

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



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

PRESENTATION
DAY
FRIDAY MARCH 16

Join us in celebrating last year's achievements on one of our biggest days of the year.



Bridge: 9.30am

PARKVIEW ROOM

followed by a fabulous buffet lunch - best value on the Coast at **\$10** for both.

You must book for the lunch - on the noticeboard at the club or online at www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au via Event Entry.



VALE

DAWN

MCCORQUODALE

27/2/1937 - 20/2/2018

Dawn moved from Sydney to the Central Coast in 2013 and played mainly at our club and BWBC. Dawn was a State Master, just a few red points short of *State. Her friend Mary Pye advises that Dawn died from re-occurring cancer. She will be sadly missed by her two daughters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for March to:-

June Ball, Margot Burnet, Barratt Calvert, Michelle Campbell, Kevin Dougall, Philip Dey, Rosalind Dey, Sylvia Foster, Peter Hall, Kaylee Lemon, Kerry Murray, Wendy Potts, Mary Pye, Julie Sadler, Robert Watkins, Christine Williams.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (1) (E) 6 tables Mon Feb 12

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Patricia Kull	59.63%
2nd	Daphne Montague & Paul Unger	57.41%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	56.30%

VALENTINE'S DAY PAIRS (R) 7.5 tables Wed Feb 14

1st	Anne Grayden & Carol Judd	61.52 %
2nd	Helen White & Dianne March	60.59%
3rd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	57.41%

SWITCHING SINGLES (E) 5 tables Mon Feb 19

1st	Karen Ody & Hema De Zoysa	68.52 %
2nd	Carl Sparre & Dianne March	60.19%
3rd	Matt Raj Mal & Phillip Morris	58.33%

GRAND NATIONAL (G) 10 tables Wed Feb 28

OPEN TEAMS 1

The following teams have begun with 3 wins out of 3:	VPs
Di Coats, Lorraine Lindsay, Helen Milward, Chris Hannan	52.94
Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury, Chris Williams, Pauline Evans	45.73
Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, David Snow, Martin Johnson	43.62

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

GOLD COAST CONGRESS Feb 16-24

Recognised as one of the biggest and best-run congresses in the world, attendance just keeps growing. This year there were 1046 pairs competing in 6 different Championship pairs events and 464 teams playing in 5 different Championship categories. In addition there were many special and walk-in events involving additional players. All this bridge required 20 different Directors, including our Chief Director, Ronnie Ng.

If you have never been, this experience should go on your bucket list!

Categories for this National competition were based on MPs @ 30/9/17:

Rookie <10, Under 50, Novice <100, Restricted <300, Intermediate <750, Senior born before 1/1/60 and of course Open.

All four registered clubs on the Central Coast were well represented in all sections except the lowest 3.

Here are just some of the results by players you will know –

- Ivy Dahler Intermediate Butler Swiss Pairs x 82: Di Nichols and Elizabeth Lawrence - 1st
- Ivy Dahler Open Butler Swiss Pairs x 236: Sally & Garry Clarke – 26th NS
- Open Teams x 185, 12 matches: Greg & Sharon Mayo with another pair – 7 wins for 24th; Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden – 8 wins for 76th; Di Coats & Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan & Diana Ellis – 7 wins for 96th
- Open Weekend Swiss Pairs x 176: Di Coats & Lorraine Lindsay – 38th; Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa – 57th
- Open Pairs x 190 – Tony Burke with Avon Wilshire – 11th out of 28 in Final A
- Intermediate Pairs x 118 – Marianna Xerri & Maoliosa Hawkes qualified for Final A (top 28 pairs); Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster 11th out of 14 in Final B

Congratulations to all.

In addition to the above, other local players were:

Gary Barwick, Alan Bustany, Irene Campbell, Pauline Caust, Roy Cotton, Toni Dixon, Austin Driscoll, Helen Eaton, Barbara Grant, Henrietta Hohnen, Rhonda Innes, Martin Johnson, Louis Koolen, Shan Lawson, Stephanie Matthews, Helen Milward, Colin Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell, Kerry Murray, Molly O’Neill, Marie Purkiss, Margaret Regan, Bev Sivewright, David Snow, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams, Chris Williams, Judy Wulff (and there may have been more!)

