

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PULPIT

(also known as Colin Mitchell's desk)

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge have been updated and were published in late 2007 to become effective in 2008. The Australian Bridge Federation has decided that these laws will not become effective in Australia until 1 June 2008 in order that Tournament Directors may become familiar with the changes. The major law changes appear to be those affecting Insufficient Bids and Revokes. The club will ensure that our Tournament Directors will receive the necessary information and education before 1 June. However there is one change which players may as well get used to now – Law 7 C has been changed to read “After play has finished, each player should shuffle his/her original thirteen cards, after which he/she restores them to the pocket corresponding to his/her compass position”.

So, don't forget to shuffle those cards - although recommended this is currently not compulsory!

GNOT 2008.

The ABF have issued updated regulations for this competition. One of the major changes will probably affect the composition of your team and is contained in Club Selection paragraph 2. In effect it means that the first time that you play in a team that is successful in earning a place in the Regional Final, that whole team must play in the Regional Final. All members of the team automatically become **non-contending players**, even if the team declines to play in the Regional Final. This means that, if any of these players play in a Club Selection event that finishes after the event in which they qualified, **any** member of the team in which they have played is **ineligible** to play in the Regional Final.

So, make sure that, when playing in your first qualifying event, you are playing in the team with which you wish to play in the Regional Final.

Full details of the competition can be found at <http://users.bigpond.net.au/CCLCBridgeClub/GNOT2007/index.htm>
Colin Mitchell, GNOT Convenor.

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2008

Welcome to the February edition of the Central Coast Leagues Club
Bridge Club Newsletter

The festive season has come to a close, and the Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge has also finished. After a short break the Gold Coast Congress is still to come of course!!

Every bridge player should go at least once to the Summer Festival to experience the exciting atmosphere and the challenging hands at the bridge table. It is a “real buzz”, and the Gold Coast Congress “buzzes” at a more laid back level. It is a great way to start the new year.

Now back to the wonderful world of club bridge.

Congratulations must go to Beverley Moran & Marie Purkiss for winning the New Year's Cup and to Karen Ody and Helen Eaton for winning the Australia Day Pairs.

This month we have the Intra-Club Teams Day on Thursday 7 February and **VALENTINE'S DAY red point event on Thursday 14 February.**

Beginner's Lessons start on Friday 7 March— Friday 25 April. Conducted by John Lehane. The lessons will be for eight weeks each Friday 9.30am.— 11.30am, at a cost of \$60.00.

If you know anyone who would like to learn please encourage them to come and join us. There will be supervised weekly bridge games following the completion of these lessons. Flyers will be distributed over a large area of Gosford to find new players for our club.

Congratulations to the following members for their recent promotions:

Norman Berger *Local Master
Janet Kukura **Local Master
Bob Morris State Master
Vicky Morris *State Master

Going up a ranking is usually a long slog!!

Great news..... Jean Carney is going to kindly donate one of her wonderful and most sought after botanical paintings to raffle for our Charity Day on Tuesday 27 May.

We will of course be selling raffle tickets before this day, beginning in a few weeks. Don't miss the opportunity to win this lovely prize. We will be having raffle books in groups of ten. If you would like to buy and/or sell some tickets please see Di March or Marilyn Whigham. Tickets will cost \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00, a "real steal".

PRESENTATION DAY

Our presentation Day is on Saturday 29 March and it will be a RED POINT DAY. It will be a 10.00AM START, followed by the prize giving luncheon. The cost will be \$20.00 per person for bridge and the luncheon. A notice will be placed on the club notice board and you can indicate whether you want to attend both events or only one of them. Bridge is \$4.00. The luncheon is \$16.00, and is subsidized by the Leagues Club and our Bridge Club if necessary, also providing the refreshments. Come along and enjoy a very pleasant day.

IMPONDERABLES

- 1 If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
- 2 When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
- 3 If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one person enjoys it?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Monday 4 Monthly Shield
Thursday 7 Intra-Club Teams Day
Thursday 14 Valentine's Day Pairs (R)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

Monday 3 Monthly Shield
Thursday 20 Easter Pairs (R)
Wednesday 26 Australia Wide Pairs
Saturday 29 Presentation Lunch Pairs (R)

THINK ABOUT;

GNOT—Club Selection Thursday 10, 17, 24 April
Country Teams Selection Saturday 12, 19 April

Also our two other local affiliated clubs have their Super Congresses:

Central Coast Bridge Club March 14—16
Brisbane Water Bridge Club April 4—6

DON'T BE SHY - RING DI MARCH on 43 81 05 52 if you need a regular partner. Di voluntarily runs our partnership search service. Di will help you to find a compatible partner.

We have standbys for each session (not Monday night) but this is not meant to be a regular partnership.

Opportunity Missed.

My partner and I have on our system card 3NT – Kabel Ace Ask. In this convention an opening bid of 3NT asks about partner's holding in ACES. The four level responses show one ace in the suit bid so 4C – no aces, 4D – ace of diamonds; 4H – ace of hearts; 4S – ace of spades; 4NT – ace of clubs. The five level responses show two aces – the suit bid and a higher ranking ace so that 5C shows the club ace and a higher ranking ace etc.

Playing in the South West Pacific Teams in Canberra an opportunity arose to use this bid when I was dealt the following hand during the last match:

♠ AKQJT7 an ideal opportunity for the bidding to go
♥ 3 3NT (ace ask)
♦ AKQT72 4H (shows heart ace)
♣ - 7S

Looks good doesn't it! Unfortunately it did not happen as I did not recognise the opportunity! 6S making 7 was (luckily) a flat board. CM.