

**Central Coast
Leagues Club Limited
BRIDGE CLUB**



15 March 1988

Fellow Bridge Players,

Gosford and Wyong Councils in conjunction with the Mingara Club of Tumby Umbi have joined forces for the Bicentennial Games to be held at various venues on the weekend of 26/27 March. A demonstration of games and recreations is being held at the EDSACC Stadium. Following enquiries to the officer in charge, we have been allocated an area on both days. In conjunction with the Central Coast and Brisbane Water Bridge Clubs we intend to provide handouts and information to people attending the Stadium and to have a one table game in progress throughout the weekend. A large number of people are expected to be in attendance and it should be a good showcase for publicising Bridge on the Central Coast.

The monthly medal has been renamed the District Matchpoint Medal to emphasise the purpose of this increasingly popular event. Current holders of the Medal are Virginia White and Virginia Dressler.

Unfortunately circumstances prevent me from continuing in office but I know that the incoming Committee will have continued support from an ever increasing number of members and visitors. I wish you all well for the future and I leave knowing that my small effort in helping to establish this wonderful club in Gosford has been for the benefit of the game in the whole district.

Regards,

Bill Thomson,
Vice-President and publicity Officer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (within the club)

- 28 April Australia-Wide Multi Pairs.
This event is run across Australia during the last week of April. You may enter in one of three categories Mixed Pairs, Women's Pairs or Men's Pairs. The entry fee is \$3 per player plus normal table money. The hands are pre-dealt (NOT fixed) and are scored across the whole field to give a NS and EW winner in each category. Hand records are available after the end of the session. A Red masterpoint event.
- Mondays 25 April State Teams Championship Qualifying.
2/9 May Teams coming in the top third of this event are eligible to represent the club in the Northern Regional Final. The format will be similar to the Club Teams Championship with matches of at least eight boards. A Red masterpoint event - but they will only be awarded if at least one of the teams coming in the top third plays in the Regional Final (we don't know where it is being played yet) so if you enter be prepared to travel!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (outside the Club)

- Sunday 1 May State Individual Championship. A two-session held at the NSWBA, starting at 9.30am and costing \$20 per player. Enter either the Open or the Women's. Should you be lucky enough to come in the top three you (and luck does play a large part in an Individual event) will receive financial assistance from the NSWBA to represent NSW at the Australian National Championships in Melbourne in August.

WINNERS CIRCLE

MONDAY
15/2 Club Teams Championship
1st A Mills, D MacLean G & JRyan
P Berzins, JWhite
22/2 2nd J & C Mitchell
L & R Harkness

THURSDAY
18/2 A Alexander & JBording
25/2 V Dressler & JWhite
L & R Harkness

PRESIDENTS PARAGRAPHS

The program for the AGM is as follows

6.30 pm	AGM
7.30 pm	Pre Dinner drinks
8.00 pm	Dinner
9.45 pm	Prize presentation

In order for any club to survive and be successful it has to have a keen and efficient General Committee. The Committee should also contain representatives from all groups within the club. I would like all members to consider this as they come to the club's first Annual General Meeting. Helen Telford resigned during the year and Bill Thomson is not standing for re-election, so there will be at least two vacancies on the Committee. We need at least one member from those members who play mainly at the Thursday sessions. We need someone to take on the fairly light duties of Publicity Officer. We need someone to take on the duties of Vice-President. I appreciate that not everybody wishes to become actively involved in the running of the club. However the duties are not onerous - we have a Committee meeting on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month which is generally over by ten o'clock and from time to time a committee member will have to organise something. Please consider whether you wish to contribute to the club and put back into the game something in return for the pleasure that you obviously derive from playing it.

Bill Thomson (as you will have read in his report) has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election as Vice-President as he will be spending quite a lot of time in the next year away from Gosford. This is to be regretted as he was the prime mover in establishing this club. As with all Committees we have not always seen eye-to-eye on some matters but when the vote has gone against him he has accepted it gracefully and, just as important, when the vote has gone for him he has not made the other side feel uncomfortable. I am sure that we all wish Bill well in his various trips around New South Wales and the World in the next year and hope that he will return and be able to play bridge with us as often as possible.

Colin Mitchell.