

**Central Coast  
Leagues Club  
Bridge Club**



**NEWSLETTER**

**September 2008**

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

**Our beginner lessons started on Friday with an attendance of 20 people.**

Thank you very much to our club members who encouraged people to come along, by distributing flyers and 'word of mouth'. We also placed advertisements in the Express, community centres, and mailed out flyers to retirement villages and community clubs. John Lehane will give them a great introduction to the game of bridge that entertains, intrigues and frustrates us...but we keep coming back!!

**Enter for the Inter Club Teams** by Monday 22 September. This all day event will be held at our club on Thursday 25 September beginning at 9.30am.

**RESTRICTED TEAMS..** A change has been made to the entry requirements for this event. Each team must have a total of less than 400 master-points as at 30 June 2008, instead of being restricted to State Master and below.

**David Beauchamp's Seminar on Declarer play on Wednesday 15 October** begins at 10.00am costing \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non members. An attendance list is on the notice board, and payment can be made to a director or committee member. David's seminar is well worth attending.. Why not stay for the afternoon bridge session and make a day of it!!

**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 who are the winners of the recent club event.**

**Spring Pairs:**        Bob Mavin & John White

**GNOTS Regional Final Results**

The winners of the Central Coast Regional Final will be going to Banora Point (Tweed Heads) for the National Final on Friday 28 November - Monday 1 December. The two winning teams are:

- 1     Adele Mills, Nancye Joss, Angela Dougall, Kevin Dougall
- 2     Karen Ody, Christine Hadaway, Virginia Dressler, Carolyn Molloy

Congratulations to the teams members.

**BRIDGE FOR CHILDREN.... by Wendy Mitchell**

Following suggestions by Paul Unger in relation to developing new bridge players, I recently approached the Principal of Gosford Public school re introducing bridge to students in the Opportunity Classes.

He was in favour, as the school tries to provide activities in the two 30-minute breaks student have each day. So far I have conducted three sessions in the school library for 30 minutes on a Monday morning, with 16, 15 and 11 students attending.

I am teaching a game called 'MiniBridge' which is almost identical to bridge as we know it, but without any bidding!! Essentially the cards are dealt, players count high card points and then announce their points. The partnership with the most wins the contract and declarer is the person with the most points in the partnership.

Dummy is now laid down and declarer decides on a contract – NT or suit, part score or game. The lead and play now proceed as normal and tricks/games scored as in the standard game. The big motivation is that the game is hands on from the beginning – students will learn card play and defence 'on the job'.

This game is played in schools in England, Europe and the USA. It is so effective that the English Bridge Union recommends it for adult beginners too. You may like to teach your grandchildren, or simply practise hands yourself using MiniBridge.

You can read all about it at [www.ebu.co.uk/education/minibridge/default.htm](http://www.ebu.co.uk/education/minibridge/default.htm) or [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) and download freeware called Blue Chip MiniBridge from [www.bluechipbridge.co.uk/MiniBridge.htm](http://www.bluechipbridge.co.uk/MiniBridge.htm)

**POSITION VACANT**      **Trainee Webmaster**

Expressions of interest are invited from anyone who would like to be the 'backup webmaster'. The requirements are

Good knowledge of computers.

Good knowledge of MS Word and MS Excel

Knowledge of web page creation and maintenance (such as Frontpage) would be great but training will be given.

Able on occasion to spend time updating and / or fixing the club web site

The job can be done from home but it may occasionally be necessary to spend time at the club.

No pay - just the satisfaction of carrying out an interesting job and keeping the members happy.

Interested persons should contact Colin either when at the club or by ringing 43404870 or emailing [cmi20452@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cmi20452@bigpond.net.au)

**POSITION FILLED**      **Masterpoint Secretary**

Sue Eastman is gradually taking over the position of Club Masterpoint Secretary. Colin Mitchell has filled this position for the past year .

**PUBLISHING OF BRIDGE SESSION RESULTS**

The procedure that is carried out by the directors when scoring a single session is too long to be included in the Newsletter. A copy is posted on the club notice board and a second copy is at the front of the Recap Sheets file. If there appears to be a problem with the scores please read these first and it may answer any query.

**TOURNAMENT ORGANISER.**

The new Laws of Duplicate Bridge have introduced the position of Tournament Organizer who "is responsible for arranging and preparing a tournament or event". As Vice-President Marilyn takes on this responsibility. Her powers and duties are defined in Law 80.B on pages 79/80 of the Laws. If you have any queries about a session or tournament please ask Marilyn in the first instance. If Marilyn is unavailable and the query is about the scoring of a session please ask the director of the session; any other queries should be referred to Colin.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED.....**the tablecloths on the folding bridge tables no longer slip all over the table top? Many thanks must go to Teresa Jensen who has made us "under cloths" for our tables solving this problem.

**SYSTEM CARDS.....**Please remember that these are a requirement at the bridge table. It also helps if each partnership has identical system cards!!!!

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday 10	Zelda Overhall Cup®
Thursday 25	Inter Club Teams 9.30am start

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

Monday 6	Monthly Shield Rnd 9
Wednesday 15	David Beauchamp Seminar 10.00am start
Thursday 16,23	Restricted Teams (total under 400mp per team)
Friday 24	Foundation Cup®
Tuesday 28	Australia Wide Pairs

### **BRIDGE TRIVIA.....**

Bridge is the world's most popular card game and is played at a competitive level by over 20 million players world wide

The origins of bridge can be traced back to the whist card game first played in the 16th century.

The card game known as bridge was first played in the 1890's in London and New York.

The American multi millionaire Harold Vanderbilt decided that insufficient bonuses were given to players who contracted to make a high level of tricks playing Auction Bridge. Whilst on a cruise in 1925 he devised a new set of bonuses and method of bidding. This transformed the game from Auction to Contract Bridge. Some of the changes are still in use today

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

That to write with a broken pencil is pointless?

That A dentist and a manicurist fight tooth and nail?

That The professor who discovered the theory on earthquakes was on shaky ground?

That the guy who had his left side cut off, is all right!

*That... Life is not measured by the number of breathes we take...but by the moments that take our breath away!!!*

**Happy Bridging**

**Marilyn Whigham**

**Editor.**