



CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB EXTRA NEWSLETTER

The bridge calendar for the next few months is very full with all the GNOTs being held as well as the Central Coast Congress from 17th to 19th March on top of our club events. Then, of course, there is Presentation Day on 25th March, 2006

SATURDAY 25 MARCH: PRESENTATION LUNCH

On Presentation Day there will be a bridge game to be followed by lunch and the presentation of prizes for 2005. Please see the board to record your name if you wish to attend either or both those events.

GNOT DATES

Qualifying events will be held at following venues in chronological order:

Brisbane Water:

Wednesday Nights- March 8, 15, 22

CC Leagues Club:

Thursdays April 20, 27 May 4

Long Jetty:

Tuesdays: May 2, 9, 19

Brisbane Waters:

Mondays: May 8, 15, 22

Long Jetty:

Thursday nights: June 1, 8, 15

CC Leagues Club:

Sundays: June 4 and 25

MESSAGE FROM GNOT CONVENER

We have received a letter from the Central Coast Convener for this event containing, among other things, a

suggestion made by the National Convener, that we think very carefully about the composition of our teams. This suggestion was made in the light of preventing some of the difficulties experienced in the past when people might have been members of more than one team which has reached the finals. While this is only a suggestion it does perhaps warrant consideration.

It should also be noted that as the object of the GNOTS on the Central Coast is to select 2 teams to represent the Central Coast, the competition here is only open to *bona fide* residents of the Central Coast *at any stage*.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Once again we are running bridge lessons, at 2 levels.

1. John's beginner lessons begin on Friday 17th ~~March~~ ^{Feb}, 2006 at 9.30am but if you know anyone who wants to learn it is not too late for them to enrol, ie John will make provision for them to catch up. There are 8 lessons at cost of \$60. John's contact no is 0411154041

2. Nancye's series of 7 lessons for improving players begin on March 14th, 2006 at 9.45am. Although the cost of all 7 lessons will be \$55, Nancye has agreed that people can come to individual lessons for \$10 each lesson. For enrolments/enquiries phone Nancye on 43693371.

The following is reprinted at request of several members who wish to keep the continuing information regarding bridge regulations in a file.

SYSTEM CARDS

There are three clubs on the Central Coast that are affiliated with the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) - Central Coast Bridge Club, Brisbane Water Bridge Club and Central Coast Leagues Bridge Club. Bridge tournaments run by these clubs - whether of one or many sessions - are run in accordance with The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge 1997 and the New South Wales Bridge Association (NSWBA) Tournament Regulations. In addition the NSWBA Tournament Regulations refer to the ABF Alerting and Systems Regulations.

How does this affect the use (or non-use!) of system cards in our three clubs? What does this mean to players at our three clubs? Well here it is straight from the NSWBA Tournament Regulations :

5. System Cards.

Except for events where the Director determines that a system card is not required, each pair shall have on the table during the periods of play a legible system card properly identified with their names. The system card shall be one approved by the NSWBA; that is, one supplied by the NSWBA or the ABF. The onus is on the pair to prepare an accurate and reasonably comprehensive system card. System cards should remain on the table during play. At the commencement of each round, it is highly recommended that a pair should consult the system card of the opponents to determine their general system, strength of 1NT opening, length of opening suit bids

and level of negative doubles. The purpose of this Regulation is to reduce the possibility of unauthorised information being conveyed by questions asked during the auction or play. This Regulation in no way reduces a pair's obligation to alert its opponents to any special partnership understandings under Law 40 of the Code, or under Regulation 7 hereunder and

7.4 Start of a Round or Match

At the start of a round or match, players have a responsibility to inform their opponents of the following information:

- * basic system, including the minimum suit length and strength of one level opening(s);
- * strength and style of the 1NT opening;
- * any unusual two and higher level opening bids.

So

- have a readable completed system card - preferably two that contain the same information - on the table for your opponents. (If you have difficulty in completing a system card ask the advice of one of the directors at your club).
- inform your opponents of the basics of your bidding system.
- don't forget that you must alert any special partnership understandings even though some of these may have been defined when describing the basics of your bidding system.