

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



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

**ZELDA
OVERHALL
CUP
Monday, May 13**

This is a red point event with a trophy for the best Bronze Regional and below pair and a special prize for the best Silver Local and below pair (at March 31). Other ranks can enter for the red points.

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NEW EMAIL ACCOUNT:

cclcbridgeclub@gmail.com

This replaces our westnet account. Please ensure all email correspondence is sent to this address.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Leonie Lovell is available every Wednesday if you have documents that need witnessing.

**S TATE SENIORS
May 29 - 31
Were you born before
January 1, 1961?**

If so, you are eligible to play in this State Event, hosted by our club since its inception in 2021. There are 30 pairs and 15 teams entered so far, but we can accommodate 40 tables. Yes, you will meet some very good players but you will also have the chance to win some cherished Gold points.

A State event on your doorstep!

Entries Close: Saturday, May 18

Speak to Convenors Louis Koolen or Margaret Regan if you need help in entering.

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rounds of 3 boards each. In the afternoon a Howell movement of 9 x 3-board rounds ensured that each pair played every other pair over the day.

Thank you to our helpers Margo Burnet, Rachel van der Merwe and Julie Sadler who served the sandwiches and fruit at lunchtime.

Congratulations to Martin & Christine who have won the Club Mixed Pairs Championship.

Our club will pay for 4 pairs to proceed to the State Mixed Pairs Final in Sydney on May 18 & 19. Because Jan & Chris were 'non-contending', the next two pairs have been invited: Dorothy Berzins & Larry Bryant and Wendy Mitchell and Chris Hannan.

Good luck to all!



Left:
Director
Ronnie



Right:
Margot &
Rachel



Players



Winners: Christine & Martin

TEAMS OF THREE (C)		10 teams	Thu Apr 18			
			Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	Eunice de Vries (C), Frik Gautschi Tony Canavan, Julieanne Perceval		4	0	2	79.19
2nd	Chris Hannan (C), Kevin Hughes Leonie Lovell, Gina Robertson		4	0	2	78.93
3rd	Dorothy Berzins (C), Wendy Everitt Di March, John Aldersley		3	2	1	76.29

Thanks to Louis Koolen who directed this Championship event consisting of 6 x 8-board matches, 3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon.

Thanks also to Dorothy Berzins who rang around members, ensuring we had a good number of entrants; to Pauline Caust who invited the Captains and to Ruth Griffin who organised the serving of lunch.

After a rocky start when, through misunderstandings, one player and one Captain did not arrive, the day proceeded smoothly. Captains for each team of 3 were drawn at random. Following the traditional format the Captain then played with each member of the team, once in the first session and once in the second session.



A guide for playing in Teams was provided to players – because the scoring is different to scoring of duplicate pairs, strategies of bidding also differ. This was an educational experience for many! However the focus of the day was a fun competition.

Congratulations to the Championship winners (L to R):

Frik Gautschi, Eunice de Vries (captain), Julieanne Perceval and Tony Canavan.



TUESDAY REALBRIDGE – Eclectic

A total of 18 different pairs competed over the 5 sessions in April. 11 of these played at least twice but two of these pairs contained the same player playing with different partners. As a result only 10 are eligible and half of these receive extra masterpoints from outright awards.

Because of the duplication of a player, the results posted to the website are incorrect. Adjustments will be made but the total of 0.65 masterpoints will remain the same. This will be done with the May masterpoint files.

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP (C) 8 teams Thu May 2

		Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
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1st	Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Dorothy Berzins	7	0	0	123.54
2nd	Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson Barry Foster, Chris Hasemore	5	0	2	101.34
3 rd	Gary Heyting, Steph Mathews Julie Sadler, Anne Grayden	4	0	3	93.86

Directed by Ronnie Ng, each team played every other team over 8 board matches.

Lunch was held after 3 matches when Ruth Griffin and Wendy Mitchell helped serve the usual sandwiches and fruit. Congratulations to the championship winners !

Photo of players next page . . .



