

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



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

P **AULINE
EVANS**
**MEMORIAL
TROPHY**

Established in memory of Pauline, the inaugural winners of this trophy in 2022 were June Clarkson and Kerry Dwyer.



Pauline was a keen supporter of developing players, so the event is restricted to our 69 members who have less than 100 Masterpoints. Entries this year stand at 6.5 tables, (7 last year) - please think about entering now for Monday March 6.

LUNCH GET-TOGETHER:
Gosford Sailing Club
Sunday 26th March, 11.30am.

Just a friendly Bridge Club & friends gathering, if you'd like to join us please contact Ruth on

0407 854 060 or add your name to the list in our Clubroom.

PRESENTATION DAY

Thursday March 16, 9.30am

For catering purposes you must enter by 4pm on Wednesday March 8.

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

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

9.30am - Bridge

12.30pm - Lunch and Presentations

**Theme: *White and Gold*
Prizes for Best Dressed**

VALE: Marie Purkiss
2/5/1927 – 20/2/2023

Please see Pages 5 & 6 for a little of Marie's history.

RECENT RESULTS

STATE MIXED PAIRS Q 1, 2 (R)		9 tables Wed Feb 8, 15
1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	61.52 %
2nd	Larry Bryant & Chris Williams	59.69%
3rd	Jan Clarke & Alan Bustany	57.38%
4th	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	56.92%
5th	Tony Collis & Me-Hua Crawford	53.53%

Congratulations to Larry & Chris who become this year's Club Mixed Pair Champions. They and Jan & Alan will have their entry paid to the State Mixed Pairs Finals on May 20, 21. Other mixed pairs in the field are also eligible to play at their own expense.

NB: Masterpoints earned in this event will not appear on your record until processed by NSWBA after the final.

MONTHLY SHIELD (2) (E)		8.5 tables	Wed Mar 1
1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	66.675	
2nd	Brian Warburton & Barbara Grant	61.61%	
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	58.72%	

After 2 sessions, 14 pairs have played twice out of 23 total pair combinations. The leaders at this early stage are:

Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler (66), Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats (66), Brian Warburton & Barbara Grant (48), Ian & Galina Cameron (44), Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell (42), Mei-Hua Crawford & Marion Ellis (40), Trish Dennis & George Connell (34).

The best 6 scores with the same partner count for the Monthly Shield.

CONGRESSES **Best Local Players**

61st GOLD COAST CONGRESS **Feb 17 - 25**

Cancellation of this National event in 2020 due to Covid-19 cost \$25,000 and although it was conducted last year, this was at a loss of \$147,000.

Through special on-line congresses, \$44,000 was recovered.

This year, numbers were up by about 64% although still only about 73% of the bumper years of 2017 and 2020.

All who supported the event in 2022 were given priority entry, then the Western Australians and New Zealanders who were not allowed to come and then previous participants. 191 players made the journey from NZ this year and 28 other international players from 10 other countries.

ABF President, Allison Stralow, thanked all participants for their support and welcomed the incoming President of the World Bridge Federation, Jan Kamras. The WBF approved the Gold Coast Congress Open Pairs and Open Teams for inclusion in the 2023 World Bridge Tour and Jan competed in the teams event.

Some Results for Players from CCLCBC - Congratulations!

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs

Open: (112 pairs)

Helen Milward & Gary Barwick-19th, Di Coats & Jan Clarke - 39th.

0 - 500: (46 pairs)

Mary & Steve Colling - 4th, Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust - 9th

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs

Open: (52 tables) Di Coats & Jan Clarke 37th EW

0 - 500: (48 pairs)

Mary & Steve Colling - 5th, Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust - 13th

Teams

Open: (144) A number of our members participated, playing with pairs from other clubs: Tony Burke, Di Coats & Jan Clarke, Greg & Sharon Mayo, Helen Milward & Gary Barwick.

Under 1500 (42) Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson & John Donovan.

Intermediate Teams: (52) Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust, Sue Eastman & Roy Cotton - 39th.

