



# Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



## NEWSLETTER

June 2016

Congratulations to  
**Helen White, Jurate Petrauskas, Trish Byrnes & Alan Bustany,**  
our newly crowned Club Restricted Teams Champions.

### AGM 2016 APPROACHES

Saturday 6 August

The AGM is 6 weeks away. Any Member wishing to put a motion to the Meeting must notify the Committee by 8 July 2016 so that all Members can be advised of same by 15<sup>th</sup> July. We need to advise of any motions 21 days before the AGM.

We also encourage Members to consider standing for the next Committee. There is a list on the notice board upon which you may leave your details if you are interested. Avoid danger from the rush - don't stand in front of it too long

### HOW WE COMPARE

from ABF May Newsletter

NAME	Masterpoints ranges					
	0-20	20-50	50-100	100-300	300-1000	1000+
Brisbane Water	44%	13%	4%	18%	17%	4%
Central Coast	53%	14%	9%	11%	9%	5%
Community Bateau Bay	43%	25%	18%	13%	1%	0%
<b>Central Coast Leagues</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>NATIONAL PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>NATIONAL NUMBERS</b>	<b>15,474</b>	<b>5,348</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>1,305</b>



**RECENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all

**CLUB RESTRICTED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 2016**

Tuesdays June 7 &amp; 14

	TEAM NO	TOTAL VICTORY POINTS	RANK	MASTERPOINTS		TOTAL
				MATCHES	OUTRIGHT	
Alan Bustany, Helen White, Jurate Petrauskas, Trish Byrnes	4	102	1	0.48	0.44	0.92
Trish Dennis, Leon Babinski, Pauline Caust, David Howells	1	94	2	0.54	0.31	0.85
Rosanne Ransley, Lynette Lynch, Alison Heathcote, Lyn Baber	6	92	3	0.36		0.36
Ruth Griffin, Agnes Marsh, Daphne Montague, Anne Whatmore	3	70	4	0.24		0.24
Margaret Campbell, Robert Lassau, Suzanne Willis, Gina Robertson	5	52	5	0.12		0.12
Mae Erling, Jan Bowyer, Tem Lancaster, Wendy Byrne	2	35	6	0.06		0.06

**PRESIDENTS CUP 2016**

23 Pairs contested the President's Cup on Friday 24 June

	PAIR	%	MPs
1	Di Coates & Jan Clark	67.32%	1.2
2	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss	60.69%	0.84
3	Alfie Nation & Gwen White	60.23%	0.60

**AUTUMN PAIRS**

15 Pairs contested the Autumn Pairs on Monday 30 May

	PAIR	%	MPs
1	Colin Mitchell & David Bowerman	59.38%	0.80
2	Martin Johnson & Karen Ody	56.25%	0.56
3	Kerry Murray & Lyn Lynch	54.86%	0.34

**WINTER PAIRS**

10 Pairs contested the Winter Pairs on Saturday 11 June

	PAIR	%	MPs
1	Gwen White & Dorothy Berzins	68.75%	0.50
2	Julie Sadler & Nancye Joss	59.95%	0.35
3	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon	56.97%	0.17



**OTHER EVENTS**

Best local players

**MAITLAND CONGRESS****40 teams****May 1**

Five teams from the Central Coast entered this event. Congratulations to:

1<sup>st</sup> Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, David Snow

9<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation, Marie Purkiss, Di Nichols

**COUNTRY TEAM REGIONAL FINAL****8 teams****May 29**

This event was hosted by Central Coast and directed by Ronnie Ng. The top half of the field is eligible to proceed to the Zone Final in July.

1<sup>st</sup> Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody, Judith Smyth

2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Di Coats, Gary Heyting, Helen Milward

3<sup>rd</sup> Colin & Wendy Mitchell, Julie Sadler, Anne Grayden

4<sup>th</sup> Susan McCall, Pam Joseph, Tricia Nolan, Christine Hadaway

**NEWCASTLE CONGRESS****June 18 – 19**

Not surprisingly, players from the Central Coast were well represented in the Swiss Pairs on the Saturday (31 Open tables and 18 Restricted/Novice tables) and in the Teams on the Sunday (38 Open and 10 Restricted/Novice). This event also attracts many good players from Sydney so the competition is strong.

Local players came 3rd and 7th in the Open Pairs (NS), with our best pair being Jan Clarke and Diana Coats (12th NS). The Central Coast BC team of Berger, Redfean, Hannan and Ellis did very well to achieve 2nd in the Open Teams. Best performed from our club were Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman (10th) and Kerry Murray, Robyn Innes, Susan McCall, Pam Joseph (15th).

