the**  
**Central Coast**  
**Leagues Club**  
**Bridge Club**



**NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**D**ROUGHT RELIEF  
INTER-CLUB  
TEAMS

**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**

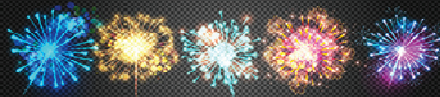
Lots of Fun and Great prizes  
Drought Relief Raffle drawn

**!!29 teams so far!!**

Enter on-line or at the club before  
November 16. All monies raised  
will go through the Central Coast  
Leagues Club, who will match what  
we raise, dollar for dollar.

**Can you lend for the day?**

Small checked cloths for the bridge  
tables - any colour. Please contact  
Ruth Griffin, 0407 854 060.

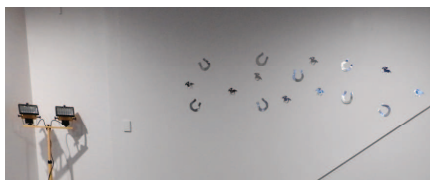


**CLUB ROOMS SPARKLE**

The renovation team of Peter and Alison Mackey, Leon Babinski and Anne Grayden, have painted the main room and the store-room floor, cleaned the kitchen and sanitised the storeroom and re-organised it. Fortunately they found a tap had been leaking into the office for some hours and they were able to minimise the damage.

*Thank you for all your efforts.*

Also, lights have been purchased to illuminate bridge in the foyer.



## RECENT RESULTS

## Congratulations to all

### HENRY KENDALL PAIRS (R) 7 tables Thu Oct 4

Director: George Boettiger

|     |                           |        |
|-----|---------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Dorothy & Peter Berzins   | 66.05% |
| 2nd | Agnes Marsh & Jim Havyatt | 64.20% |
| 3rd | Bob Morris & Gwen White   | 58.02% |

### MONTHLY SHIELD (9) (E) 6.5 tables Mon Oct 8

|     |                                 |        |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Wendy Mitchell & Trish Dennis   | 58.58% |
| 2nd | Len Pascoe & Di March           | 57.08% |
| 3rd | Marion Ellis & Mei-Hua Crawford | 54.07% |

### CLUB SWISS PAIRS (C) 10 tables Fri Oct 5 & 12

**6x9 board matches** Director: Julie Sadler

|     |                               | <b>Wins</b> | <b>Draws</b> | <b>IMPs</b> |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1st | Di Coats & Jan Clarke         | 5           | 1            | 91.16       |
| 2nd | Carol Judd & Trish Dennis     | 4           | 1            | 74.54       |
| 3rd | Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman | 4           | 10           | 70.73       |

### CLUB GRADED PAIRS (C) Mon Oct 22 & 29

Director: David Bowerman

*A Grade: \*National and above* **3.5 tables**

|     |                                  |        |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Bob Morris & Gwen White          | 55.73% |
| 2nd | Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler      | 55.21% |
| 3rd | Stewart Duxbury & Mark Te Brugge | 52.60% |

*B Grade: National and below* **4 tables**

|     |                                 |        |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Marion Ellis & Mei-Hua Crawford | 58.33% |
| 2nd | Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris      | 57.74% |
| 3rd | Kath Bromley & Robyn Ivers      | 57.14% |

## CONGRESSES Best Local Players

**CANBERRA IN BLOOM:** Report by Louis Koolen **Sep 29 - Oct 1**

The venue was the Gungahlin Club, which has only been open for less than a year. The conference rooms were excellent and John McIlrath did a great job in directing the event.

38 pairs contested *Royal Bluebell Matchpoint Swiss Pairs* on Saturday with Jan Clarke and Di Coats coming 3rd overall and 1st out of 9 Country Pairs. Pauline Evans and Helen Milward were 21st overall and 2nd in the Country pairs. On the same day there were 24 pairs competing in the *Spider Orchid Novice and Restricted Matchpoint Swiss Pairs*.

In the *Golden Wattle Open Teams* on Sunday, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen were the best performing Central Coast team and managed to take out the best Country Team prize (16th overall). Jan C, Di C, Pauline E and Helen M were close behind on 17th.

On Monday in the *Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs*, Pauline Evans & Jan Clarke, after leading the field of 56 for a while, finished fourth and took the best Country Pair prize. Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman came fifth. Another 30 pairs played in the *Federation Rose Novice and Restricted Pairs* on the Monday.

