

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



NEWSLETTER

PRESENTATION
DAY
Parkview Room

**Thursday March 14, 9.30am
(followed by Lunch at 1pm)**

♥ ♦ DRESS CODE: RED ♦ ♥

Enjoy a game of bridge and a 2-course meal while celebrating the successes of our members in 2023.

Enter via our website which details costs and payment methods.

Although late entries for the bridge can usually be accommodated, the same is not true for the lunch!

Entries close on Wed March 6

! CONGRATULATIONS !

! Our club's Chief Director, Alan
! Bustany, has recently been pro-
! moted from a C1 Director to the
! level of State Director.
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**STATE MIXED PAIRS
QUALIFYING 1 & 2**

This event has been rescheduled for Thursday April 11.

National Director Ronnie Ng will conduct the 2 sessions. Lunch is included for \$25.

Our Club Championship Trophy is awarded to the top CCLCBC pair, so find a partner and enter online - previous entries have been cancelled. (Our male members have plenty of ladies to choose from!)

COUNTRY TEAMS Qual 1 & 2

Form a team and enter now for Thursday March 28.

BRIDGE LIBRARY

Another 50 books have been processed bringing our collection to 230 books.

They are housed in the cupboards on your right as you enter our playing area.

See p.7 for how to borrow

RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (1)

10.5 tables

Wed Feb 3

1st	Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins	67.13%
2nd	Chris Hasemore & Chris Hannan	63.43%
3rd	Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews	61.50%

This was a good roll up for the first of the 10 monthly sessions. Compete in at least 4 out of 10 and your best 4 scores are counted. If you end up in the top half of the eligible pairs, you will earn additional masterpoints, called outright awards.

PAULINE EVANS NOVICE PAIRS

6.5 tables

Mon Mar 4

1st	Carolynne Mucharsky & Blair Glass	61.67%
2nd	Kath Bromley & Peter Hall	59.17%
3rd	Allan Adams & David Howells	58.75%

Three visitors from Brisbane Water Bridge Club joined us for this event. (and we hope to see them again!). Although they played with our members these pairs were not eligible to win the trophy.

The competition was very close at the top. Congratulations to the winners overall but especially to Kath and Peter who win the trophy for this special event commemorating Pauline Evans.

FEBRUARY 2024 CONGRESS & TOURNAMENT REPORT

Steph Mathews

Trumps Bridge Centre Summer Teams (4 February) Gary Barwick and Helen Milward finished 6th in the Butler Pairs and 5th in the Summer Teams (with Margaret Foster and Linda Aubusson). Helen Milward along with Helen Lowry, Margaret Foster and Linda Aubusson claimed third place in the Interclub Teams AB section.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS (Feb 17 - 24) This was by far the biggest event of the month. Congratulations to all our members who competed in this fantastic Congress!

Bobby Richman Pairs

Open qualifying (225 pairs competing). Greg and Sharon Mayo finished 57th and Helen Milward with Kuldip Bedi finished 107th in the E/W section.

Intermediate Qualifying (116 pairs competing). David Snow and Margaret Regan placed 41st in the N/S section.

After the qualifying rounds, the pairs were placed in sections for the Final rounds. Greg and Sharon Mayo placed 6th in the Open Section F Final, and David Snow and Margaret Regan placed 15th in the Intermediate Section E Final.

Reg and Joan Trophy Butler Swiss Pairs Sunday

Open (98 pairs competing). Matt Raj Mal with Brian Richardson finished 34th and Jan Clarke and Di Coats finished 84th.

0-500 MPs (32 pairs competing). Mary and Steve Colling finished 6th in the 0-500 MP section.

Reg and Joan Trophy Butler Swiss Pairs Monday

Open (112 pairs competing). Jan Clarke and Di Coats finished 34th and Matt Raj Mal and Brian Richardson finished 109th.

0-500 MPs (40 pairs competing). Mary and Steve Colling claimed 2nd place.

Teams Championship

Open Qualifying Round (148 teams competing). Di Coats, Jan Clarke*, Terry Bodycote and Paul Weaver finished 25th; the Mayo Team (with I. Price and B. Tier) finished 76th; and Helen Milward's team (with K. Bedi, P McLeish and D. McLeish) finished 125th.

Under 1500 MPs Qualifying Round (50 teams competing). Margaret Regan, David Snow, Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman* finished 9th.

Intermediate Qualifying Round (74 teams competing). Steve and Mary Colling with J. Crockford and P. Karol finished 32nd; Sue Eastman, Di March (her first time at the GC), Elaine Hume and Peter Hume finished 66th.