**COMING EVENTS**

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

4, 11, 18 & 25 July	Monday evening	Jovial July (E)
7 July	Thursday	Switching Singles 6 (E)
9 July	Saturday	Zelda Overall Cup (R)
11 July	Monday	Monthly Shield (E)
13 & 20 July	Wednesday	Club Pairs Championship (C,P)
28 July	Thursday 9.30am	Ted Neilsen Memorial Pairs



**NEW ABF RANKINGS - MAY**

Congratulations to

<i>Grand Master</i>	Toni Dixon
<i>*Regional</i>	Daphne Montague

<i>**Local</i>	Kathleen Bromley
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**RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN**

When play commences, do not detach a card from your hand until it is your turn to play and you have decided to play that card. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand and then pull up another card. Nor should you detach a card and then replace it to play another card. Also do not detach your card before it is your turn to play and never rearrange your hand when out of a suit. All of these actions provide additional valuable information to declarer.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

in June to:

George Boettiger, Bruce Branthwaite, Tony Burke, Wendy Byrne, Gary Goldsmith, Henrietta Hohnen, Robyn Ivers, Dianne March, Helen Milward, Colin Mitchell, Jan Oitmaa, June Thompson, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams.

**NEW & OLD FRIENDS**

please welcome and add to your Program

Chris Hannan	4342 9857	Trish Byrnes	4344 3634
Barbara Hogan	0429 444 765	Denise Wallis	0411 022 151

**Welcome back**

Anna Schermer 0420 321 330

**New contact numbers**

Patricia Birch 7903 9998 / 0481 726 410

**A BRIDGE STORY**

from The Bridge World

Bridge clubs rarely do any business during morning working hours, and those that open as early as lunchtime have few games going until later in the afternoon. On one particular day, a club had only four players, thus only one table in play, at the noontime hour. The four contestants were quite companionable and enjoyed their game. However, at one point, one of the four, a young woman, looked at her watch and announced, "I'm sorry to have to break up this very pleasant game, but I'm getting married in half an hour".





**WISE AFTER THE EVENT** from Friday 10/06/16

Board 27 Dir: S Vul: Nil	♠ KJ3 ♥ 87 ♦ 9865 ♣ T963	
♠ AQT9 ♥ KQT943 ♦ 4 ♣ A7		♠ 754 ♥ AJ52 ♦ AQJ3 ♣ KQ
4 15 17 4	♠ 862 ♥ 6 ♦ KT72 ♣ J8542	N: S: E: 1 ♠ 2 ♦ 5 ♥ 4 ♣ 5NT W: 1 ♠ 2 ♦ 6 ♥ 4 ♣ 5NT

After 1H – 2D – 2S – 4H, 4NT found the 2 missing Aces, so I, West, bid 6H.

This may not be the best bidding sequence, but we were in the slam along with 5 other pairs. 3 pairs stopped short but 8 out of 9 made 11.

At the time we felt robbed by the under-bidders who earned the better result, then I felt even worse when I looked at the print out and realized that the slam can be made.

It looks at first that West needed to finesse spades twice and that one of these finesses needs to work. However this fails because North holds both ♠J and ♠K. The way to make 12 tricks is via an *endplay*. This requires *stripping* the clubs and diamonds from declarer's and dummy's hands and then *throwing in* North with a spade.

There were a variety of leads from North – we received ♦9. So here is how the hand could be played: Win ♦A, lead ♦Q and ruff when South covers with ♦K. Play ♣A and small to ♣K. Discard a spade on ♦J, ruff the last ♦ with a high heart, say ♥T. Now draw trumps with ♥K and small to ♥J. Next play small to ♠T, losing to ♠J. Poor North!

North is left with ♠K3 and ♣T9. If North plays a ♣ declarer can ruff in dummy and discard ♠Q from hand. If either ♠ is played, declarer makes both ♠Q and ♠A. North is 'end-played'! Easy in hindsight . . . *Wendy M*

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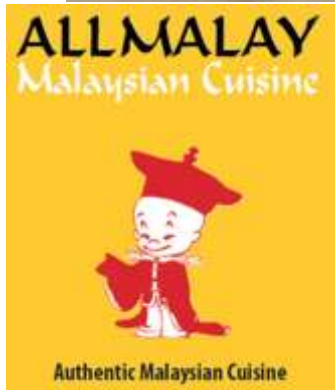
## CHARITY DAY WRAP UP

The Club raised a total of \$3,900 running up to and on Charity Day. Money raised is to be donated to the Pandora Committee who will use it to support families, individuals and children through Central Coast Family Support and various other local welfare agencies. Thanks again to all contributors.

