

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

October / November 2009.

**Welcome to the October / November edition of the Central Coast
Leagues Club Newsletter.**

Bridge is a Sport

We all play bridge because we love it. Every so often, I am reminded that we can all help to make the game more enjoyable for everyone by remembering to play in a sporting spirit. By all means, play tough and be competitive, but we should all be good sports. For example:

- 1. Be pleasant to the opponents (and partner!). Welcome new opponents to your table. Don't conduct lengthy post-mortems.***
- 2. If you think an experienced opponent may have done something inappropriate, speak privately to the director at the end of the session.***
- 3. If you are slow, make the effort to catch up; it's not fair to use more than your share of the clock, and finishing late disrupts the schedule. Claim if it's clear.***

Please give new players special consideration. They are the future of the game we love. A major obstacle for beginners is making the leap from lessons or supervised play to regular duplicate against what seem to them incredibly fierce opponents ... even though you and I know we are really pussycats! Please, welcome them to your table. Make a special effort to explain your bidding. Don't claim till it's obvious ... then explain your claim gently.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have won recent club events.

Gosford Pairs (R)

Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon

Zelda Overhall Cup (R)

Thomas Kenny & Lorraine Harkness

>>no trophy winners this year as no eligible pairs entered in the categories of Regional * and Local ** and below.

Spring Pairs (R)

Lorraine Harkness & Nancye Joss

Inter Club Teams

- 1 Louis Koolen Barbara Grant Sylvia & Ed Mallinson.
- 2 Irma & Gary Heyting Josie Ryan Phillip Morris.
- 3 Jacqui Wilson Patricia Kull Pam Gowthorp & George Boettiger.

Grand National Pairs Regional Final winners :

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| North South | 1 | Sylvia Mallinson & Ed Mallinson |
| | 2 | Vicky Morris & Bob Morris |
| East West | 1 | Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen |
| | 2 | Pauline Pearson & Ann Gunner |

These pairs are now eligible to play in the National Final to be held in Canberra during the Summer Festival of Bridge in January 2010.

Grand National Open Teams Regional Final winners:

- 1 Angela Dougall & Kevin Dougall,
Karen Ody & Sylvia Foster
- 2 Virginia Dressler & Carolyn Molloy,
Shirley Crockett & Noel Crockett

These teams are now eligible to play in the National Final at Banora Point 27-30 November 2009.

Recent Ranking promotions .. Congratulations to:

Elizabeth Lawrence National Master

Leyla Moncelet Life Master

Paragraph 9 of the Club Playing Conditions (see page 8 of the program) states that "A fully completed system card for each player **must** be available on the table". Many players appear to be unaware of this. Do not disadvantage your partnership by **not** having a system card.

Country Teams Regional Final.

The Central Coast—Hunter Regional Final of this event was held at the Central Coast bridge Club on Sunday 4 October 2009. Twenty four teams entered including four from our club. After six rounds the Newcastle team of Fletcher, McGrath, Gleeson and Smith were coming first with 131 VP's; the Berzins Team (P & D Berzins, D & P Coats) were running second with 116 VP's and the Harkness Team (L Harkness, J Lindsay ,C & W Mitchell) were running fourth with 105VP's. In the last round the Berzins team scored 17VP's to remain in second place; the Harkness team beat the previously unbeaten Fletcher team 24—6 to move up into third place. The top three teams receive free entry to the Championship Final to be held at Armidale on the weekend of Nov 7 & 8, so the Berzins and Harkness (winners of the 2006 championship) teams will be going. Sylvia Foster, Phyllis Whyte, Patricia Kull & George Boettiger came eighth and Marie Purkiss, Patricia Bowles & Elizabeth Lawrence, Carole Hamilton came eleventh and are also eligible to play in the Championship Final.

IT'S EASY>RING ELIZABETH LAWRENCE ON 43 44 17 85 FOR A COMPATIBLE PARTNER. We have standbys (except for red point events and Monday night session). The latter is not meant to be a regular partnership.

If anyone has a change of address or telephone number...

Please notify Camilla or Elizabeth as we need the telephone numbers for next year's programme. If you have an email address we would also be happy to record it. It will only be used to notify members of program changes and similar matters.

CANAPÉ have you seen this ticked on someone else's ABF system card and wondered what it means?? I did!!

Canapé is a bidding method in which the long suit is usually bid on the second round. This was probably invented in France in the 1940's, and was part of the very successful Italian systems in the 1960's. It is still used successfully by some system designers.

