



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

CHARITY DAY

Our charity day this year is on Tuesday 23rd May. We will be having grocery and bathroom raffles again and would ask members to donate an item towards these. Please bring in any items and we can store them in our office. Please add to the list on the notice board any suggestions for a Central Coast based Charity

If you have items you think may sell to raise money or any ideas on the running of the day, please Robyn Ivers, who is our co-ordinator this year or see a Committee member.

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS

Once again we will be supporting the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute into Alzheimer and Dementia. This day will be on Wednesday 3rd May and players will be asked to pay \$5.00 table fees. This is a red point event, with points being issued by the ABF.

BRIDGE LESSONS

John Lehane has had a very successful series of beginner lessons, and this Friday will be conducting Supervised play for the new players.

Nancye Joss is still running her series of upgrade lessons, with various topics dealt with each week. See Nancye for any further details.

PRESENTATION DAY

A very successful day – the CCLC excelled itself in the meal and Lanie Jespersen had table decorations looking like a million dollars, and the fresh flowers were given out to lucky door ticker holders. Thanks to all that made the day so successful.

THURSDAY BRIDGE

Our new time slot seems to be working successfully. Hopefully table numbers will continue to rise. Our current series of three Thursdays of GNOT has attracted 16 teams.

GNOT ON SUNDAYS

The GNOT will only be run over two Sundays in June – the 5th and 25th.

Starting time of 9.30 am and an expected finish time of before 5.00 pm. Pre-entry is essential and the Director reserves the right to refuse late entries.

GENERAL CLEANING

It would be appreciated if members could clean up their spills especially on the stools used. There is a kitchen cleaning basket in the office with cleaning spray and wipe-up cloths to use when necessary, just ask the director of the day to get it out for you and give that stool an extra wipe.

STANDBYS

We are always on the lookout for members willing to be a standby, even just once a month or as an emergency on call. Please see Leyla Moncelet if you are interested.

TABLE FEES

The Committee is considering raising table fees to \$2.50 from 1st July. As you will all realise our costs for coffee and tea as well as the excellent biscuits the Social Committee buys have all risen quite considerably in cost. Any comments from member to Lyn or Leyla would be welcome.

AGM MEETING

I know it is not till August but all positions will be vacant so start thinking **WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE BRIDGE CLUB !!**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The following article appeared in the March – April 2005 edition of the NSWBA Bulletin. It is reproduced by kind permission of the NSWBA and Peter Jamieson.

Dummy's Rights by Peter Jamieson

How knowledgeable are you about your rights when you are dummy?

Bridge Laws 41, 42, 43 and 45 cover this subject but many players don't go into that level of detail. The following is a short review of your rights. Matthew McManus, Chief Director NSWBA, has vetted this article.

During the play, dummy is very limited in what he is able to do. The most obvious "right" that dummy has is to attempt to prevent an irregularity from occurring. So if you see partner about to play a card from his own hand when the lead is in dummy, or if he is about to call a card from dummy when the lead is in his own hand, you can say for example "You're in hand partner". **However, once the irregularity has occurred, you can no longer say anything - it is up to the defenders to point out the infraction.** So if declarer calls for the "Ace of spades", you don't say. "You are in hand". You should just play the spade Ace and let the other players say something, if they notice.

Secondly, as dummy, you may check that partner hasn't revoked when he fails to follow suit. This is usually accomplished by dummy saying e.g. "no more clubs partner?" Otherwise dummy is just there to play the cards on declarer's instruction. Dummy may perhaps ask declarer to repeat the designated card named – but only if he (dummy) did not hear clearly. Apart from that dummy is restricted in what he can say or do during the hand.

Some of the things that you might want to do, but cannot do, include:

- Ask a defender if he has revoked.
- Express surprise at partner's choice of card to be played from dummy
- Be slow to play the designated card (because YOU know it is a big mistake).
- Encourage declarer to play dummy's little card (which YOU know is a winner but he is unaware of)
- Play a card before it is called for by declarer – even if it is a singleton
- Participate in or comment on play (e.g. ask a question on bidding or play)
- Exchange hands with declarer
- Leave your seat to watch declarer
- Look at the face of a card in either defender's hand
- Call the director before anyone else has drawn attention to an infraction
- Tell declarer that he has a trick pointing the wrong way.
- ** (Note- the same applies to a defender — you must not tell partner their previously played card is turned the wrong way i.e. won rather than lost)

** sticklers to the Bridge Laws may note that the Laws of Bridge at present do not mention this aspect. However, Matthew McManus advises that it is covered by Law 73 "Communication between partner's during the auction and play should be effected only by means of the calls and plays themselves". McManus comments that this aspect is likely to be articulated in the next update of Bridge Laws.

At the end of the hand, dummy now has the right to point out any infractions that he has noticed during play. For example, to point out a revoke that has been apparently overlooked – NB NEVER do so during the play of the hand.