

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Be a good sport. We play bridge because we love it...help make the game fun for everyone. Observe the simple proprieties and make bridge fair and enjoyable.

Hesitations

You are allowed to think! But if you do take a long time over something, it shows you had other choices. Your partner must not use that information to influence what they do later.

If partner hesitates, you can still pass, double, or bid whatever you want (But without—even subconsciously—using the knowledge that partner apparently had other options).

NO TRICKERY< NO TIP-OFFS

You must not try to help your partner or fool your opponents by anything but bids you make and cards you play.....**BRIDGE IS NOT POKER.**

Don't tip partner off - and ignore partner's tips. Ethical players try to avoid revealing mannerisms. Ignore any information you get from partner's hesitations or mannerisms.

Don't deceive the opponents by hesitations or mannerisms. If you accidentally hesitate without a problem, apologise "sorry—I didn't have anything to hesitate about, I was asleep". *NSW Bridge Association*

MITCHELL AND HOWELL MOVEMENTS

In **BOTH** of these movements the **boards ALWAYS go DOWN a table and the moving players ALWAYS go UP a table.**

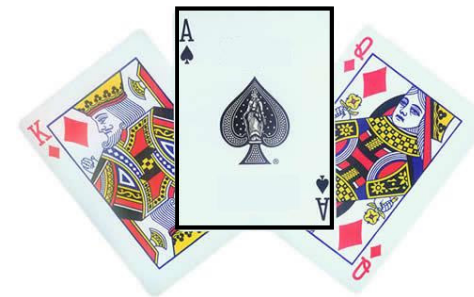
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

New Year's Cup	Wednesday 02 January 2008
Australia Day Pairs	Saturday 26 January 2008
Monthly Shield	Monday 04 February 2008
Intra-Club Teams	Thursday 07 February 2008
Valentine's Day Pairs	Thursday 14 February 2008

A note from the editor.....

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone Thanks for your contribution S E ! Remember any contributions or suggestions are most welcome. There will not be a newsletter for January as I will be enjoying the festive season and enjoying bridge in Canberra. Marilyn Whigham 2007

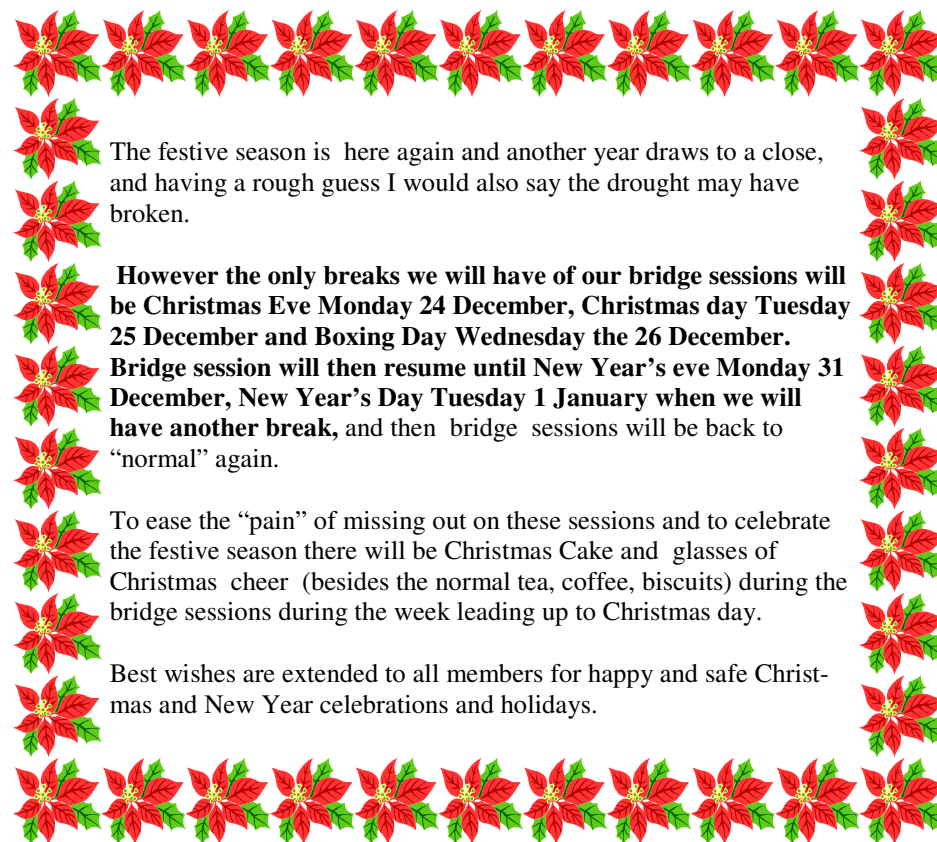
Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2007

