

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



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

**SUCCESSFUL
SENIORS**

See Pages 4 & 5 for reports and
Pages 8 & 9 for photos.

**GNOT
Thursday, June 20**

Our qualifying event is on Thursday
June 20 – 2 sessions commencing at
9.30am.

Enter online NOW!!

You will see (Page 4) that some of
our members have already qualified
to go forward to the next stage of
the Grand National Open Teams.

What is GNOT? How does it work?
Why should you enter?

See Page 7 for the answers.

**CLUB
RESTRICTED
TEAMS**

Monday July 8 & 15

Eligibility: Individual players must
have less than 300 Masterpoints at
June 30.

See Page 6 for more information.

AGM: Thursday July 25

Very soon Anne Grayden will send
out notification of our Annual Gen-
eral Meeting and request motions
and nominations to Committee po-
sitions.

A form for the nominations will be
displayed in the bridge room. Pro-
poser and Seconder must sign a
nomination and the Nominee must
sign to accept. There are nine Com-
mittee positions available.

RECENT RESULTS

AUTUMN PAIRS (R) 4.5 tables Mon Eve May 6

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	75.00%
2nd	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell	60.42%
3rd	Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hasemore	57.64%

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP (R) 8 tables Mon May 13

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	63.76%
2nd	Peter Mackey & Kevin Hughes	60.85%
3rd	Trish Dennis & Wendy Mitchell	59.75%

Congratulations to Peter and Kevin who win the Cup for the best pair ranked Bronze Regional or below. The special prize goes to Tony Manea & Rachel van der Merwe (ranked 9th) for best pair ranked Silver Local or below.



Winners Peter & Kevin with Martin Schotte and Carol Godfrey.

More contestants below:



PRESIDENT'S CUP (R)		7.5 tables	Mon Jun 3
1st	Steph Mathews & Gary Heyting		65.23%
2nd	Michael Greenfield & Chris Jamieson		62.03%
3rd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins		61.36%

MAY 2024 CONGRESS AND TOURNAMENT REPORT

It's been a busy May with a variety of congresses, championships, and qualifiers.

Autumn Nationals (2-6 May): Nine events were offered over the five days, and five CCLCBC members ventured to compete in three of them. Open Butler Pairs Chris Williams and Pauline Caust finished 31st out of 56 and Vic Pietraszkiwicz with Edward Czarnocki finished 52nd.

Mixed Butler Pairs Facing very stiff competition, Helen Milward and Gary Barwick finished 23rd.

Open Swiss Teams Forty-eight teams competed. The Lowry team (Helen Milward and Gary Barwick with Jane Beeby and Helen Lowry) finished 33rd; the Caust team (Pauline Caust and Chris Williams with Peta Drake and Gail McKenzie) finished 43rd, and the Wozniczka team (Vic Pietraszkiwicz with Brian Craig, Ed Czarnocki, and Les Wozniczka) finished 45th.

State Mixed Pairs Championship (18-19 May):

CCLCBC paid for 4 pairs to compete, but a late withdrawal due to illness meant that only 3 pairs played: Christine Hadaway & Martin Johnson, Sally & Garry Clarke and Dorothy Berzins & Larry Bryant. Alan Bustany and Di Coats also entered independently.

On the first day, the field of 39 pairs was cut to 14 by qualifying rounds. However Alan & Di (7th EW) and Dorothy & Larry (6th NS) qualified for the State Final by coming in the top 7 in their direction after 2 sessions. Well done!! (There were only 9 Country pairs competing, so there could be no separate Country Final.)

The State Final on the second day was won by Sherlock Shao & Catherine Zang, from North Shore Bridge Club. Alan and Di came a very creditable equal 8th and are now the Country Mixed Pair Champions for the second year running. Congratulations.



NSWBA Autumn Swiss Pairs Congress (19 May): Twenty-two pairs competed in this event. In a challenging field, Martin Johnson and Chris Hadaway finished 11th, and Garry and Sally Clarke finished 18th.

CCBC GNOT Qualifier (23 May): Nine teams from the Central Coast area played in this event to select three teams to compete in the next level of the GNOT competition. Two CCLCBC teams secured their place in the Regional Final: The Caust team (Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Julie Sadler, and Anne Grayden) finished 1st and the Koolen team (Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Margaret Regan and David Snow) finished 3rd.

