

**Central Coast  
Leagues Club  
Bridge Club**



**NEWSLETTER**

**July 2008**

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**This meeting will be held on Saturday 9 August 2008 at 10.30pm. The closing date for notices of motions is Saturday 19 July 2008. There is a form on the notice board for nominations for any position on the committee.**

**We will be holding daytime lessons starting on Friday 5 September 2008.** If you know anybody who you think would like to learn tell them about the lessons and give them Camilla's phone number (43249701). These lessons will be run by John Lehane - *if there are enough people who wish to learn during the evening we can do that also.*

**Our first three week Grand National Pairs Club Selection event** started on Wednesday 9 July with six and a half tables of players below the rank of Life Master. **Our second event starts on Friday 1 August and also runs for three weeks.** Qualifiers will play in the Regional Final (early September) and the top four pairs from this event will qualify to play in the National Final in Canberra in January 2009.

**Protected Players,** please remember to play a simple system against these players, and be kind enough not to double them in a contract you think they might lose.

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

Queen's Birthday Pairs 1 Dorothy and Peter Berzins  
2 Jack Lindsay and Toni Dixon  
3 Robyn and Ed Vaughan

Henry Kendall Pairs 1 Judy Wulff and Jacqui Wilson  
2 Marie Purkiss and Elizabeth Lawrence  
3 Wendy and Colin Mitchell

**SWIPING CAN BE FUN AND A GOOD THING.....**

Thank you for swiping your membership card when you enter the club.

**CHANGES TO BRIDGE LAWS effective 1 June 2008**

Here are some more changes which may interest you.

***Insufficient Bid..... Law 27,... the Director must be called***

In most cases under the new laws, the insufficient bidder, is able to correct the call eg; Opener bids 4NT ace ask and responder bids 4H (really meaning to bid 5H showing two aces), the director can allow the call to be made sufficient.. The old law would not allow this change.

***Revokes..... Law 64C..... The Director must be called***

Under the new laws there is a transfer of two tricks only where the offending player wins the revoke trick and their side wins subsequent trick(s). If the offending side did not win the Revoke trick, but won subsequent tricks then one trick is transferred to the non-offending side. However Law 64C allows the Director to award a different score if the non-offending side is clearly damaged by applying the Law.

### **Colin's Comments.**

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is to be held on Saturday 9 August starting at 10:30 am.

I always find it interesting in other groups of which I am a member to hear people complaining about problems that occur in the day-to-day running of the organisation. When I ask them if they have talked to the committee about these problems they generally say no! So this is your chance to congratulate the committee on the wonderful (?) job that they have done in the last year, to bring to the attention of the committee any problems that you may have with the way the club is being run or to make suggestions about the way you would like the club to be run in the year to come

Do not pass up this golden opportunity! If you feel really strongly about the management of the club and feel that you could contribute, then the nomination form is on the notice board.

### **BRIDGE TRIVIA**

**The Stayman Convention...** Is a popular convention used as an enquiry when one partner has made a 1NT bid.. Where does the name come from? You might be surprised to learn that the Stayman convention was actually invented individually by two men who were bridge partners of a very successful and famous American bridge player named Sam Stayman, (1909-1993). The actual individual inventors of the convention were George Rapee and Victor Mitchell, successful bridge players in their own right.. Sam wrote an article in the Bridge World Magazine in 1945 , and the convention has taken his name ever since.

**The Namyats Convention....is a 4C or 4D strong pre emptive transfer opening** You might be interested to know that this is Stayman spelt backwards!! This convention was originally known as the Mitchell Transfer, Victor was also a regular partner of Sam Stayman Maybe they thought that Namyats had a better ring to it than Mitchell spelt backwards (Llehctim)!!

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

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| Monday 7          | Monthly Shield                                    |
| Wednesday 9,16, 2 | Grand National Pairs ( <b>under Life Master</b> ) |
| Monday 28         | Winter Pairs ®                                    |
| Thursday 31       | Australia Wide Pairs Local Master* and below      |

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Fridays 1,8,15 | Grand National Open Pairs     |
| Monday 4       | Monthly Shield                |
| Saturday 9     | AGM 10.30am                   |
|                | Anniversary Pairs (R) 12.30pm |
| Thursday 14    | Gosford Pairs ®               |
| Saturday 30    | GNOT REGIONAL FINAL           |
| Sunday 31      | GNOT REGIONAL FINAL           |

**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.**

### **DID YOU KNOW????????**

That... ham and eggs is a day's work for a chicken, and a lifetime commitment for a pig!

That... A shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

That... A fine is a tax for doing wrong and a tax is a fine for doing well..

That... A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Not to....take life too seriously —— no one gets out alive.!

Happy Bridging

Marilyn Whigham

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