

Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2014

SATURDAY AUGUST 2 saw the first Annual General Meeting to be held in the Donnison St room.

Thank you to the 42 people who attended and to Ursula who tried, but was locked out! The questions and suggestions during General Business showed members' interest in the club.

There was plenty of finger food to ward off hunger and the cold before 54 people played in the Anniversary Pairs.

Your new committee is:

President: Dorothy Berzins

Vice-President: Dianne March

Secretary: Julie Sadler

Treasurer: Lynette Lynch

General: Leon Babinski,
Rosanne Ransley, Diana Coats,
David Bowerman, Ruth Griffin



L to R: RG, JS, DM, DB, DB, LB, LL.
Absent: RR, DC

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Vale Teresa Jensen,
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RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

CHARITY DAY PAIRS

18 tables

Tuesday July 1

North-South field

1st	Adele Mills & Nancy Joss	66.0 %
2nd	Gary Heyting & Dorothy Berzins	58.0
3rd	Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	56.9

East-West field

1st	Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson	68.0 %
2nd	Angela Dougall & Kevin Dougall	62.9
3rd	Leyla Moncelet & Julie Sadler	62.3

SWITCHING SINGLES (6)

10 pairs

Thursday July 3

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	62.0 %
2nd	Lucy Julebin & Mary Pye	60.6
3rd	Joan Brierty & Marion Ellis	56.9

WINTER PAIRS

5.5 tables

Saturday July 5

1st	Julie Sadler & Carol Judd	72.9 %
2nd	Daphne Montague & Agnes Marsh	62.5
3rd	Janine Henry & Nancye Joss	57.9

MONTHLY SHIELD (6)

16 pairs

Monday July 7

1st	Colin Mitchell & Wendy Mitchell	64.9 %
2nd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	61.6
3rd	Kerry Murray & Gwen White	61.3

GRADED PAIRS

Thursdays July 10 & 17

This is a championship trophy event with two divisions:

A - *National and above B - National and below

Although there were only 3 tables in A grade and 4 in B grade, it was decided to keep the fields separate so that players were competing against those of their own standard. (*See p10 for note on masterpointing*) Congratulations to:

A Champions:	Margo Brennan & Gwen White	113
2nd	Colin Mitchell & Peter Berzins	111
3rd	Wendy Mitchell & Bruce Branthwaite	107

B Champions	Denise Collister & Robyn Henwood	119.1
2nd	Alan Bustany & Bob Verduin	117.8
3rd	Matt Raj Mal & Wendy Alford	113.7

FOUNDATION CUP

Monday July 28

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	60.9 %
2nd	Robyn Ivers & Agnes Marsh	56.6
3rd	Jacqui Wilson & Alfie Nation	56.3

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

TAREE TEAMS

25 teams

July 5 & 6

A number of Central Coast players competed, the best 'pure' team being Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant (4th)

COUNTRY CARNIVAL PAIRS

July 19 & 20

The event was held in conjunction with the Australian National Championships an Canterbury Guineas Super Congress.

Thirty pairs competed, eight of these representing the Central Coast.

The Restricted pairs played with the Congress Restricted Butler Championship field, while the Open and Novice pairs played with the Congress Flighted Butler Pairs field.

Central Coast BC pair, Stephanie Mathews and Shan Lawson won the Novice section, with Tom Tomlinson and Geoffrey Maltby from Brisbane Water third.

In this same field, Alan Bustany and Jurate Petrauskas finished overall 8th out of 38 - a great result which gave them first place in the Novice section of the Flighted Butler Pairs. Hope Tomlinson and Martin Johnson were 10th which placed them first in the Intermediate section.

BRISBANE WATER Super Congress

July 26 & 27

Open Swiss Pairs

31 tables

N-S	2nd	Les Free playing with son Jonathan Free
	10th	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon
E-W	6th =	Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa

Best performed of our members were:

Restricted & Novice Swiss Pairs 22 tables

N-S 1st Pamela Joseph & Susan McCall

E-W 5th= John & Kathy Mitchell

Open Teams

43 teams

12th= Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen, Bob & Vicky Morris

15th= Marie Purkiss, Toni Dixon, Carole Hamilton, Elizabeth
Lawrence

Restricted & Novice Teams 18 teams

Lynette Lynch and Heather Tarrant, playing with Jurate Petrauskas
and Carol Anderson were 8th.

NEW ABF RANKINGS JULY- Congratulations to:

Club	Merran Adams (June)	Graduate	John Wherry
* Local	Alan Bustany, Joan Brierty		
State	Dianne March	**National	Les Free

There have been 25 member promoted so far this year.

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - JUNE & JULY

Daphne Montague	2.12
John Tagg	2.06
Alison Heathcote	1.74
Jacqui Wilson	1.61
Ellen Williams	1.56
Joan Lehane	1.36
John Lehane	1.31
Gwen White	1.27
Carol Judd	1.26
Toni Dixon	1.26

June Thompson	1.17
Dorothy Berzins	1.10
Tem Lancaster	1.04
Lorraine Lindsay	1.00
Joan Dominguez	0.93
Julie Sadler	0.81
Trish Dennis	0.74
Neryl Tyrrell	0.72
Judy Fenton	0.70

ABF MOST IMPROVED CLUB PLAYERS

Four new people have made the top 50 this month for our club:

Alan Bustany, Lynette Lynch, Ellen Williams and Chris Williams.

