



# Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

## Newsletter for December 2006.

### Recent Results

#### **Monthly Shield – final result.**

This competition is open to pairs that play on Mondays from February to November– results are taken from one Monday per month (usually the first) and the top ten pairs receive points according to their position. The best six scores from the possible ten are accumulated to give the pairs score for the competition.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Mavin & Graham Winder- 62 pts.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears – 60 pts.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Les Mills & Dick Wilson – 36 pts.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Heather Carlile & Margot McGulnness.

First won in 1987 by Adele Mills & Zelda Overhall. Won in 1996 by Adele Mills & John White.

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#### **24<sup>th</sup> November – Summer Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Mavin & Graham Winder.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Teresa Jensen & Nancy Asquith.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> {Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver  
{Doreen & Tony Collis.

First won by Monica Jamieson & Toni McVey in 1988. Won in 1996 by Len Melchior & Terry Magnussen.

#### **29<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy & Colin Mitchell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lanie Jespersen & Bill Pinfold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stan Henderson & Beverley Winship.

First won by Elaine Gilchrist & Barbara Tunnington in 1993. Won in 1996 by Joan Rubie & Dot Storey-Wilson.

### Recent Promotions

#### \*Regional Master   Regional Master

Tem Lancaster

Gwen Williams

#### Club Master

Norman Berger



### From the committee.

1. There will be no bridge on Christmas Day or New Years Day..
2. There are a large number of 'lost' system cards in the 'Lost System Card' folder. Check if yours is there before writing out a new one.
3. If you need a name badge please add your name (legibly) to the list on the notice board.
4. There have been a few incidents recently where the director probably needed to bring to the attention of the players concerned Law 74 –

Conduct and Etiquette A – Proper Attitude which reads :

1. Courtesy.

A player should maintain a courteous at all times.

2. Etiquette of word and action.

A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

### Director's Corner.

I have been asked by the directors to reprint part of the article on alerts from a previous newsletter.

#### **2. Alerts (during the auction).**

Alert (by saying "alert" and circling your partner's bid) any bid which is not natural or which gives more information than is obvious.

The opponents may ask you about your partner's bid at their turn to bid. If the opponents ask for an explanation it is not sufficient to name the convention. Explain the alerted bid, giving the full meaning and inferences.

The main problem appears to be that players are not using their voice (or if they do it is so quiet as to be not heard!) when circling their partner's bid on the bidding pad. A secondary problem is that LHO of the bidder is frequently possessed of a sixth sense that makes them bid so quickly after the alertable bid that the alert, either spoken or written, is late. So perhaps all players need to be alert enough to alert their partners bid correctly and all players should perhaps slow down their bidding so that alerts can be made in a reasonable time frame!

### Brisbane Water Novice Teams.

Norman Berger reports

"I led a team of novice players (Margot Williams, Lyn Beston and Leon Babinski) to the Brisbane Water Novice Teams on Tuesday 21 November. Lyn was the only member of the team that had actually played in a teams competition before. It was a good learning experience. A fun day was had, helped by cakes, pikelets, tea, coffee and plenty of wine. We managed to come second and agreed that we should enter a similar teams event should the occasion arise.



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### Colin's Corner

Continuing last month's theme of defensive errors I benefited from a mis-defence on this hand in the Foundation Day pairs. I can't remember how the bidding went but I ended up in four diamonds on the following hand. I was sitting East and I remember that I had opened one diamond and kept repeating them until NS stopped bidding.

Board 22 dealer E, EW vul.

♠ 8654	
♥ KJ32	
♦ J95	
♣ A9	
♠ QJ72	♠ T93
♥ T96	♥ A
♦ 4	♦ AKQT8732
♣ J7643	♣ Q
♠ AK	
♥ Q8754	
♦ 6	
♣ KT852	

South led the spade ace and then the spade king. In the old-fashioned methods used in our partnership this shows a doubleton and it did for the opposition as well. I prayed for a heart switch (hearts had been bid by both North and South and they should have been in four hearts) and got it! That was the end of the defence – I drew trumps and threw my losing club on the fourth spade. A club switch at trick three followed by a spade ruff by South takes the contract one off. As in last month's hand, playing high encourage or Lavinthal the play of the spade four asks for a club switch. Playing low encourage the spade five asks for a club switch.

An amusing incident occurred recently at Central Coast Bridge Club. Dorothy Berzins was playing a No Trump contract and received the opening lead of the diamond two. She played the five from dummy, RHO played the four and she played the three! No it was not the Christmas Party. LHO had led fourth lowest, dummy and Dorothy each held four diamonds and RHO had the singleton four.

After a sequence of bidding by opponents, in which a few misunderstandings appeared to have occurred, I politely enquired of RHO who

had the car keys? "I have" was the reply "and my partner's going home by bus!"

I recently had one of those sessions that is best forgotten. This hand didn't help.

Board 18 NS vulnerable Dealer E and I held

♠ J952      My RHO opened an old-fashioned weak two hearts.  
♥ KJ92  
♦ 74      I passed, LHO passed and  
♣ 872      Peter doubled. In this situation our doubles are major oriented and I replied two spades. My feet did not touch the ground and I found myself in four spades with the expected heart lead. Dummy was revealed  
♠ AKQ43      and I thought that I had a  
♥ 6      chance. Heart six from  
♦ A652      table won by the ace on my  
♣ KT4      right. Club return won on my left by the ace – looking good with the club king now established. Small club return, king from dummy, ruffed by RHO! I still had a diamond to lose for one off and two matchpoints from a possible twelve. Had I thought when the club was returned I may have picked the original club lead as a singleton and played the ten. I would then have made ten tricks for a top score. Had LHO returned the club queen I would have been one off (gotta watch those pips all the time!). The full hand was :

	♠ AKQ43	
	♥ 6	
	♦ A652	
	♣ KT4	
♠ 87		♠ T5
♥ 74		♥ AQT853
♦ QJ3		♦ KT98
♣ AQJ953		♣ 6
♠ J962		
♥ KJ92		
♦ 74		
♣ 872		



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\*\*\*\*\* A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all club members. The next newsletter will appear in February 2007. \*\*\*\*\*