

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



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2020

In just 5 days 40% of members have already paid -

THANK YOU!

If you do not have an email address, make sure you collect your renewal letter from the file at the club. Pay fees in cash or on-line:

Home Club member - \$33.10 Associate member - \$7
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PRESIDENT'S PRECIS

Last August you re-elected me as President, so you cannot say you were not warned. Your committee is shaking your tree.

- Arising from a suggestion at the AGM social bridge is now established on one Sunday a month, where our club teacher, Wendy Mitchell, talks through the played hands. The proposed "Have no

fear" session still has not got the numbers to get off the ground, but when it does, I will be happy to direct.

- Our Inaugural Weekend Congress on 21st & 22nd September was supported by local players and attracted many from beyond, despite the clash with the Metropolitan GNOT Finals. Thanks to the many people involved in its success.
- At 16 tables Melbourne Cup Pairs maintained the numbers of last year. However, organisation was easier as it was held wholly in the Parkview Room. Many thanks to the decorators, bookies, Director, cooks, Social Committee and all helpers.
- For the Club Teams Championship held this month I twisted Peter Berzins' arm to form a team, so we would avoid a triangle. Murphy's law kicked in immediately, another team had thought they had entered, so we ended up with 13 teams and therefore a tri-

angle. Something happened in the second match on the second Wednesday, and I still have no idea what caused it. Well done to the winners - Adele Mills, Dorothy Berzins, Di Coats and Jan Clarke.

- We are in the final stages of planning our Bridge Holiday in the Hunter (probably) from 10th to 13th March 2020. We will be keeping costs down. I have asked for four quotes and have received two. The committee will let you know of the details as soon as the venue has been decided.
- Finally, we are planning to hold some State Senior Events in 2021 and 2022, so don't accuse the committee of being short-sighted!

Louis Koolen

2nd December 2019

RECENT RESULTS

REMEMBRANCE DAY PAIRS (R) 7.5 tables Mon Nov 11

1st	Tony Sappideen & Matt Raj Mal	63.54%
2nd	Pam Harris & Elaine McGorm	61.81%
3rd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	60.42%

Note: Because non-members cannot win trophies or prizes, 2nd place getters, Pam & Elaine will gain the award for this event.

SWITCHING SINGLES (10) (E) 4.5 tables Mon Eve Nov 18

1st	Lorraine Lindsay & Di Coats	64.58%
2nd	Eunice de Vries & Agnes Marsh	61.11%
3rd	Wendy Mitchell & Alison Heathcote	58.33%

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CLUB TEAMS 13 teams Wed Nov 13, 20, 27

CHAMPIONSHIP	Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st Adele Mills, Dorothy Berzins Di Coats, Jan Clarke	5	0	1	86.78
2nd Colin & Wendy Mitchell Alan Bustany, Chris Hannan	4	0	2	76.16
3rd Marie Purkiss, Di Nichols Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation	3	1	2	71.46

A welcome return to three sessions and long [14 board] matches..Despite the best efforts of the director to have an even number of teams four players who were each convinced that at least one of their team mates had entered the event walked in shortly before the start of play. The director [Louis] rearranged the tables, the boards, the draw etc etc etc [King of

Siam] and the event started more or less on time.

After three sessions and six matches [or as some people say ‘when the music stopped’] Team 2 came first, Team 4 second, Team 5 third and Team 1 came fourth - not too far off the Director’s seeding.

There is no truth in the rumour that the youngest member of the non-entered team was supposed to have made the entry.....

CHRISTMAS PAIRS (R)	5.5 tables	Mon Dec 2
1st Wendy Mitchell & Trish Dennis		60.42%
2nd Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson		59.90%
3rd Matt Raj Mal & Roy Cotton		55.21%

CONGRESSES & FINALS Best Local Players

MUDGEES CONGRESS

Matchpointed Pairs **Sat Nov 2**

After the qualifying session the field was divided into a ten-pair Final and 14 to 16-pair Plate in each of the divisions: Open, Intermediate and Restricted. Congratulations to Lorraine Lindsay & Barry Foster, 9th in the Open Final, and to Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa, 2nd in the Open Plate.

Swiss Teams **38 teams** **Sun Nov 3**

Well done Sylvia & Jaan, Barry & Lorraine (3rd) and Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant playing with Kevin Hume and Deirdre Franklin (8th).

STATE NOVICE & RESTRICTED TEAMS **Nov 16 - 17**

Hosted by the Illawarra Bridge Club at Figtree, this was a ‘*Master*’ event for Restricted (<300) and Novice (<100) players with Masterpoints as at 1/9/19. [Compare the ‘*Restricted*’ Veteran Pairs where the condition was 70 years old by 31/12/19.]

13 Novice Teams played 8x14 board matches. Seventh was Wendy Everitt and her team from Central Coast BC.

16 Restricted Teams played the same structure with Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust, Jurate Laisve and Trish Byrnes achieving sixth.

Their only two losses were to the teams finishing first and third. Two teams from Central Coast BC also competed in this division.

STATE OPEN PAIRS NSWBA Sat Nov 23

Qualifying: The Central Coast clubs were well represented among the 39 tables-

NS: Peter Johnman & Stewart Duxbury 12th (plus 5 other pairs)

EW: Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster 7th, Garry & Sally Clarke 11th (plus 5 other pairs).

Sat Nov 24

State Final: 14 pairs. Won by Ashley Bach & Arlene Dalley. Club member Tony Burke came 8th with his partner Paul Dalley.