State Seniors Championship: CCLCBC hosted this four-day event beginning on 28 May. It was a great success under the direction of Ronnie Ng. Thirty-eight pairs competed in the pairs event, and the top 23 pairs all finished with over 50% and the top 19 finished with over 90 VPs. Marieta Borthwick and Colin Speller finished in first place with 123.3 VPs and 56.9%. It's fantastic that over thirty of our members played in the pairs event, and eight of them finished in the top ten! Dorothy Berzins and Larry finished 6th; Di Coats and Jan Clarke finished 7th; Jaan Oitmaa and Sylvia Foster finished 8th; and Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson finished 10th. Well done to all who played in this state competition.

Fifteen teams played in the teams competition, and eight of them were from CCLCBC. In first place, the Coats team (Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Greg Mayo and Sharon Mayo); in second place, the Clarke team (Sally Clarke, Chris Williams, Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer) and in third place, the

Mitchell team (Wendy Mitchell, Eunice de Vries, Henrietta Hohnen, and Margaret Regan). An excellent performance!

Steph Mathews

More Stuff about the State Seniors:

This event has been hosted by our Club since its inauguration in 2021. Pairs entries were up, but teams entries down.

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pairs	36	20	32	38
Teams	18	14	17	15

About half the players were from the Central Coast and nearly one-quarter from Sydney. To the North people travelled from Port Macquarie, Taree, Newcastle, Port Stephens & Great Lakes. To the South and West were players from Nowra, Southern Highlands and Cowra.

MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Winners - Sally Clarke, Louise Lewis, Wendy Mitchell, Gladys Donovan, Gladys Donovan - were spoiled with lovely hampers. Proceeds go to our new charity, Allawah House at East Gosford.

COMMITTEE CRUMBS from the meeting on June 1 —

1. Monies raised for charity were rounded up to \$2000 and this amount was donated to our new charity Allawah House. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.
2. Directors have been concerned at the time wasted by players looking at the results on the Bridgemates. So, at the request of the Tournament Committee, the Bridgemate settings will be changed so that only the result at your own table will be visible for checking. The results at other tables on each board will not be displayed.

(Of course it is interesting and instructive to view the contracts and results of other pairs – the time/place to do this on our website at *Results*.)

3. Pre-entry for the Thursday daytime duplicate will be continued for the time being. Entries received up till 9am on Thursdays.

4. A proposal for the use of vouchers for table fees was considered. A decision will be made after further investigation of practicalities.

And reminders:

- Remember to avoid strong perfumes in our enclosed area
- Please continue to support Tuesday afternoon RealBridge sessions



Relaxing after Charity Day on Thursday May 16

.... From Page 1: CLUB RESTRICTED TEAMS

As with the Teams of 3 in April, this event restricts top-ranked players from competing and gives you a better chance of earning points. These are Green, but at Championship rate.

Last year's winners were Pauline Caust & Suzanne Harrison, Margaret Regan & Kevin Hughes. However 2 of these players are no longer eligible for the event so there will be a whole new team winning this year.

If you are a regular Monday player, you and your partner can easily match up with another eligible pair. For other players there will be a full list displayed in the bridge area soon.

About half of our total membership can play in this trophy event, so make your plans now for entering on-line as soon as entries are opened.

. . . . From Page 1: GNOT

What is it?

GNOT stands for Grand National Open Teams. This is an Australian Bridge Federation event, administered by the States in the early stages. Players can earn coveted gold masterpoints.

How does it work?

This year the format has changed from recent years:

1. Clubs conduct qualifying events to which top teams proceed to regional finals. The Central Coast Regional Final will be hosted by Brisbane Water Bridge Club on Sunday August 4, 9.30am.
2. 64 teams from all National Regions will compete on RealBridge, Friday Sep 20 to Sunday Sep 22.
3. Face-to-face finals will be conducted in Sydney, Saturday Nov 23 and Sunday Nov 24. This will comprise a 4-team knockout and an 8 team non-Metropolitan final (from 31 Regions).

Why should you enter?

