

**Welcome to the
Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENTATION
DAY

Theme: *White and Gold*

Thursday March 16, 9.30am

Enter on our website for Bridge -
\$5 members, \$7 visitors

Book at the club for Lunch
\$15 members, \$55 visitors.

Write your name on the entry sheet.
If you cannot get to the club, please
contact Julie Sadler with details.

Closing date for catering is
Wednesday March 8.

Preferred payment method is by
Direct Deposit to:
BSB: 062-544, Account: 10280906
with *your name* and *Pres* as identifier.

Bridge and Lunch payments should
be combined.

If you do need to pay at the club,
please bring correct money/cheque
in an envelope with your name on it
and give to the director.

LOOKING FOR A PARTNER ?

If you are unable to find a partner
contact Ruth Griffin:
0407 854 060 and she will do
her best to find one, regular or
casual fill-in.

VALE: Peter Berzins

January 4, 1938 – January 4,
2023 aged 85 years

A large contingent of bridge players
helped the many who celebrated
Peter's life on January 12.

See *Pages 4 to 7* for Peter's bridge
record and some of his life story.

RECENT RESULTS

NEW YEARS CUP (R) 6 tables Mon Jan 2

1st	Larry Bryant & Chris Williams	68.37 %
2nd	Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany	62.96%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	57.56%

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS (R) 10.5 tables Wed Jan 25

1st	Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell	63.18 %
2nd	Leonie Wain & Richard Webb	57.73%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	57.40%

SUMMER PAIRS (RealBridge) (R) 5 tables Tue Jan 31

1st	Jan Clarke & Rosalind Dey	64.35 %
2nd	Larry Bryant & Chris Williams	57.41%
3rd	Alfie Nation & Jackie Wilson	54.63%

JUMPING JANUARY – Overall

After 5 Monday Evenings of this *eclectic* event there were 10 pairs who had played together the required minimum of twice. The top half of these pairs were awarded *outright* masterpoints.

		Outright MPs	
1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	63.89%	0.30
2nd	Chris Hasemore & Lorraine Lindsay	62.96%	0.21
3rd	Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman	61.44%	0.15
4th	Wendy Mitchell & Eunice de Vries	58.53%	0.10
5th	Tony Manea & Joe Griffin	55.65%	0.08

MONTHLY SHIELD (1) (R) 10 tables Wed Feb 1

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	66.20 %
2nd	Alan Bustany & Jan Clarke	63.66%
3rd	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	60.88%

INTERCLUB TEAMS (R) 8 tables Thu Feb 2

7 matches of 8 boards

Ably directed by Alan Bustany, this was held in the Parkview Room. Sandwiches and fruit were provided for lunch and drinks and nibbles followed the end of play.

		Wins	Draws	Losses	Imps
1st	Jan Clarke, Di Coats Larry Bryant & Chris Williams	6	0	1	104
2nd	Peter & Elaine Hume Alma van der Walt, Kathy Ivits	4	1	2	58
3rd	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hannan	4	0	3	57

Congratulations to the CCLCBC team for first place. Extremely close in second and third positions were two teams from Brisbane Water BC. Although Central Coast BC and Community Bridge Club were also invited, no team from these clubs entered, so the competition became 4 x CCLCBC versus 4x BWB.

See Page 9 for photos.

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE Jan 10 - 22

A small number of our members made the trip to Canberra this year to play in this premium gold point congress, playing often with partners from Sydney etc. Members included Tony Burke, Helen Milward, Gary Barwick, Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust, Di Coats and Jan Clarke.

There was a wide variety of pairs and teams events. Congratulations especially to Di and Jan for placing 12th out of 52 in the Peline Swiss Pairs.

THIS MONTH

A quick look shows a large number of entries for the Gold Coast Congress, February 17 – 25. Many of our members who played in Canberra are also vying for gold points in Surfers. Others include Sue Eastman, Roy Cotton, Greg & Sharon Mayo, Martin Johnson, Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson.

Good luck to all!

PETER BERZINS

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

FIRST PLACE	YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Club Championship Events	Club Teams	1987 John White, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills
		1988 John White, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills
		1989 Michael Draper, Adele Mills, John White
		1991 Dorothy Berzins, Bill Thomson, Irma Heyting
	1997, 98, 99, 2004 Dorothy Berzins, Diana & Peter Coats	
	2000 Dorothy Berzins, D & P Coats, Lorraine Harkness	
	2001 Dorothy Berzins, Anne Steel, Irma Heyting	
	1994, 2010 Dorothy Berzins	
	1996 Zelda Overhall	
	1991, 93, 98 2010, 17, 19 Dorothy MacLean/ Berzins	
Anniversary Pairs	1997, 2000 Zelda Overhall	
	2007, 10 Dorothy Berzins	
Autumn Pairs	1990 Adele Mills	
	1992 John White	
	1995 Zelda Overhall	
	2018 Dorothy Berzins	

