



# Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

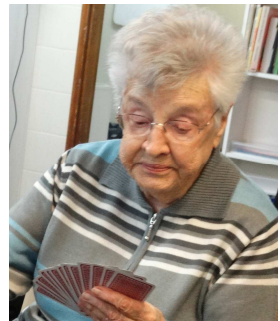
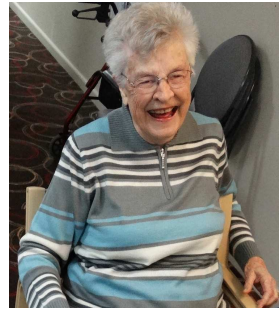


## NEWSLETTER

September 2015

### TEM'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday and well done to Tem who turned 90 on 20<sup>th</sup> August. It was lovely to be able to celebrate such a milestone with one of our very early members. Tem tells me that she and her siblings played many card games during her childhood when everyone had to find their own entertainment in the country. These games included Solo which was probably the start of her desire to learn bridge. Tem painted a delightful picture of floating under the willows in a small boat on the Cooradigbe River (near Wee Jasper) on many a hot day and trying to keep the cards out of the water and drying off those that fell in. Many Happy Returns Tem and thank you for being such a wonderful member of our Club. Dorothy



### NOT TO BE MISSED

Ruth Griffin's 10<sup>th</sup> annual High Tea on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 2pm, raising money for Breast Cancer Research. To be held at Splash above the Rugby Club at Terrigal Haven.



Contact Ruth on 0407 854 060



**RECENT CLUB RESULTS**

Congratulations to all

**NOVICE/RESTRICTED EVENTS**

Three Tuesday sessions (4, 11 & 18) August were conducted as an eclectic event. Fourteen pairs played with 12 playing at least 2 out of the 3 sessions. Half earned additional Green Points as outright awards:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Unger & Tem Lancaster	0.44
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pamela de Lacy & Mary Pye	0.31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Swindells & Mat Raj Mal	0.22
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Brierty & Janice Roughley	0.15
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Hancock & Brian Warburton	0.11
6 <sup>th</sup>	David Howells & Leon Babinski	0.09

Winners of the special categories will receive free game prizes:

Under 5 Masterpoints:	Chris Spikesman & Wendy Potts
Under 15 Masterpoints:	Pamela de Lacy & Mary Pye
Under 35 Masterpoints:	Joan Brierty & Janice Roughley

**ANNIVERSARY PAIRS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	63.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hope Tomlinson & Martin Johnson	61.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Heyting & Diana Coats	60.9%

**CLUB PAIRS (21 August round)**

PAIR	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	ROUND RESULT	TOTAL
1	Adele Mills	Dorothy Berzins	70.5	124.0
3	Marie Purkiss	Elizabeth Lawrence	57.1	115.7
8	Lorraine Lindsay	Nancy Joss	59.6	115.3

**Foundation cup (17 August)**

PAIR	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	MATCHPTS	RATINGS +/-	%
12	Gwen White	Dorothy Berzins	211.8	0.24	63.00
4	Gary Heyting	Peter Berzins	193.7	0.05	57.60
10	Pam Harris	Elaine McGorm	192.3	0.19	57.20



**MONTHLY SHIELD (after 7 sessions)**

PAIR	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	AUGUST	SESSIONS
2	Gary Heyting	Dorothy Berzins	18	6
9	Diana Coats	Nancy Joss	P6	7
1	Carole Hamilton	Elizabeth Lawrence	14	4

**SWITCHING SINGLES (after month 7)**

	TOTAL	AVERAGE
Dorothy Berzins	54	10.8
Paul Unger	45	9.0
Jim Handcox	18	6.0

**OTHER EVENTS**

Best local players

**GNOT Regional Final Brisbane Water Saturday August 23**  
**8 Teams** including 3 teams each from CCLCBC and Brisbane Water and 2 teams from CCBC

Proceeding to the National Final is the team of Garry & Sally Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett. Our best performed team was second: Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats, Peter Berzins & Gary Heyting

**TORONTO TEAMS CONGRESS Saturday August 23**  
**Open 32 Teams**

7<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Whigham & Judy Wulff with a Toronto pair  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley & Martin Johnson

**Restricted 12 Teams**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> were Central Coast teams, the latter including Nola Daly

**COFFS HARBOUR GOLD CONGRESS August 11 – 14**

Quite a small contingent from the Central Coast clubs attended this year. 114 pairs competed in the Open Swiss Pairs and 110 pairs in the Intermediate Swiss Pairs. In the Teams events there were 70 teams in the Open and 48 in the Intermediate.

Best performed of our members were:

Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster: 15th in the Intermediate Pairs.

Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes, Sylvia Robb (& M Wood): a fantastic 2nd (by just 0.1 VPs) in the Intermediate Teams



**NEW ABF RANKINGS - AUGUST**

Congratulations to

<i>Bronze Life</i>	Rhonda Innes	<i>State</i>	Gary Barwick
	Pam Joseph	<i>**Local</i>	Helen McLean
	Kerry Murray	<i>*Local</i>	John Adams
<i>*National</i>	Sylvia Robb		Peter Hall
<i>National</i>	Bev Sivewright	<i>Local</i>	Rosanne Ransley
	Helen White	<i>Club</i>	Tony Ransley
<i>*State</i>	Jurate Petrauskas		Chris Spikesman
	Tricia Nolan	<i>Graduate</i>	Dirk O'Connor

**CARDS RATINGS****MOST IMPROVED REGULAR PLAYERS AT OUR CLUB**

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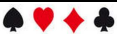
ROBERT LASSAU	4.96
CHERYL DAVISON	1.71
DIANE NICHOLS	1.54
BRANDON ZHENG	1.28
SHIRLEY MCLEAN	1.20
PETER BERZINS	1.16
JOHN ADAMS	1.13
GWEN WHITE	1.09
ALAN BUSTANY	1.07
MEI-HUA CRAWFORD	1.06
BRIAN WARBURTON	1.00

ANNE GRAYDEN	0.95
NANCY ASQUITH	0.86
HELEN MCLEAN	0.83
LEONARD PRATT	0.80
JOAN BRIERTY	0.80
DON HOLMES	0.80
MAUREEN HOLMES	0.79
TEM LANCASTER	0.78
ENID PAULING	0.72
HEATHER BELLAMY	0.72
VICKY MORRIS	0.70

**COMING EVENTS**

KEY (C) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (E) ECLECTIC (G) GOLD POINT (P) PRE-ENTRY (Q) QUALIFYING SESSION (R) RED POINT

Wednesday Sept 2	State Open Pairs	(R, Q, P)
Monday Sept 7	Monthly Shield 8	(E)
Wednesday Sept 9	State Open Pairs	(R, Q, P)
Thursday Sept 10	Switching singles	8 (E)
Thursday Sept 17	Intra-Club Teams	2 (R, P)
Friday Sept 25	Henry Kendall Pairs	(R)
Monday evening Sept 28	Spring Pairs	(R)
Wednesday Sept 30	Teams of Three	(C, P)





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**Teams of Three** is a Club Championship and Trophy Event and well worth the effort of forming a team of three players. Remember the Team must have less than 450 masterpoints. The Team Captains will be picked out randomly from some of our highest ranked players. During the three matches to be played every Team member will play with everyone in their Team including their randomly selected Team Captain. This is a great day and will finish with drinks and nibbles.

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**CONGRESSES AND OTHER EVENTS**

Blue Mountains Congress	Sept 5 - 6
Port Macquarie-Hastings Teams Congress	Sept 12 - 13
Hunters Hill Teams Congress	Sept 13
BWBC Charity Day	Sept 14
Great Lakes Congress	Sept 19 - 20
Tamworth Swiss Pairs	Sept 26 - 27

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**Under 100 Masterpoints Competition** is a great idea of the NSW Bridge Association who wants to promote opportunities for newer members to earn Red Points which are needed to advance to different levels. It is never too early to start earning them. All of our Members, with less than 100 Masterpoints, should take advantage of this opportunity.

In this competition all you have to do is to find a partner with a similar Masterpoint level and come and play in a normal session on Tuesday 15 September and also, if you wish, on Tuesday 13 October. This gives you two chances to earn Red Points.

On these two Tuesdays you pay normal table fee of \$4 and if you want to participate in the Red Point competition you pay an additional \$2 per player (\$4/pair) and any Green Points you win will be changed to Red Points. This money is sent directly to the NSWBA.

Any pair who pays their \$4 is entitled to enter the local final to be held on Sunday 29 Nov 2015. Special prizes will also be awarded according to different categories, which are:

- 0- 9.99 MPs
- 10 to 24.99 MPs
- 25 to 49.99 MPs
- 50 to 99.99 N

Players with more than 100 MPs can play on the two Tuesdays but can only earn Green Points and are not eligible to play in the final.

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**RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN**

Once bidding has begun, general conversation is not encouraged at the bridge table. All players need to understand that duplicate bridge is a very competitive game and so each player needs to respect the rights of all other players. Before the first board begins it is certainly courteous and friendly to exchange pleasantries with partner and opponents





**NEW FRIENDS** please welcome and add to your Program

Graeme & Janice Crane	4385 7467
Bea Stallbom	4368 1479

**COMMITTEE CAPERS** Report from your President

We are pleased to advise that Gwen White has agreed to continue as our Recorder and that Tony Ransley will become Newsletter Editor

Peter Berzins has resigned as Chief Director and Colin Mitchell has agreed to take over as of 1 Sept 2015. We thank them for their important contribution. Colin is also acting Tournament Organiser while Rosanne is away

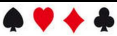
At our first meeting since the AGM we confirmed Committee roles such that Ruth Griffin continues as Assistant Treasurer, Lyn Lynch, as our Secretary and also our Welfare Member, Leon will continue as Equipment Person & Di Coats will look after Standbys and take care of our refreshment purchases


**Breaking News:** We welcome Claire O'Connor to the Committee for the next three months. Claire has kindly agreed to be co-opted to help us keep the Club running and partner arranging. This is particularly important with Rosanne away and Wendy's beginners about to commence playing.

