

Welcome to the

**Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

A **NUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

You have already received notification of this from the Secretary:

THURSDAY July 31, 2025

**10.30 am at Central Coast
Leagues Club**

- All Management Committee positions are open. Nomination sheet is displayed at the Club.
- If you are attending please record your name on the displayed sheet and indicate whether for AGM or Bridge only or both (needed for numbers for finger food served at the end of the meeting).
- If you cannot attend the AGM please record your name on the Apologies sheet.
- Motions must be received by the Secretary no later than July 9.

VALE

Carol Judd

Carol was a member of our club for 27 years. Several members attended her funeral on Friday July 4.

See pages 11 & 12 for some recollections and facts from Dorothy Berzins.

Angela Dougall

Angie passed away on July 1. Kevin advises that her funeral will be on Tuesday July 8 at 11am, Castlebrook Memorial Park, Rouse Hill.

Angie was a member of our club for about 14 years and she and Kevin have been stalwarts of Central Coast Bridge Club for 18 years.

RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (5)	E	10 tables	Wed Jun 4
1st Adele Mills & Jan Clarke			69.30%
2nd Steph Mathews & Gary Heyting			64.27%
3rd Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell			56.16%

MONTHLY SHIELD (6)	E	6.5 tables	Wed Jul 2
1st Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler			65.56%
2nd David Snow & Sue Eastman			62.00%
3rd Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins			59.17%

MONTHLY SHIELD TO DATE

To be eligible for extra masterpoints in this eclectic event you must play a minimum of 4 times *with the same partner*. The best 4 results are then averaged.

After 6 months there are 9 pairs who have met this requirement.

1st Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	59.82%
2nd Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	58.65%
3rd Maureen Catalano & Peter Hall	57.91%
4th Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell	53.62%

Other pairs are:

Margaret Reagan & Trish Dennis, Peter Mackey & Lyn Baber, Gillian Sadler & Chris Jamieson, Mona Maher & Margo Burnet, Lynne Harrold & Frik Gautschi.

In these 6 months there have been **51** different pair combinations. There are 4 months remaining in the competition, plenty of time for more pairs to reach the eligibility criterion.

PRESIDENTS CUP	R	12.5 tables	Wed Jun 11
1st Sharon Mayo & Ros Roworth			69.23%
2nd Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins			64.34%
3rd Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler			63.64%

WINTER PAIRS		R	7.5 tables Mon Jun 16
1st	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster		59.62%
2nd=	Peter Hall & Helen White		58.28%
2nd=	Wendy Byrne & Mei-Hua Crawford		58.28%
4th	Karen Ody & Jim Routledge		57.10%

GNOT QUALIFYING 1&2		G	9 teams		Thu Jun 19	
			Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	Di Coats & Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke & Sharon Mayo	7	0	1		117.75
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins, Chris Williams & Larry Bryant	7	0	1		107.29
3rd	Margaret Regan & Eunice de Vries, Gary Heyting & Steph Mathews	5	0	3		95.27
4th	Barry Foster & Jim Routledge, Jaan Ooitma & Sylvia Foster	3	0	5		85.09
5th	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler, David Snow & Peter Hume	4	1	3		83.42
6th	David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt, Wendy Mitchell & Henri Hohnen	3	1	4		79.6

Directed by Ronnie Ng, teams played 8 matches of 7 boards each.
Some teams were not contending as they had qualified elsewhere.

Our club is paying for 3 teams to proceed to the Regional Final Brisbane Water BC on August 3. Teams accepted are Coats, Foster, Grayden.

HIGH-LOW TEAMS		12 teams		Fri Jun 27
		Wins	Draws	Losses
1st	Martin Johnson & Margo Burnet, David Snow & Tuck Yuen	3	0	2
2nd	Sally Clarke & Joe Griffin, Jim Routledge & Janet Davies	4	0	1
3rd	Sylvia Foster & Stuart Gibson, Trish Dennis & Trish Howard	4	0	1

Director Alan Bustany organised 5 matches of 5 boards each.
Wine prizes were donated by David Snow. Pictures on Page 7.

Les Longhurst Teams of Three (1 June)

Open (15 teams): Di Coats captained the team which finished 5th and Helen Milward captained the team finishing 12th

Restricted (20 teams): Jan Clarke captained the team finishing 17th.