Open Pairs (97 tables) Best performed were Greg & Sharon Mayo who qualified 24th EW and were then 23rd out of 28 pairs in the B Final.

BELATED RECOGNITION

UHMP

This was Conducted in Clubs across the State in the week Nov 21 to 27, 2022 with 192 pairs competing. Brisbane Water Bridge Club was the only club in our region to run this event. Special mention to CCLCBC members who participated:

Pair	Overall Unhandi-capped	Handi-capped	Position in Category
Peter Mackey & Peter Hall	8th	13th	5th (50-100)
John Aldersley & Beryl Lowry	13th	18th	9th (50-100)
Graham Woof & Carolynne Mucharsky	14th	19th	2nd (25-50)



The two Peters receiving their certificates recently.

COUNTRY TEAMS 2022 Dec 10 & 11

8 teams competed in the John Arkinstall State Open Teams Final. Representing the Outer Metropolitan Zone was team Bowerman: (L to R) Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman.

Playing 10 board matches in a Round Robin, the Bowerman team came second with 5 wins and 2 draws. They then played the Bloom team who became State Champions and the Bowerman Team score the title of Country Teams Champions.



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: Marie Purkiss May 2, 1927 to February 20, 1923

Marie owed her bridge career to an enterprising aunt. Visiting from Melbourne for 6 weeks, she was determined to establish a pastime for Marie's old age. She taught Marie and 3 friends and they became hooked on bridge. They played rubber bridge in their homes in the 1950's, the circle of bridge-playing friends grew to 16.

Marie's first taste of duplicate was in 1980 when she moved to the Central Coast. One of the players from the Golf Club she joined invited her to play at the Central Coast Bridge Club. Marie served on the Committee there in 1991 and was the Convenor of their first non-smoking Congress. She also joined CCLCBC soon after it was established and was a member of Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

Marie played with many partners over the years and was a prolific trophy winner – with successes at all three clubs. Her CCLCBC record is shown on Page 6.

FIRST PLACE	YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Club Championship Events	2006, 2008	Patricia Bowles
	2011	Elizabeth Lawrence
	2012	Bev Moran
	2011	Camilla Barlow
	2016	Elizabeth Lawrence
	2010	Patricia Bowles, Elizabeth Lawrence, Carole Hamilton
	2017	Di Nichols, Margo Brennan, Bob Morris
	1994	Jill Lloyd
	2017	Elizabeth Lawrence
	1998	Carol Jackson
Trophy	2007	Liz Kerr
	1999	Alys Alexander
	2001	Liz Kerr
	2004	Patricia Bowles
Events	2004, 2011	Patricia Bowles
	2012	Elizabeth Lawrence
	2008	Bev Moran
	2015 (1st=), 2017	Di Nichols
	2015	Ronnie Ng
	2018	Elizabeth Lawrence
	1995	Dawn Syphers
	1999	Alys Alexander
	2006	Patricia Bowles
	2006	Patricia Bowles
Special	2006, 2007	Patricia Bowles
	2008	Elizabeth Lawrence
	2008 (NS)	Bev Moran
	2009	Graham Winder
	2017	Toni Dixon
Events	2018 (NS)	Di Nichols
	2014	Di Nichols
	2019	Toni Dixon
	2017	Patricia Bowles
	2008	Elizabeth Lawrence
Other	2009	Graham Winder
	2017	Toni Dixon
	2018 (NS)	Di Nichols
	2014	Di Nichols
	2019	Toni Dixon

A GENTLE REMINDER

Louis Koolen

Some behaviours have occurred recently that when pointed out, the response has been “Never heard of it”, “other clubs allow me to do this” and “ is that a local rule?”.

- At no time can a player touch a partner’s or opponent’s card. Law 7 B 3: “no player shall touch any cards other than his own”.
- When you are at the sit out table, you cannot remove any hand from any board. Law 7 C: “no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present”.
- Players cannot look at their own system cards during auction and play, Law 20 G 3, except “the declaring side (only) may consult their own system card during the Clarification Period”, Law 40 B 2 b.
- Once you have turned over your card to a trick you can no longer ask to see what the others played. Law 66 A: “So long as his side has not led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played to the trick be faced.”

