

**Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY 2009.

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

Our Presentation Day on Saturday 14 March 2009 proved to be very enjoyable. Thank you to everybody involved with the preparations for the luncheon and also to the bridge director of the day. More importantly it was wonderful to see so many of our members supporting both the bridge session and the lunch.

Bridge Lessons for beginners will be held for an eight week period starting on Monday 1 May, 2009, from 9.30am—11.30am. These lessons will also have a number of “follow-up lessons” held at the same time and place. If you know anyone who would like to learn to play bridge, or has been to lessons before please encourage them to come along. The teacher will be Lorraine Harkness and notes will be provided for each lesson. The cost is \$60.00 for the 8 week course and \$30.00 if the person has attended a previous beginners course at our club. Enrolment can be made by contacting Lorraine on 43 42 36 38, Camilla Barlow on 43 24 97 01 or by email to ccclbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

We have had some wonderful support from members willing to distribute flyers around the area. New flyers have been printed for this new course. If you are walkers and willing to do this job for our club, please ask a committee member or director for a supply, and just tell us where you can deliver them.

DON'T BE SHY ring Di March on 43 81 05 52 for a compatible partner. We have standbys (except for Monday night session). The latter is not meant to be a regular partnership.

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS WILL BE HELD ON :

Good Card play Monday 20 April 2009 at 9.30am-11.30am

Playing No Trumps Monday 20 April, 2009 at 9.30am-11.30am
Planning the play on the Rule of “7”, plus good
defence including using “hold up tactics”.
Lorraine Harkness A.B.T.A will be the teacher at a cost of \$10.00 per lesson.

ADVANCED 3 LESSON COURSE on MULTI “2’s”.

Multi 2 Diamond Monday 3 May 2009 at 9.30am-11.30am

Multi 2 suiter Monday 10 May 2009 at 9.30am-11.30am

Defending against multi 2’s Monday 17 May 2009 at 9.30am-11.30am
How to bid over the multi 2’s.

Lorraine Harkness A.B.T.A. will be the teacher at \$27.50 for the entire course or
\$10.00 for each session.

Lorraine recommends that it would be beneficial to attend the entire course, but if
you cannot, please come along to the lesson/s that most interest you.

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

Grand National Pairs This was a three session event

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| 1 | Doreen Collis & Tony Collis |
| 2 | Di March & Margot Williams |
| 3 | Dawn Sherriff & Michael Newman |

Presentation Day Pairs Bob Morris & Vicky Morris

Monthly Shield Round 2 Lyn Pears & Nancye Joss

WATER COOLER Our water cooler is not fitted for tipping leftover
tea, coffee or water. Please desist from this practice, as under the taps has become
really dirty of late, and we do not employ a cleaner.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

From The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007

Law 40 A. Players' Systemic Agreements states:

1 (a) Partnership understandings as to the methods adopted by a partnership may be reached explicitly in discussion or implicitly through mutual experience or awareness of the players.

(b) Each partnership has a duty to make available its partnership understandings to opponents before commencing play against them. The Regulating Authority specifies the manner in which this shall be done.

Law 40 C. Deviation from System and Psychic Action states:

1. A player may deviate from his side's announced understandings always provided that his partner has no more reason to be aware of the deviation than have the opponents. Repeated deviations lead to implicit understandings which then form part of the partnership's methods and must be disclosed in accordance with the regulations governing disclosure of the system. If the Director judges there is undisclosed knowledge that has damaged the opponents he shall adjust the score and may award a procedural penalty.

Although a psychic or "bluff" bid can be legitimate if it meets the requirements of Law 40 C 1(a)

IT IS NOT ENCOURAGED IN OUR CLUB.

When a psychic bid turns out well for the player who psyches, the opponents are often very cross to say the least!

Frequently the psycher comes off badly, since partner, who is also fooled, can bid too high, double the opposition in an unbeatable contract, or take some other kind of suicidal action.

Psychic bidding undermines partnership trust and is rarely used by top tournament players.

At bridge ... friendliness is the best policy. Don't let the premium lapse!

(Harold Levitt, Delaware U.S.A.).

Bridge is an enjoyable pastime at our club, Let us keep it this way.

SEMINAR ON HAND EVALUATION AND OPENING LEADS
PRESENTED BY DAVID BEACHAMP

David Beauchamp, one of our best Australian Bridge Players, will be presenting a seminar for Central Coast Leagues Club members and non members.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday 27 May 2009 from 10.00am—12.30pm.
The cost will be \$5.00 per person (members and non members).