3rd - Louise Lewis, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Roy Cotton, Fraser Rew (C)

7th - Kevin Hughes, Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney, Leigh Matheson (C)

12th - Janet Davies, Trish Howard, and Frik Gautschi, Dagmar Neumann (C)

Well done to all members who travelled to Sydney to experience this event, including those 3 who had the honour of being appointed as captains.

Right: Roy Cotton, Louise, Lewis, Fraser Rew, Vic Pietraszkiewicz

**Victoria Festival of Bridge (5 June)**

Steve and Mary Colling (our on-line members) played in the Wally Scott Open Pairs and the Victor Champion Cup Teams.

Newcastle Bridge Club Congress (14-15 June)

Pairs (44 pairs competing): Jan Clarke and Di Coats (4th), Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting (9th), Shan Lawson and Steve Calcroft (10th), Sharon Mayo and Sally Clarke (12th), Kevin Hughes and Marcelle Goslin (27th).

Teams (22 teams competing): Four teams with CCLCBC members finished in the top 3rd of the field. Sally Clarke and Sharon Mayo teamed up with David Weston and Julian Foster to claim first place in a decisive victory, winning every match and finishing nearly 10 VPs ahead of the second placed team. Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Terry Bodycote, and Paul Weaver finished an impressive 4th; Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster, and Barry Foster finished 6th; Kevin Hughes teamed up with Marcelle Goslin, Pam Townsend, and Roy Cotton and finished 7th. Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Stephanie Mathews, Louise Lewis, and Gary Heyting finished 16th.

NSBC Festival of Bridge (20 -29 June)

Two Men and a Truck Intermediate & Restricted Pairs (36 pairs): Margaret Regan and Robyn Rogers (9th).

Fixed Income Solutions Open Pairs (28 pairs): Helen Milward and Gary Barwick finished equal 17th.

Fixed Income Solutions Intermediate and Restricted Pairs (22 pairs): Steve and Mary Colling finished 12th.

Watermark Open Pairs (30 pairs): Jan Clarke and Di Coats finished 13th; Helen Milward and Gary Barwick finished 24th.

Watermark Intermediate and Restricted Pairs (28 pairs): Louise Lewis and Vic Pietraszkiewicz finished 19th.

Fixed Income Solutions Open Teams (19 teams): Helen Milward and Gary Barwick teamed up with Alex Yezerksi and Lynleigh Evans to finish 8th.

Fixed Income Solutions Intermediate and Restricted Teams (8 teams): Steve and Mary Colling teamed up with Eileen Boocock and Philip Hassall and finished 4th.

TBIB Open Teams (22 teams): Jan Clarke and Di Coats teamed up with Ruth Tobin and Anita Curtis (aka The NSW Women) and finished 12th.

Country Teams Central Coast Regional Final (22 June)

Qualifying events held at the Central Coast clubs selected seven teams to play in this Regional Final. Playing 6 matches of 9 boards each they finished as follows:

- Sharon Mayo, Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sally Clarke
- Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster
- Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills, Chris Williams, Larry Bryant, Ian Lincoln
- Steph Mathews, Gary Heyting, Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate
- Steve Calcroft, Norman Berger, Peter Johnman, Kerrie Johnman
- Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler
- Elaine Hume, Sue Eastman, Jorgen Boettiger, Deborah Guthrie

The next step is for the top three teams is the Zonal Final at Tomaree on 7 September. These are all CCLCBC teams who will meet 10 teams from the Hunter Region. Good luck to all who will be moving forward.

Wollstonecraft Teams (22 June) Helen Milward teamed up with Steven Bock, Kevin Davies, and Elli Urbach and finished 3rd out of 9 teams.

AN INVITATION

Celebrating Dorothy Berzins 80th Birthday

Hi Bridge friends. As I am turning 80 this year, I would like to invite you to share a drink and some nibbles to celebrate this achievement.

Bridge has been a major part of my life since 1974. I have made many friends and had many pleasurable trips to play at Canberra, the Gold Coast, Hobart, Mt Isa and numerous NSW venues, as well as exotic places like the Shetland Islands, Coventry UK and Merced in California.