Editor’s Note:

It is a good idea to read pages 2 to 4 in our Club Program.

Under ‘Playing Conditions’ Para 11 refers to the second dot point above (and see Item 10 also).

Para 5 does refer to a ‘local rule’ which has been approved as one of our By-laws. This refers to display of the final contract.

Para 1 refers to being seated 5 minutes before the session. However it would help directors tremendously if you are ready to play **10 minutes before.** If you happen to be running late, please ring the club mobile: **0478 567 857.**

Recently there has been some argument about the movement of boards at the end of the round. Our ‘local rule’ clearly defines this under ‘Players’ Responsibilities’ to be the responsibility of East-West.

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. Beginners Lessons by Eunice started on February 16 at 6.15pm with a record enrolment of 20 pupils! Thank you to all members who assisted in obtaining so many.
2. Improvers Course for last year's Beginners and others who wish to repeat/refresh their knowledge. To accommodate some who are still in the workforce, these will be conducted on Wednesday Evenings, 6.15pm to 8.30pm for 8 weeks, followed by optional supervised play.

March 22	1.	Suit Fit Responses and Opener's Rebids; Slams & Blackwood Convention
March 29	2.	Responses no Suit Fit; Signals; Bath Coup
April 5	3.	Opener's Rebids no fit, showing Strength; unblocking
April 12	4.	Interposing Review; Third Hand Play
April 19	5.	NT Bids and Declarer Play; Jacoby Transfers
April 26	6.	Stayman Convention; Finesses
May 10	7.	Pre-empts & Defence; Second Hand Play; Ogust
May 17	8.	Review and Practice of Conventions

FORMAT: Review Exercises from previous lesson answered and discussed from 6.15 to 6.30

COST: \$80 (includes text) or \$10 per session

(Repeat students: \$35 or \$5 per session) with Lesson Notes, Hand Records, Review Exercises

SUPERVISED PLAY: 6 weeks @ \$5 per session

I have confirmed with most of Eunice's Beginners from last year. Anyone else intending to come to all or some of the sessions, please contact me:

wmi20245@bigpond.com or 0423 388 529

3. Intermediate Workshops:

The first three of these are planned for Monday mornings, 9.15am to 11.30am:

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| March 20 | 1. Cues and Clues for Slams |
| March 27 | 2. Types of Doubles |
| April 3 | 3. Reading the Cards in play and defence |

Cost: \$10 per player for Worksheets, guided Play of Hands, Notes and Hand Records. *Wendy M*

EASTER RAFFLE – On Sale Now!

3 big prizes

Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5, Book of 12 for \$20.

Drawn Wed April 5, before 5pm. Proceeds to Charity Day.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – February Congratulations to:

<i>Club</i>	Allan Moore	<i>Graduate</i>	John McGrath
	Joe Griffin		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March:

June Ball, John Burke, Martin Schotte, Margo Burnet, Michelle Campbell, Philip Dey, Rosalind Dey, Sylvia Foster, Peter Hall, Sharon Mayo, Julie Sadler, Christine Williams.

RECYCLING

All glass and plastic bottles should be left on the water table.
Look out for the bin labelled for recyclable paper.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome mother & daughter: Gladys Donovan (0429 451 127) and Maureen Catalano (0411 026 626). Add their numbers to your Program book and collect the insert with other new member numbers from the Club.

OUR OWN BRIDGE CRUISE

Hurry, hurry, only 4.5 cabins left! See below:



The Perfect Holiday for Bridge Players Cruise and Bridge November 13 – 23, 2023 Ovation of the Seas Central Coast Leagues Bridge Club

Welcome to Eventz Cruise and Bridge on Royal Caribbean Ovation of the Seas. Departing from the Sydney Cruise Terminal for a 10-night voyage to New Zealand. A whole day cruising through the Fjordland National Park.

Your Bridge Host will conduct Bridge sessions as you navigate around New Zealand's South Island.