APRIL 2024 CONGRESS AND TOURNAMENT REPORT

Tim Seres Online National Pairs. Directed by Ronnie Ng, Week 1 of this two-week event was held on 29 April. Nineteen pairs competed, and our own Di Coats and Alan Bustany came 3rd. After Week 2 on May 6, Di and Alan finished 10th overall in a very strong field. Well done!

Newcastle Novice and Restricted Teams was held on 28 April. Fourteen teams competed, and the Mackey Team (Alison and Peter Mackey with Leonie Lovell and Kevin Hughes) finished 11th with a win and 2 draws. Well done!

North Shore Autumn Online Swiss Pairs was held on 21 April with 30 pairs competing in the open field. Sally Clarke playing with Anita Curtis finished in the top half of a tough field at 14th. Well done.

Steph Mathews

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP HISTORY

Mrs Zelda Overhall (now deceased) was appointed Patron of Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club when it was formed in August 1987. This was in recognition of Zelda's outstanding work in the promotion of bridge on the Central Coast. She had been instrumental in forming the Central Coast Bridge Club but was perhaps best known as a bridge teacher.

A trophy, called the Patron's Cup, was introduced in 1991, but the event is now named after Zelda specifically. Because of her huge influence as a teacher on Central Coast bridge players, the event is for lower-ranked players.

The trophy is won by the best Bronze Regional (or below) pair

There is also a Special Prize for the best Silver Local (or below) pair. (Players of higher rankings can play on the day and earn points, but not the trophy.)

If your ranking qualifies you to compete, then you need to play with another eligible player. Perhaps this won't be your regular partner, but you can find one by referring to the list displayed on the pillar near the Director's table.

Players must be financial members of CCLCBC. Last year we had 5.5 tables from 69 eligible players. This year there are 88 players of eligible ranking so we hope for a good roll up!

DON'T BE SHY – FIND A PARTNER AND HAVE A TRY

MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Make sure you have your tickets – there are a number of lovely prizes. This will be drawn on *Friday, May 10* at the regular session. Proceeds will go to our new charity, Allawah House at East Gosford.

CHARITY DAY– Thursday, May 16 - Pre-Entry please

Donations of preserves and other ‘sealed’ edibles are requested for sale on or before the day. There will be at least one silent auction for special items.

All monies raised will go to Allawah House. If you want to make a specific donation you will be provided with a receipt for tax purposes.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – April Congratulations to:

<i>Bronze State</i>	John Aldersley
<i>State</i>	Kevin Hughes
<i>Bronze Local</i>	Allan Adams

BRIDGE EDUCATION

Improvers Course: Wednesdays, 6.15pm for 6.30pm

- May 8: NT bidding and play; Jacoby Transfers
- May 15: The Stayman Convention; Finesses
- May 22: Doubles and Overcalls; 3rd hand play
- May 29: *No lesson because of State Seniors*
- June 5: Mixed Review with Rule of 20
- June 12: Mixed Review with Rule of 7
- June 19: Review of all conventions

As well as those who have signed up for the course, anyone wanting a ‘refresher’ on a particular topic is welcome to attend.

Wendy M

Bridge NSW

Consultation on proposed Governance Arrangements, Constitution and By-Laws of Bridge NSW now Finalised

Thank you to all Clubs and individuals who participated in the consultation process on the draft Constitution and By-Laws for Bridge NSW.

- There was very strong support for the proposals for voting rights and representation on Council and those have been adopted without alteration.
- The proposal to require clubs to separate affiliation and capitation fees from the remainder of member fees was opposed by the majority of clubs and has not been adopted (clause 13(3)). Nonetheless we encourage clubs to ensure transparency by informing members of the fees paid by the club to the ABF and Bridge NSW on their behalf.
- A number of other detailed changes were made in response to the consultation.

Next steps

The next phase in the separation process is the approval by the ABF of Bridge NSW Limited as the constituent association of the ABF for New South Wales. This approval is expected to take place at the ABF AGM on 24 May. We expect that separation will occur soon thereafter, pending the completion of several administrative processes.

The creation of a separate peak body is an exciting opportunity for the bridge community in NSW and we thank you for your continued support.

