



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Newsletter for October 2006.

Recent Results

25th September – Monthly Shield

- 1st Toni Dixon & Jack Lindsay
2nd Jan Davis & Lorraine Harkness
3rd Pat Unger & Paul Unger

Leading positions in this event with two rounds to be played are (best 6 results are counted):

- 1st Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears 58 pts / 6 results
2nd Bob Mavin & Graham Winder 50 / 6
3rd Les Mills & Dick Wilson 34 / 6
4th Heather Carlile & Margot McGuinness 32 / 4
=5th Neville Buchanan & Ted Nielsen 28 / 5
=5th Marion Ellis & Beryl Joseph 28 / 5
=7th Carol Judd & Marie Stelzer 26 / 5
=7th Alfie Nation & Yvonne Redwin 26 / 5

28th September – Intra Club Teams

- 1st Colin Mitchell & Peter Berzins
Trish Bowles & Bob Mavin
2nd Tony & Doreen Collis
Camilla Barlow & Marilyn Whigham
=3rd Ruth Stephens & Irma Heyting
Ann & Graham Steel
=3rd Helen Eaton & Josie Ryan
Virginia Dressler & Jan Clarke

2nd October – October Pairs

- 1st Dorothy & Peter Berzins
2nd Camilla Barlow & Colin Mitchell
3rd Norman Berger & Maria Szabo

19th October – President's Cup

- 1st John Tagg & Dick Wilson
2nd Kath & John Mitchell
3rd Elaine McGorm & Pam Harris

First won in 1993 by
E & M Smeyers

Forthcoming Events

- 30th October – Monthly Shield
2nd November – Gosford Pairs (R)
7th November – Melbourne Cup Day.
Payment for this event must be made by
Tuesday 31st October. Please pay when you pay
your table money or when you see the
Treasurer, Tony Collis, at the club.
11th November – Foundation Day (R)
13th November – Monthly Shield
24th November – Summer Pairs (R)
29th November – Christmas Pairs (R)

Director's Corner.

In common with the other affiliated clubs on the Central Coast the time given for each round in a pairs session is six minutes per board plus two minutes. Thus for a two board round fourteen minutes is allowed; a three board round twenty minutes etc. Players are expected to be able to play to these times. This can be a difficult for new players if a two board round is being played and they are generally given some leeway. However all players are asked to endeavour to keep an eye on the clock and play to the time allowed – this can generally be achieved by moving promptly to the next table, starting play as soon as arriving at the next table and endeavouring to keep discussion of the weather, the drought, the hands, who has done what with who etc until after all hands of the round have been played.

Who does what

The following list shows 'who does what' within the club i.e. positions and responsibilities.

John Lehane – Club President, Chief Director.

Leyla Moncelet – Vice President, notices re tournaments, results to local newspapers.

Camilla Barlow – Secretary, notices to directors, membership database.

Tony Collis – Treasurer

Marilyn Whigham – Committee member, Equipment Officer, take care of stock etc

Pat Unger – Committee member, responsible for the organisation of social functions

Di March – Committee member, mobile phones, 'get well' and 'condolence' cards.

Directors

Monday	Ted Nielsen
Monday evening	Leyla Moncelet
Tuesday	Leyla Moncelet
Wednesday	Lyn Pears
Thursday	Tony Collis
Friday	Peter Berzins
Saturday	John Lehane
Standby director	Bill Thomson

Masterpoint Secretary (until 31 December 2006)
Lyn Pears



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Colin's Corner

About halfway through the Friday duplicate a few weeks ago I picked up the following hand (dealt at the table):

♠ 6 and partner (of course) opened
♥ A8643 1 spade. Luckily my RHO
♦ JT7542 doubled so I passed and LHO
♣ 7 bid 2 clubs. "Great" I thought
"all I need now is a red suit bid from partner"
and he duly bid 2 hearts. RHO bid 3 clubs and
I, despite having eleven distributional points,
was in chicken mode so bid 3 hearts. This bid
was passed round to RHO who (thankfully) bid
4 clubs so I, now in competitive mode, bid 4
hearts and everybody passed. RHO led the club
ace and a few moments later I was writing
down plus 680 after partner had made the
remaining twelve tricks. The full deal was:

	♠ AJ982	
	♥ KQ97	
	♦ AK	
	♣ T8	
♠ 54		♠ KQT73
♥ J2		♥ T5
♦ 963		♦ Q8
♣ QJ6432		♣ AK95
	♠ 6	
	♥ A8643	
	♦ JT7542	
	♣ 7	

I checked the scoresheet at the end of the session – 4H making twelve three times, 3H making twelve, 2H making twelve, 1S making eight, 1S making seven twice and 2C by East making seven. I'm glad that RHO doubled!

A few days later I picked up a similar hand:

♠ 82 and (the same) partner this
♥ QJ873 time opened 1 club. There
♦ KJT32 was no intervention by RHO
♣ 5 (although when I saw the full
hand later I think that there should have been)
so I responded 1 heart and partner raised me to
2 hearts and everyone passed. LHO led the
spade four and dummy appeared
♠ KJ73 I played the knave from dummy,
♥ A954 RHO played the ace and I played
♦ 876 the two. A spade was returned,
♣ A2 won in dummy with the king.

Deep thought then occurred before I played the heart ace followed by a small heart won by the king. LHO exited with a club and I eventually

lost two diamonds thus making nine tricks. The full hand was:

♠ KJ73	
♥ AT54	
♦ 876	
♣ A2	
♠ Qxxx	♠ Axx
♥ Kx	♥ Tx
♦ AQx	♦ xx
♣ xxxx	♣ KQJTxx
♠ 82	
♥ QJ873	
♦ KJT32	
♣ 5	

My first mistake was passing partners two heart bid – I have eleven distribution points so should have bid three hearts (or perhaps three diamonds), giving partner the opportunity to bid four. In the play, after winning the spade ace, I should play the club ace, small club ruffing in hand and then lead the heart queen ducking in dummy if the king does not appear. Ten tricks can then be made. Despite this +140 was an above average score – the scores were 3H making four once, 2H/3H making three four times, 5C by EW one off, passed in once(!), 4H one off twice, 4H two off twice, 4C by EW making twice. Perhaps if RHO had overcalled two clubs we may have got to four hearts and played the hand better!

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Tales from the past - CCLC BC Newsletter April 1989

When I awoke with an excruciatingly painful back, my husband made his breakfast and mine, brought me the heat pad, and left for work with strict instructions that I not get out of bed. But by midmorning when my neighbour telephoned to say that she was desperate for a fourth for her bridge luncheon my back was so much better that I agreed to fill in.

I was enjoying the afternoon of bridge and had almost forgotten about my back when my neighbour's husband arrived home and I realised that my husband would be home soon. I jumped up and grabbed my handbag. "Is it that late?" I cried. "I've got to go home and get into bed before my husband arrives home". My friend's husband sighed. "That," he said, "is the kind of wife I always wanted". ANON