** See photos over page*

Teams players:

9th out of 50, <1500

Pictured from L to R:

David Snow, David Bowerman, Margaret Regan and Dash Brandt.



**25th out of 148,
Open**

Di Coats (2nd Left) and Jan Clark (right) posed with director Ronnie Ng and David & Margaret



Ivy Dahler Pairs

Open (200 pairs competing). Helen Milward with Kuldeep Bedi finished 57th in the N/S section.

Intermediate (70 pairs competing). Mary and Steve Colling and Sue Eastman and Di March competed finishing 63rd and 69th, respectively.

COUNTRY TEAMS QUALIFIER at BWBC (March 2)

Nine teams competed in the Open Teams Championship/Country Teams Qualifier at BWBC, ably directed by Peter Hume. Eight of the nine teams included CCLCBC members. The Coats team (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, and Chris Williams) finished 1st; the Ody team (Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Sylvia Foster, and Jaan Oitmaa) finished 2nd; and the Hadaway team (Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson, Chris Hadaway, and Barry Foster) finished 3rd. Complete results are available on the BWBC website.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – February Congratulations to:

<i>Bronze Life</i>	Mary Colling Steve Colling	<i>State</i>	Wendy Everitt
		<i>Regional</i>	Louise Lewis Peter Mackey
<i>Life</i>	Pauline Caust	<i>Club</i>	Tony Manea

COMMITTEE CRUMBS At the meeting on March 3 —

1. Filters in our dehumidifiers and air purifiers will be cleaned every 2 weeks. Other maintenance requirements have also been identified. Tablecloths will be sprayed with Glen-40 after sessions and washed monthly.
2. On behalf of the New Player Support Group, Leonie Lovell presented a comprehensive report of contact made with about 30 new players. Points raised will be taken into consideration in future planning.
3. It has not been possible to access emails sent to the Club address for over 3 weeks. Despite great efforts the problems have not been resolved, so it was agreed to change our provider.

As soon as this is done, you will be advised.

BRIDGE EDUCATION

1. **Beginners Lessons:** Fifteen people started the course last week, with a couple more expected next week.
2. **Improvers Course 2024: Wednesdays, 6.15pm for 6.30 start**
 - a) Last year's group did 3 lessons and are now invited to complete the course with another 4 lessons, followed by 2 weeks of optional practice.
 - b) Beginners who graduated in November and who now have some playing experience are mostly ready for this course. They will join the group above and then finish with the 3 lessons from last year.

If you have not yet contacted me or put your name on the list at the club, please do so ASAP, so that I can prepare lesson materials.

3. Intermediate Workshops

1. Lebensohl Convention - *Friday March 15, 9.30 am*

If your partner opens 1NT you all know what to do if holding the following:

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|----|---------|----|--------|
| a) | ♠ 98 | b) | ♠ K J4 |
| | ♥ Q54 | | ♥ Q54 |
| | ♦ K8764 | | ♦ K98 |
| | ♣ KQ9 | | ♣ Q973 |

Both hands will bid 1NT – 3NT. But what if there is a 2S overcall? Both hands want to be in game, but will 3NT be the right place?

This problem and others (when there is interference over your 1NT opening) is solved by the lebensohl convention - a very handy tool to add to your toolbox.

2. Two-suited Overcalls - *Friday March 22, 9.30am*

These are an efficient way of describing 2 suits with one bid. They are competitive in the battle for the part-score, making it difficult for the opposition to judge their correct level.

\$15 per session includes notes, exercises and hand records.

Please contact me or put your name on the list at the club.

Wendy M

LANDMARK DECISION

At its Annual General Meeting held on 28 February, the members of the NSWBA voted to approve the Separation Proposal to separate the peak body functions of the NSWBA from its bridge club operations.

You are now invited to review the Draft Constitution and By-Laws and to provide feedback - see the link on the NSWBA Home Page:

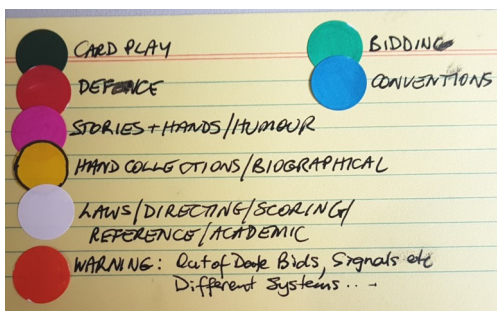
www.nswba.com.au

Comments can be provided by individual players or on behalf of clubs and are required by March 31.

