



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Newsletter for July 2007.

Editorial

Reprinted from the Newsletter of January 1990 with some date changes (the AGM was held in March 1990):

On Saturday 11th August we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. This may appear to be some time away but in fact our members should now be thinking about who they wish to run their club in the year that lies ahead. Now is the time for members to volunteer their services – no club can be run without a general committee and it is preferable that they be members who want to do the job and haven't been coerced into the position at the last moment!

Annual General Meeting 2007

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 11th August starting at 10:30 am. A nomination form for all positions will be displayed on the noticeboard at the club at least 21 days before the meeting. Nominations can only be made by two active members and will be received up to the commencing time of the AGM. The consent of the nominee must be given. As far as I am aware John Lehane (President) and Tony Collis (Treasurer) will not be standing for re-election but there may be others. If there are insufficient nominations for any position(s), nominations, (with the consent of the nominee!), may be made at the meeting. If you wish to vote, either to elect a committee member or on any resolutions that may be considered at the meeting, you must attend the meeting as proxy votes are not allowed by the constitution. CM.

Recent Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who were promoted to a higher rank at the end of June.

Life Master

Graham Winder

Lyn Pears

National Master

Joanne Abbott

Regional Master

Patricia Carey

Donald Holmes

**Local Master

Paul Unger

Local Master

Norman Berger

Club Master

Dianne March

Graduate Master

Joan Brierty

Anne Stimpson

Forthcoming Events

21st / 28th July (Saturday)

Club Teams Championship

This event requires pre-entry so keep an eye on the notice board.

30th July – Monday (day) Winter Pairs (R)

6th August – Monday (day) Monthly Shield

23rd August - Thursday Gosford Pairs (R)

Club History (continued)

Those present at the inaugural meeting held on 11th June 1987 were:

Bill Thomson *, Dorothy Maclean * (now Berzins), Lionel Blunden †, Margaret Hobbs (now resident in Adelaide), Marty Houtman †, Joan Williams, Zelda Overhall †, E. T. Allard (?), Alma Harvey †, J Broad †, R Scowen †, Helen Telford (?), A Griffin †, Adele Mills *, Alys Alexander *, Lorna Hollingsworth †, Bill Gerhat †, Graham Steel, Peter Berzins *, Peter Coats *, John White *, Ann Luckham * (now Steel), Carol Advokat †, Philippa Roche †, Elizabeth Kerr *, Josie Mitchell †, Colin Mitchell *, David Ford *, John Elliot (?), Tudor Davies †.

* - still a member † – deceased

? – does anyone know what happened to these people?

Recent Results

29th June – Henry Kendall Pairs

1st Lyn Pears & Lanie Jespersion

2nd John Tagg & Dick Wilson

3rd Leyla Moncelet & Mary Stelzer

23rd & 30th June – Club Pairs Championship

1st Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver

2nd June Ball & Teresa Jensen

3rd Dorothy & Peter Berzins

2nd July – Monthly Shield (6)

1st Angela & Kevin Dougall

2nd Claire O'Connor & Pam Harris

3rd Carol McKellar & June Snedden

Overall positions after 6 sessions (score/sessions)

1st Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears 93/6

2nd Angela & Kevin Dougall 72/4

3rd Norman Berger & Bill Pinfold 69/6

4th Carol McKellar & June Snedden 68/6

5th Bob Mavin & Graham Winder 58/3

6th Camilla Barlow & Colin Mitchell 56/3



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Bridge players on the Central Coast

At the end of each quarter the ABF publishes a list of bridge clubs in order of the number of 'home club' players, showing the membership one year ago, the current membership and their rank relative to the other 141 clubs in NSW.

From the latest list (31st March):

<u>Club</u>	<u>Mar 07</u>	<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>Rank</u>
North Shore	1017	607	1 st
Trumps	774	789	2 nd
Gordon	458	461	3 rd
NSWBA	434	441	4 th
Newcastle	190	181	11 th
Central Coast	181	206	13 th
CCLC BC	165	164	16 th
Brisbane Water BC	147	141	22 nd
Total in NSW	12536	12651	

There are a total of 493 local bridge players registered with the ABF (574 at the end of September 2006).

Top MP winners in our club

The ABF MP Centre publishes a report at the end of each quarter showing those club members who have won most masterpoints at the club. The 'Top 5' are shown below:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Green</u>
Nancye Joss	25.15	5.12	20.03
Vicky Morris	15.88	4.88	11.00
Patricia Bowles	15.28	4.21	10.16
Toni Dixon	14.23	4.07	10.16
Bob Morris	14.10	4.88	9.22

Colin's Corner

Continuing on from last month's report on bridge playing in North America - we played an evening session at Kelowna, a town about four hours drive inland from Vancouver. There were ten tables this time and the competition was stronger than that in Las Vegas. A very pleasant game which started at 7 pm and finished just after 10 pm. No problems this time with our different methods! Their 'session management' methods are somewhat different to ours; a non-playing director for all sessions, the lead is not shown on the scoresheet, a pickup slip is completed at each table for each round (as well as the travelling scoresheets). The director collects the pickup slips at the end of each round and enters the scores on the computer so that the result is available about five minutes after the end of play (i.e. a 'manual' Bridgemate). This time we could only manage fourth place.

Back at the club those people who played on the Queens Birthday Monday will no doubt have been (un)impressed with the wild hands that appeared. Just like pre-dealt boards I hear someone murmur! We sat EW and I picked up

♠ T74

♥ KJT9743

♦ 94

♣ 2

on board 15 and prepared to open two diamonds when RHO opened one no trump. I passed and after some very deep thought my LHO bid five diamonds. Wendy passed and RHO bid six diamonds which was passed out. Thirteen tricks later NS were trying to work put how to bid the grand – the hands being

S

♠ AQ9

♥ 86

♦ AKQ7

♣ KT43

N

♠ J3

♥ -

♦ JT6532

♣ AQJ85

with the spade king onside. As only two other pairs bid the slam they had a pretty good score. On board 31 we managed a good score:

Dealer S, S vul.

♠ K

♥ AK75

♦ 542

♣ AT642

♠ 9875432

♥ J6

♦ 9

♣ 875

♠ AQJT6

♥ 9843

♦ J7

♣ K3

♠ -

♥ QT2

♦ AKQT863

♣ QJ9

The bidding went something like:

<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
1D	P	1H	1S
3D	4S	//	

Wendy made nine tricks on a diamond lead by leading up to the club king for a top score of -50. One other EW pair played in five spades doubled for - 300. One NS pair bid and made the diamond slam; all other pairs had no problems in making thirteen tricks.

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Which of our intrepid lady bridge players gained the second half of her motor bike rider's permit in the rain and wind on the Friday of the great storms in June?