



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Newsletter for February 2007.

Recent Results

Summer Festival of Bridge, Canberra.



The team of Lyn Pears, Carol Judd, Anne Grayden and Lanie Jespersen played with distinction in the Seniors Teams. They were the Best Women's Team **and** the Best Country Team with 150 VPs from a possible 225. The ABF rank the best Women's Team as higher than the Country Team so this was the trophy that you can see in the photograph above.

As a result of the ABF decision the (almost) local team of Peter & Kerry Johnman, Virginia Dressler and Tom Carr (Central Coast many years ago but now resident in Dubbo) became the Best Country Team (the second Central Coast team to achieve this distinction).

Gold Coast Congress.

Jack Lindsay, playing with Frances Lyons, won Section B (Plate) of the Seniors Pairs (total entry 298 pairs). They also came eighth in the Swiss pairs (total entry 354 pairs).

2nd January - New Years Cup

- 1st John & Joan Lehane.
- 2nd Vicky & Bob Morris.
- 3rd Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon.

First won by Carol McKellar & Bill Thomson in 1988. Won in 1997 by Zelda Overhall & Graham Winder.

26th January – Australia Day Pairs

- 1st Vicky & Bob Morris.
- 2nd Joan & John Lehane.
- 3rd Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver.

First won by Sheila Barwell & Bill Pinfold in 1998.

12th February – Monthly Shield

- 1st Pam Lumby & Yvonne Redwin
- 2nd Camilla Barlow & Colin Mitchell
- 3rd Lyn Pears & Nancye Joss

8th February – Intra Club Teams

Held at the Leagues Club. Directed by John Lehane (who had to wrestle with the scoring program). Seven eight board matches were played.

- 1st Noel & Shirley Crockett, Phyllis White, Sylvia Foster
- 2nd Doreen & Tony Collis, Joan & John Lehane
- 3rd Ruth Stephens, Maolisa Hawkes, Irma Heyting, Gary Heyting

14th February – Valentine's Day Pairs

- 1st Karen Ody & Nancye Joss
- 2nd Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon
- 3rd Margo Brennan & Gwen White

Forthcoming Events

- 5th March March Pairs
- 12th March Monthly Shield
- 19th/26th March State Open Pairs
- 2nd April Monthly Shield
- 5th April Easter Pairs

Recent Promotions

Gold Life Master

Wendy Mitchell

Lyn Pears

**National Master

Camilla Barlow

**Local Master

Pat Kirk

Local Master

Heather Tarrant

Presentation Day.

will be on Saturday 24th March. Bridge starts at 10 am for approximately 3 hours followed by lunch at about 1:15 pm. If you wish to play bridge and/or attend the presentation lunch please place your name in the appropriate spot in the notice that is on the notice board. To ensure that you can attend the lunch please pay the Treasurer or Director by Saturday 10th March. The cost is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Members Phone Numbers

Please check that your correct phone number is shown at the end of the program. If it is not correct please let the Secretary (Camilla Barlow) know in writing – if she is not available when you are at the club ask the director to leave the notification in the office. Please note that the phone number of Pat Unger is 4353 3013.



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Director's Corner.

Once again the vexed question of mobile phones has to be brought up (and I know that I have on occasion been guilty). Please ensure that your mobile phone is turned off before the start of play (even if it has been left in your handbag / shopping bag in the corner of the room). Most of our players have heard the main theme from Beethoven's 5th Piano Concerto frequently enough to not want to hear it when they are halfway through a difficult hand. If you feel that it is essential that your phone remain on switch it to silent and vibrate and put it on your belt or in your pocket. If a call is received please wait until the end of the round before going outside and ringing back.

There have also been a few complaints about pairs continuing the post mortem well into the next hand (and, once again, I have been guilty of this on occasion). As soon as the cards have been taken out of the next board it is considered polite that all discussion of the hand just finished should cease. It is certainly considered impolite to take the discussion to the next table or continue it when new players arrive at your table. Law 90 warns strongly against such discussion because of the possibility of other players gaining unauthorized information.

Colin's Corner

Board 32 dealer W, EW vul.

♠ AKT	
♥ A9	
♦ Q76	
♣ AJT43	
♠ J98	♠ 73
♥ J65432	♥ KQT7
♦ 43	♦ 9
♣ K6	♣ Q98752
♠ Q6542	
♥ 8	
♦ AKJT852	
♣	

This hand was dealt at the table on Wednesday 21 Feb – I was playing with Nancye Joss as our respective partners were slaving away over a hot bridge table on the Gold Coast. For once I was sitting North and opened 1 NT showing 15 – 18 HCP and possibly a five card major. Nancye thought for some time before bidding 2 NT (transfer to diamonds) with the South hand

and I dutifully bid 2 D. Nancye then bid 4 NT – Roman Key Card Blackwood and I bid 5 C – showing 0 or 3 controls. It is technically possible that I can have no aces as even if I had opened with 18 HCP there could be 12 HCP outstanding. As we were committed to be at least in game Nancye decided that, with the void in clubs, it would be worth while asking for kings with 5 NT. When I replied 6 D showing one king I must have three aces so Nancye bid 7 D. As the cards lie it is difficult to not make the contract. We were somewhat surprised upon opening the score sheet to find that 6 NT had been bid once, 6 D had been bid twice and the remaining contracts were either 3 NT or 5D. Everybody made thirteen tricks.

Whilst playing (with no great distinction) in the Seniors Teams in Canberra the following hand occurred:

Board 2, dealer E, NS vul.

♠ KJ94	
♥ K2	
♦ T73	
♣ A952	
♠ AQ	♠ T7
♥ 9653	♥ JT8
♦ J8542	♦ AKQ96
♣ QJ	♣ 843
♠ 86532	
♥ AQ74	
♦	
♣ KT76	

The bidding went pass – pass – pass and Wendy thought for some time before deciding that she should open one club. EW then bid diamonds; I showed my two major suits and eventually defended 4 D for +100. Needless to say our partners came back with -680 so we didn't do too well on that board! As the cards lie six spades is unbeatable – I couldn't find anyone that had bid six. If E starts off with one diamond I have no problem showing my major suits with a Michaels two diamond bid and we would probably get to four spades. I must have been feeling dull (it was towards the end of the last match of the day) as Wendy did bid spades and with nine HCP and a void I would normally bid to the four level.

Central Coast Super Congress.

17th & 18th March at Mingara Recreation Club.

16th March at Central Coast Bridge Club.

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