

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

Monday 5	Monthly Shield
Wednesday 7	Bridge for Brains (R)
Saturday 10/17	Swiss Pairs (C)
Wednesday 14	Autumn Pairs (R)
Tuesday 27	Charity Day Pairs (R)
Friday 30	Australia Wide Autumn Pairs

### Colin's Corner

Sounds better than the suggested 'From the President's Pulpit' doesn't it! After about eight months in the position of President it is probably time to look back on the year so far and also look forward to the AGM in August. It has been a steep 'relearning' curve for me— in my initial years as President in 1987—1989 all of our events were scored by hand with a laborious transcription of the masterpoints earned onto a 'ginormous' form that was sent to the ABF Masterpoint Centre at the end of the quarter. Now this is all achieved with the help of a personal computer and the internet. Not that this is necessarily any more accurate—just quicker! Pre-dealt boards were dealt by hand with reference to hand records and this could take literally ages. I remember when Josie and I pre-dealt about 400 boards for a men's teams event for the ABF. I then had to play in the event to make the teams up to a respectable number. I was asked at the time if I remembered any of the hands. Of course not—if I had been able to then I reckon that I would have been able to play at a far higher level than I did then or now!

I have been learning the many tasks that are now necessary to keep our club running in a way that is appreciated by our 300 odd members, and, believe me, there are a lot of them. I have also been carrying out the tasks of Masterpoint Secretary and Tournament Secretary so that I can understand the complexities of these tasks. Both of these jobs will have to be taken on by somebody else after the August AGM. Full training will be given (at no cost).

As most will be aware, the computer 'died' recently. Many thanks to Bill Pinfold for the hours he spent on recovering the windows system and files.

May all your tricks be overtricks - Colin

## Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



## NEWSLETTER

APRIL-MAY 2008

Welcome to the April—May edition of the Central Coast Leagues Club  
Bridge Club Newsletter

**It was a pleasure to see so many club members take advantage of the presentation on defence by David Beauchamp**, and many members have asked for a return visit. This can be arranged if members would let the committee know an aspect of bridge that would be most helpful to them.

**The Presentation Day** luncheon was most enjoyable, with improved attendance. The bridge session was also well supported. A great day had by all!

**The lessons for beginners** are drawing to a close and they will soon be attending supervised bridge sessions to help reinforce the lessons before 'dipping their toes' into regular club sessions. I think we can all remember what a daunting adventure that was when we first started to play.

**Nancye Joss will be starting intermediate bridge lessons from Friday 16 May— Friday 25 July; six lessons for \$50.00 or \$10.00 per lesson.** A poster is on the notice board with a list for names. This is a good opportunity for players who wish to improve their game.

**The starting time of the Tuesday bridge session will revert to 12.30pm from Tuesday 6 May in response to requests by members.**

**DON'T BE SHY ..ring DI March on 43810552 for a compatible partner. We have standbys (except red point and Monday night sessions). The latter is not meant to be a regular partnership.**

**Congratulations to the following members for their recent promotions:**

Margot McGuinness	Regional Master
Helen Smith	Local Master
Michael Newman	Local Master
Norman Berger	**Local Master
Paul Unger	Regional Master
Nancye Davies	State Master
Dorothy Storey-Wilson	Bronze Life Master

**Congratulations to the following members for their Intra-Club Performances as at 31 March 2008.** The ABF Master point Centre issues a list quarterly to each club of the top 50 master point winners in each club. The first 10 are listed below; for the full list see the club notice board.

1 Toni Dixon	6 Lorraine Harkness
2 Helen Gulliver	7 Bob Morris
3 Marie Purkiss	8 Adele Mills
4 Karen Ody	9 Teresa Jensen
5 Lanie Jespersen	10 Camilla Barlow

**Congratulation to the following members who are the winners of recent club events:**

Intra Club Teams	Peter & Dorothy Berzins Lorraine Harkness & Bernie Davidson
Valentine's Day Pairs	Lanie Jespersen & Adele Mills
Easter Pairs	John Tagg & Dick Wilson
Presentation Day Pairs	Karen Ody & Christine Hadaway
Graded Pairs	A Joyce Small & Geoff Van Eden B Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen
Country Teams	Teresa Jensen, June Ball Helen Ferguson, Joyce Small

**Please mark in your bridge club programme book: Australia Wide Autumn Pairs Friday 30 May, as this event has been added.**

**CHARITY DAY is to be held on Tuesday 27 May to support the Pandora Charity at Gosford Hospital.** This group supports patients and their families who “fall through the cracks” at Gosford Hospital. We are running a raffle to raise money for this charity and tickets are available at the club, priced at 3 for \$2.00 or \$1.00 each.

**1st prize Botanical painting donated by artist Jean Carney**

**2nd prize : Table Runner, handcrafted and donated by Dasha Brandt, plus \$30.00 voucher**

**3rd prize: Hamper**

**4th, 5th, 6th prizes: CCLC vouchers**

**7th to 10th prizes: bottles of wine**

**We need donations from members for the hamper and these can be brought into the clubroom. Please support the club for this charity.**

A red point event will also be held on this day. Charity Day starts at 11.30am—bridge:12.30pm.

**Meeting rooms at the Leagues Club are now at a premium** due to the renovations on the second floor, with the removal of meeting rooms.

**The committee would like to suggest to members that, if they were to swipe their membership card in the machine that is provided near the bottle shop/office at main entrance of the club each time they come to the club, it may be beneficial to the bridge club.** If the club has a record of how many of us are coming to the club it may help us in the future when we need our yearly bookings for bridge sessions and activities.

**IMPONDERABLES**

1 **Why** does the toaster have a setting that the toast burns to a horrible crisp that no-one would ever eat?

2 **Why** does mineral water, that has trickled down mountains for centuries, have a use by date?

3 **What** do people in China call their good quality plates?

**EDITOR'S DESK**

This has been the “busiest” beginning of the bridge new year that I can remember for a long time. Even Easter came early! I would like to apologise to members for the late arrival of the April newsletter. This is why I have made this edition as an April-May edition. Hopefully I will remain “ahead of the race” for the remainder of the year.

Cheers, Marily Whigham