I just realised that I have been playing for over 50 years which highlights what a fascinating game bridge is, when it can keep one enthralled for so long. It is also amazing to recall the changes that have taken place in terms of dealing machines, bidding boxes and bridge-mates which have made running movements and scoring so much easier and quicker.

When I first joined the Central Coast Bridge Club in 1982, we used to volunteer to duplicate sets of boards for competitions by hand and to stay back after regular sessions to manually score results.

Another major change is the fact that we can play competitions online which is particularly great for players who are physically challenged or who for other reasons find it difficult to play at a club.

I hope this does not mean that we eventually stop playing face to face altogether as this is one of the wonderful features of bridge. It is an instant introduction to a group of friends in whatever town you end up in as I experienced in Darwin in 1974 and in Gosford in 1982.

So please join me after bridge on Wednesday 6th August 2025 in the Central coast Leagues Club dining area. To help with planning can you indicate if you can attend on the sheet available in the Bridge Club playing area.

Cheers,

Dorothy

HIGH-LOW TEAMS SUCCESS

Thanks to David Snow for sponsoring this event, following the popularity of the High-Pairs last year, sponsored by Eve Hartzell. Alan Bustany organise the random draw for partners and organised the event smoothly.



Sponsor David, Director Alan



First Place



Second Place



Third (Trish Dennis missing)



.. around the room

A few of the 48 players . .



THE NEGATIVE DOUBLE QUIZ

Three responses were received - John Aldersley, Ivan Cottom and Tony Manea. Each had a couple of responses that did not match mine (next page), but they all gave good explanations.

	Open	Over-call	Your hand	Bid	
1	1D	1S	♠ 42 ♥ AQT8 ♦ 32 ♣ QT876	X	2C
2	1D	1S	♠ 42 ♥ AQT87 ♦ KQ76 ♣ 32	X	2H
3	1D	1S	♠ QT82 ♥ KQ2 ♦ 32 ♣ Q987	X	1NT
4	1C	2H	♠ A765 ♥ A2 ♦ A76 ♣ A654	X	3NT
5	1C	2H	♠ KJ876 ♥ AK ♦ Q7653 ♣ 2	2S	3NT
6	1C	1D	♠ AT87 ♥ KQ2 ♦ 86 ♣ J765	X	1S
7	1C	1D	♠ AT87 ♥ KQ32 ♦ 86 ♣ J76	X	1H
8	1C	1H	♠ KJ876 ♥ AQ43 ♦ 876 ♣ 2	X	1S
9	1D	1H	♠ K654 ♥ 2 ♦ AQ872 ♣ AJ2	X	1S
10	1C	1S	♠ A2 ♥ KQ87 ♦ K2 ♣ QJT87	X	2C
11	1C	1S	♠ KJ3 ♥ JT7 ♦ QT87 ♣ Q76	1NT	2D
12	1H	2C	♠ AT87 ♥ K2 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ 542	X	2D
13	1H	2C	♠ QJ87 ♥ 2 ♦ KQT652 ♣ 32	X	2D
14	1D	2H	♠ AJ32 ♥ A2 ♦ AJ76 ♣ A32	X	3NT
15	1D	2H	♠ A2 ♥ KJ987 ♦ 32 ♣ T876	X	Pass

A FREE GAME TO EACH – ASK ME OR THE DIRECTOR FOR IT THE NEXT TIME YOU PLAY! Wendy M

GOOD LUCK

We wish Jan Clarke and Di Coats every success as they play for the NSW Women's Team in the Interstate Championship event at the Australian National Championships (ANC) in Queensland next week.



	Why ?
1	Shows 4x♥s; need 10+ HCPs to overcall ♣s
2	Shows 5x♥s with 10+ pts
3	Balanced 6-9 with ♠ stopper
4	Shows 4x♠s, 8+ pts; may miss ♠ fit if bid 3NT
5	Shows 5x♠s, 8+ pts
6	Exactly 4x♠s; X would show 4x♥s also
7	Shows 4/4 in ♥s and ♠s
8	Shows 5x♠s, 6+ pts
9	Shows 4x♠s, 6+ pts; can show ♦ fit later
10	Shows 4x♥s, 6+ pts; can show ♣ fit later
11	♠ stopper, not 4x♥s; can't o'call with 4x♦s & <10pts
12	Shows 4x♠s, no primary ♥ fit, 8+ HCPs
13	Shows 4x♥s, 8+ HCPs; too few pts to o'call ♦s
14	Shows 4x♠s, can show ♥ stopper later
15	Converting to penalties; don't have 4x♠s, too weak for 2NT

