



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Newsletter for September 2006.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Saturday 12 August attended by about 40 members. The new committee is:

President : John Lehane
Vice President : Leyla Moncelet
Secretary : Camilla Barlow
Treasurer : Tony Collis
Committee members : Di March
Pat Unger
Marilyn Whigham

Lyn Pears will continue her position as masterpoint secretary.

Recent Results

22 & 29 July - Club Teams Championship.

Sixteen teams entered this event run as a six round swiss and directed by Peter Berzins.

1st Margo Brennan & Jorgen Boettiger
Stan Henderson & Beverly Winship
2nd Lorraine Harkness & Jack Lindsay
Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears
3rd Sally & Garry Clarke
Noel & Shirley Crockett

Congratulations to the winners, especially Beverly, who I understand has only recently learnt to play bridge. This was the first time that the recently purchased laptop computer was used to score a team's event. Its use made the physical setting up of the event so much easier.

25th July – July Pairs

1st Teresa Jensen and Jim Swindells
2nd Nancye Joss and Adele Mills
3rd Lyla Cross and Anne Weir

31st July – Winter Pairs

1st Nancye Joss and Lyn Pears
2nd Toni Dixon and Jack Lindsay
3rd Camilla Barlow and Lanie Jespersen

2nd August – Autumn Pairs

1st Patricia Bowles and Jim Swindells
2nd Camilla Barlow and Leyla Moncelet
3rd Allan Bennetts and Michael Newman

12th August – Anniversary Pairs

1st Bob Mavin and Colin Mitchell
2nd Helen Gulliver and Toni Dixon
3rd Camilla Barlow and Marilyn Whigham

14th August – Monthly Shield

1st Peter Berzins & Colin Mitchell
2nd Lyn Pears & Nancye Joss
3rd Pauline Leake & Nancy Asquith

4th September – Spring Pairs

1st Toni Dixon and Helen Gulliver
2nd Nancy Asquith and Bev Moran
3rd Nancye Joss and Lyn Pears

13th September – Zelda Overhall Cup

=1st Pam Harris & Claire O'Connor
=1st Camilla Barlow & Leyla Moncelet
3rd Susan Eastman & Teresa Jensen

Forthcoming Events

2nd October – October Pairs (R)
19th October – President's Cup (R)
21st & 28th October – Club Pairs Championship
Originally scheduled for 2nd & 9th September but necessarily rescheduled because of the GNOT Regional Final. Please note that pre-entry is necessary for this event.
30th October – Monthly Shield

Improvers lessons - late October.

Nancye Joss will be running a series of six sessions starting in late October. Each session will start at 9:45 am on Tuesday mornings (but not on Melbourne Cup day!). If you wish to attend please 'sign up' on the notice that should be on the notice board by now. For further information talk to Nancye when she is at the club or ring her at 43693371. The cost will probably be \$7 per session.

7th November – Melbourne Cup Day.

Preparations are underway for our Melbourne Cup luncheon which, together with Presentation Day, is one of our two major social functions. This is a great social day with bridge, a heavily subsidised luncheon and a TV set on which to watch 'The Cup'. Please book early for this day (when the booking form is on the board) as numbers may have to be limited.



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Incorrect control showing bids (and the effects).

Holding the following hand

♠ KJ53

♥ QJ

♦ KQ92

♣ A65 in an early match in the GNOT Regional Final some weeks ago I opened 1NT. After deep thought my partner bid 4C – which in our system is about the only time that it means ‘Gerber’. With great care and after much thought I replied 5D! At the time I thought that this showed one ace and only later realised that what is laughingly referred to as my brain must have converted the Gerber bid into Blackwood and answered accordingly. The bid caused some mirth by the opposition and annoyance by my partner who eventually bid 6NT with

♠ A7

♥ AK954

♦ AJ7

♣ KQ3 After she had made thirteen tricks without breaking into a sweat a few mildly caustic words ensued about ‘once again missing a grand slam due to my incorrect response’. We do not take this sort of stuff home and she is still speaking to me – although this and a couple of other actions by me during the weekend were apparently worth a bunch of flowers on the Sunday evening!

In a later match I held

♠ J86

♥ AJT97

♦ K9

♣ AT3 and opened 1H. Partner replied 1S and I rebid 2H showing a minimum hand and five hearts. Once again deep thought occurred followed by a bid of 4NT – which I correctly identified as RKCB. I also got the reply right – 5H showing two controls without the trump queen. She then bid 5NT and I replied 6C showing one king and, after more deep thought partner bid 6H. LHO led the club nine and dummy was revealed

♠ AQT4

♥ K65

♦ AQ4

♣ KJ4 I played a small club from dummy, queen from RHO won by the ace. Either the heart or the spade finesse had to be successful to make the contract so that it was now my turn for some deep thought. As it

appeared that LHO had led from a club shortage I presumed that she was hoping for a club ruff so I played the heart ace with both opponents following suit, and then the heart jack. When LHO played low I played the heart six in dummy and RHO (thankfully) followed with the four. A small heart to the king captured the heart queen and twelve tricks made when the spade finesse failed. Partner then told me that she was surprised to see me play the diamond king as my 6C reply showed no kings! We actually gained 14 IMPs on this board as our partners came back with +50.

Three boards later I held

♠ K6

♥ AKT9

♦ AKQ3

♣ A84 and after three passes opened 2C – game forcing and asking partner how many aces and kings she held. LHO opponent bid 2S and my partner passed. I alerted the bid as POXI (pass with zero, double with one) showing no aces or kings. RHO passed and it was my turn for deep thought. I eventually doubled, partner bid 3C, I bid 3D and partner bid 3H. I passed as, despite my good hand, partner had no aces or kings. A spade was lead and partner won the second trick with the spade queen. A heart was led to the ten and the trick was won by the queen. The diamond return was won in dummy by the queen and partner then returned to hand with the club king! She drew trumps and won the rest of the tricks with the diamonds in dummy and the long club suit (KQ732) in hand. Needless to say the opposition bid four hearts making six and gained 6 IMPs on the hand. As I was about to, somewhat tentatively, mention the appearance of the club king partner apologised for her error – she thought that we were playing DOPI (not that she was acting dopey) where double shows no controls, pass shows one control etc The bunch of flowers was therefore not as large as it could have been.

PS : ‘Deep Thought’ was the computer in ‘The Hitch-hikers Guide to the Galaxy’, a popular work of fiction, that was constructed to answer the ultimate question (what is the meaning of life, the universe and all that?).

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