The Committee had decided to look into the cost of a Wireless Microphone and we were thrilled to be unexpectedly offered a Mipro Amplifier and Wireless Microphone by the Brisbane Water Bridge Club, as they had purchased a new System. The amplifier needed a new internal fan and this has now been attended to by Vickery Sound. This very generous act on the part of the BWBC is very much appreciated. We have sent a thank you card and some chocolates to the BWBC on your behalf. Hopefully this will negate any accidents with people tripping over the cord of the old microphone system

At the latest meeting of the CCLC Internal Clubs on Thursday 20 August, Chairman Mr James Ryan advised all the Internal Clubs will need to become Incorporated bodies and we will need to change our Financial Year to be in line with the Calendar Year. We also need to ensure all our property is itemised and identified separately from what belongs to the Leagues club

James Ryan assured all Internal Club representatives this is not an attempt to





get rid of Clubs but that some issues with Insurance surfaced following the severe storms, a few months ago, when some items were found not to be covered by the Policy and that the Leagues Club was not as familiar as they need to be with how the various Clubs are managed

This will entail some work for us but should not be too difficult as we have been incorporated in the past and have most issues covered by policies and procedures we have developed over the past 28 years

Mr Ryan went on to report that the Leagues Club was continuing to do well and that they were going ahead with major physical changes to the top floor. It appears that a special area is being established there for the Indoor Bowls and the Billiards and Snooker Club  
Cheers Dorothy

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY in September to:**

Lorraine Bignall, Patricia Birch, Graeme Crane, Pauline Caust, Anne Grayden, Joan Lehane, Susan McCall, Elaine McGorm, Ursula Middleton, Heather Milne, Dirk O'Connor, Enid Pauling, Rosanne Ransley, Helen Smith and Brandon Zheng



**NOVICE PLAYERS**

Two recent beginners' groups (10 on Wednesday evenings & 4 on Saturday mornings) have completed their course of 8 lessons. Some of these, joined by a few other non-beginners, have now completed 5 weeks of supervised play. The last 2 sessions involved a buddy playing with the beginner – a very big thank you to these buddies: Mary Pye, Di March, Leyla Moncelet, Colin Mitchell, Mei-Hua Crawford, Helen White, June Thompson, Pamela de Lacy and Nancye Joss. The players and I really appreciate your input.

Our buddy system helps ease new players into regular sessions. Beginners and buddies play 2 sessions for free and then beginners can play for a month at no charge. After that we hope their experience of the game and of our club will be pleasant enough for them to join the ABF & NSWBA and play with us.

CCLCBC Tournament Regulations allow eligible pairs to claim protection against Brown Sticker Conventions in any club Green (E) Point event. This means that if your system has a Brown Sticker you cannot play the relevant conventions against that pair. I have given the beginners a name badge



which state they are protected. I will organise to provide them with orange stickers for their system cards.

The system taught to the beginning players, in line with ABF and NSWBA recommendations, is as follows:

Opening Bids	Requirements
1C, 1D	12+ HCP, 3+ suit
1H, 1S	12+ HCP, 5+ suit
1NT	15-17CP, balanced (may contain ANY 5-card suit)
2D, 2H, 2S	6-11 HCP, 6x suit
2C (Game Force)	9 1/2 to 10 Playing tricks or 24+ HCP, balanced
2NT	21-23 HCP, balanced

Both *signals* and *discards* are LOW = Like, HIGH = Hate. Of course, being beginners, they frequently forget and have been known to open 1NT with a singleton or even a void!! Please note that they have not learned any conventions yet (eg Blackwood, Stayman, Transfers), but will do so in the Improvers Course.

I know you will welcome these players and be patient with them. The best way of helping, if you wish, is to reinforce what they have learned, resist the temptation to teach them anything new/different, and above all ENCOURAGE!  
Thank you, Wendy Mitchell

## MISCELLANEOUS

Rosanne & Tony Ransley thank all for the best wishes concerning their daughter, Cathy, who is regaining her energy after her first Chemo. Early days but prognosis is good. Only 5 more monthly Chemo sessions to go

## THEN THERE WAS THE TIME PARTNER.....

- made a big mistake by assuming I knew what I was doing
- said "under an assumed name" when asked how I should have played the last hand
- acknowledged my well-balanced play by telling the table "I make up for inadequacies in bidding with ineptitude in play"
- explained there are 3 kinds of bridge players - those who can count & those who can't