Heartfelt thanks to the following local businesses who continue to support our efforts with donations of goods and vouchers. We encourage club members to commend and patronize these businesses whenever the opportunity arises.



**Frangipani Caffe and Patisserie**  
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**COMMITTEE CAPERS**

June 2016

The Committee organised a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Peter Blacker, the Acting General Manager, for organising two Air-Conditioning Units for the Bridge Room. We very much appreciate this special support from the Leagues Club.

Now we have to learn by trial and error how to satisfy everyone's needs and this is proving to be rather complex. Some players feel the cold while others become overheated quite quickly. On some days it has been best to leave the air-con off and use fans, while on other occasions we need to employ the air-conditioning.

We will keep trying to do our best but suggest that those who are more inclined to feel the extremes should avoid sitting still at the two tables directly opposite the air-con units. If these are the only tables available when you arrive let the Director know and he will see if we can arrange a swap. Also it would help to dress in layers rather than wear very warm items that you cannot remove.

It has been a busy month with players competing in the Club Championship event of the Restricted Teams, the Regional GNOT Finals and the red point events of the President's Cup and the Winter Pairs.

**Incorporation: Update**

For much of the month some of our Committee were working hard on preparing changes to our Constitution (which would have been presented to members at the AGM) so that we could proceed with incorporation requested by the CCLC.

However, just last week at an urgent meeting called by CCLC Chairman, we were informed that both their Solicitor and Insurer advise that individual incorporation by the Internal Clubs is not necessary. It appears that all Internal Clubs are covered by virtue of CCLC being Incorporated. This is a relief for most Internal Clubs and will certainly save time and energy. It has however raised our awareness that some of our private property may not be covered by the CCLC and it may be a good idea for us to take out private insurance for some items such as paintings and electrical items donated to us. Items we purchase with CCLC funding are covered by CCLC Insurance. We are proceeding with updating our Equipment Inventory, which CCLC would like updated every 6 months.

**AGM: Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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Cheers Dorothy





**HAND PATTERN PROBABILITIES**

Wikipedia wisdom

**NUMBER OF POSSIBLE DEALS**

In total there are 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000 ( $5.36 \times 10^{28}$ ) different deals possible. The deals that are identical save for swapping, for example, ♥2 and ♥3 are unlikely to give a different result. To make the irrelevance of small cards explicit (not always the case) in bridge such small cards are denoted 'x'. The 'number of possible deals', in this sense, depends on the number of non-honour

SUIT COMPOSITION	NUMBER OF POSSIBLE DEALS	
AKQJT9876543x	53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000	cards (2,3..9) denoted indistinguishable.
AKQJT987654xx	7,811,544,503,918,790,990,995,915,520	The table gives the number of deals when various small cards are considered 'indistinguishable'.
AKQJT98765xxx	445,905,120,201,773,774,566,940,160	
AKQJT9876xxxx	14,369,217,850,047,151,709,620,800	Note: The last entry (37,478,624) is the number of different distributions of the deck (the number of deals when cards are only distinguished by their suit.
AKQJT987xxxxx	314,174,475,847,313,213,527,680	
AKQJT98xxxxxx	5,197,480,921,767,366,548,160	
AKQJT9xxxxxxx	69,848,690,581,204,198,656	
AKQJTxxxxxxx	800,827,437,699,287,808	
AKQJxxxxxxxx	8,110,864,720,503,360	
AKQxxxxxxxxx	74,424,657,938,928	
AKxxxxxxxxxx	630,343,600,320	
Axxxxxxxxxxx	4,997,094,488	
xxxxxxxxxxxx	37,478,624	

**PROBABILITY OF LOSING-TRICK COUNTS (LTC)**

LTC	NO. OF HANDS	PROBABILITY	
0	4,245,032	0.000668%	The Losing-Trick Count is an alternative to the HCP count (see May Newsletter) as a method of hand evaluation.
1	90,206,044	0.0142%	
2	872,361,936	0.137%	It is employed with unbalanced hands only when partner indicates a trump fit. LTCs are inherently better for evaluating the worth of long and short suits.
3	5,080,948,428	0.8%	
4	19,749,204,780	3.11%	As an extreme example, consider the points required to bid Grand Slam (most of us are taught at least 37). Now consider a 13 Spade hand – a sure bid of 7 spades with only 10 points. The long suit makes the tricks and it is not possible to evaluate such a hand using the HCP system alone.
5	53,704,810,580	8.46%	
6	104,416,332,340	16.4%	
7	145,971,648,360	23.0%	
8	145,394,132,760	22.9%	
9	100,454,895,360	15.8%	
10	45,618,822,000	7.18%	
11	12,204,432,000	1.92%	
12	1,451,520,000	0.229%	