Check it out from our website: *Links, Masterpoints, Reporting, Club Reports, 2-036*

POINT OF LAW: Is dummy always a dummy?

I was recently asked about the rights of dummy when declarer asks for a card from dummy. The questioner had been told that dummy must play without question the card directed by declarer – see Law 42A3.

I can think of at least one situation when this advice is incorrect - if declarer has led a spade and asks for a heart from dummy when there is also a spade remaining in dummy! This is covered by Law 42B2 “Dummy may try to prevent any irregularity by declarer”.

Law 42 – Dummy’s Rights and Law 43 - Dummy’s Limitations are the relevant laws - well worth a read – did you know that if attention is drawn to an irregularity by a player other than dummy then dummy may call the director?
Colin M

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Items from July 11 Committee meeting

- A report to Gosford Council resulted in a bad safety assessment of the Donnison St building. Urgent work by the Hope UC rectified the issues and our sessions did not have to be suspended
- CC Leagues Club have asked all internal clubs for membership numbers and details of assets and budget for 2014/15 -Wendy, Ronnie and Lynette are producing this
- Pictures of the Patrons are being arranged for display
- It was agreed to round up the funds raised for Charity Day to \$4900 and to present \$2450 to each of Pandora and Wildlife ARC. A great effort by Rosanne’s sub-committee and all members who gave so generously of their time, skills and funds
- I announced that I would not stand for re-election as President and therefore will not continue producing the Newsletter. I offered my services as Masterpoint Secretary if the incoming committee so wishes
- I expressed my thanks to the committee members for their hard work and support during a very eventful and busy year

Wendy Mitchell, President

CHARITY DAY - Tuesday July 1

Following over a month of lead-up, what a fantastic day! Members got into the spirit of the Trash and Treasure, with the persuasive 'spruiker Ruth' offering bargains throughout the afternoon. Thanks to our generous sponsors (listed last month) there were fabulous raffle prizes, all but one going to members or their families!

Once again, thanks to the culinary skills and generosity of members there was an abundance of 'light lunch' before the red point Charity Day Pairs.



Hunting for a bargain (above), some of the lovely hampers etc (left) and below: Wendy Mitchell presents the cheque to Pandora President, Linda Dicks, on Wednesday July 16 at the club room.



We did not anticipate 18 tables, but Director, Matt Raj Mal, managed to keep two sections under control (one with bridgemates and one with travellers) despite interruptions for drawing the raffle and for spot prizes.

A summary of the money-raising follows with figures rounded:

Raffle of hampers	1 775
Food and cakes	1 145
Handcrafts	745
C Judd print	400
Lolly jar, Luck Door	232
Plants	200
Donations	198
Trash & Treasure	180
GRAND TOTAL	\$4 875



MONTHLY SHIELD - *best 6 sessions with the same partner*

After 6 months, the first 3 positions are unchanged. (the total points and number of eligible sessions are shown in brackets):

Peter & Dorothy Berzins (86 - 6), Diana Coats & Nancye Joss (50 - 3), Julie Sadler & Carol Judd (46 - 4) and Wendy & Colin Mitchell (40 - 4).

JOVIAL JULY

Nine different pairs played at least 2 sessions out of the 4. Those winning outright awards were: Ellen Williams & June Thompson (1st), David Bowerman & Colin Mitchell (2nd), Phillip Morris & Lynette Lynch (3rd) and Wendy Mitchell & Lyn Baber (4th).

SWITCHING SINGLES

After 6 months, the leader board shows: Dorothy Berzins (64.9), Bruce Branthwaite (57.8), Matt Raj mal (57.6), Colin Mitchell (57.0) and Alison Heaathcote (54.7).

You need to play with 4 different partners, and there are 4 months to go! So even if you have not tried this event yet, there is still time to join in on the first Thursday of the month.

TED NEILSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY - Thursday July 24

It was our turn this year to host this day, following the inaugural event hosted by ACES. Fortunately the Parkview Room was available and this venue compared favourably with last year's lovely room at the Golf Club.

Sixteen pairs were confirmed from each club until, with short notice, seven people had to cancel due to the death of family/friends or illness. Thanks to the people who stepped in at the last moment, including Director George Boettiger, we were able to still have 15 tables in play.

Some work in the days before by Ronnie Ng and Leon Babinski enabled each player to enter a unique player number into the Bridgemates. The use of these was new to many ACES players, but they were quick to realise that they simply mirror what one would write on a traveller and the session ran smoothly.

There was a short break for morning tea at 10.45am when players enjoyed some lovely home-made goodies kindly donated by members co-opted by Di March.

Eleven rounds took us to 12.30pm. Because of the use of Bridgemates, the overall scoring was quickly completed and displayed. Wendy M then used her spreadsheet to sort the best 3 from each club, both N-S and E-W, to determine the winners of the trophy.

