

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

JUNE / JULY 2009.

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

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part in our recent Charity Day for Pandora. It was a very enjoyable day and to top that off, we raised \$1762.55 as well on the day. With extra money raised in following days and the addition of our table money for the day, and a very small 'top up' the committee decided to add from our funds we will be donating \$2000.00 to Pandora this year!!!

It was wonderful how our members worked together. Jean Carney generously donated one of her beautiful artworks as first prize in the raffle, Elke Henler gathered prizes from West Gosford Pharmacy, West Gosford Butchery, The Fruit Spot, Michel's Patisserie and True Colours Hairdressing. A big thank you to those businesses for their donations. Lorraine Harkness provided afternoon tea, generous members donated items and cash, and other generous members bought the items!! Our great sales assistants were Norm and Margaret Berger, Betty Adler and Elaine McGorm. Di March was the 'stage manager of the festivities' and her enthusiasm rubbed off on everyone. Leyla Moncelet was our delightful director of the bridge session. A representative from Pandora will be attending a Monday bridge session to receive the cheque.

Jan Macadie's granddaughter Sophie won 1st Prize (Jean's painting), Les Mills won the Hamper, 3rd Anne Stimpson, June Rado, Don Holmes and Bill Thomson took their choice from the remaining prizes.

COLIN'S CORNER

The General meeting to change the Rules was held on Monday 1 June. Both proposed changes to the Rules were passed. The major change was necessary mainly as a result of the changes made by the Leagues Club to their method of collection of membership fees. From January next year the Treasurer will be responsible for the collection of bridge club membership fees (currently \$6.50) and the ABF & NSWBA capitation fees (currently \$8 & \$12 respectively). As a result I expect that there will be a reduction in membership of about twenty. These members have in the past have paid their membership fee automatically but have not played bridge at the club - in some cases for a number of years. The second amendment increased the total committee members from seven to nine and this may well be the more important change. Two of the general committee members will be nominated for the positions of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer respectively so that when either of these officers are away their duties can be carried out with minimum disruption. The comment was made at the meeting that it is difficult to find committee members - this may well be the case but, as I said at the conclusion of the meeting, if no volunteers for committee positions are forthcoming, I can see the club going out of existence in the next four or five years. At least three of the current committee are 'recycled' members having held similar positions for this and / or other clubs in the past and it is unfair to expect them to "keep on keeping on".

Colin Mitchell

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS

This event was played in 69 clubs across Australia. Although our numbers were down (40 compared with 50 last year) the players generosity was UP. Many thanks to Lyn Pears who was the director for the day. Lyn had to spend a great deal of time dealing the boards due to 'gremlins' in the downloading process. The Central Coast Bridge Club also participated in the Bridge for Brains event., Players who (at the time of writing) scored in the top 100

were :

49th Bev Moran & Di Nichols

64th Wendy & Colin Mitchell

68th Lorraine Harkness & Diana Coats

71st Irma Heyting & Anne Steel

75th Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman

A cheque for \$310 was sent to the Prince of Wales Medical Research Unit.

HOW TO PURSUE MISSING OR INSUFFICIENT POINTS

1. *GREEN POINTS AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS*

Club awards are submitted either monthly or, by a large majority of clubs, quarterly. These awards, (which include intra-club matches and other regional events run during regular club sessions), are not reported separately. Thus, before chasing any points you believe to be missing, bear in mind that while our database files are up-to-date, printed reports are only generated and distributed at the end of each quarter.

If you think that you are entitled to points from this group which you have not received, you must ask your club masterpoint secretary to contact the appropriate club on your behalf.

