



# Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

## Newsletter for June 2007.

### Recent Results

#### **19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April / 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

##### **Grand National Open Teams**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin & Angela Dougall, Helen Eaton,  
Jan Clarke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Peter & Dorothy Berzins, Colin &  
Wendy Mitchell, Camilla Barlow,  
Lorraine Harkness  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bob & Vicky Morris, John & Joan  
Lehane  
4<sup>th</sup> Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver, Judy  
Wulff, Marilyn Whigham

The Dougall, Morris and Dixon teams have accepted the invitation to play in the Regional Final to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bridge for Brains**

Unfortunately the boards somehow became out of order and by the time the problem became obvious it was impossible to produce a valid result. A donation of \$300 was made to the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute.

##### **7<sup>th</sup> May – Monthly Shield**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears  
2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Holmes & Heather Cox  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elaine McGorm & Claire O'Connor

##### **16<sup>th</sup> May – Autumn Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Karen Ody & Nancye Joss  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn Sherriff & Jan Wheeler  
3<sup>rd</sup> Patricia Bowles & Graham Winder

This event was first won in 1991 by V Wright & Dot Storey-Wilson, in 1997 by Graham McLeod & Dick Wilson.

##### **19<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> – Country Teams Qualifying**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adele Mills, Cheryl Sharples, Christine  
Hadaway, Karen Ody  
2<sup>nd</sup> Neville & Julie Sadler, Tony & Doreen  
Collis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peter & Diana Coats, Peter & Dorothy  
Berzins  
4<sup>th</sup> Judy Wulff, Patricia Kull, Phyllis  
Whyte, Sylvia Foster  
5<sup>th</sup> Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkiss, Bill  
Pinfold, N Berger

##### **22<sup>nd</sup> May – Charity Day Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Bowles & Judith Johnstone  
2<sup>nd</sup> Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver  
3<sup>rd</sup> Claire O'Connor & Elaine McGorm

The Charity Day raised \$1206 and the committee rounded this up to \$2000. The money was donated to the Pandora Committee.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> May / 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June**

##### **Grand National Open Teams**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Noel & Shirley Crockett, Gary & Sally  
Clarke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lorraine Harkness & Jack Lindsay,  
Karen Ody & Nancye Joss  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ed & Robin Vaughan, Sue Eastman &  
June Ball

##### **4<sup>th</sup> June – Monthly Shield**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Angela & Kevin Dougall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nancye Davies & Mick Bailey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Toni Dixon & Jack Lindsay

Positions after 5 sessions (sessions / points):

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nancye Joss & Lynn Pears 4/93  
2<sup>nd</sup> Norm Berger & Bill Pinfold 5/67  
3<sup>rd</sup> B Mavin & G Winder 3/58

##### **18<sup>th</sup> June – June Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> June Snedden & Carol McKellar  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy & John Mitchell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Wheeler & Pamela Carew

### Forthcoming Events

29<sup>th</sup> June Henry Kendall Pairs (R)

2<sup>nd</sup> July Monthly Shield

16<sup>th</sup> July July Pairs (R)

21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July – Club Teams Championship.

This event requires pre-entry so keep an eye on the notice board. There will be no side game.

30<sup>th</sup> July Winter Pairs (R)

### Birthday Party

The club was founded twenty years ago in August 1987. To celebrate this there will be a **Birthday Event on 29<sup>th</sup> July followed by free bridge for the following week.**

The club has organised a cruise on the M.V. Jerry Bailey leaving Gosford Wharf at 11 am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. The ship is fully enclosed so we will be protected from any inclement weather. The cruise will last four hours and cocktail food will be served during the cruise. Drinks may not be taken on board. There will be a cash bar available for the duration of the cruise. If you wish to go please add your name to the list on the noticeboard and make your payment of \$10 (the cost has been subsidised by the club) to Tony Collis (or the director of the day) by 16<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Notice at the Las Vegas Bridge Club.**

If you are grouchy, irritable or just plain mean there will be a \$10 charge for putting up with you.



## Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

### The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Club was founded out of a need for a central venue in Gosford. The original decision to approach the Central Coast Leagues Club was made over a game of golf by four founding members Bill Thomson, Peter Berzins, Lionel Blunden (now deceased) and Geoff Van Eden. Thirty bridge players attended the inaugural meeting at the club on 11 June 1987. A further nine bridge players sent their apologies to the meeting. An interim committee was elected for a period of three months. The committee members were :

President: Colin Mitchell  
Vice President: Bill Thomson  
Secretary: Dorothy MacLean  
Treasurer: Adele Mills  
General Committee Helen Telford (no longer playing), Marty Houtman (deceased), Peter Berzins.

Mrs. Zelda Overhall (now deceased) was appointed as the Patron of the Club because of her outstanding work over the previous 13 years in the cause of bridge on the Central Coast.

The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club was formally approved by the Board of Directors of the CC Leagues Club on 29 June 1987. The Bridge Club commenced operations on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1987. The inaugural pair's session had a good roll up of 36 players and was won by Dr Randall Harkness and Mrs. Lorraine Harkness. Sessions were held on Monday evenings and Thursday daytime.

A general meeting of the Bridge Club was held on 17 September 1987 and the interim committee was confirmed, a constitution was adopted and it was resolved that the club become affiliated with the NSWBA.

### Directors' Corner

#### **New written bidding rules from the ABF.**

These were published on the ABF Web Page on 30 May. They formalise current practice so here is a summary of what you should (and should not) be doing.

Players must decide their call before commencing to write. Any vacillation among calls may convey unauthorised information and restrict partner's actions.

It is not necessary to mark the dealer and vulnerability on the written bidding record sheet. It is the responsibility of all players to

know and use the dealer and vulnerability marked on the board; players who take action based on the written bidding sheet that is marked incorrectly have no recourse.

A call is not made until the player has written the appropriate numeral, if necessary, with the appropriate symbol. Each call should be written in the next vacant box working from left to right of that players segment of the bidding sheet.

The symbols that may be used are **C, D, H, S, NT, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, X, XX, /, //**.

Calls must be made in a consistent manner without any emphasis or additional notations such as full stops.

The written bidding sheet remains in view until the third player (partner of the open leader) has played to the first trick when it should be removed (or turned over) by dummy. If dummy omits to do this then another player may remove the bidding sheet.

The stationary pair, or NS if both pairs are moving, must ensure that used bidding slips are not available to players who have yet to play that board.

### Colin's Corner

Wendy and I spent most of May in North America. We managed three games of bridge whilst we were there. One of the sessions was in Las Vegas. Needless to say they only held daytime sessions starting at 1 pm. We rolled up at 12 midday to make sure and had lunch first at a German restaurant nearby. We asked the director if there were any system restrictions to which he replied that there were none as it was an open game. We only had one problem hand where Wendy opened two spades (weak, two suits same rank) which I duly alerted. My RHO appeared to have some difficulty in comprehending my explanation and carried on somewhat about never having heard of such a bid before, how could she make such a bid when he had all of the spades in which case she must have the minors so why did she not open 2NT, he had spades and was going to bid them which he did – four of them which he duly made. Next board after a fairly normal auction he ended up in one no trump which we duly took down by four tricks for an outright top so we had a little revenge! This probably helped us to win the session with 59%. All of the players were very friendly and one of the men gave us a lift back to 'The Strip' so that we could easily get the bus back to our hotel.

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