

Central Coast
Leagues Club Limited
BRIDGE CLUB



11 January 1988

Fellow Bridge Players,

Welcome to 1988 - may your year be a happy and prosperous one. We are aiming to establish a contented, professionally run bridge club, constantly trying to improve our standard and increase our numbers, especially amongst the ranks of the beginners. Central Coast Leagues Club officers have expressed an earnest to help us to promote the game in the district.

Therefore, from the first week in March, Mrs Zelda Overhall will be commencing beginners lessons on Wednesday evening (starting at 7:30 pm) and Thursday morning (starting at 9.30 am). The same lesson will be given at each session during a week so that it is possible to attend either session in one week. The Committee recognises the importance of immediate follow-up to these lessons and the need to give new players time to become accustomed to playing at a reasonable speed, so duplicate sessions for the beginners will be held for some weeks after the end of the lessons prior to a player attending our normal sessions. If you have friends who wish to learn then please tell them about these lessons - Zelda's phone number is 677241 (mind you she is very rarely at home as she is either out giving lessons or playing!). If Zelda cannot be contacted then any of our directors will take details of people wishing to learn and pass them on to Zelda.

It has no doubt been said many times before, but there is no doubt that Bridge in our area does not appear to attract many young people. I am sure that amongst our members we have many players with children, nephews, nieces and even (dare I say it?) grandchildren. Now is the chance to introduce them to the game from which we derive a great deal of pleasure - during the first week of the July school holidays (4-8 July) we are hoping to conduct an 'Introduction to Bridge' week for (mostly) young people from the age of fourteen upwards. The format will be a lesson in the morning (10 - 12.30), then lunch followed by card play in the afternoon, finishing at approximately 3 pm. Obviously we do not expect to turn out accomplished bridge players in so short a time but we hope to teach them the basics and to kindle an interest in the game. Mr Greg Quittner has been provisionally booked to conduct the course and we all hope that a number of younger people will derive some benefit from this introduction to the game.

Some dates-for your diary :

Thursday	28 January	MATCHPOINT COMPETITION (with hand records)
Monday	15 & 22 February	CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP
Friday	25 March	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PRESENTATION DINNER

There will be very little cost for Leagues Club Bridge Club Members attending the presentation dinner - non members will be charged normal rates.

Regards,
Bill Thomson,
Vice-President and Publicity Officer.

COMMITTEE CAPERS.

At our last Committee meeting on 6 January the following matters were discussed:

- the 1988/89 program was finalised
- plans (outlined above) for beginners lessons in March & July were finalised
- proposed dates for our inaugural 1989 Congress were presented for further investigation
- increased publicity for our club

The next Committee meeting is on Wednesday 3 February. If you feel that there are any matters of which we should be aware please bring them to the attention of a Committee member.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS.

This is a Gold Masterpoint event run for the first time in 1986. It is a national contest which for the past two years has been run on a club/regional basis. This year it is being run along the same lines as the Sun-Herald Rubber Bridge competition - entries are made to a central point, teams are divided into groups on a post-code basis and a knockout competition is run in each group. The group winners enter a thirty-two team State Final at the NSWBA on 30/31 July. The entry fee is \$18 per team (four to six players) and must be made by 15 February. Further information and entry forms are available from your session Director.

THE NEW LAWS.

As we are now all aware there are quite a number of important changes to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. One of the aims of the Club is to "do the right thing" to all of our players. With this in mind, all of our (voluntary) Directors will, hopefully, make decisions which will be in line with the professionalism that we hope to achieve and maintain. The Committee sincerely asks that if you feel that a decision is incorrect then you should make an appeal on the appeals forms that are available at every session. Please remember that official appeals are your respected right and should not become personal or emotive issues. It is better for all concerned for an appeal to be made in order that everyone is made aware what the correct decision should have been, than to go away feeling discontented. Thankyou for your assistance in these matters. CM/WT.

WINNERS CIRCLE

MONDAY

7/12 M Houtman & J Williams

14/12 D Coats & P Coats

THURSDAY

10/12 J Holcroft & A Alexander
(Summer Pairs champions)
T McVey & M Jameson

17/ 2 T Darley & G McLeod
P Hasemore ~ Z Overhall

PRESIDENTS PARAGRAPH.

Helen Telford has resigned from the Committee as she will shortly be leaving the area - we wish her well and thank her for the efforts on the publicity front. This leaves a vacancy on the Committee which we have decided to leave unfilled until the AGM (unless anybody wishes to volunteer). Members should start thinking about the AGM and the Committee for the next year - I am concerned that the Committee consists of members who play more often on Mondays than Thursdays. Perhaps some of the Thursday players should consider standing for Committee at the AGM so that their views can be heard. CM.