



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

CLUB NEWS - JUNE, 2003

GNOT ON SUNDAYS

Our only sessions for Gold Points will be run on Sundays the 22nd and 29th June and the 6 July. The sessions will start at 9.30am and we would like you there at least 15 minutes before play begins.

Pre entry is essential, by adding your team to the list on the Notice Board or by ringing Lyn Pears on 43-237219, as the Director of the day, Peter Berzins, will be reserving the right to refuse late entries.

Teams can consist of 4, 5 or 6 players

All team members must be active player members of the ABF Masterpoint Scheme. There must be at least one member of the team who is a member of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club.

A four-person team may augment either one or two players. If a player withdraws from a four-person team that team may augment either one or two players, but not three. If a pair withdraws from a four-person team, that team is not longer eligible to continue, though the remaining pair would be eligible to augment into another team.

If in doubt about any substitutions, queries should be directed to the Convenor, Lorraine Harkness.

Gold Points will be available to the winners of every match at the rate of 0.04 master-points per player per board per match. In the case of 5 or 6 persons

teams, the Masterpoint awards per member will be 4/5 and 2/3 respectively unless the exact team composition is supplied for every match player.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

Tuesday 3rd – Birthday Pairs – Red point

Wednesday 18th – June Pairs – Red Point

Thursday 26th – Matchpoint Medal

Sundays 22nd and 29th GNOT

SYSTEM CARDS

Please let's see more system cards on the table. Each pair should have at least one system card, preferable two, and of course they should both be the same!

With the GNOT, it will be essential that a system card is available for the opponents to read.

Just ask the Director of the day for a system card, if you need to fill in a fresh one.

STANDBYS

We are currently looking for more people willing to be standbys – at the moment we have Mondays and Saturdays that are available. Please see Sue Hanson or the Director of the day if you are interested



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The article on the front page of the May ABF Newsletter under "Opinion" is well worth the read – and on behalf of the Directors of our Club, I think a few more are pertinent.

Before starting time make sure you are seated at the table you intend playing at and not talking at another table taking up the space that make a Director think there is a full table when in fact it is only a half table.

The noise level – especially in the Macarthur Room – it is very hard for the Director to keep calling for "quiet" – usually having to shout to be heard now that the Club is without a Microphone (let's hope we can find one soon). Surely it is in each player's best interest to talk quietly and take notice if there are still tables playing and allow them to concentrate on finishing their hands.

Please don't move for the next round until the Director calls the move.

I am sure I will get other suggestions from the Directors, which I will pass on in the next issue.

LESSONS.

Lorraine Harkness will be running Beginner's Lessons during the week of July 21st to July 25th. 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Leagues Club and the cost will be \$40.00 for the 5 lessons.

Ring Lorraine on 43 423638 or 0409 220761 for any enquires.

Supervised Play will continue on Wednesdays until the start of the new lessons.

"I TAKE IT TO BE"

Many players think they have to give **their idea** of what partner's bid means when asked by the opposition, even if they have no systemic understanding concerning a particular bid. How many times do you hear a player say, "I take it to be....." when asked.

The answer should be – "we have no agreement on that bid" you should not guess and let your partner know how you are treating the bid, but then if you know partner has done this to you before, you can let the opponents know what it meant last time, although it is not officially in your system.

LAW 45D – CARD MISPLAYED BY DUMMY.

How many times have you called for a card from dummy, and being intent on watching what the next card is played by defender you don't notice dummy played the wrong card ? - the above law covers this -

"If dummy places in the played position a card that declarer did not name, the card must be withdrawn if attention is drawn to it before each side has played **to the next trick**, and a defender may withdraw (without penalty) a card played after the error but before attention was drawn to it. If declarer's RHO changes his play, declarer may withdraw a card he had subsequently played to that trick.

Too often when you tell a secret, it goes in one ear and in another.