Trophy Events	Foundation Cup	1997, 2014	Dorothy Berzins
	Gosford Pairs	2010, 19	Dorothy Berzins
	Monthly Shield	2011, 13, 14, 16, 19	Dorothy Berzins
		1992	Bill Thomson
	New Year's Cup	2010	Dorothy Berzins
		2018	Toni Dixon
	President's Cup	2011	Dorothy Berzins
	Summer Pairs	1990	Bill Thomson
	Teams of Three	1993 (Captain)	= Nancy Asquith, Sheila Hindley, Maxine Kerman
	Winter Pairs	1989	Adele Mills
Special Events	Anzac Day Pairs	2015, 19	Dorothy Berzins
	Australia Day Pairs	2001, 02	Dorothy Berzins
		2012, 17 (NS)	Dorothy Berzins
	Charity Day Pairs	2016	Bill Thomson
	Christmas Prs	2016	Gary Heyting
		1994	Zelda Overhall
	Easter Pairs	2013	Dorothy Berzins
		2006	Bill Thomson
	Henry Kendall Pairs	2011, 18	Dorothy Berzins
		2011	Dorothy Berzins
Presentation Day Pairs	2013, 16, 17, 18	Dorothy Berzins	
	2015	Gary Heyting	
Valentine's Day Prs	2015	Dorothy Berzins	

Other			
October Pairs	2006, 07		Dorothy Berzins
Leagues C Birth-day Prs	2007		Dorothy Berzins
Queen's Birthday Prs	2008		Dorothy Berzins
Auspicious August	2013		Dorothy Berzins
Inter Club Teams 2	2006		Colin Mitchell, Patricia Bowles, Bob Mavin
Inter Club Teams 1	2008		Dorothy Berzins, Lorraine Harkness, Bernie Davidson
Inter Club Teams 1 & 2	2013		Dorothy Berzins, Wendy Mitchell, Di Coats
Inter Club Teams 1	2014		Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills, Nancye Joss
GNOT Final	2013		Toni Dixon, Elizabeth Lawrence, Dorothy Berzins, Bill Thomson
Club Congress	2019		Colin Mitchell - Plate Pairs

Committee: 1987, 88

Vice Pres: 1989, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97

President: 1994, 98, 99, 00

Director: 1987 – 2016

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Profile Summary

Personal:

- Born Riga, Latvia
- 1944 escaped with mother to refugee camp in Nth Germany
- 1949 first schooling in South Australia
- Lieutenant Commander (navigator) in Fleet Air Arm of Australian Navy
- Two children, Katie and Erika, to first wife
- Met Dorothy MacLean at bridge in 1989 and married in 1993



Bridge:

- Played first on quarterdeck of HMAS Melbourne, 1957
- Learned duplicate in Goulburn, 1972
- Founded Shoalhaven Bridge Club, 1977
- Co-founded Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club, 1987
- Grandmaster ranking, 2011
- Life Member CCLCBC, 2012



Please refer to the Newsletters on our website for much more detail: June, 2011 and September, 2022.

THANK YOU:

To all those Bridge friends (about 60) who helped to celebrate Colin Mitchell's life on December 13 by attending his funeral at Palmdale, by watching the live steam, and/or attending the wake in the Terrace Room at the Leagues Club.

Your messages of support and tributes to Colin have been overwhelming.

Sincerely,

Wendy Mitchell

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. Beginners Lessons by Eunice commence on February 16 at 6.15pm. A large number of flyers have been distributed to advertise these, as well as notices placed at shopping centres etc. If you know of anyone who is interested, it is not too late! Please ask them to contact Eunice on 0415 937 941.
2. I will conduct an Improvers Course for last year's Beginners and others who wish to join. Eunice & I will determine a date when those players have had sufficient experience to be ready for the next steps.
3. Intermediate/Advanced Workshops: I have received some feedback on topics wanted, but more would be helpful before I plan and advertise these. Likely candidates at this stage are:
 Slam Bidding; Roman Keycard Blackwood;
 Types of doubles; Reading the Cards in defence.

Wendy M

INTERCLUB TEAMS, Round 3

There are a lot of ways to lose a teams match – not finding the slam that the opponents bid is just one of them!

Eunice and I, along with 5 other EW pairs in the room finished in 3NT. We were allowed to make the possible 10 tricks; two pairs were allowed to make 12.

One pair in 5C made 13 tricks, but none of these beat the 6C bid by Jan Clarke & Di Coats, making 13.

