

**Central Coast  
Leagues Club  
Bridge Club**



**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009**

**Welcome to the February/ March edition of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Newsletter.**

Our first Inter Club Teams Day was held on Thursday 5 February 2009 with 20 teams playing in the competition. Many thanks must go to the director and the members who helped with the catering and many tasks on the day

**Presentation Day Pairs (R) Saturday 14 March 2009 at 9.45 am Luncheon at 1.30pm.** Please add your name to the entry form on the club notice board. Closing date and payment for these events is Thursday 12 March 2009.

**BRIDGE LESSONS.**

Our committee has reluctantly accepted Nancye Joss's resignation as a bridge teacher at our club. Many of us have benefitted and learned from Nancye's bridge teaching. **Thank you very much Nancye.**

A beginners course and intermediate lessons will be held after Easter, at dates to be set. John Lehane will be roaming all over Australia, shortly, in his "gypsy caravan" with Joan.

Lorraine Harkness has kindly agreed to teach a beginner's course and intermediate lessons. Please alert anyone you might know who would like to learn or improve their bridge.

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

<b>New Year's Cup:</b>	Wendy Mitchell & Colin Mitchell
<b>Australia Day Pairs</b>	Vicky Morris & Bob Morris
<b>Club Mixed Pairs</b>	Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

**Monthly Shield - Rnd I**      Helen Smith & Hilary Owen

**Congratulations to :**      Ilse Morrone now a Graduate Master  
Mei-Hua Crawford now a Local Master  
Beryl Morton now a Local Master

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE meets approximately every six weeks**

The purpose of the committee is to ensure that special events such as the Club Mixed Pairs, Inter Club Teams etc are run properly. At each meeting the committee reviews the special events run since the last meeting and plans the special events that are to be run in the next six weeks. If you are interested in these matters please come along and participate - no experience necessary and you will not be expected to actually do anything except perhaps gain some knowledge of how tournaments are / should be run! The next meeting is at 10 am on Monday 23 February in the Drake Room. Just turn up!

**BRIDGE TRIVIA..** A deck of cards weighs about 100gms. If you had a separate deck of cards for each possible bridge deal, how much would all the decks weigh? (answer on back page).

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

**WHY...** did the little girl throw the butter away? Because she wanted to see the butter-fly!!

### **Inter Club Teams.**

The first Central Coast Inter Club Teams event for 2009 was held on Thursday 5 February 2009, directed by Lorraine Harkness.

The winners on the day were

1. Dressler Virginia Dressler & Kerrie Johnman,  
Peter Johnman & Jan Clarke
2. Lindsay Jack Lindsay & Marilyn Whigham,  
Justine Harkness & Bernie Davidson
3. Dougall Kevin & Angela Dougall, Ed & Sylvia Mallinson

However on Friday morning 6th February Team 8 (Ody) advised that their result against Team 1 (Dressler) for round 4 as shown on the club's web site was incorrect and that Team 8 had won the match. On inspection the result slip for round 4, signed by both team captains, showed Team 1 winning by 27 imps to 15 imps.

Team 1 was consulted and it was agreed that in fact Team 8 had won the match by 27 imps to 15 imps and that the result slip given to the Director was incorrect.

After consultation with members of the committee, the Director and both teams it has been agreed that (a) the event will be rescored so that all teams will receive their correct masterpoints and (b) the prizes as presented on Thursday afternoon will not be changed.

As a result of the event being rescored the final positions are :

1. Lindsay Jack Lindsay & Marilyn Whigham,  
Justine Harkness & Bernie Davidson
- 2= Dressler Virginia Dressler & Kerrie Johnman,  
Peter Johnman & Jan Clarke
- 2= Dougall Kevin & Angela Dougall, Ed & Sylvia Mallinson

Colin Mitchell, President.

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2009.**

Monday 2                      Monthly Shield Round 2 (C)

**Please note that there will not be bridge session on**

**Monday *EVENING 2 March 2009.***

Wednesdays 11,18,25   Grand National Pairs—restricted to pairs who have not achieved the rank of Life Master at 1 January 2009.

**Saturday 14                      Presentation Day**  
**Pairs (R) 9.45am start**  
**Luncheon 1.30pm**

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL 2009.**

Monday 6                      Monthly Shield Round 3 (C)

Wednesday 8                  Easter Pairs (R)

Tuesday 14                    Graded Pairs (C)

**There will not be a bridge session on Monday *EVENING 13 April***

**There will not be a bridge session on Good Friday 10 April**

Saturday 25                    Anzac Day Pairs (R)

### **Money Matters**

You may have noticed that we had about \$6700 in a fixed deposit, \$800 in Petty Cash and only about \$800 in the bank at the end of January. Purchase of a new desktop computer, dealing machine and laptop computer since November has reduced our ready funds somewhat. Thank you to the Central Coast Leagues Club for paying the cost of the laptop: \$1199 (part of the annual cash support of \$2690). This enabled us save \$167 by paying our NSWBA affiliation fees before January 31.

Interclub Teams Day on February 5 produced a profit and in recent weeks table numbers have been quite high. The costs of Presentation Day on March 14 are partly defrayed by Leagues Club support of \$14 per person for up to 72 people. As a result I expect our funds to recover quite soon!

*Wendy Mitchell, Treasurer*

### **Evening Beginners**

Eleven people have begun eight weeks of Beginners' lessons at Kincumber Community College. I have started these players with playing, not bidding, in the same way that I taught students at Gosford Primary. Even though some have played a little bridge before, they have found this approach useful. However, next week (Lesson 3) I will start tackling the complexities of bidding.

I will be informing students about local clubs but my hope is to attract some new players to our club. We are particularly keen to attract people who still work and who may be therefore able to play on a Monday night – the same night as the lessons.

The college will be advertising Bridge for Beginners again in Term 2, as well as Bridge for Improvers. So, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please refer them to Tuggerah Lakes (Kincumber) Community College: [www.tlcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tlcc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 4388 4574

*Wendy Mitchell*

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

**ANSWER To Trivia Question...**There are about 54 octillion (27 zeros) of possible bridge deals. If each one weighed a gram they would weigh 54 sextillion (21 zeros) tonnes.

The earth weighs 6 sextillion tonnes, so if each deck weighs 100gms, all the bridge deals would weigh 900 times as much as earth (Aust. Bridge Oct/Nov 2008).

**IMPONDERABLES...** What disease did a cured ham actually have? If electricity comes from electron, does morality come from morons? Why are you **in** a movie but **on** TV?

Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

*Happy Bridging*

*Marilyn Whigham*

*Editor*