Welcome to the December edition of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Newsletter.



The festive season is here again and another year draws to a close, and having a rough guess I would also say the drought may have broken.

However the only breaks we will have of our bridge sessions will be Christmas Eve Monday 24 December, Christmas day Tuesday 25 December and Boxing Day Wednesday the 26 December. Bridge session will then resume until New Year's eve Monday 31 December, New Year's Day Tuesday 1 January when we will have another break, and then bridge sessions will be back to "normal" again.

To ease the "pain" of missing out on these sessions and to celebrate the festive season there will be Christmas Cake and glasses of Christmas cheer (besides the normal tea, coffee, biscuits) during the bridge sessions during the week leading up to Christmas day.

Best wishes are extended to all members for happy and safe Christmas and New Year celebrations and holidays.

IN THE TOP ONE HUNDRED!!!!

Congratulations to Tony Dixon ,Helen Gulliver and Lanie Jespersen , Carol Judd for making the top one Hundred List in the recent Australia Wide Pairs.

RESULTS OF RECENT CLUB EVENTS

President's Cup

- 1 Toni Dixon and Helen Gulliver
- 2 Gwen White and Margo Brennan

Summer Pairs

- 1 Tem Lancaster and Edith Riley
- 2 L Pears and K Ody

Christmas Pairs

- 1 Phillip Morris and Bill Pinfold
- 2 K Ody and L Pears

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT.....

A cleaning woman was applying for a new position. When asked why she left her last employment she replied "Well sir, they paid good wages, but it was the most ridiculous place that I have ever worked. They played a game called BRIDGE, and last night a lot of folk were there. As I was about to bring in the refreshments, I heard a man say...

"I got my strength but no length" and another lady says "take your hand off my trick". I pretty near dropped dead, just when the lady answered...

"You forced me, you jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for a raise." Another lady was talking about her honour and two other ladies were talking and one said...

"Now its time for me to play with your husband and you can play with mine."

Well I went to grab my hat and coat and as I was leaving, I hope to die if I didn't hear one **of** them say

"Well I guess we'll go home now, that was the last rubber!"

(Courtesy of a member initials.... S E)

AU REVOIR

Lorrie and Jim Howarth have been members of our club and have enjoyed playing for twenty years. They have regretfully tendered their resignation as they say that 'father time' has caught up with them..

Many of us have enjoyed playing across the table, (sometimes at peril), from these two players. We can only wish them a fond farewell, and hope that they will drop in to visit from time to time.

DON'T BE SHY CALL DI MARCH ON 43810552

The club endeavours to have a standby for each session , except red point events. However this is not meant to be a regular partnership.

If you are seeking a compatible regular partnership...call Di March on 43810552

Table Money

It would be very helpful if players would try to have the correct table money or at least small notes (NOT \$50), when paying their table money. It only takes a few minutes to change a large note at the cash window downstairs.

LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

John Lehane will be conducting lessons for beginners from Friday 7 March 2008. These lessons will be for eight weeks and will cost \$60. Supervised bridge sessions will be held after the completion of the course.

Ponder on these Imponderable for a minute.....

- 1 When a cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
- 2 If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, does it follow that models are deposed, tree surgeons are debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
- 3 What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?