
2016/17 Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Tournament Organiser's Report

It is an honour to be asked by the Bridge Club Committee to take on the duty of Tournament Organiser in September/October 2016. My vision in this position is that this club can be more than just another country club in the region, but given the geographical location, a host to the various regional competitions on Central Coast. Being the Tournament Organiser gives me the opportunity to achieve this.

The first major event our club hosted was the State Under Hundred Masterpoints Pairs Championship Local Finals in November. It was a relatively new State event aimed for the majority of ABF-registered players whom have less than 100 masterpoints. These players could participate in it without travelling long distances, accommodation costs and the fear of unfamiliar environments. They all played the same boards that day so all scores could be matchpointed across the State. However, the attendance was slightly disappointing because a congress was held on Central Coast on the same day and therefore only six pairs entered into our final that day. Our fellow members Tony and Rosanne Ransley achieved the best result (unhandicapped) for the region ranking 50th out of 223 pairs.

Another regional major event to be held at our club room this year will be the GNOT Regional Final on Sunday 27th August. Eight teams qualified from the nearby clubs earlier this year will compete for a place to represent our region and play in the National Final in Tweed Head on 25th-28th November.

Our State Mixed Pairs Club Qualifying sessions were well-received this year. Eighteen pairs competed for four free entries to the State Final in May. Our representatives, Martin Johnson – Christine Hadaway and Dorothy – Peter Berzins, achieved a respectable 4th and 5th in the Country Mixed Pairs Final. Special commendations to Ruth Griffin and Tony Ransley, who have the courage to experience firsthand a State Final with very tough fields. No doubt they enjoyed the experience playing against NSW's best players and professionals.

Ten teams participated in our qualifying sessions for Country Teams. The top three teams (Team Davis, Team Mills and Team Kull) represented us in the Regional Final and proudly took 1st, 3rd and 4th positions in the 10-Team competition. They met strong opponents from the Hunter in the Zonal Final and unfortunately were unable to be crowned champions for the opportunity to represent us, and the Outer-Metropolitan as a whole, in the State Teams Final.

Team Davis: Jan Davis, Lorraine Lindsay, Janet Clarke, Di Coats

Team Mills: Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury, Gary Barwick, Ellen Williams

Team Kull: Patricia Kull, Dorothy Berzins, Kevin Dougall, Angela Dougall, Peter Berzins

Our GNOT Club Qualifying sessions attracted ten teams. Due to the lack of interest of players to proceed further into the competition, and the restrictions of the Supplementary Regulations, the club was only able to send two teams (instead of three as advertised) to the Regional Final in August. All the best to Team Tomlinson and Team Berzins.

Team Tomlinson: Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, David Snow, Martin Johnson

Team Berzins: Dorothy Berzins, Toni Dixon, Peter Berzins, Margo Brennan

A new movement (called a Web-Mitchell) was implemented in 2016/17 for pairs events with 14 or more tables expected (i.e. Charity Day, Melbourne Cup Day and Presentation Day). These sessions will always be 13 2-board rounds no matter how many tables there are. All players will play all 26 boards in one section and will also be familiar with the fact that pair movements are the same as any Mitchell movements: NS always stay at the table and EW always move up one table between rounds. Directors do not need to seed the field and can curtail the last round if necessary while keeping in line with the Masterpoint Manual Requirements. Arrow-Switching rounds are also possible for finding a single winner.

All sessions cannot run without our team of directors: Alan Bustany, Matt Raj Mal, Colin Mitchell, George Boettiger, Julie Sadler, Leon Babinski, David Bowerman and Louis Koolen. With the new Laws being enforced starting on 1st August, our team of directors attended a training course at Tomaree on 23rd July so all of us would be aware of the changes, and be able to apply the new Laws correctly.

Special thanks to my mentor, Colin Mitchell who directed his last session in our club on 26th July, for his contributions on anything related to Directors. We are so lucky to have him as our Patron. On the other hand, David will complete his 10-session training soon and be able to direct by himself. Also a welcome addition to the team is Louis Koolen, who no doubt will be

bringing to our club his vast experience and expertise in directing and club operation in general.

I am stepping down from the position of Tournament Organiser today after the AGM. Our Vice President Rosanne Ransley preferred her social event organiser portfolio to being the Tournament Organiser. Hence I picked up in this position last year. Therefore I believe it's the time for me to vacate this seat to the coming Vice President, who normally is our default Tournament Organiser.

I thank everyone again for giving me an opportunity to be the CCLCBC Tournament Organiser for the year 2016/17.

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