



Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Newsletter for August 2007.

Annual General Meeting 2007

The meeting started just after 10 am with only 25 members in attendance and 14 apologies. In the absence of the President and Treasurer Leyla, in her position of Acting President, read their reports to the meeting. In reply to questions from the meeting the cost of the internet will be approximately \$800 pa (telephone line and 'hosting' rental) and the cost of the 20th birthday party celebrations (subsidised cruise, week of free bridge and other purchases) was about \$5000. Leyla was presented with a rather beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her service over the years to the club. The election of officers was smoothly run by Peter Berzins and the following members were all elected unopposed:

President: Colin Mitchell
Vice-President: Marilyn Whigham
Secretary: Camilla Barlow
Treasurer: Wendy Mitchell
Committee members: Diane March
Elizabeth Lawrence
Norman Berger

Colin took the chair for the remainder of the meeting and various questions were answered and matters discussed as follows (in no particular order):

- thanks to the outgoing committee, the directors and to Elaine McGorm, Teresa Jensen & Pam Harris for making the new laaaaaaarge tablecloths necessary after the deluge in the Macarthur Room that destroyed the folding bridge tables
- the club now has a direct telephone line into the office with broadband access to the internet, the web page has been published and results of all sessions should be loaded to the web page within the month
- The Bridgemate system was discussed with speakers both for and against their use
 - Some players had difficulty in using bridgemates and found them stressful
 - The use of bridgemates takes some of the interest away from the game as previous results cannot be easily seen
 - Bridgemates are gradually being used in more clubs and our members may be at a disadvantage if we don't accept new technology as it becomes available

- there will be a trial of Bridgemate in the near future
- there is a problem with hearing announcements so the sound system should be used
- two board rounds were discussed and the general feeling of the meeting was that they were not popular
- the President pointed out that for a pairs movement to be legal all pairs must play 75% of the boards and that at least 24 boards must be played in a session in order that maximum masterpoints may be awarded (this is a correction of what the President originally said having consulted the masterpoint manual since the meeting). This generally meant that two-board rounds would have to be played in sessions where one winner is required
- players are requested to be seated ten minutes before the start of the session to make the director's job somewhat easier
- Red masterpoint sessions do not have to use a movement that produces one winner

The meeting closed at 11:20 am.

CCLC Web Site

The web site has been 'published' and the internet address is

<http://www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au>

Links to the web site have been added to the web sites of the Australian Bridge federation and The NSW Bridge Association.

Results from each session should be available after the director has finished scoring the session. These results must be regarded as provisional as the scoring still has to be checked by the director of the next session - this procedure will not change. If an error is found the session will be re-scored and the results originally published on the internet will be replaced by the corrected version. Constructive comments about the web site, either complimentary or non-complimentary, should be addressed to the President by phone at 4340 4870 or by email to cmi20452@bigpond.net.au or directly if you can catch him at the bridge table (preferably not during the play of a hand!).

Birthday Celebrations

The Birthday celebrations started with the Cruise on Sunday 29th July. About seventy-five members and guests were ready at the Gosford Jetty to board the M. V. Jerry Bailey for a four hour cruise around Brisbane Water. The food



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provided was excellent; the drinks were excellent and the long drawn out Lucky Door prize presentation was excellent. The weather was good – not too hot for those that ventured onto the outside decks and it was interesting to see the Central Coast from the water. The celebration continued with free bridge for the following week and this started off with twenty tables for the Winter Pairs on Monday – the director and his hastily conscripted assistants managed to cope as players kept arriving and three tables had to be placed at the far end of the bowling alley.

Forthcoming Events

3rd Sep - Monday day Monthly Shield (8)
12th Sep - Wednesday Zelda Overhall Cup (R)
21st Sep – Friday Spring Pairs (R)
27th Sep – Thursday Intra-Club Teams (R)
Entry form on the notice board. This event starts at 9:30 am and there will not be a side game.

Recent Promotions

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

Regional Master

Heather Carlile

Graduate Master

Leon Babinski

Recent Results

16th July – July Pairs

1st Robin & Ed Vaughan
2nd Wendy & Colin Mitchell
3rd Patrick Hawkes & Garry Clarke

21st / 28th July Club Teams Championship

Sixteen teams played in this event consisting of six eight board matches.

1st Colin & Wendy Mitchell, Ed & Robin Vaughan
2nd Nancye Joss & Jan Henry, Christine Hadaway & Karen Ody
3rd Gary & Sally Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett

This event was first won in 1987 by
John White, Peter Berzins, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills
and in 1997 by
Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Diana & Peter Coats

30th July – Monday Winter Pairs (R)

1st Pam Lumby & Yvonne Redwin
2nd Christine Hadaway & Karen Ody
3rd Claire O'Connor & Elaine McGorm

11th August – Anniversary Pairs

1st Dorothy & Peter Berzins
2nd Norman Berger & Bill Pinfold
3rd Kathy & John Mitchell

23rd Aug - Thursday Gosford Pairs

1st Liz Kerr & Marie Purkiss
2nd Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon
3rd Bill Pinfold & Phillip Morris

A very close result with Liz & Marie on 228 mps, Helen & Toni on 227.5 and Bill & Phil on 226!

6th August – Monthly Shield (7)

1st Teresa Jensen & Nancy Asquith
2nd Bob Mavin & Graham Winder
3rd Lyn Pears & Nancye Joss

Overall positions after 7 sessions (score/sessions)

1 st	Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears	114/6
2 nd	Norman Berger & Bill Pinfold	87/6
3 rd	Angela & Kevin Dougall	86/5
4 th	Bob Mavin & Graham Winder	82/4
5 th	Nancy Asquith & Teresa Jensen	72/6
6 th	Carol McKellar & June Snedden	68/6

There are three sessions left in this competition – each pairs total score is accumulated from their best six results. Lyn & Nancy would appear to be the favourites as they have one zero score that can be discarded but technically this competition could be won by any of the pairs in the top five.

Colin's Corner

The session on Thursday 12th July had a number of boards with wild distributions – the best (worst?) was Board 2 – dealer East – NS vul

♠ QJ3

♥ J4

♦ KQ

♣ AQT854

♠ KT98754

♥ T5

♦ 72

♣ 97

♠ -

♥ AKQ83

♦ AJT98643

♣ -

♠ A62

♥ 9762

♦ 5

♣ KJ632

I was directing the event (and therefore did not deal the board!) sitting North with Wendy sitting South. LHO opened 1 diamond, Wendy passed, RHO bid 1 spade and I bid 2 clubs showing up to 14 (15?) HCP and either a long club suit or a diamond shortage and at least three cards in each of the other suits. LHO jumped to 4 diamonds and, luckily for us, everybody passed. LHO had no problems in making twelve tricks. Try bidding it with your regular partner and see if you would reach five diamonds. © Colin Mitchell 2007