This is a rare chance to earn coveted gold masterpoints at your own club. Points are awarded for draws and wins in the team competition. If your team finishes in the top half of the field it is eligible to proceed to the Regional Final. At least one-fifth of the field must proceed and CCLCBC will pay for these teams.

Reaching the higher levels of competitions may be difficult, but earning gold points without travelling is not!

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NEW ABF RANKINGS – May Congratulations to:

<i>State</i>	Mei-Hua Crawford Peter Hall	<i>Local</i>	Kerry Garnsey Leonie Lovell
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STATE SENIORS PAIRS

1st (left):
Colin Speller &
Marieta Borthwick



2nd (below):
Maeve Doyle & Stuart Schon



3rd (above):
Steven Bock &
Kevin Davies



Best Local (right):
Dorothy Berzins &
Larry Bryant with CCLCBC
President, Julie Sadler

STATE SENIORS TEAMS

1st: Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo with Julie Sadler (left)

3rd (below): Henrietta Hohnen, Wendy Mitchell, Eunice de Vries, Margaret Regan



2nd (above):
Sally Clarke, Warren Lazer, Pauline Gumby, Chris Williams



Best Local:
Jim Routledge,
Martin Johnson,
Hope Tomlinson,
Barry Foster

THE LANGUAGE OF BIDDING

1. Submitted by Dorothy Berzins

Playing in the Grafton On-line Pairs (Stepbridge) on Saturday 1 June I was dealer, sitting South, holding this hand.

♠ AJ5 ♥ K83 ♦ AK532 ♣ Q3

The bidding proceeded:

South	West	North	East
1D	2D	3D	4D
5D	X	All Pass	

West alerted that she had both majors, and East was saying can support either major.

The only *uninteresting* thing about this hand is that I went one down when I allowed a club ruff. I should win the club with the Ace, draw one trump and pray that the Ace of Hearts is with East.

This was the full hand.

BD: 35

♠ 9
♥ 92
♦ QJ964
♣ AT765

Dlr: S

Vul: EW

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	5			2
S	3	5			2
E			1	3	
W			1	3	

♠ Q87643
♥ QJ754
♦ T
♣ 2

♠ KT2
♥ AT6
♦ 87
♣ KJ984

♠ AJ5
♥ K83
♦ AK532
♣ Q3

Editor's Note:

Only the first and last bids are natural, but all bids are the same!

If South opens 1NT (balanced 15-17) the bidding isn't nearly as much fun!

2. Submitted by Henrietta Hohnen

In Match 9 of the State Seniors Teams Henrietta and Marg Regan bid as follows (West and East passed throughout).

S (Dealer)

P

2D* (9+ HCP)

3C* (Mod. Puppet Stayman)

3S* (4 Hearts)

All Pass

N

2C* (GF)

2NT* (23-24 HCP, balanced)

3D* (at least 1x4-card Major)

6H

BD: 27

♠ AK4
♥ AQJ4
♦ K64
♣ AK9

Dlr: S

Vul: None

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	4	5	7	5	6
S	4	5	7	5	6
E					
W					

♠ Q72
♥ T632
♦ J
♣ JT852

♠ JT96
♥ 8
♦ T9875
♣ 643

♠ 853
♥ K975
♦ AQ32
♣ Q7

Editor's Note:

This time all bids are artificial except the last!

This hand contributed to winning this match as the opponent's at Wendy and Eunice's table stopped in 4H, making 13.

BEGINNERS WITH BUDDIES

The next three Thursday evenings will see Eunice's beginners play with a buddy. Most have already joined our club and received an ABF number. After 'graduation' we will be able to welcome them at the bridge table in regular sessions, especially in the evenings as many are in employment.

The usual reminder - please do not 'teach' them - encouragement and understanding is all they will need.

NEW SESSION

A second evening session in addition to our longstanding Monday session will allow working people can play more than once a week:

Thursdays, 7pm, commencing June 27, directed by Julie Sadler

Of course retirees can join in too! Please support this new venture if at all possible. Pre-entry is required.

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BRIDGE EDUCATION

Improvers Course: Wednesdays, 6.15pm for 6.30pm

- 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.