*A colourful, flowery Congress!*

## **MUSWELLBROOK CONGRESS**

**Oct 13-14**

The Central Coast was well-represented with 9 local pairs competing.

### **Pairs (29)**

After a qualifying session, the field was divided:

#### ***Final* (14)**

1st Ian McKinnon & Virginia Dressler

3rd Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster

#### ***Plate* (25)**

3rd Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

5th Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman

8th Greg & Sharon Mayo

### **Teams (25)**

1st Greg & Sharon Mayo (with Michael Simes & Michael Johnson)

9th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, David Snow

12th Marie Purkiss, Toni Dixon, Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation

## **SPRING NATIONALS**

**Oct 17 - 25**

There were 9 different events, catering to Open, Restricted and Novice in both Pairs and Teams. Held at Canterbury Racecourse, this 9-day ABF

event is the place to be seen, and the place where very highly ranked pairs are beaten!

Local players/members who made the trip to Sydney included: Chris Williams, Ian Lincoln, Christine Hadaway, David Snow, Martin Johnson, Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Helen Eaton, Gary Barwick, Sally & Garry Clark, Hope Tomlinson, Pauline Evans and Helen Milward.

The Linda Stern Womens Teams was run in 2 Divisions for 7 rounds. The top 2 teams from each Division then played in a Semi Final and then 2 teams fought out the Final. The remaining 12 teams played two more rounds. Congratulations to Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Helen Milward and Chris Williams who finished 3rd at the end of the 9th round.

**TOMAREE CONGRESS** **Oct 27 & 28**

A popular congress with Central Coast players - at least 22 attended.

**Swiss Pairs (46)**

2nd Sharon & Greg Mayo, 8th Virginia Dressler & Ian KcKinnon, 11th Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson, 16th Elizabeth Lawrence & Toni Dixon.

**Swiss Teams (34)**

4th Marie Purkiss, Di Nicholls, Toni Dixon, Elizabeth Lawrence  
5th Virginia Dressler, Ian McKinnon, Peter & Kerrie Johnman  
8th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, David Snow  
13th Chris Hannan, Diana Ellis, Di Coats, Jan Clarke.

**NEW ABF RANKINGS - OCTOBER**

|                     |                |                  |               |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| <i>Silver Grand</i> | Chris Williams | <i>*National</i> | Hema de Zoysa |
| <i>National</i>     | Nola Daly      | <i>State</i>     | Pauline Caust |
| <i>**Local</i>      | Ruth Griffin   |                  |               |

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY REPORT - Tuesday November 6**

One of our two prime annual events, the general consensus is that this year's Melbourne Cup celebration continued a line of successes. Many thanks to the (small?) ad hoc Committee of Ro Ransley, Alison & Peter Mackey, Ruth Griffin, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler, Lyn Lynch & Wendy

Mitchell and all the other helpers who simply stepped in. Despite the need for two venues, another great day - well done organisers!

A hard-working team of people prepared and decorated the Bridge Areas and Parkview Room late Monday afternoon and after the evening bridge session and the first worker was in the kitchen at 8am Tuesday. Leon's lights were set up for the foyer, but there was sufficient light with the door open not to christen them yet.



The trusted trio of Gwen White, Elaine McGorm and Bob Morris (R to L) had the Sweep tickets on sale soon after 9am and were still on duty at 3.30 handing out the winnings!



We were welcomed with champagne and orange juice to help our bidding.



Alan Bustany, our jet-lagged Director managed to deal the boards the previous day and supervised a full 16 tables, running a two-winner 'Web Mitchell'. He successfully fielded calls with 11 tables in the main room and 5 in the foyer. Thanks to Jim Swindells who came as Standby but was not needed in the end.



Morning tea in the kitchen carried over to afternoon tea in the Parkview Room, and there were still leftovers!

Thanks to all those who fattened us up: Rosanne, Pam, Pauline, Wendy, Ruth, Dorothy, Anne, Paul Unger's sister . . . . .



As President Louis had only just returned from cruising and Mudgee, Colin (CM) took on the job of Master of Ceremonies (MC) at both venues, mainly to ensure that everyone had the chance to partake of the excellent buffet lunch!

