

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**FEBRUARY 2019**

**P**RESENTATION  
DAY  
**FRIDAY March 8**

Join us in the *Parkview Room* to celebrate last year's achievements on one of our biggest days of the year.

Bridge at **9.30am** - followed by a fabulous buffet lunch - best value on the Coast at **\$10** (for financial members). Cost to visitors for bridge and/or lunch is **\$20**.

You must book for the lunch - on the noticeboard at the club or online at [www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au](http://www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au) via Event Entry.

**Entries and payments  
close at 4 pm on Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**INTER-CLUB TEAMS**

**Thursday February 7**

Players from the four registered clubs on the Central Coast competed as well as socialised in this bi-annual event. Begun in 2000, this was the highest ever number of teams, at least since 2007. The next highest was 20 in February 2009.

Fortunately the Parkview Room was available as our club rooms could not cope with this number. While members brought various delights for morning tea – thank you all – the sandwiches, fruit and after bridge nibbles were provided by the Leagues Club.

Many hands helped with the setup on Wednesday evening and director Alan Bustany conducted the event capably and efficiently,

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## RECENT RESULTS

## Congratulations to all

### AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS (R) 5 tables Sat Jan 26

Director: Leon Babinski

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Gwen White	65.28 %
2nd	Henrietta Hohnen & Julie Sadler	61.57 %
3rd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	54.17 %

This was the 22nd time played since 1998 when it was won by Bill Pinfold and Sheila Barwell. This year makes Dorothy's 4th win, having won it with Peter Berzins in 2001 and 2002 and with Adele Mills in 2013. Adele Mills has won this event 3 times. 2xtime winners have been Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver, Bob Morris, Vicki Morris, Trish Dennis and Anne Grayden.

### NEW YEARS CUP

It was reported last month that this year's winners were Alan Bustany and Chris Hannan – the first CCLCBC pairs event won by these players. The inaugural winner of this perpetual trophy was Life Member Bill Thomson playing with Carol McKellar in 1988. Bill won this twice more with different partners. Other 3xtime winners have been Peter Berzins, Sheila Barwell, Bill Pinfold, and most recently Marie Purkiss (2008, 2015 and 2017).

### INTER-CLUB TEAMS (1) (R) 22 teams Thu Feb 7

		Wins	Draws	VPs
1st	Pauline Evans, Chris Williams, Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke	6	0	91.07
2nd	Barry & Sylvia Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson	4	0	80.60
3rd	Dorothy Berzins, Gwen White Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler	4	0	78.11
	<i>Best Restricted Team:</i>			
6th	Jurate Laisve, Trish Byrnes Elaine & Peter Hume	4	0	70.73

## CONGRESSES

## Best Local Players

### GREAT LAKES SWISS TEAMS      31 teams      Feb 9 - 10

- 1st Greg & Sharon Mayo (with David Weston & Kim Morrison)
- 6th Shirley & Noel Crockett, Christine Hadaway, Jacqui Wilson
- 8th Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hannan (with Diana & Chris Ellis)
- 9th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, Judy Wulff

### LAW 27: INSUFFICIENT BID

Your Left Hand Opponent (LHO) can always accept your insufficient bid, but assuming they don't what happens next? First, the Director should be called (as they should be for *any* infraction). After confirming that LHO does not accept the bid, it is erased, and you will be required to replace it with a legal call.

There are two types of replacement call that allow the bidding to continue without further rectification:

- a) the lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s); and
- b) a comparable call.

Otherwise your partner must pass whenever it is their turn to call and there may be lead restrictions.

Let's see this in action on a recent hand:

North opens 1NT; East overcalls 2C; South calls 2C and the Director is called. What are South's options?

First we must establish what South intended (in this case Stayman having not seen East's overcall). This rules out option (a) since the withdrawn call does not specify any denominations.

Can we find a comparable call? Some partnerships play a double of 2C to be Stayman - if so this would be a comparable call, but it must be part of the partnerships system; it cannot be made up on the spot! Without an agreed way of bidding Stayman over interference, there is no comparable call.

That was the case in this hand so South had to "punt" a bid knowing that their partner would be required to pass. *Continued P. 6 . . .*



(from P. 1) even playing a few boards before a latecomer arrived.

Paul Unger saved the day for Team 6 when Barbara Grant became ill; Wendy Mitchell collected the fees, played 6 boards for Team 20 and Pamela De Lacy and Wendy arranged the sandwiches onto platters for each table. Colin Mitchell helped after lunch as general dogsbody.



Congratulations and thanks to the Committee for a successful day, made great by the enthusiastic participation of so many.