2. *ALL OTHER EVENTS* (National & State championships and Congresses, Cruises and Holiday events)

All these events are submitted ad hoc and are recorded separately on a daily basis, as soon as they are received. Hence, your first step should be to look on the Result page under the appropriate category to see if the event has been submitted. Note that you should allow for at least 30 days since the conclusion of the event you are looking for, before taking any further action. You should ask your club masterpoint secretary to contact the director of the event on your behalf if

- a) You cannot locate an event which was held more than 30 days ago
- b) The event is listed, but your points are missing or less than what you expected

You should ask your club masterpoint secretary to contact the Masterpoint Centre only if you have located the event and it is obvious that your points have been given to another player

Don't be Shy ring Di March on 43 81 05 52 for a compatible partner. We have standbys (except for Monday night and red point sessions). The latter is not meant to be a regular partnership.

Did you know??? The cheapest facelift is a laugh. An enemy takes up more space in our heads, than a friend in our heart,

As you get older your secrets are safe with your friends—because they can't remember them either!!

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

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| Graded Pairs Section | A | Adele Mills & Nancye Joss |
| | B | Kathy Mitchell & John Mitchell |
| Easter Pairs | | Anne Grayden & Carol Judd |
| Anzac Day Pairs | | Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon |
| Charity Day Pairs | N/S | Adele Mills & Nancye Joss |
| | E/W | Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole Hamilton |
| Night GNOTS | | Shirley & Noel Crockett |
| | | Robin & Ed Vaughan, Pam Joseph |
| Monthly Shield round 5 | | Nancye Joss & Lyn Pears |

Bob & Vicky Morris, Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen as a team, won the restricted section of the recent Newcastle Bridge Club Congress.

SWINE FLU UPDATE...

I called the Swine Flu hotlineall I got was crackling

I heard that the first symptom is that you come out in rashes

Another is that you can get the trots

But, I woke up with pigtailed this morning, should I be worried????

Apparently some of my friends have Swine Flu. Could they be telling porkies?

The only known cure for Swine Flu in humans is the liberal application of oinkment

Swine flu, however is not a problem for pigs because they are going to be cured anyway

Swine Flu has now mixed with bird flu. Scientists say they will find a cure when pigs fly.

NEWS FLASH...this is just in. The world's religious leaders have issued a joint declaration that the Swine Flu pandemic is the start of the aporkalypse! However I do not think this is a time for panic. I have only had mild symptoms for about a weeeeeeeeeeeek! It is no pig deal., it is a mild hamdemic don't believe all the spam you're getting!!!

BOARD MOVEMENTS

The boards move towards the next lower numbered table

After they have been played on table one they move to the highest numbered table

This is always true in a Mitchell movement

This is always true in a Howell movement

If there is a bye table in the movement the boards will move onto the bye table and then (eventually) to the next lower numbered table

In a Swiss teams competition using pre-dealt boards the boards will move to the next lower numbered table and when **they have been played at table one will move to the highest** numbered table

If the boards do not move to the next lower numbered table the director will announce this at the start of the session

Therefore please listen to the director in case this is the day when boards move in some other direction.

DAVID BEAUCHAMP'S SEMINAR

This seminar was attended by 48 people, many of whom stayed on to play at our bridge session in the afternoon,. This compares with 55 in March and 39 in October 08. **Any ideas for a new subject????**

TABLE NUMBERS

After a downturn for a couple of months, May showed a big increase, so that overall since January we have seen a small increase in table numbers.

SYSTEM CARDS

It is essential to have a system card at the bridge table. Identical bridge cards for each person in the partnership is also a good idea.

Some thoughts written by Regina Brett, aged 90, USA

- 1 Life isn't fair, but it is still good.
- 2 When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- 3 Life is too short to waste time hating anyone
- 4 Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your family and friends will. Stay in touch.

FUNDING

We received \$1491.00 from the Central Coast Leagues Club at the end of April, completing our cash allocation for the twelve months of \$2690.00. In addition we received \$2500.00 worth of Leagues Club vouchers (used mostly for Presentation Day awards) and a meal subsidy of \$868.00 for Presentation Day. Many thanks to the Central Coast Leagues Club for their total support of \$6508.00 this financial year.

LESSONS.

Ten people completed the Multi 2's lessons with Lorraine. The beginners lessons have just been completed and 15+ players are now attending supervised bridge sessions with Lorraine each Friday morning. Hand records and lesson notes are provided.