Congratulations to the winners of the bridge:

**N-S** Marie Purkiss and Di Nichols

**E-W** Stewart Duxbury and Nola Daly.



Donated by Ruth & Joe Griffin and daughter, a box of fruit, vegetables and wine, with a Yum Cha voucher from CC Leagues Club was raffled just on the day.



The proceeds of \$224 will be added to our Drought Relief Teams total.

It was won by Lyn Parry, who is seen next page, with Ursula Middleton.



Our theme, Top Hats and Tiaras was well-supported, with many (expensive ) jewels appearing from their boxes.

The prize for dressed man went to Peter Mackey and best dressed woman, to Marilyn Whigham.

Not sure exactly which Royals attended 'Royal Flemington'.

At least Princess Di was spotted:



Was that really the Queen behind Rosanne and Ruth?

There was a 'royal wave' . .





## MELBOURNE CUP DAY REPORT - Continued

Peter Mackey made our lucky number 'crowns' which served as table place markers. Rosanne was responsible for our formal table setting and Tony Ransley did his usual great job of preparing a quiz related to the theme of the day. Table 6 managed to get/guess the most answers correct.



Peter also had us on our feet playing 'Heads and Tails' while we awaited the race itself - a bit of fun and more prizes!



Alison Mackey conducted '*Sit Down if . .*' which required a degree of honesty, particularly about driving fines it has been reported!

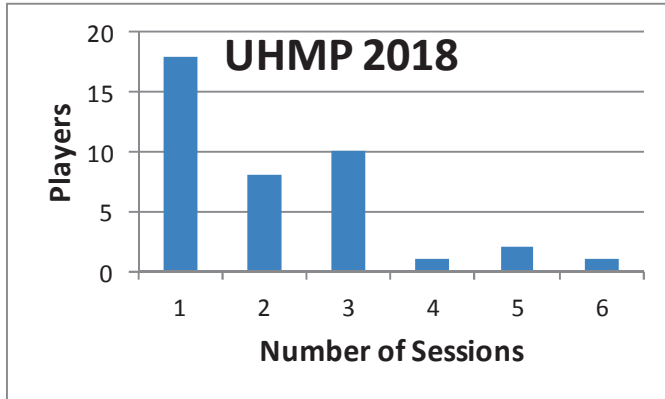


A special thank you to those members who donated the many prizes given out on this special CCLCBC day.



## UHMP QUALIFYING SESSIONS REPORT

There was excellent participation this year. Forty different players took part (27 last year) in various pair combinations, and 20 of these earned some red points (18 last year).



Well done to all the new Beginners, who all earned points!!

Hopefully these points will appear in your record after the November 30 masterpoint update. (Any sessional green points earned have already been credited.) Remember there is another chance for red (whether you have already played or not) on Sunday December 2, in the State Final.

| DATE               | Contending Pairs | Number in groups | Master Factor | Pairs earning MPs | Total Red MPs issued |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Tue 11/9           | 9                | 4 (0-10)         | 0.450         | 2                 | 0.30                 |
|                    |                  | 5 (10-100)       | 0.650         | 2                 | 0.68                 |
| Sat 15/9           | 4                | 4 (0-50)         | 0.517         | 2                 | 0.34                 |
| MonPm 24/9         | 6                | 6 (0-100)        | 0.575         | 3                 | 0.76                 |
| Thu 27/09          | 8                | 8 (0-50)         | 0.517         | 4                 | 1.04                 |
| Tue 02/10          | 9                | 5 (0-10)         | 0.450         | 2                 | 0.46                 |
|                    |                  | 4 (10-100)       | 0.650         | 2                 | 0.44                 |
| Thu 11/10          | 6                | 6 (0-100)        | 0.575         | 3                 | 0.76                 |
| <b>TOTALS 2018</b> |                  | <b>42</b>        |               | <b>20</b>         | <b>4.78</b>          |
| 2017               |                  | 30               |               | 14                | 3.10                 |

# UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS PAIRS

**Sunday December 2, 1 pm**

**\$15 per player**



**1 session: includes refreshments**

**Play the same hands as others across NSW**

**For ALL players with under 100 masterpoints at Sep 1**

**! No other pre-requisite !**

**Enter at:**

[www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au](http://www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au) OR via the Noticeboard at our club

**Enquiries to:** Colin Mitchell on **0439 072 073** or by email:

[tournament\\_organiser@cclcbridgeclub.asn.au](mailto:tournament_organiser@cclcbridgeclub.asn.au)

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## **BRIDGE EDUCATION**

### **• BRIDGE TRAVEL: Pacific Garden Hotel Wamboral**

**November Tuesday 13 to Friday 16**

It's not too late to consider attending any of the various clinics/workshops or Pairs/Teams play sessions. Complete the appropriate form (Developer or Open) with your details and hand it to Wendy Mitchell (or send to [bridgetravel](mailto:bridgetravel)).