**1st: Jan Clarke, Sally Clarke, Pauline Evans, Chris Williams**



**2nd: Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson**



**3rd: Julie Sadler, Anne Grayden, Dorothy Berzins, Gwen White**



**Best Restricted: Peter Hume, Elaine Hume, Jurate Laisve, Trish Byrnes**



If you are not pictured here, there will be more to look at on the website, eventually!

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Note that if bidding continues after North's pass, North may re-enter the bidding. If West were to become the declarer, West may prohibit offender's partner (North) from leading any one suit not specified in the auction by the offender (South).

Often you can replace an insufficient bid with the lowest sufficient bid in the same suit, but not if either of these bids might have a special meaning. The players should not, however, make such a decision for themselves: they must call the Director.

What counts as a comparable call? Broadly there are three types:

- 1) a call that means essentially the same thing;
- 2) a call that means something more specific that is included in the insufficient bid; and
- 3) a call that has the same purpose (such as a relay).

The Director cannot advise you what might be comparable calls but (away from the table) you can ask whether some call in your system would be comparable. Often there may be no comparable call. Your best bet is to pay attention and not make insufficient bids :-)

*Alan Bustany, Chief Director*

## **2019 MEMBERSHIP**

80% of members were financial at the cut-off date of January 31. Total membership at this date was **161** - 101 Home Club and 60 Associates.

**Unfinancial members will be charged \$7 table fees from now on!**

## **NEW ABF RANKINGS JANUARY: Congratulations to-**

<i>Gold Life</i>	Martin Johnson	<i>Club</i>	Frank Pellarini
<i>Bronze Life</i>	David Snow	<i>Graduate</i>	Terry Dyer
<i>Regional</i>	Allan Roser		James Havyatt

## **ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID . . .**

Bridge players often say “always a bridesmaid...” meaning that they just miss out on winning by coming second. So I decided to check this out by looking at 26 trophy events to see who just missed out and how often.

Sure enough a number of players did miss out on more than one occasion as follows:

Dorothy Berzins (x 5); Anne Grayden, Adele Mills, Sue Morris, Peter Berzins (x 3); Wendy Mitchell, Carol Judd, Julie Sadler, Bob Morris, Alan Bustany, Henrietta Hohnen (x 2).

*Dorothy Berzins*

## **HAVE YOU BEEN ‘KIBITZED’ ?**

Occasionally at our club a Kibitzer will watch the play. "What is a Kibitzer I hear you ask?". According to *Merriam-Webster* a Kibitzer is a Yiddish term for a spectator, usually one who offers (often unwanted) advice or commentary. The term can be applied to any activity, but is most commonly used to describe spectators in games such as contract bridge & chess.

According to Law 76 of the 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge a Kibitzer is a 'Spectator' and there are 11 regulations specifying what she/he may and may not do. I do not intend to go through all of these here but here is a condensed version.

### **A Spectator**

1. may only look at the hand of one player
2. must not show any reaction to the bidding or play, disturb a player or draw attention to any aspect of the game.

Many years ago - probably at the NOT in 1979 - a Spectator broke the rules by saying - [after the player he was watching had opened one club] - "Oh you are no longer playing Precision". I don't remember what happened after this . . . . .

*Colin Mitchell*

## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day Pairs	Green	Thursday	14
Switching Singles 1	E	Monday Eve	18

### MARCH

Monthly Shield (2)	E	Monday	4
Presentation Day Pairs	R	Friday	8
Country Teams	R/P	Monday 11, 18, 25	
State Mixed Pairs Q 1&2	R/P	Saturday	16
Switching Singles 2	E	Monday Eve	18

**CORRECTION:** Please amend this entry in your program book:

James Havyatt – 0408 220 643

### CLUB LEVEL DIRECTOR'S COURSE

Do you want to become a Director, or simply learn about the Laws, Movements and Scoring and so understand more about this great game? Tony Howes will conduct this course on Saturday May 11, from 10am to 4pm, at the NSWBA. A take-home exam will be available for those wishing to qualify as a director.

The cost is \$55 per person. Bookings and enquiries - phone: 9264 8111 or email: [office@nswba.com.au](mailto:office@nswba.com.au)

### THINK AND SMILE AWHILE

A granddaughter of six was watching her grandparents and friends playing bridge. When one of the players asked whether she played, the girl replied: "I can't play bridge but I can talk it!".

### GOOD LUCK . . . .

To all those Central Coast players competing in the Gold Coast Congress from Friday February 15 to Saturday February 23. You will be able to follow their highs and lows in a wide range of events at:

[www.qldbriidge.com.au/gcc/results2019.php](http://www.qldbriidge.com.au/gcc/results2019.php)

*Colin Mitchell, Editor*