NEW ABF RANKINGS FEBRUARY - Congratulations to:

<i>Silver Life</i>	Jaan Oitmaa	<i>*Regional</i>	Heather Carlile
	Rhonda Innes		
	Kerryn Murray	<i>**Local</i>	Pauline Caust
<i>*State</i>	Nola Daly	<i>Local</i>	Yvonne Zammit

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

First let me thank Alison Mackey who chose our Kitchen's new coloured Curtains and Table cloths (at the economical price of \$3 per metre) and Peter Mackey who sewed them.

Next, may I thank Julie Sadler who directed a very difficult movement and Alison and Ruth who catered for our Mixed Pairs Day. The BYO lunch went well with alternatives for anyone who had not bought their lunch. In fact, thanks to everyone who helped. I believe the day went as well as we could manage at this stage (we did not hear of any complaints). In short I would like to declare it a roaring success. (In the Olympic spirit " best day ever").

We are updating Badges. All new members are entitled to a name badge for free. Any other member can buy a replacement for \$11. The new badges will have neither pins nor clips but will have a magnet backing - much more gentle on your clothes.

Please put your name on the list on the board if you would like a badge and stating next to your name either free or \$11.

We are also doing an annual review of the LOCAL Charities you would like the committee to consider for this year's recipients. Again there will be a notice on the first notice board on your right as you enter our playing room.

Presentation Day - I had to use a lot of persuasion plus "who you know' for us to be able to hold the Presentation Day in the Parkview Room. Now it is up to you to back your Bridge club and attend on this day. It is going to be a very special Presentation as Bill Thomson's son will be attending to present the inaugural Memorial Bill Thomson Trophy. This Trophy will be for the most improved player who began the year with under 100 Master Points and will not be announced until the presentation.

Also attending on the day will be Tem Lancaster's 2 daughters who will be coming from Sydney to be presented with Tem's Trophy.

The day will cost **\$10 total** (\$20 for non members) and will begin sharply at 9.30am. There will be one break at approx. 11am for morning tea and a short Presentation then play will follow with Lunch being served at 1.30 pm. Please come and make it a great day. The food should be great as usual with Prawns, Cold Meats and Salads, followed by Desserts.

Let me now finish with some Housekeeping. Please remember your Mother does not live in our Club Rooms and it is up to you to Wash, WIPE and put your mugs etc away.

At the moment we are trialling only putting non soapy water down the sink and basin to try and eradicate odours from the drains. Hopefully, eventually clear water only will wash any gunk away or at least stop fresh gunk and smells from accumulating.

Yours in Bridge

Di March

MEMBERSHIP

Currently our financial members are 110 (Full/Home) and 72 Associate. The total is approximately 88% of the membership at the same time last year. Remember: Fees are now overdue for CCLCBC membership and ABF fees are due by March 31.

NEW ONLINE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

The Gold Coast Bulletin of Feb 18 describes this new resource:

Newbridge is a new completely FREE magazine brought to you by editor Mark Horton and his team. . . . We hope to have many new articles by other well-known bridge personalities If you go to www.newbridgemag.com and register you will then get a notification every time this new (free!) magazine is posted towards the beginning of every month.

All the Gold Coast Bulletins are available online via the ABF website. A good article to read is *The New Laws – Information for Players* by Matthew McManus. This can be found on Pages 14-15 of the Pre-Bulletin of Feb 17.



CHARITY DAY 2018

But that's not until June isn't it? True, but we have already raised over \$200 in sales of jams etc - a big thank you to the cooks.

If there is anyone who can pot plants to sell that would be very welcome too.

Finally donations of easter eggs or vouchers to make up an Easter Basket are called for. I am making up a basket to raffle just before Easter, with profits going to Charity Day.

All offers, queries to me please,

Thanks,

Ruth Griffin



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT – Answer True? or False?

He (She) who hesitates is:

1. lost (in thought about the last hand played)
2. cheating (purposely trying to give partner unauthorized information)
3. compromising partner (making it difficult for partner at their next bid)
4. behaving normally (trying to decide their correct action)
5. a raw Beginner
6. violating the Laws of Bridge

What did you think? Q6 is the only definite NO, the others could be either, although it is actually rare for Q2. to be a Yes.

Consider the underlined words in Law 73 C - **Player Receives Unauthorized Information from Partner**

1. When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, such as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information [see Law 16B1(a)].

and in Law 16 B - **Extraneous Information from Partner**

(a) A player may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another by unauthorized information if the other call or play is a logical alternative.