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

### **• CURSE OF SCOTLAND**

CM 4/11/2018

I remarked recently when the nine of diamonds was the opening lead “Ahha, the Curse of Scotland”. Somebody asked for an explanation of the appellation and I gave my version [that it was the card found in the hand of Lord Darnley after his death in February 1567]. Thinking that this could be turned into an article I [like any good journalist] checked my facts and found that as per usual my explanation was incorrect! The Encyclopedia of Bridge [fourth edition], Brewer's Dictionary of

Phrase & Fable [sixteenth Version] and Wikipedia all give six explanations. Those involving playing cards are;

- The nine of diamonds in the game of Pope JOAN is called the pope, the ANTICHRIST of the Scottish reformers
- In the game of comette, introduced by Queen Mary, it was the main winning card, and the game was the curse of Scotland because it was the ruin of many
- It was the card on which the BLOODY BUTCHER, the Duke of Cumberland, wrote his cruel order after the Battle of CULLODEN (1746). "That the officers and men will take notice that the public orders of the rebels yesterday was to give us no quarter".

### **PAUL UNGER - Standby Stalwart**

Paul has advised that for personal reasons he is unable to continue as Standby player on a Wednesday, but he will continue on Mondays and Thursdays at least until the end of the year. Paul has served the club as a Standby for many years - at least from 2007 and probably before.

One of the standby's jobs is to play the system of the other player; not always easy, but Paul has always tried to do this, particularly with the Beginners. Paul is 100% reliable and precise with the Table Fees collection for which the Directors thank him! Both the club and countless players owe him a big debt of gratitude and he will be sorely missed on a Wednesday.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Fees for 2019 become due on December 1. We ask you to pay before December 31. You will be unfinancial from then, but you won't be treated as a visitor provided you pay by January 31.

As per last year, you will receive an email asking you to check all details we hold with regard to address, phone number etc.

### **GOOD LUCK IN THE Grand National Open Teams!**

The team consisting of Lorraine Lindsay, Helen Milward, Jan Clarke, Di Coats and Chris Hannan will represent our Region, and our club, at the GNOT Final in Tweed Heads from November 30 to December 3. They will compete against 59 other teams to earn gold points and glory. You will be able to track their progress on the ABF website.

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

|                        |                       |                |            |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|
| Remembrance Day Pairs  | R                     | Saturday       | 10         |
| Club Teams 1,2,3       | C/P                   | Wednesday      | 14, 21, 28 |
| Switching Singles 10   | E                     | Monday Eve     | 19         |
| <i>InterClub Teams</i> | <i>R/P 9.30 start</i> | <i>TUESDAY</i> | <i>20</i>  |

### DECEMBER

|                  |                                |                      |            |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| UHMP Local Final | <i>Pre-Entry (&lt;100 MPs)</i> | Sunday 2             | <b>1pm</b> |
| Christmas Pairs  | R                              | Monday               | 3          |
| Dashing December | E <i>Best 2 of 4</i>           | Fridays 7, 14, 21, 8 |            |
| <b>NO BRIDGE</b> | Christmas Day                  | Tuesday              | 25         |
| <b>NO BRIDGE</b> | Boxing Day                     | Wednesday            | 26         |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November to:-

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

### THINK & SMILE AWHILE

I'm not sure whether glory or masterpoints is first on the list of beginning tournament players, but I know learning to play better is definitely last.  
(*Eddie Kantar*)

A player who can't defend accurately should try to become declarer (or dummy).  
(*Alfred Sheinwold*)

Learn from the mistake of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.  
(*Alfred Sheinwold*)

Student in class has xxx facing AQJ in dummy. She leads low and puts in the jack which holds. She plays the ace next. Teacher asks why she didn't take the finesse again? She says: "You told us that only one of two finesses work."

What do you call an eight card suit? Answer: Trumps

*Colin Mitchell, Editor*