Board 23 Dir: S Vul: All	♠ Q952 ♥ KQT2 ♦ 9652 ♣ 3	
♠ J3 ♥ A ♦ KT843 ♣ A9762		♠ AK8 ♥ 97654 ♦ A ♣ KQT4
7 12 16 5	♠ T764 ♥ J83 ♦ QJ7 ♣ J85	E: 7 ♣ 5 ♦ 4 ♥ 2 ♠ 4NT W: 7 ♣ 5 ♦ 4 ♥ 2 ♠ 4NT

One way that we may have found the best contract is by using ‘fourth suit forcing:

	West	North	East	South
	1D	P	1H	P
	2C	P	2S*	P
	3C**	P	4NT#	P
	5H*##	P	6C###	All Pass

* East knows there is a Game on and can ‘go slow’ with the bidding. The bid of 2S, the fourth suit, does not promise 4xcards but forces partner to further describe their hand.

** 3C shows an extra club, so West must have at least 5/5 in diamonds/ clubs

As West must have no more than 3 cards in spades/hearts it is unlikely there will be losers there if West has the HA. 4NT asks for keycards – the 4xAces and the K of trumps.

The 5H response shows 2 keycards, without the CQ.

We have all the keycards and the CQ

Note that if West had only 1 Ace, the response using ‘1430’ would have been 5C and East could have stopped there if necessary.



1st: Jan, Di, Larry, Chris W with T/O Julie Sadler

2nd: Elaine, Peter, Alma, Kathy

3rd: Chris H, Sylvia, Jaan, Lorraine

NEW ABF RANKINGS – December & January Congratulations to:

<i>National</i>	Ian Cameron	<i>Graduate</i>	Larry Amos
<i>State</i>	Galina Cameron		Tanya Masters
			June Noble

LATEST FROM THE LEAGUES CLUB

Louis Koolen

The Club recycles glass, paper & plastics.

All glass and plastic bottles should be left on the water table.
We will label one bin clearly as recyclable paper.

Please cooperate to reduce our wastage. Please remember that the coffee cups used by Archies are not recyclable so must be place in the usual bin.

COMMITTEE CRUMBS

- Over 6,500 flyers advertising Beginners Lessons have been distributed, with more still happening
- A regular group are now playing on Mondays (12.30) so it has been decided that **pre-entry is no longer required!**
- Leagues Club renovations due to start next month will necessitate relocation of items in our storeroom but our bridge games should not be disrupted
- A search will be made for our battery-operated microphone so that members can hear Director's instructions
- Ruth will be organising an Easter Raffle – watch out for your chance to buy/sell tickets

CCLCBC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023 & PROGRAM BOOK

155 members are now financial for 2023:

94xHome, 1xLife, 60xAssociate.

Because a number of these are new since our Program was prepared and printed in December, an insert is available near the Director's desk – please collect one and paste or staple into the back of your Program. This will save your needing to write them in yourself.

NB1: For those that were given one on Monday evening, please change Dasha Brandt's number to match David Bowerman's, ie 4369 3827.

NB2: On Page 1 Ruth Griffin's number is given incorrectly. It should be 0407 854 060 – it is correct on Page 11.

BRIDGE FRIENDS SUNDAY LUNCH

After a few friends enjoyed a lovely lunch at Gosford Sailing Club recently, Ruth Griffin has decided to organise lunch there again, every couple of months.

These will be the last Sunday of the month at 11.30am. The next one is Sunday March 26, then Sunday May 28 and Sunday July 30.

Bookings for large groups need to be paid in advance, so please contact Ruth to book in on 0407 854 060.



Ruth & Agnes Marsh, 1 year older

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for January:

Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, George Connell, Austin Driscoll, Wendy Everitt, Ruth Griffin, Martin Johnson, Ian Lincoln, Matt Raj Mal, Tony Ransley, Margaret Regan, James Routledge, Gina Tap.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for February:

David Bowerman, Sue Eastman, Kathryn Ivits, Chris Jamieson, Elizabeth Lawrence, Lyn Lynch, Agnes Marsh, Tanya Masters, Kathy Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell, Bev Sivewright, David Snow, Jackie Wilson.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:

Tony Canavan (0413 629 164), Kevin Hughes (4332 3508), Galina Cameron (0405 854 550), Ian Cameron (0490 929 220), Martin Schotte (0490 929 220)

and returning members:

John McGrath (0423 514 507, 4323 3941) & Kerryl McGrath (0403 519 999, 4323 3941)

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Feb 14 , 21, 28
Thursdays	12.30pm	Feb 16, 23

Face-to-Face

Monday	12.30pm	Feb 13, 20, 27
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Feb 13, 20, 27
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Feb 8 , 15 , 22
Fridays	12.30pm	Feb 10, 17, 24

Special Events

State Mixed Pairs (1, 2)	Q/R/P	Wednesday 8 & 15
Valentine's Day Paris	RealBridge, Green	Tuesday 14

MARCH

Special Events

Monthly Shield 2	E	Wednesday 1
March Madness	E (best 2/5)	Fridays 3,10,17,24,31
Pauline Evans Trophy	R/P <100 masterpoints	Monday 6
Presentation Day Pairs	R/P, all day	Thursday 16
Country Teams(1, 2)	Q/R/P	Wednesday 22 & 29

Wendy Mitchell

Editor