Inclusions:

- Your Bridge Host is Louis Koolen, who will direct each sea day afternoon and there will be a standby
- Intermediate Bridge lessons each sea day morning
- Special Awards & Recognition
- At least 1 group dinner with the Bridge Host
- Eventz Travel Bridge & Cruise Goodie bag with memory enhancement inclusions

*Optional Land tours and speciality restaurants available pre-booked for additional fee or on board.

- Twin Share Balcony Cabins: \$2565 pp, \$4860 single
- Twin Share Oceanview Cabins: \$2095 pp, \$3920 single
- Twin Share Int Virtual Balcony \$1888 pp, \$3500 single

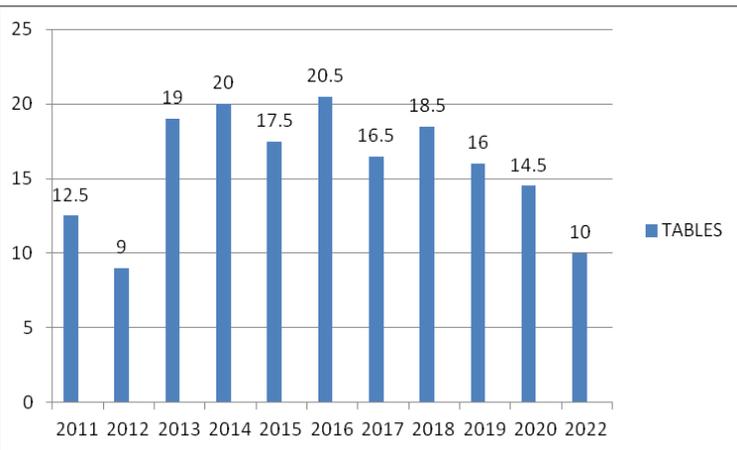
\$200 per person deposit required to hold booking. Must have valid passports & Proof of vaccinations.

If interested, ring Louis Koolen on 0419281725 or email me on lkoolen@bigpond.net.au

PRESENTATION DAY

History: This Red-point event was first held in 2008, with Christine Hadaway and Karen Ody winning overall. Since 2014 prizes have been awarded for both the NS and EW fields. In the last 11 years table numbers have ranged from 9 to 20.5.

For a long time Presentation Day was on a Saturday, to accommodate members in the workforce. As numbers decreased the event was changed to a Friday. This year, as last year, it is on a Thursday.



Entries to date are 9.5 tables – it would be great to exceed last year’s 10 tables – so get your entry in **VERY soon - March 8!!**

COUNTRY TEAMS/CLUB TEAMS

Championships are 2-session green point events, but this year the Club Teams winners will come from the Country Teams Qualifiers which is a State-level Red point event.

History: The Club Teams has been held continuously since 1987 except for Covid-19 closures in 2020 and 2021. Last year 10 teams competed, the winners being Gary Barwick, Helen Milward, Sally & Garry Clarke.

Some players have been in the winning team numerous times. The Club Teams stars are Dorothy Berzins (15 times), Adele Mills (10 times) and Di Coats (9 times).

Dorothy and Adele have entered this year, but there are only 4 teams so far....

Entries close on March 20

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Mar 7, 14, 21, 28
Thursdays	12.30pm	Mar 9, 23, 30

Face-to-Face

Monday	12.30pm	Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Mar 8, 15, 22, 29
Fridays	12.30pm	Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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 for Club Teams Trophy	Wednesday 22 & 29

APRIL

Special Events

Easter Pairs	R	Wednesday 12
Teams of 3	P for club Trophy	Friday 21
Anzac Day Pairs	R (RealBridge)	Tuesday 25

SMILE AWHILE

- Count your winners and count your losers. If the total doesn't come to 13, count your cards. (Alfred Sheinwold)
- When dummy comes down weaker than expected, tell your partner that your name is Simpson, not Sampson.
- Another thing to tell your partner after dummy comes down weaker than expected: "Where is the hand you held during the bidding?"
- South: Alert! East: Yes?
South: I'm requested to further mis-describe my hand.

Wendy Mitchell *Editor*