The result was ACES 320.8 and CCLCBC 358.7. Unfortunately, Ted's wife Margaret was unwell but her son Matthew and his wife Charlene joined us for lunch. Ultra-fresh sandwiches, fresh fruit and the remains of morning tea were enjoyed by all. Juice and soft drink was supplied and the bar was open . . .

Matthew presented the trophy to CCLCBC President Wendy Mitchell and Cheryl Sharples (ACES) joined in the speech-making.

A pleasant atmosphere, some good (or not so?) bridge, and the chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new. We look forward to this day again next year.



The players (above), the luncheon (left) and below (L to R) Cheryl Sharples, Charlene & Matthew Neilsen, Wendy Mitchell



MASTERPOINTING AND THE GRADED PAIRS

Where entry to a section is determined by each player's masterpoint ranking, there is a **Master Factor** applied to the standard award.

In the case of the A Grade the restriction was * National and above, This attracted a master factor of 1.5, so all masterpoints earned in the sessions as well as the outright awards were multiplied by 1.5.

In the case of the B Grade the restriction was National and below. The master factor for these is 1.0, so their championship green points were unchanged.

LESSONS AND WORKSHOPS

- A course of 7 lessons for **Improvers** will start shortly. As soon as a day/time that suits most of the recent Beginners is determined I will advertise details.

Other players can benefit from attending specific lessons as they cover responses, rebids and card play for declarer and defenders.

- One or two workshops on bidding - or *How to Show Your Hand without being a Dummy*. Details to be announced soon.

PRESENTATION

Recently Louis Koolen, NSWBA Council member for Outer Sydney Metropolitan, presented medalions to Dorothy Berzins and Gary Heyting who won the inaugural NSW Country Mixed Pairs Championship.



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If the outer doors to the building are closed, press the top button on the intercom pad - this will buzz inside the playing area.

TERESA JENSEN

15/11/27 -27/7/14

Teresa was born in Trinidad to parents of French and Portuguese descent. She loved her work as a bookkeeper for McInerney's and learned to play bridge in Trinidad. Teresa's problems with asthma caused her to leave in search of a different climate. She ended up in Australia (via Canada) in 1962. Here she met and married John - unbeknown to both they had lived near each other in Canada. They played bridge as a couple and were



an example of spouses who do not argue over the game. They had a son, Colin, and a daughter, Giselle who has two boys, Ben and Tom.

Initially Teresa learned the famous system developed by Ely Culbertson especially for contract bridge. Soon she switched to the popular, new system of Charles Goren (later known as Standard American) and played Rubber Bridge, playing in the Sydney Morning Herald Rubber Bridge competitions. In 1988 she moved to Toowoomba where she started to play Duplicate Bridge. There she was fortunate to learn Precision from and play with the late Ivy Dahler (Queensland and Australian representative and well-known director).

On moving to the Central Coast Teresa first lived at Kincumber and played at Umina with Margaret Hobbs, and then at Central Coast Leagues Club where she has been a member since 1994. At CCLCBC in 1998 Teresa captained the winners of the Teams of 3 and with June Ball won the Henry Kendall Pairs. In 2002 she won the Club Swiss pairs with June and the New Year's Cup with Leyla Moncelet. She won this trophy again in 2011, playing with Nancy Asquith. Teresa achieved the ABF rank of Life Master.

Although she did manage a couple of games in our new venue, Teresa's health prevented her from playing in recent months. She was looking forward to returning when she suddenly succumbed to pneumonia. Teresa will be sadly missed by her family and friends. (*From Newsletter profile December, 2010; club records and daughter Giselle.*)

MAXINE KERNAN a past, long-time member died recently. Maxine was known to and will be missed by many longer-term members of our club.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Anniversary Pairs	(R)	Saturday 2
Monthly Shield (7)	(E)	Monday 4
Switching Singles (7)	(E)	Thursday 7
Teams of 3	(C/P)	Friday 8
Auspicious August	(E)	Saturdays 9 to 30
Zelda Overhall Cup	(R)	Tuesday 12
State Open Pairs	(Q/P)	Wednesdays 20 & 27

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield (8)	(E)	Monday 1
Switching Singles (8)	(E)	Thursday 4
Gosford Pairs	(R)	Monday 8
Intra-Club Teams 2	(R/P) 9.30am	Thursday 11
Henry Kendall Pairs	(R)	Friday 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August to:

Joanne Abbott, Bernard Ansewicz, Leon Babinski, Camilla Barlow, Margaret Berger, Dorothy Berzins, Lynette Beston, Jan Clarke, Jacqueline Bridel, Judy Fenton, Judy Hopkinson, Tem Lancaster, Robert Lassau, Geoffrey Mitchell, Phillip Morris, Rosalie Watson

(Remember to tell me if I don't have you listed for your birthday month)

SMILE A WHILE

- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now
- We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

THANK YOU

To all members who have contributed to and read this Newsletter and given feedback over the past four years. It is time for a rest for me and a change for you - please support your new editor: Trish Dennis.

Wendy Mitchell