STATISTICS FROM THE ABF MASTERPOINT CENTRE MAY NEWSLETTER

Figures based on Home Club Membership

Club	Name	0-20	20-50	50-100	100-300	300-1000	1000 +
2022	Brisbane Water	39%	14%	10%	16%	13%	9%
2025	Central Coast	49%	19%	10%	12%	5%	5%
2035	Community Bateau B	31%	19%	14%	22%	13%	1%
2036	C.Coast Leagues	47%	7%	8%	13%	14%	11%
Central Coast Average		42%	15%	11%	16%	11%	7%
National Average		43%	14%	12%	16%	10%	4%

Of the 329 listed clubs, 151 do not have any members with 1000+ MPs

A TALE OF TWO HANDS

- Friday duplicate, June 20

Hand 23 saw South the dealer with a hand containing **26 High Card Points!**

Well done Gladys Donovan who opened a daring 3NT and made 9 tricks.

(Some writers recommend bidding NT with a 4441 hand, singleton Ace and good points).

Most pairs opened with their Game Force bid. Two tried 6S, but this can only make 11 tricks.

4H is makeable by South, but should be defeated if played by North. This happens if North's bid in response to 2C is an artificial 2H – showing less than 1xKing.

Board 23
Dlr: S
Vul: All

♠ 97654
♥ T7
♦ J87

♠
♥ A9542
♦ Q52
♣ KJ963

♠ JT83
♥ 3
♦ T643
♣ T754

3
10 1
26

♠ AKQ2
♥ KQJ86
♦ AK9
♣ A

Board 24
Dlr: W
Vul: Nil

♠ KQT72
♥ AJ
♦
♣ QJ8742

♠ J53
♥ 2
♦ J97643
♣ 653

♠ 84
♥ 98753
♦ AKQ52
♣ K

13
2 12
13
♠ A96
♥ KQT64
♦ T8
♣ AT9

On the next hand NS have only **26 High Card Points** between the hands but Gladys and her daughter, Maureen Catalano, bid to 6S, which can potentially make 13 tricks for a score of +1010.

Their opponents, Lynne Harrold and Tanya Master, made a brave sacrifice bid of 7D! Gladys doubled and EW made 9 tricks.

This was only 800 to NS which should have been a good result for EW except that

no one else in the field managed to bid to the slam.

COMMITTEE CRUMBS

The meeting scheduled for July 4 has been postponed to July 11.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – June 25

Congratulations to all:

Club Master

Stuart Gibson

Gina Tap

Tuck Yuen

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome as members and add their details to your program book:

New players - Tony Howells (0420 542 538; Liz Langmead (0407 011 574); Mandy Mitchell (0311 804 254); Diana Moran (0448 270 322); Raema Nash (0450 516 465); and new member - Nerilyn Lee (0401 018 832).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for July

Margo Brennan, Kath Bromley, Terry Dyer, Barry Foster, Joe Griffin, Christine Hadaway, Jim Havyatt, Henk Keulemans, Louis Koolen, Alison Mackey, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Richard Webb.

CAROL JUDD - Died June 2025

Carol and her husband Neville moved to the Central Coast in 1992, and Carol took bridge lessons with Virginia Dressler in 1993. Her keenest memory of bridge was winning the Women's Section at Canberra with Lanie Jespersen, Anne Grayden and Lyn Pears. Carol also won many trophy events with CCLCBC which she joined in 1996.

Carol contributed to the CCLCBC in many other ways during her time with us. She used to make the most delicious rocky road chocolates which would bring in \$500 for our Charity Day events. Over the years Carol donated numerous items to the club such as microwaves and a wonderful large print on canvas of Wamberal Beach to decorate our playing area. She also introduced the first sled-base chairs that we still use today. Carol's generous donations were made without her wanting any recognition at the time. Carol also helped with running some of our special events e.g. Melbourne Cup Day.

After Carol was unable to attend the club during Covid she took up playing online which she continued to do until physically no longer able.