Entries can be made by placing your name on the entry form at the club, by email to cclcbriidgeclub@bigpond.com.au or by telephone to Marilyn on 43 41 11 05
The entry fee is payable by Friday 22 May 2009 and a receipt will be issued.
Late entries will be accepted.

We are very lucky to have a subsidy from the NSW Bridge Association that allows us to present this seminar at minimal cost to our club.

WHY NOT STAY ON and apply what you have learnt at our Wednesday bridge session beginning at 1.30pm.

R.S.A (Responsible Service of Alcohol) Certificate

Do you have one?? Due to the 'belt tightening' (have you noticed?) here at the Leagues Club we can no longer have a drink waiter unless we pay for one, This applies if we have a number under 50 people. If you would be willing to supply a copy of the certificate to the Leagues Club we can have our own volunteer. Please let a committee member know if you are willing to do this for one of our functions. It will be very much appreciated.

Have you ever noticed?....that when you blow in a dog's face he is liable to get mad at you? But when you take him out in the car he sticks his head out of the window!!

Bridge Songs

I think we all might be familiar with the following:

<i>It's Not Unusual</i>	partner's scream after you misinterpret his 2NT bid?
<i>Monday Monday</i>	what you wish for after single-handedly blowing the Swiss Teams on Sunday!
<i>The Second Time Around</i>	the usual occasion when your ace is trumped!
<i>Somethin' Stupid</i>	whichever line of play you decide to take!
<i>Til The End Of Time</i>	normal duration before admitting your bridge mistakes!

Did You know?

Waiting for

Bridge can be a waiting game??

Team mates to score up

Next set to start

Next board

Partner to show up at table

Next hand where we'll be declarer

Next hand where we'll be dummy

Scores to be displayed

Draw for the next round

Opponents to stuff up

Favourite system gadget to come up ... and

Waiting for the horror set to be OVER!!!

(from Australian Bridge Magazine)

WHY DID?

The elephant cross the road?? (answer on back page).

Saturday Bridge will now be held in the Cue Room adjacent to the Drake Room.

We hope this will prove to be a more suitable venue. This room does not seem to be very busy on a Saturday afternoon. The billiard players are usually at the end of the room. The committee apologies to the director and the players who bravely played in glacial conditions in the Scenic Lounge on Saturday 27 March 2009. We do not have much choice of rooms these days.

Have you ever heard a bridge player say?

Great!! More new alerts!! More new alerts!!

No matter which direction we sit the cards always go our way.

I don't fee like bridge today — I'd rather jog and work out.

No — I don't think tournament fees are too high.

No gossip please. I am not interested.

Important Bridge Rules.**Rule of 11**

The inevitable trick total whenever you bid slam.

Eight ever Nine never

The status quo whenever you raise 2NT to 3NT

Second Hand Low

The easiest way to lose your aces in defence.

Lead through Strength

A sure fire way to make your queens disappear.

Did you hear about?

The bridge player who asked "How should I have played that hand? The partner answered " Under an assumed name!"

Did you know?**That light travels faster than sound.**

That is why some bridge players appear bright until you hear them speak in the post mortem!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL 2009.

Monday 6	Monthly Shield Round 3
Wednesday 8	Easter Pairs (R)
Tuesday 14	Graded Pairs (C)
Saturday 25	Anzac Day Pairs (R)

There will not be a bridge session on the following days

- Good Friday 10 April 2009
- Monday *EVENING* 13 April 2009

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2009.

Monday 4	Monthly Shield Round 4
Wednesday 6	Bridge for Brains (R)
Monday 28	Australia Wide Pairs

Monday 11, 18, 25 at 7:15 pm
GNOT Club Qualifying— Pre entry is required.

*** Please note that the Country Teams are now scheduled for Saturday 15, 22 August 2009.. Pre entry will be required.

Answer to WHY DID? Because it was the chicken's day off!!
(from granddaughter Kristie, age 9)

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT -

The new player who was not familiar with bridge protocol? When an infraction occurred at the table she knew that someone should be called,... but the player could not for the life of her remember who??? Finally she raised her hand out of desperation and said.....**WAITER!!!** (Ron Klinger)

The police recruit who was asked during an exam "What would you do if you had to arrest your mother?" He answered..."Call for back up!!"

You don't stop laughing because you grow older. You grow old because you STOP LAUGHING!!

Happy Bridging

Marilyn Whigham

Editor