Mary Anne Loveridge
Chairman
NSWBA

Catherine Chaffey
Chair
BNSW Proxy Board

1 May 2024



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 May

Garry Clarke, Bernie Davidson, Catherine Gordon, Vicky Galolo, Michael Greenfield, Chris Hasemore, Pip Havyatt, Gary Heyting, Jurate Laisve, John Negus, Frank Pellarini, Oscar Tap, Paul Unger.

NEW MEMBERS:

Please welcome Margaret Sanger (0412 430 449) and Mona Maher (0437 969 591) and add their numbers to your Program Book.

STOP PRESS NEWS

COMMITTEE CRUMBS from the meeting on May 6 —

1. **Thursday Evening** duplicate sessions will commence on **June 27**.

For those in employment this will provide a second play session, but it is hoped others will support it too.

Director: Julie Sadler Session Start: 7pm

2. Eva Hartzell's company, *The Building Establishment*, is sponsoring a fun session of **Hi-Lo Pairs on Friday, July 5**. Pairs will be drawn so that they comprise one experienced and one less-experienced player.

Watch out for more details on how to enter.

3. For CCLCBC to become a member club of the new Bridge NSW (see previous page), a representative individual must be nominated who will be entitled to exercise the rights and to perform the duties of the Club. It was agreed that this person will be Wendy Mitchell.

4. In support of the Les Longhurst Teams of 3 (see brochure below) CCLCBC will donate as prizes 3 free entries to our Congress in September. These can be used for either the Pairs or Teams events.

NSW Bridge Association /
Bridge NSW presents

Les Longhurst
TEAMS OF 3

Swiss Teams playing six rounds
RED Masterpoints awarded at State
Championship Level B.

9:30am for a
10:00am start

02 June, 2024

Lunch Provided

Director: **Alan Bustany**

ENTER AS A TEAM OF 3 
Register at: myabf.com.au

- Captains (*a State, National or an International representative*) will play 2 matches with each team member. Captains will be allocated via a random ballot at 9:40am.
- All entrants must have fewer than 1000 MPs. Depending on entries, separate Restricted and Novice divisions may be held.
- Simple (Green & Blue) systems only.
- No Brown sticker conventions.
- All players are subject to the NSWBA's Congress Disciplinary Regulations.
- Entries close 5pm Wednesday 29 MAY 2024.

 **SYDNEY BRIDGE CENTRE**
LEVEL 1/162 GOULBURN ST, SURRY HILLS

 **ORGANISER: JOHN MCILRATH 0437 274 343**

 **JOHN@BRIDGECLUB.COM.AU**

PRIZES

Major Cash Prizes
\$400 | \$200 | \$100
for overall winners plus
other spot prizes!



COMING EVENTS

MAY

RealBridge

Tuesdays 12.30pm May 7, 14, 21

Face-to-Face

Monday 12.30pm May 6, ~~13~~, 20, 27
 Monday Evenings 7.15pm May ~~6~~, 13, 20, 27
 Wednesdays 1.30pm May ~~1~~, 8, 15, 22, ~~29~~
 Thursdays **Pre-Entry** 12.30pm May ~~2~~, 9, ~~16~~, 23, ~~30~~
 Fridays 12.30pm May 3, 10, 17, 24, ~~31~~

Special Events

Monthly Shield (4) E Wednesday 1
 Club Teams C/P *all day* Thursday 2
 Autumn Pairs R Monday Eve 6
 Zelda Overall Cup R/T Monday 13
 Charity Day Pairs P/Green Thursday 16
 State Seniors Pairs R, P 1.00 pm Tuesday 28
 State Seniors Pairs R, P *all day* Wednesday 29
 State Seniors Teams R, P *all day* Thursday 30
 State Seniors Teams R, P 10am Friday 31

JUNE

Special Events

President's Cup R Monday 3
 Monthly Shield (5) E Wednesday 5
 Winter Pairs R *RealBridge* Tuesday 11
 GNOT Q 1&2 G, P *all day* Thursday 20

Wendy Mitchell, Editor

SMILE AWHILE Bridge players know about the Bath Coup,
 but have you heard of the Elvis Presley coup?

It's when your left-hand opponent leads from A-Q around to your K-x:
 the King is no longer dead!