As an example: On their way to 3NT the opposition have clearly shown they do not have 4xhearts in either hand. You only have a doubleton but think that leading this may find partner's suit and nothing else in your hand appeals. However, partner goes into a think tank after the bid of 3NT before eventually passing. Which of the six possibilities (above) apply? Probably 4.!

It is unlikely that partner was now thinking of bidding, but rather of doubling, because he has a heart suit to run. Now, instead of leading the heart you intended, to be ethical you must actively steer clear of what partner unconsciously suggested. To lead a heart would be taking advantage of the unauthorized information - you must lead something else.

The heading for Law 73 is '**Communication, Tempo and Deception**'. To err - or hesitate - is human . . . The best thing every player can do is to try to play '*in tempo*'. The late (and great) *Don Evans* used to claim that he took 10 seconds for every bid, including an obvious Pass.
(Acknowledgements: Marilyn Hemenway 2004, Matthew McManus Feb 2016)

CONGRESS PSYCHE REGISTER

The NSWBA has decided to establish a central psyche register for all *congresses* held in NSW.

The laws permit players to deviate from their systemic agreements so long as the partner of the player who does so has no greater reason to be aware of this deviation than the opponents. Once your partnership has a history of deviating from its agreements in a certain situation you are required to inform your opponents of this tendency.

If you feel that your opponents have psyched against you, please email details of the hand to the psyche register – no action will be taken against players who are reported to the psyche register but once a pair has multiple entries in the psyche register, congress directors will be informed so that they are aware of this history when making their rulings.

A form which can be used for submissions is available.

A SALUTARY LESSON?

Sitting North at the club recently I picked up this hand:

♠ KT52
♥ AKJ9653
♦ A
♣ 3

RHO [dealer] passed; I opened 1 H and the bidding proceeded

<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	
P	1H	P	2D	
P	2S	P	4NT*	*RKCB on spades
P	5C**			**0 or 3 controls

Now East requested an explanation of the 5C bid which was given, then
P 6S

All Pass

LHO led the club Ace and dummy
was placed on the table.

♠ AJ973
♥ - - -
♦ KQJ943
♣ KJ

A second club was won in dummy. PPP then took place [Pause, Plan, Play]. No losers in the side suits but there was one problem – the trump suit was a nine card suit split 5 – 4 missing the queen with no opposition bidding to help me.


There is a 2-way finesse for the Q, or I can play for the 2-2 split.

However, East had requested the meaning of the 5 club bid. Probably this was because East held the CA, but perhaps East has some other points too?

So cross to the diamond ace in hand; lead the spade ten towards dummy intending to cover whatever East plays and BINGO up pops the spade queen!

The full deal was:

The Moral – follow the system regulations.

Board 4 Dir: W Vul: All	♠ KT52 ♥ AKJ9653 ♦ A ♣ 3	
♠ 86 ♥ T872 ♦ 8 ♣ Q87542		♠ Q4 ♥ Q4 ♦ T7652 ♣ AT96
15 2 15	♠ AJ973 ♥ ♦ KQJ943 ♣ KJ	N: 6♦5♥6♣6NT S: 6♦5♥6♣6NT E: W:

Many members of our club are apparently unaware of the Alerting Regulations, especially the following paragraph:

Para 8. – Enquiring about an alerted call

“Hence whilst the Laws grant the right to ask questions, unnecessary inquiries, or questions directed at particular calls, may limit partner’s options in the subsequent bidding or play. It is therefore advisable not to ask questions if the intention is to pass regardless of the answer.”

There was no possibility of East bidding after the explanation and the question possibly gave North information about the distribution of the spade suit.

If a defender requires information then it should be requested after the bidding has ended with the question [as it says in the regulations] “Please explain the auction”.
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BRIDGE EDUCATION

At the recent Gold Coast Congress, Celebrity Speakers presented 7 sessions on various topics to suit varying experience levels. I managed to attend 4 of these: *Common mistakes that you make at bridge* – Laura Ginnan; *How to get the best out of 2 over 1* – Paul Marston; *Points don’t take tricks* – Kate McCallum; *Expert Stayman, Expert Transfers* – William Jenner O’Shea. Well-known local and international teachers gave their best tips for teaching at a ‘party’ hosted by ABF educator Joan Butts. All entertaining and informative – we should never stop learning!