From Page 1 . . . BRIDGE BORROWING LIBRARY

Books are sorted alphabetically *by Title*.

Each book has a borrowing card on which there are one or more coloured dots which indicate the topic(s) covered:



The cards also give the estimated difficulty level.



You can browse the bookshelves or go through the borrowing cards to identify a particular area you are interested in, as well as checking the level of difficulty.

I will email the complete list to members so that you can study what is available.

Please ensure that you record the *Date Out* and your *Name* when borrowing a book and then the *Date In* when it is returned.



For the history buffs there are books on the development of the game of bridge. If you like a good scandal check out Alan Truscott's book about cheating by the top British player Terence Reese, as well as Reese's book denying his guilt.

There are books on all aspects of bridge to suit all levels of expertise, so please make use of this resource!

ANOTHER DROPPED CARD PUZZLE

W	N	E	S
P	1♣	P	1NT
2♣			

West and East each dropped a card.
Can you find the missing cards?

RealBridge

West (left) has dropped a card (SA, S2 or H2) and East (right) has also dropped a card (DQ, CA or C4). Note: there is an error in the image.

The correct bidding is:

W	N	E	S
Pass	1C	Pass	1NT
Pass	2C	All Pass	

Consider the bidding and determine which card each has dropped.
A FREE GAME will be awarded for the best, correct explanation by a player with 15 or less masterpoints.

TEST YOUR REASONING

Sitting West against 4♣, you led the ♣AK, partner followed with the ♣2 and the ♣5 and the declarer played the ♣Q3.

What will you do next? ... Continued on page 9

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W West	N North	W N E S
♠ A54	♠ Q876	P 2♣ P 2♥
♥ 109874	♥ AQ3	P 3NT P P
♦ 2	♦ A876	P P P
♣ AK76	♣ J2	1NT 2♥ 4♣
	S South	E East
	♠	♠
	♥	♥
	♦	♦
	♣	♣
		4♣ S NS: 0 EW: 0

- a) ♣ b) ♦ c) ♥ d) ♠ e) ♠A & ♠

A **FREE GAME** will be awarded for the correct answer and best explanation by a player with less than 300 masterpoints

FOR THE EXPERTS

A **FREE GAME** to any player who can solve this ‘double dummy’ problem.

*Send all answers to Wendy:
wmi20245@bigpond.com*

Penalty Cards

Ronnie 05/02/2024

As a director, I get called many times to deal with penalty cards on the table. It could be that - the wrong defender made an opening lead out of turn; a defender exposed one or more cards during play; a player exposed card(s) during auction and he/she became a defender; a defender simply forgot to follow suit. What about declarers I hear you say? Declarers can never have a penalty card.

Many players will know that a player with a penalty card must play it at the first legal opportunity. This means to follow suit, discard/trump (if the penalty card is a trump) or lead it to the next trick. The defender’s partner is subject to lead restrictions if he/she is leading to the next trick when the penalty card is on the table. However, the above statement is not 100% correct. It is true if the penalty card is a **major** penalty card. Any card of honour rank (A, K, Q, J or 10), or any card exposed through deliberate play, becomes a major penalty card. If a defender has two or more penalty cards, they are all major penalty cards too. If the director deems a single card that is a 9 or below (not an Honour rank) is exposed unintentionally, he/she can designate it as a **minor** penalty card (Law 50B).

♠ Q	♠ 6543	♠ KJ10982
♥ K987654	♥ AQ10	♥ J
♦ K765	♦ A32	♦ J109
♣ Q	♣ J106	♣ K87
	♠ A7	
	♥ 32	
	♦ Q84	
	♣ A95432	

South is to make five clubs.

(a) West leads the ♠Q.

(b) North and East exchange the ♦2 and ♠2 and West leads the ♠Q.

What obligations does the owner of a minor penalty card have? Not many. The defender must play the minor penalty card if he/she wants to play a card of the same suit below the rank of an Honour. He/she is entitled to play an Honour card of the same suit rather than the minor penalty card instead. The defender's partner is not subject to lead restrictions if he/she is leading to the next trick (Law 50C).

Did you know that information derived from a penalty card (major or minor) and the requirements for playing that penalty card are authorised information for all players as long as it stays on the table (Law 50E1. Subject to E4)? Therefore, a declarer can play a deuce and force the defender to follow suit and win it with the penalty card Ace, or play an Ace and force the penalty card King under it, or a defender can follow suit with a small card so his/her honours do not crash with partner's penalty card. However, as a defender, this knowledge becomes unauthorised (i.e. you're not allowed to plan your play based on the knowledge that your partner has that card) once it returns to your partner's hand. The director can award adjusted scores if he/she deemed that you have (Law 50E2).