CAROL JUDD:

Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

FIRST PLACE		YEAR	WITH
Club Championship	Restricted Teams	1999	Jack Lindsay, Leyla Moncelet, Marjorie Hagan
Perpetual (Red Point) Trophy Events	Spring Pairs Spring Pairs	1999	Maree Smith
	Anniversary Pairs	2003	Lyn Pears
		2005, 2018	Anne Grayden
	Foundation Cup	2003	Maree Smith
	Zelda Overhall Cup	2004	
	Gosford Pairs	2004	Nancye Joss
		2011	Lyn Pears
		2012	Robyn Jackson
	Summer Pairs	2012	
	Winter Pairs	2014	Julie Sadler
Other Red Point Events	New Years Cup	2016	Anne Grayden
	Easter Pairs	2009	
	Australia Day Pairs	2017	
Special Events	Valentines Day Pairs	2018	Jack Lindsay
	Mid-Year Pairs	2000	
	Birthday Pairs	2003	
	November Pairs	2004	Nancye Joss
	March Pairs	2006	Lanie Jespersen

See Page 14:

14, any 4-4-3-2, 1827:1; 4-3-2-1; 7-5-3-2-1

(points assigned to the A, K, Q, J, 10)

LOCAL CONGRESSES

1. Brisbane Water Bridge Club is holding their annual congress on July 19 and 20. The pairs event is full at 64 (17 of these belong to CCLCBC). The teams event is also full at 32. It is great to see that some of our novice players have entered.

2. Central Coast Bridge Club has a congress on Saturday July 26 (Pairs) and Sunday July 27 (Teams) for players ranked Novice (<100 MPS) and Restricted (<300 MPs).

If you are eligible these events are a great opportunity to expand your Bridge horizon - experience competition outside the comfort of our club room, meet new people, win some red points at Congress level and even be awarded a money prize!

Registration is via MyABF where you will find full details.

3. Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club: Support our club by entering the Swiss Pairs on Saturday September 13 and/or the Swiss Teams on Sunday September 14.

We have the capacity for 40 tables - it would be great to achieve enough entries to fill the Parkview Room. As well as the chance of earning red points, Congresses give you the experience of competing against players from local clubs and from across the State!

SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS

- Club Restricted Teams: Thursday July 2. Unfortunately this championship event was cancelled due to lack of entries.
- Foundation Cup: Friday August 8. This is a red point, trophy event.

Recent winners have been: 2015 Gwen White & Dorothy Berzins; 2016 Diana Coats & Dorothy Berzins; 2017 Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury; 2018 Christine Williams & Pauline Evans; 2019 Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins; 2022 Diana Coats & Dorothy Berzins; 2023 Chris Williams & Alan Bustany .

- Club Swiss Pairs: A championship event on Thursday July 28. This is an all-day event because a championship must consist of at least 2 sessions.

Recent winners have been: 2015 Angela & Kevin Dougall (tied with) Di Coats & Nancye Joss; 2016 Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss; 2017 Wendy & Colin Mitchell; 2018 Di Coats & Jan Clarke; 2019 Sylvia & Barry Foster; 2022 & 2023 Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins; 2024 Chris Williams & Sharon Mayo.

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Monday	1 pm	July 7, 14, 21, 28
Monday Evening	7 pm	July 7, 14, 21, 28
Wednesday	1 pm	July 9, 16, 23, 30
Thursday Evening	7 pm	July 10, 17, 24, 31
Friday	1 pm	July 11, 18, 25

Special Events

Thursday Evenings	E (best 2 of 5)	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Annual General Meeting	9.30am	Thursday 31
	Followed by:	
Anniversary Pairs	R	Thursday 31

AUGUST

Monthly Shield (7)	E	Wednesday 6
Foundation Cup	R	Friday 8
Club Swiss Pairs	C/P 9.30am	Thursday 28

IT'S A NUMBERS GAME

- Once in about how many sessions would you expect to hold all four Aces?
- What is the most likely distribution of a bridge hand?
- What are the odds of being dealt a Yarborough (no card > a 9)?
- What is the Milton Work Point Count? What is the Robertson Count?

(See Page 12 for Answers)

As flagged last month, this is my last edition as Editor. I have appreciated your feedback and enjoyed the job, but it is time to move on. . . .

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Wendy Mitchell

Editor