

**Central Coast  
Leagues Club  
Bridge Club**



**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010**

Welcome to the February /March edition of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Newsletter.

**PRESENTATION DAY 2010.**

Our Presentation Day Pairs (R) is on Saturday 13 March. **Closing date for entries** is Thursday 11 March at 4.00pm.

It will be a 9.30 AM START, followed by the prizing giving lunch at 1.15 pm. The cost will be \$25. 00 per member for bridge and the luncheon.

Bridge is \$4.00 for members and the luncheon is \$21.00 for members. We will also be subsidized by the Leagues Club and our Bridge Club. Refreshments will also be provided. The day should finish by 3.30pm. **Payment is required by Thursday 11 March.**

**If you need a partner for the bridge session please contact :** Elizabeth on 4344 1785. There is not a standby for a Red Point event.

**If you need a special menu please contact Di March :** 4381 0552 **before Thursday 11 March** as this is the day that our final number must be given to the Leagues Club caterers.

A notice is on the club notice board and you can indicate whether you want to attend both events or only one event. Come along and enjoy a very pleasant day.

## **Colin's Corner.**

The following remarks are based upon comments made to me by members in the last few weeks. The first one concerns basic hygiene and more than one member has commented on this. Some players hold their cards in front of their mouth and nose and have, on occasion, been noticed to cough or sneeze on them! With the Government Medical Officer on TV recently predicting another outbreak of Swine Flu in the next few months this is probably a good time to change your habits and hold your cards at chest level.

In a pairs event the responsibility of writing the score on the travelling score sheet falls upon the NS pair. However the responsibility does not end there – the score must be shown to EW in order that they may check that the score has been entered correctly. A common courtesy that, on occasion, does not appear to happen and has caused animated discussion at some tables.

Apparently there are a few players who place a card on the table and then stare at their LHO. Law 74 – Conduct and Etiquette is well worth reading as it defines what players can and cannot do at the table in a social context. Read paragraph C5 and you will find that it is a violation of procedure to “look intently at any other player during auction and play etc”. There is an office copy of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007 which is available to members – just ask the director if you wish to read it. Bridge does appear to be one of those sports where everybody thinks that they know what to do but very few have actually read the Laws!

Colin Mitchell

### **SYSTEM CARDS.**

**It is compulsory at our club to have at least one system card per partnership at the bridge table (preferably identical). If you do not have a card please ask the director of the day.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have won recent club events.**

New Year's Cup          Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins  
Australia Day Pairs      Edward Mallinson & Sylvia Mallinson

Inter club Teams:

- 1      Virginia Dressler & Kerry Johnman,  
        Peter Johnman & Carolyn Molloy.
- =2     Kevin & Angela Dougall, Eunice De Vries & Helen Eaton
- =2     Marilyn Whigham & Judy Wulff,  
        Camilla Barlow & Kaylee Lemon.
- =4     Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver, Joan Lehane & John Lehane.
- =4     Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Sylvia & Ed Mallinson.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

Heather Bellamy, Peter Hall, Derek O'Connor, Neryl Tyrrell and Bert Barwick.

**BEGINNER LESSONS      conducted by Lorraine .**

A Course for Beginners will start on Friday 12 March with a **FREE Introductory Session between 9.30am - 11.30am** This session will be followed by six weekly sessions for \$60.00 from Friday 19 March 2010, between 9.30am - 11.30am.. If you know of anyone who may like to play bridge, please encourage and inform them.

**Bookings can be made by; Calling Camilla on 43 2449701 or by email:cclcbridgeclub@westnet.com.au**

**LORRAINE'S HINT FOR THE MONTH.**

Something to keep in mind when defending, whether No Trumps or a Suit contract. Almost every time you change suits you give the declarer a free trick by finessing your partner.

**Partnership Service.** Ring Elizabeth Lawrence on **4344 1785** if your regular partner is unable to play and you want a game. Elizabeth voluntarily runs our partnership search service.

**Stand By Service.** There is a stand by player for each session (except Monday evenings) if you are suddenly without a partner. This service is for emergencies only - it is not to be used on a regular basis.

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH.**

*Please note there will NOT be a bridge session on Monday night 1 March.*

Monday 1	Monthly Shield (Rnd 2)
Saturday 13	Presentation Day Pairs (R)
Monday 22	EVENING Autumn Pairs (R)
Friday 26	Graded Pairs (R)
Wednesday 31	Easter Pairs (R)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL**

*Please note there will NOT be a bridge session on Friday 2 April or Monday night 5 April.*

Monday 12	Monthly Shield (Rnd 3).
Saturdays 17/24	Country Teams
Monday 26	Anzac Day Pairs (R)

## **Some Bridge Jargon ... Explained.**

Competitive bid    An excessive or unsound bid in an auction where both partnerships are bidding,

Doubleton            4,000 pounds

Finesse                A female bridge player from Finland.

Free bid                All of them - once you pay your entry fee.

50 - 50 Chance      When a Player expects it to come off 8 or 9 times out of 10.

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