



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



OUR SUMMER AND CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2005

A busy year for all and 2005 is fast coming to a close.

THURSDAY – CHANGE OF TIME

Our big change at the moment is trying **Thursday's Bridge at 9.30 am** instead of the afternoon game – we are hoping this will enable easier parking for all coming into the morning game.

We will only need to move out to another room once a month to allow Probus bowlers to use the Drake Room.

Our **Melbourne Cup Day** was once again a great success although a trifle cramped with 120 members attending. Maybe next year will see a smaller gathering so we can all enjoy the lovely hot lunch in more comfort and at a more leisurely pace for the whole day – maybe an earlier start for bridge as well. Any suggestions would be more than welcomed.

INTER-CLUB CO-OPERATION: By the three Clubs meeting regularly and supporting each other we hope to establish uniformity in the general laws and etiquette for running Bridge on the Central Coast. In the new year Colin Mitchell will be establishing a Directors'

corner so all Clubs have the same laws reiterated at the same time.

We had a **BACK TO BRIDGE WEEK** from the 14th November – We had a stall at Erina Fair – this was hard work for those who gave their time but also very rewarding to talk to so many passer-bys and have their interest as we were playing bridge outside Woolworths.

Erina Fair Management has invited us back for one day a month starting in March to have a few games of Bridge for the shoppers to watch between 9 and 11 am, so we will be looking for volunteers to help us with this.

We have had many callbacks and hopefully we will have beginners for all our Clubs starting classes in 2006. We should also be seeing a few new faces of people coming back to take bridge up again.

The ABC studios at the Fair had a table set up with players and Noel Crockett was commenting and answering questions put to him by the on-air presenter, this was between 1.30 and 2 pm on Wednesday and the ABC invited

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people into watch and brochures were being handed out to those interested.

Our Committee wishes to thank all those who gave up their time to help us at Erina Fair.

We will be following all this up by getting in touch with members we haven't seen for awhile so if you know anybody who needs a little jog along let us know.

FEES: The Leagues Club will be sending out their membership fees early January and our Bridge fees will be the same as they were for this year.

CHRISTMAS WEEK: Christmas Cake and drinks will be provided each day starting on Monday 19th through to Saturday 24th December.

STANDBYS: We are always looking for offers to volunteer to do standby duty on various days. Please see a Committee member if you might be available for any day.

MATCHPOINT MEDAL –

The Committee has decided to start a new competition in place of the Matchpoint Medal – it will be called the MONTHLY SHIELD and will be contested on one Monday each month between February and November – the best 6 results out of the 10 months will be scored towards the Shield.

TABLE ETIQUETTE – Table etiquette has certainly been lacking lately amongst certain members. A bit more courtesy at the table by all would be appreciated. Please keep personal issues away from the table and make it more enjoyable for all.

CCLC AGM:

As the Director of the day will have explained to you it is important to attend the CCLC AGM on Friday 25th November. Please ask for a "how to vote" form. As there will be a Soccer Match at the Stadium on that Friday, Baker Street Parking Station will be open free of charge for Friday night.

If you can get into the Meeting a Committee member will make sure you get a lift home at the end of the meeting.

COMING EVENTS:

Last red point event for 2005 will the Christmas Pairs on **Friday December 2nd**

January 2006.

New Year Cup – Monday, January 2nd

Australia Day Pairs – Thursday, January 26th

Summer Festival of Bridge – Canberra 18th January to 30th January.

A FEW OLD STANDARDS TO REMEMBER:

If you open 1♣ with less than 3 clubs you must alert it, or if it has any other meaning (i.e. point count only).

All responses to 1NT should be alerted as well as the answers. 1NT can contain a 5 card major and out of courtesy you should pre-alert your opponents.

Time for play of boards is 6 minutes a board plus 2 minutes extra. At the 4 minute warning buzzer no new boards should be started. If hands are just being taken out of sleeves make sure you hurry it up and respect the Director's request to average the board if necessary.

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