



CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB

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2006

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Once again a reminder that our AGM is to be held on Saturday, August 12th, beginning at 10am with bridge, Anniversary Prs (R), to follow at 12.30pm.

All places on the Committee have been declared vacant so if you wish to stand please put your name forward; or if you wish to nominate someone please seek their permission to nominate them.

GNOTS

Those who qualified to represent a club in the GNOT finals for this area please note that the dates for the play-offs are September 8th, 9th & 10th. The venues are: 8th - Leagues Club; 9th BWBC; and 10th - Long Jetty.

DIRECTORS SEMINAR

On Saturday June, 3rd all our Club's Directors who were available joined others from the Central Coast, Newcastle & Maitland in a day's workshop/seminar organised by Colin Mitchell at the CCLC. Matthew McManus was the presenter and provided some valuable insights regarding the Laws of Bridge.

CALLING THE DIRECTOR

With several new players joining our ranks it is perhaps appropriate to remind all that the Director should be called when any irregularity occurs at the table. It is part of the Director's responsibility to adjudicate on all irregularities, no matter how small.

The Director's responsibility is to ensure the session runs smoothly and is enjoyed by all players. Further it is important that, among other things, these new players learn correct bridge procedure as early as possible. Law 9 deals with procedure following an irregularity – during the auction any player can call attention to an irregularity while during period of play it is the declarer and either defender who may draw attention. Dummy may do so after play of hand is completed although they may attempt to prevent declarer from committing an irregularity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Friday 30th : Henry Kendall Prs (R)

JULY

Monday 3rd: Monthly Medal

Saturdays 22

29: Club Teams

Tuesday 25th: July Prs (R)

Thursday 27th: Intra Club Teams at

Long Jetty

Monday 31st: Winter Prs (R)

NB: There will not be a side game on Saturdays 22nd and 29th so find another pair to enter the teams.

You are also encouraged to enter a team in the Intra Club teams day as these days are especially run for benefit of players in the 3 local affiliated clubs, ie there will be no 'big teams' from Sydney.

COLIN'S CORNER

And another one bites the dust.

Queen fans will recognize the title. Actually it should be 'and another game (or slam) not bid'. The last match in the first round of the Leagues Club pairs and sitting East I pick up the following hand.: board 25; dealer – North; EW Vul

	♠ 8765	
	♥ AJT86	
	♦ K7	
	♣ Q5	
♠ JT3		♠ A9
♥ 3		♥ K52
♦ JT643		♦ AQ2
♣ KT74		♣ AJ862
	♠ KQ42	
	♥ Q874	
	♦ 985	
	♣ 9	

North passed and I opened showing at least three clubs and probably denying a five card spade or a four card heart suit. Everybody passes and South leads the spade two. Partner places her maximum pass dummy on the table and I look at it, say thankyou and ask for the spade jack which holds! It didn't take long to work out how to play the hand and hope that the key cards were in the right place. Draw trumps in two rounds as trumps break 2 – 2 ending on table. Diamond jack, not covered, playing the two from hand. Small diamond and the king appears on my left so I play the ace, followed by the queen. Club six to the seven on table and then play the remaining two diamonds discarding two small hearts. Spade ace and the remaining trumps finally losing a heart. Another game / slam missed. I don't know what happened at the other twelve tables - the datum score was -170 so it was a flat board. At least two other pairs said that they had played in one NT making 4 or 5 tricks.

Two boards later the following hand appeared :

	♠ Q6	
	♥ 7	
	♦ T97542	
	♣ KQ62	
♠ K982		♠ AJT543
♥ AK82		♥ J65
♦ AQJ6		♦ K
♣ 4		♣ 875
	♠ 7	
	♥ QT943	
	♦ 83	
	♣ AJT93	

North-South were not playing multi-two openings so partner opened one diamond, I responded one spade and she bid four spades showing about 19 points. I felt mildly tempted but, unfortunately, resisted and passed. As the cards lie six spades cannot be beaten – another slam missed. Not sure what happened at the other twelve tables – the datum score was 390 so we picked up 3 IMPs.

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