New Club email address...NOW cclcbridgeclub@westnet.com.au

Interesting hand Played in England by Wendy & Colin Mitchell.

Board 21; NS Vul; Dealer North

♠Void	
♥AK95	
♦AKQJ97	
♣KJ8	
♠QJT843	♠K95
♥Q32	♥74
♦Void	♦T5432
♣AQ76	♣75432
♠A762	
♥JT86	
♦86	
♣543	

This hand was dealt at the table whilst playing at the City of Wells Bridge Club in Somerset earlier this year. MFP (My Favourite Partner) and I play a fairly basic system with strong hands – a two club opening is forcing and requests responder to show the number of controls held. On this hand the bidding was:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
2C*	P	2S**	X
3D	P	3H	P
***6H//			

* Game force

** 2 controls – either one ace or two kings. At this point West inquired the meaning of the auction so far and then doubled.

*** Pause for thought followed by the bid of six hearts

The opening lead was the spade queen and dummy was revealed. We were still mildly jet-lagged so pause for thought by declarer was now necessary.

Many years ago when watching Terence Reese play in London he mentioned the theory that, if the cards must be in the right place in order for a contract to succeed, you must play for them to be in the right place. This appeared to be such an occasion – it appeared to me that I needed the hearts to break 3 -2 with the heart queen and the club ace in the West hand. Given the double by West it looked as if this could be the case. I won the spade lead in hand, discarding a club from dummy. I led the heart ten and when West played low, I played low from dummy and the ten held the trick. I then led the heart jack and West played low again, low from dummy and East followed. Another heart captured the queen leaving the lead on table. I then led the diamond ace and west discarded. No problem – I played diamonds from the top, discarding a club and a spade, and ruffed the ten when it appeared. I then led a small club and, after a minute hesitation, the Ace was played by West. All over Red Rover – the club king was good as was the last diamond and the trump in dummy accounted for declarer's last spade.

MFP had counted 10 playing tricks in her hand and so opened 2C. Holding three Kings, it was obvious that I held one Ace – but which one? A cue bidding sequence may have revealed the Spade Ace, which she would have regarded as bad news with her 3 small clubs. But optimistically she hoped that the doubler held SA and that I held CA, hence the non-scientific jump to 6H. C.M.

Partnership Skoal.

We've shared our ups
And our downs -
Enjoyed our smiles
Forgotten our frowns
Taken two to Tango
As we've known -
But united together
Our skills have shown.
Nice to win - yet if to lose
Hold that grin - ne'er to infuse -
Infuse a wrath - to lose a gain
Of enjoyment - composure to remain.
This is our outlook - let it be -
Twixt the Partner
Shared by me.
To be a winner
Be a grinner -
And ne'er
You'll suffer defeat -
Show thus your composure
This tribute and disclosure
Frustration there to beat.

Allan Bennetts.

INCIDENT BOOK

We have this book to record “incidents” that occur at the table. Please always call a director to adjudicate at your table, and to record the occasion if necessary.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2009.

Monday 12	Monthly Shield Rnd 9
Saturdays 10 & 17	Club Teams Championship (no side game).
Thursdays 15 & 22	Restricted Teams< 400mp (R)
Friday 30	Australia Wide Pairs

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2009.

Monday 2	Monthly Shield Rnd 10...final round for 2009.
Tuesday 3	Melbourne Cup Day <i>9.00a.m. Sweeps 9.30a.m. Bridge Session. 1.00pm Luncheon.</i>
Wednesday 11	Remembrance Day Pairs (R)
Saturdays 14 & 21	Club Pairs Championship
Monday 16	Summer Pairs (R)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2009.

Wednesday 2 Christmas Pairs (R).

NO bridge sessions on Friday 25, Saturday 26 and Thursday 31.

NO Night bridge Monday 28.

Bridge day sessions for 28, 29, 30 as usual.

**Bridge resumes in the New Year on Saturday 2 January 2010 with
The New Year's Cup (R) to be held on that day.**

Have you heard about....the three stages of recession?

1. Hairdo 2. Hairdid 3. Hairdone

Did you know????...

That every day is a gift...that is why it is called the present

EDITOR'S NOTE.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe festive season over Christmas and the New Year. I have really enjoyed being the editor of our newsletter during 2009. Thank you every one for your contributions and comments, they have been appreciated. The next thrilling edition will be in February 2010. Any contributions greatly received!!

Happy Bridging

Marilyn Whigham

Editor