Intermediate Workshops: Mondays, 9.15am for 9.30am start

June 17: Double Trouble

Penalty, Takeout, Negative, Responsive, Re-opening, Balancing, Lead Directing - and there are more!

June 24: Cues and Clues for Slams

Includes Control Bidding and Roman Keycard Blackwood

Wendy M

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ATTENTION REALBRIDGE PLAYERS

When the Hunter Central Coast Bridge Zone was established, it was agreed that any player could play in our RealBridge sessions for \$5 without being a member of CCLCBC (or CCLC). This means however that such players can earn points in any red point event, but not the trophy.

An email will be sent to advise these players of this and to invite them to join as members if they wish to do so.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for June

Tony Burke, Wendy Byrne, Penny Dilworth, Patrick Gallagher, Chris Hannan, Henrietta Hohnen, Di March, Helen Milward, June Noble, Jan Oitmaa, Tony Sappideen, Gary Schroder, June Thompson, Alma Van Der Walt, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following and add their names and phone numbers to your Program Book: Berenice Air (0452 363 739; 4396 3600),

Vic Pietraszkiwicz (0401 404 142) and **New players:**

Jenny Bennett (0488 435 440), John Boyages (0418 862 690), Alicia Roberts (0404 460 455), David Roberts (0416 635 399), Ernest Shapero (0420 462 045), Robyn Smith (0428 811 051), Chevonne Twomey (0414 541 386), Michael Twomey (0418 258 374), Tuck Yuen (4328 1918).

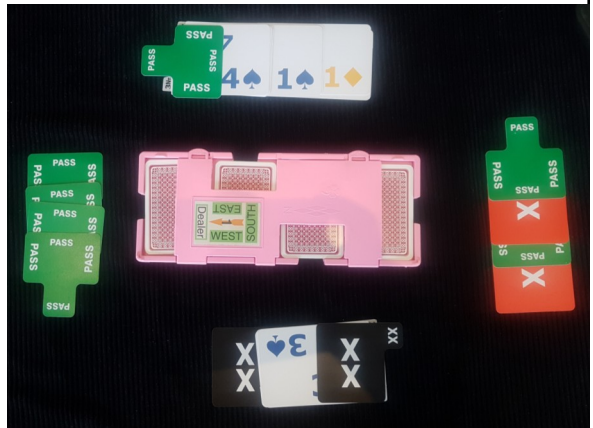
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

DO YOUR BIDS LOOK LIKE THIS?

Each player's first call is placed in front of them, slightly to the left, orientated so that the small tabs are to the right.

Subsequent calls are placed on top of the previous ones, from left to right, so that the cards overlap slightly and every call in the sequence is visible.



(Because the bidding cards are reversible, left-handed players may place the cards from right to left, so the small tabs are to the left)

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

RealBridge

Tuesdays 12.30pm Jun 4, *11*, 18, 25

Face-to-Face

Monday 12.30pm Jun 3, 10, 17, 24

Monday Evenings 7.15pm Jun 3, 10, 17, 24

Wednesdays 1.30pm Jun 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursdays **Pre-Entry** 12.30pm Jun 6, 13, 27

Thursdays **Pre-Entry** 7.00pm Jun 27

Fridays 12.30pm Jun 7, 14, 21, 28

Special Events

Monthly Shield (4) E Wednesday 5

Winter Pairs **RealBridge** R Tuesday 11

GNOT Q 1&2 G, P *all day* Thursday 20

JULY

Special Events

July Eclectic **RealBridge** E *best 2 of 5* Tuesdays

Monthly Shield (6) E Wednesday 3

Special Fun session - details to come **Friday 5**

Club Restricted Teams (1, 2) C/P Monday 8, 15

Winter Pairs (*RealBridge*) R Tuesday 11

Annual General Meeting Thursday 25

Anniversary Pairs R Thursday 25

BRISBANE WATER BC SUPER CONGRESS

Saturday July 20 - Swiss Pairs and Sunday July 21 - Swiss Teams at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy

If there are sufficient entries there will be separate fields for Novice (<100 MPs) and Restricted (<300 MPs). Enter via MyABF.

This is a great opportunity to earn red points at Congress level.

Wendy Mitchell

Editor