

**Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

August 2008

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

The annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 9 August 2008.

The members are :	President	Colin Mitchell
	Vice-President	Marilyn Whigham
	Secretary	Camilla Barlow
	Treasurer	Wendy Mitchell
	Committee	Norm Berger
		Elizabeth Lawrence
		Di March

A report on the annual general meeting will be available on our website at the beginning of September.

BEGINNER LESSONS. will start on Friday 5 September for 8 weeks, conducted by John Lehane at a cost of \$60. If you know of anyone who would like to learn please tell them about these lessons.

DAVID BEAUCHAMP is coming back to give a seminar on Declarer Play. His last seminar was so popular that we have booked another one at our members' request. The seminar will be on Wednesday 15 October, 2008 at a cost of \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. An attendance list is on the notice board. We need an indication of numbers as boards are to be prepared.

INTER-CLUB TEAMS. Will be held at our club on Thursday 25 September. This is an all day event, beginning at 9.30am, at a cost of \$50 per team. Enter by entry form on the notice board, call Marilyn on 43411105, or email ; cclcbridgeclub@bigpond.com.au. **Closing date is Monday 22 September 2008.**

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

Winter Pairs : Lorraine Harkness & Jan Davis

Club Teams : Robin & Ed Vaughan
Wendy & Colin Mitchell

Anniversary Pairs : Doreen & Tony Collis

Gosford Pairs : Bill Pinfold & Phillip Morris

Monthly Shield Leaders as at 4 August 2008

1	Camilla Barlow & David Bowerman	118
2	Toni Dixon & Jack Lindsay	80
3	Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears	74

The Grand National Pairs event was cancelled due to lack of entries.

CHANGES TO BRIDGE LAWS effective 1 June 2008

Here are some more changes which may interest you.

Law 9

Any player (not just dummy) now has the right to try to prevent an irregularity (such as a call out of rotation) or a lead from the wrong hand) from being committed. However, once an infraction has occurred, dummy is still prohibited from calling attention to it until after the conclusion of play.

Laws 42 & 61

Dummy can still ask declarer (but not the defenders) when he/she has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he/she has a card of the suit led. The defenders also have the right to ask each other (or if they so wish the declarer).

Club History

The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club was founded out of a need for a central venue in Gosford. The original decision to approach the Central Coast Leagues Club was made over a game of golf by four founding members Bill Thomson, Peter Berzins, Lionel Blunden (now deceased) and Geoff Van Eden. Thirty bridge players attended the inaugural meeting at the club on 11 June 1987. A further nine bridge players sent their apologies to the meeting. An interim committee was elected for a period of three months. The committee members were :

President: Colin Mitchell
Vice President: Bill Thomson
Secretary: Dorothy MacLean
Treasurer: Adele Mills

General Committee Helen Telford, Marty Houtman, Peter Berzins.

Mrs Zelda Overhall (now deceased) was appointed as the Patron of the Club because of her outstanding work over the previous 13 years in the cause of bridge on the Central Coast.

The Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club was formally approved by the Board of Directors of the CC Leagues Club on 29 June 1987. A general meeting of the Bridge Club was held on 17 September 1987 and the interim committee was confirmed, a constitution was adopted and it was resolved that the club become affiliated with the NSWBA.

The Bridge Club commenced operations on the Thursday 6th August 1987.

The inaugural pairs session had a good roll up of 36 players and was won by Dr Randall Harkness and Mrs. Lorraine Harkness.

The current membership is about 280. The majority of members of the Club are retired from the workforce so most playing sessions are held during the day. Currently six daily sessions are held on every day except Sunday and there is an evening session on Monday. Thirteen of the original thirty nine members still play regularly at our club

(Taken from our web site)

FAREWELL TO A REGULAR PLAYER..... Joan Couchman

Joan regrettably informed the annual general meeting held on 9 August 2008 that she is no longer able to play at our club due to health reasons. Joan has been a long time enthusiastic player at our bridge tables and we bid her a fond farewell, but not goodbye, as she will still be living here on the coast.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday 1	Monthly Shield
Friday 5	Spring Pairs (R)
Wednesday 10	Zelda Overhall Cup (R)
Thursday 25	Inter Club Teams (no side game)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Monday 8	Monthly Shield
Thursday 16,23	Restricted Teams (R) State & Below
Friday 24	Foundation Cup (R)
Tuesday 28	Australia Wide Pairs

DON'T BE SHY.....ring Di March on 43810552 for a compatible partner. We have standbys (except for red point and Monday night sessions).

DID YOU KNOW????????

That ..The mind can be like a parachute? It works better when mind is open..

That ..Police were called to a day care centre where a three year old was resisting a rest?

That ... A bicycle cannot stand alone; it is two tired!

That.... Bakers trade bread on a knead to know basis!

That ... A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion!

That ... Consciousness is that annoying time between naps!

Happy Bridging

Marilyn Whigham

Editor