At CCLCBC you can extend your knowledge too. Coming up are . . .

► WORKSHOP - Intermediate/Advanced

Last year I offered, but had to postpone, a workshop on different methods of responding to a strong 2C opening. This looks at the pros and cons of 5 different treatments. There is no pressure for you to change - come along and argue the case for the method you use while learning what others do.

It will now be held on **Thursday April 19, 9.30am**

Worksheet, Notes and Hands to bid - **\$10** per person

► IMPROVERS COURSE

The second half of this course has begun on Thursday mornings, 9.30 to 11.30am.

Anyone is welcome to attend individual sessions for **\$10**:

March 15 Review: Doubles v Overcall; Preempts

March 22 Jacoby *Transfers*

April 5 Additional Practice hands on Lessons 6 to 9

► SUPERVISED PLAY

These sessions are very popular, with Julie guiding players through bidding and play problems. From March 7 there will be hands that specifically practise the concepts covered in the Improvers session the previous week. All Welcome!!!

► BEGINNERS COURSE

I will conduct the course on either a Thursday Evening (7.15pm) OR a Friday morning (9.15am). I am surveying to determine which is suitable to the most people, so if you know of anyone who may be interested please give me their details or ask them to contact me as shown below.

For Improvers or Beginners, please contact Wendy Mitchell at lessons@cclcbridgeclub.asn.au or 0423 388 529 or 4340 4870

Wendy M

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP – Thursday April 12

Named after the first Patron of our Club, this is a red point event. It is aimed to encourage less experienced players, so as well as a trophy for the best pair ranked *Regional or below, there is also a special prize for the best pair ranked **Local or below. While other higher ranked pairs can play in the event, they can only win masterpoints, not the Cup!

The Honour Roll includes some current players you will recognise, many of whom are now regarded as top players - perhaps you can get your name on the list for 2018??

1991 Eileen & Martin Smeyers
1992 Anne Grayden & Margo Brennan
1993 Marie Roylance & Patricia Meynink
1994 Eileen & Martin Smeyers , Gladys Robinson & Eileen Sullivan
1995 Ted Neilsen & Norm Roberts
1996 Valma Ley & Len Melchior, Margot McGuinness & Lyla Cross
1997 Heather Carlile & Margot McGuinness
1998 Barbara Tunnington & John Weingarh
1999 Judy Adderly & Daphne Montague
2000 John Leeuwis & Ron Gilchrist
2001 Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver
2002 Helene MacKenzie & Stuart Robbins
2003 Patricia Bowles & Graham Winder
2004 Maree Smith & Carol Judd
2005 Lanie Jespersen & Lyn Pears
2006 Kathy & John Mitchell
2007 Janet Slight & Janette Kukura
2008 Pam Harris & Claire O'Connor
2009 No eligible pair
2010 Wendy Alford & Margot Williams
2011 Denise & John Branson
2012 Jan Macadie & Hilary Owen
2013 Barbara & Hans Smits
2014 Denise Collister & Robyn Henwood
2015 Helen Smith & Hilary Owen
2016 Ruth Griffin & Agnes Marsh
2017 Joan Dominguez & Neryl Tyrrell

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

GNOT 2 of 3	G / Pre-entry	Wednesday	7
GNOT 3 of 3	G / Pre-entry	Wednesday	14
Presentation Day Pairs	R 9.30 am	Friday	16
Switching Singles 2	E	Monday Eve	19
Easter Pairs	R	Tuesday	27
Transient Teams		Thursday	29
NO BRIDGE		Friday	30

APRIL

Monthly Shield (3)	E	Monday	9
Zelda Overhall Cup	R	Thursday	12
Switching Singles 3	E	Monday Eve	16
Anzac Day Pairs	R	Wednesday	25
Autumn Pairs	R	Monday Eve	30

NEW MEMBER: Please make very welcome:

Pam Lumby (0417 477 594)

- and apologies to Wendy Byrne (0400 580 526) whose name was omitted in error from the program booklet.

Please add their phone numbers to your Program.

THINK & SMILE AWHILE

- The doctors who told Stephen Hawking he had 2 years to live in 1953 are probably dead by now.
- If you replace “W” with “T” in “What, Where and When”, you get the answer to each of them.
- 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses

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