We now know that a player with a penalty card is required to play it in specific circumstances. Have you ever thought about what happens if he/she fails to play it as required? The answer is: the player has committed a revoke! Let's check the definition of a revoke (Law 61A): "Failure to follow suit in accordance with Law 44¹ or **failure to lead or play, when able, a card or suit required by law** or specified by an opponent when exercising an option in rectification of an irregularity, constitutes a revoke." Hence a revoke can happen not just because you fail to follow suit, it can also happen because when the declarer requires you to lead a specific suit to the next trick as specified by the law but you do not comply (assume you have at least one of it).

However, a fact that may surprise you is that once the revoke is established, the director cannot award automatic trick adjustments, your typical one or two tricks transfer, here (Law 64B3). He/she can still assign an adjusted score if defenders have gained an advantage by not playing the penalty card when required (Law 64C). Having said that, when a session is under the control of a non-playing director, he/she will and should stay at the table until the penalty card is gone so as to make sure all the rectifications are followed and executed properly. I don't remember a revoke

has been established under this circumstance before. Most of the time, players at the table will notice the failure to play the penalty card straight away.

1. Law 44 describes the basic rules of play: requirement to follow suit, what happens if you cannot (discard), what is a trick, definition of winning/losing a trick etc.

Editor's Note: Thank you Ronnie - very informative!

WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

Answer: 0.000017 or 17 chances in a million for a 10xcard suit.

Board 3 Traveller

North NV

♠ A 8 7 2
♥ K 7
♦ A 10 8 5 4
♣ Q 2

West V

♠ Q J 10 6 4 3
♥ 8
♦ 9 2
♣ J 10 7 5

East V

♠ K
♥ A Q J 10 9 6 5 4 3 2
♦ K Q
♣

South D NV

♠ 9 5
♥
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ A K 9 8 6 4 3

HCPs

13
4 15
8

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
North	5	6	-	1	-
South	5	5	-	1	-
East	-	-	4	-	-
West	-	-	4	-	-

East can count 10 playing tricks, so if the dealer would make a Game Force opening (usually 2C).

However South is the dealer and so when the bidding comes around to East, a direct 4H bid is correct and 10 tricks can be made.

However, the NS hands are interesting too! If South counts 7 playing tricks, then he/she could open 4C. Not vulnerable, this is a pre-empt expecting to go down 3 tricks (Rule of 2 & 3).

North has 3 sure tricks for partner and a possible 4th. Bidding 4D should show the 5+ suit and willingness to play in 5C. Over East's 4H South can show the D fit and bid 5D.

Interestingly this makes 12 tricks played by North. Can you see how? And why South would only make 11 (if there was a way that the D's were bid first by South) ?

However, North might bid 5C immediately. In this case East is sure to bid 5H, for one off.

Hand provided by Ronnie from a recent Novice session at Goulburn St. One pair was in 5C, 8 pairs were in 4H, 5H or 6H.

STANDBYS

- A standby player is now available for Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Thursdays - if you contact Louis Koolen he will try to arrange a partner for you. Remember Pre-entry is required.
- There is no Standby on Monday Evenings or for Special Events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March

June Ball, John Burke, Margo Burnet, Philip Dey, Rosalind Dey, Margaret Driscoll, Sylvia Foster, Stuart Gibson, Peter Hall, Adi Jones, Steph Mathews, Sharon Mayo, Julie Sadler, Martin Schotte Christine Williams.

NEW MEMBER: Please welcome returning member Vicky Galolo (0403 145 896) and add her number to your program book.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

RealBridge

Tuesdays 12.30pm Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

Eclectic: Best 2 of 4 scores

Face-to-Face

Monday 12.30pm Mar 11, 18, 25
Monday Evenings 7.15pm Mar 11, 18, 25
Wednesdays 1.30pm Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays *Pre-Entry* 12.30pm Mar 7, 21
Fridays 12.30pm Mar 1, 8, 15, 22

No Bridge Friday 29 – Good Friday

Special Events

Monthly Shield 2 E Wednesday 6
Presentation Day Pairs P, *all day* Thursday 14
Country Teams (1,2) Q/R/P *all day* Thursday 28

APRIL

Special Events

State Mixed Pairs (1,2) Q/R/P *all day* Thursday 11
Teams of 3 P/C *all day* Thursday 18
Anzac Day Pairs P/Green Thursday 15

Wendy Mitchell

Editor