

# Central Coast Leagues Club Limited BRIDGE CLUB



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## EDITORIAL.

Why is it that bridge players apparently have an intense dislike for a contested election? The last election on the Central Coast in which I can recall more than one position being contested was in 1987 when Jack Rushbrook and I both stood for the position of Tournament Secretary at the Central Coast Bridge Club and there were also more nominees than positions for the general committee. Do the majority of bridge players prefer to sit back and let someone else do the work? In my experience it is fairly true to say that it is the same general group of members who volunteer to assist with running any club. It is certainly also true that if members are asked to assist with running the club they will help - but why do they have to be asked?

CM.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM on Friday 31 March the following committee was elected:

President : Dorothy MacLean  
Vice-President : Peter Berzins  
Secretary : Bill Thomson  
Treasurer : Jacob Bording  
General Committee : Joan Holcroft  
Carol McKellar  
Jacquie Sault

## DISTRICT MATCHPOINT MEDAL.

The rules of this competition were formalised (and probably amended slightly) recently and here they are :

- the competition is open to PAIRS who do not have to be members of the club.
- monthly winners will be determined by the highest percentage score at the appropriate session.
- annual winners will be determined by the pair with the highest point score at the end of the calendar year. Points will be awarded on the following basis :  
3 points for coming first in a session, two for coming second and one for coming third.

## BERMUDA BOWL/VENICE CUP.

The Bermuda Bowl (World Open Teams Championship) and Venice Cup (World Womens Team Championship) will be held in Perth during September this year. All clubs in NSW have recently received a letter from Brian Rawson on behalf of the ABF requesting that each club should assist in raising the money required to stage this event by contributing \$10 for each Principal Club member. In our case this would require us to raise a total of approximately \$300. This was considered by the Committee at their last meeting before the AGM and it was decided that we would make the effort to raise this money which is required by 30 June. If any member wishes to make an individual donation of \$10 please talk to the President or Treasurer.

## NEW MEMBERS.

The Committee would like to welcome the following players who have recently joined the Club : Heather Campbell, Merle Copley, Audrey & Edwin Coyle, Christopher Hasemore, Sheila Hindley, Desmond Murphy, M Sanders and Jacqui Sault.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS (within the club)

14 April AUTUMN PAIRS

A Red Masterpoint event with a trophy that will be presented at next years AGM and Dinner.

#### DIRECTORS CORNER.

After the game on Thursday 23 March an appeal was received by the Director against a ruling made during the course of play. An Appeals Committee was convened on the following day and a decision made that has been communicated to all concerned. One particular aspect of the incident that disturbed the Appeals Committee was the apparent ignorance of all four players of Law 9 - Procedure Following an Irregularity. Although I do not expect all players to be familiar with all of the Rules I would expect all players to be aware of this Law. It does cover over a page in the rule book so I won't attempt to reproduce it here. However I will reproduce paragraphs 1 & 2 of the Guide to the Laws produced by the two Richards (Grenside & Brightling) :

1. The director MUST be called as soon as attention is drawn to an irregularity. Any premature correction may subject an offender to a further penalty. Any player may call the director. However, during play, dummy may not draw attention to an irregularity but may do so afterwards.

2. Players must not make their own rulings. Only the director is permitted to assess the penalties or options available.

I am sure that some members of the club have a copy of this Guide, which is printed in a very convenient size (17cm X 10cm) that will fit into even a ladies small handbag (my wife tells me that this is a wildly sexist statement) and only cost a few dollars. If any members would like a copy please let me know and I will obtain them from The Bridge Shop. CM.

The Australian Bridge Federation made the following announcement in the March Newsletter "The ABF Management Committee has approved the return to the old revoke law (61B) whereby a defender may ask his/her partner whether they have no more of a suit without penalty. This decision brings Australia in line with the United States and New Zealand but at odds with most members of the European Bridge League." All directors and players should be aware of this. CM.

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided that, as a small token of appreciation, Directors would no longer be required to pay table money for sessions in which they play whilst directing.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

- to Zelda Overhall who recently took the Australian Bridge Teachers examination and passed with flying colours.

- to Lorraine and Randall Harkness, Josie & Colin Mitchell who came thirteenth overall in the Central Coast Congress Teams, coming second in the "A" Consolation and also winning the prize for the best local team.

#### HUMOUR.

Not everyone who comes into the bookshop where I work is aware that it's a speciality shop with a limited range of subjects. One afternoon a man asked if we had any books on bridge.

"I'm sorry," I told him, "but we sell only science fiction and fantasy."

He grinned and replied, "You haven't seen my wife play bridge".

ANON.

When I woke with an excruciatingly painful back, my husband made his breakfast and mine, brought me the heating pad, and left for work with strict instructions that I not get out of bed. But by midmorning, when my neighbour telephoned to say that she was desperate for a fourth for her bridge luncheon, my back was so much better that I agreed to fill in.

I was enjoying the afternoon of bridge, and had almost forgotten about my back, when my neighbour's husband came home from work, and I realised that my husband would be home soon.

I jumped up and grabbed my handbag. "Is it that late?" I cried. "I've got to go home and get into bed before Colin gets home". My friend's husband sighed. "That," he said, "is the kind of wife I always wanted".

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