Wendy has 10 beginners attending her lessons at the Kincumber Community College on a Monday night. A group of six players are also attending Improver classes with Wendy on a Wednesday night.

Dasha and Colin are taking turns running supervised sessions for beginners on Monday nights with up to five people attending.

Dasha Brandt will be supervising sessions for beginners from Monday 20 July at 7.15pm at a cost of \$5.00 per person, Hand records and a commentary will also be provided.

Thank you to Lorraine, Wendy, Colin and Dasha for providing an opportunity for people to join the "wonderful world of bridge", and hopefully also join our wonderful bridge club!!"

Colin and Wendy will be overseas from the end of June until early September
BON VOYAGE!!!

Lyn Pears has temporarily assumed the position of Masterpoint Secretary and has also agreed to 'fill in' while our treasurer Wendy is away. Many thanks Lyn. What would we do without you???

Law 20 REVIEW AND EXPLANATION OF CALLS

A Call not clearly recognised. A player may require a clarification forthwith if he is in doubt what call has been made,

B Review of Auction during the Auction Period. During the auction period, a player is entitled to have all previous calls restated* when it is his turn to call, unless he is required by law to pass. Alerts should be included when responding to the request, A player may not ask for a partial review of previous calls and may not halt the review before it is completed. (*When calls are not spoken responders must ensure that it is clear to the enquiring opponent what calls have been made)

C. Review after Final Pass, 1 After the final pass either defender has the right to ask if it his opening lead. 2 Declarer or either defender may, at his first turn to play require all previous calls to be restated. The player may not ask for only a partial restatement or halt the review.

D Who may review the Auction. A request to have calls restated shall be responded to only by an opponent

E Correction of an error in Review All players, including dummy or a player required by law to pass, are responsible for prompt correction of errors in re-statement.

F 5 (a) A player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error during the auction, nor indicate in any in any manner that a mistake has been made. Mistaken explanation here includes failure to alert or announce as regulations require or an alert (or an announcement) that regulations do not require. **(b)** The player must call the director and inform his opponents that in his opinion, his partner's explanation was erroneous, but only at his first legal opportunity. (i) **for a defender**, at the end of play (ii) **for declarer or dummy**, after the final pass of the auction.

F6 The Director judges the appropriate action to be taken..

G Incorrect procedure. 1 It is improper to ask a question solely for partner's benefit, 2 Except as the Regulating Authority allows a player may not consult his own system card and notes during the auction and play periods. (The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2007).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting will be held on Saturday 8 August 2009 at 10.30 am. The closing date for motions is Saturday 18 July, 2009. A form has been placed on the notice board for nominations for any position on the committee. Remember we need two extra people this time around as we need “understudies” for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

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| Thursday 25 | GNP Week 3 | (Side game available) |
| Friday 26 | Henry Kendall Pairs (R) | |
| Saturday 27 | Club Swiss Pairs (C) | Session 2 |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

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| Monday 6 | Monthly Shield (Round 6) |
| Monday 27 PM | Winter Pairs (R) |
| Thursday 30 | <i>LAST CHANCE GNOT 1</i> |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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| Monday 3 | Monthly Shield (Round 7) |
| Thursdays 6, 13 | <i>LAST CHANCE GNOT 2 & 3</i> |
| Saturday 8 | AGM 10.30AM followed by Anniversary Pairs, 12.30pm |
| Saturday 15 & 22 | Country Teams 1 & 2 |

The GNOT Regional Final will be held at our club on Saturday 29th
This will not interfere with our normal Saturday session which will be held as usual.

Some insults have class!!

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill:

”I am enclosing two tickets for the first night of my new play; bring a friend if you have one!”

Winston Churchill to George Bernard Shaw;

“Cannot possibly attend the first night, will attend the second...if there is one!”

Remember.... It is important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle!!

- *Happy Bridging* *Marilyn Whigham* *Editor*