Country Final: 14 pairs First were Garry & Sally Clarke. Also competing were Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson, Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster, Alan Bustany & Chris Hannan and Martin Johnson & David Snow.

(Photo Page 6)

NSWBA Spring Swiss Pairs: 64 Pairs

Sat Nov 24

Pairs who did not make one of the Finals receive free entry to the Swiss Pairs. It was good to see that Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden (43rd) and Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman (60th) took up this opportunity.

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

Ten teams competed in our Regional Final of the GNOT at Brisbane Water BC on Saturday October 12 (2 sessions) and CCLCBC on Sunday October 13 (1 session). There were 4 teams from Central Coast BC and 3 from each of the other two clubs.

	Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st BWBC 1 - Sally & Garry Clarke Di Coats, Jan Clarke	7	0	2	118.36
2nd CCBC 1 - Norm Berger, Glen Campbell, Angela & Kevin Dougall	5	1	3	109.41
3rd CCBC 3 - Marie Purkiss, Di Nichols Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation	6	0	3	103.41
4th CCLCBC 2 - Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Wendy & Colin Mitchell	5	0	4	100.54

Only the (well-deserved) winners were entitled to proceed to the **GNOT**

FINAL held in Tweed Heads from November 29 to December 2. This is an elite knock-out competition of 64 teams from across the country.

(See Photo on page 6)

Our team was defeated in the first round by *Capricornia* and moved into the repechage with the other losing teams. This process is repeated until after Round 5 there are only 4 teams in the Semi-Final and 4 in the Repechage Final. The Central Coast team finished a creditable 28th out of 60.

Next, for those not in the finals, are seven rounds of Swiss Pairs. **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to Di Coats and Jan Clarke who were a wonderful second out of 96 pairs. Garry & Sally Clarke were 22nd.

CENTRAL COAST SUMMER TEAMS **Sun Dec 1**

28 teams competed in 3 categories. John McIlrath directed with Gary Barwick assisting.

Congratulations to locals with overall results shown:

Open A

2nd Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan, Sharon & Greg Mayo

Section B

13th Gwen White, Dorothy Berzins, Julie Sadler, Anne Grayden

Section C

6th Richard Carter and team

UHMP LOCAL FINAL **Sun Dec 1**

Six tables competed in this Statewide event playing the same boards as other Local Finals in NSW, directed by State-level Director, Ronnie Ng.

Players came from Tomaree, Central Coast BC and Brisbane Water BC as well as from our own club. Pairs in each category were as follows:

0 – 10	10 – 25	25 – 50	50 – 100
3	2	5	2

Our results were:

1st	Tracey Dillon & Cathy Russell	50-100	61.85%
2nd	Cheryl Davison & Pamela de Lacy	25 - 50	60.00%
3rd	Kerry Dwyer & June Clarkson	10 -25	57.04%
6th	Trish Howard & Sandra Cearns	0 – 10	53.33%

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**Central Coast GNOT Regional Final
Winners: Di Coats, Garry & Sally
Clarke, Jan Clarke**



**Country Pairs Winners
Sally & Garry Clarke**

SOCIAL SUNDAY - November 17



**Bill Alexander (ukulele and singer)
with Julieanne Perceval**



**Christmas fare - provided by
participants**



Socialising . . .



**. . . and the
Christmas
bear**





UHMP Local Final at CCLCBC

UHMP Central Coast Final						
SINGLE FIELD						
Rank	Pr No.	Player	Score	St	Place	Pr No.
1	2	Tracey Dillon / Cathy Russell	26		61.92	
2	6	Cheryl Davison / Pamela De Lacy	27		60.30	
3	11	Kerry Dwyer / June Clarkson	27		57.33	
4	4	John Aldersley / Beryl Lowry	26		56.92	
5	5	Rosanne Ransley / Tony Ransley	27		54.96	
6	9	Trish Howard / Sandra Cearns	27		53.04	
7	7	Denyse Stephens / Wendy Sheeha	27		50.44	
8	1	Thomas Fehily / Karen Siwyer	27		47.70	
9	3	Maureen Carson / Kevin Carson	27		44.52	
10	8	Jann Small / Suzanne Harrison	27		40.30	
11	12	Peter Mackey / Alison Mackey	27		39.48	
12	10	Carol Godfrey / Julieanne Perceval	27		33.78	



1st: Tracey Dillon & Cathy Russell



2nd: Pamela de Lacy & Cheryl Davison



3rd: June Clarkson & Kerry Dwyer

20 people attended the last gathering, with a total of 36 over the three sessions so far. Why not join us at the next one with the theme of leads?

SUNDAY JANUARY 12th at 1.30pm

Note the new time. No partner is required – just come along with your contribution to the food and in particular to the friendly atmosphere.

For planning purposes please advise **Pamela de Lacy (0415 288 873)** if you are attending.

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No masterpoints are to be awarded by clubs for Local Finals. The event will be scored across the state and B4s masterpoints awarded based on the state-wide results.

The NSWBA will pay for all the B4s masterpoints issued. All red masterpoints awarded (*i.e.* for both club sessions and local finals) will be processed by the ABF Masterpoint Centre in the December update.

The NSWBA recognises that the relative number of pairs in each MP division may differ greatly from one Local Final to another. Clearly all pairs' prospects are directly affected (either negatively or positively) by the overall strength of the Local Final they contest. Consequently all pairs will be given a handicap based on the average strength of their Local Final and their own MP holding.

Raw and handicapped results of all Local Finals will be posted on the NSWBA website. All masterpoint awards are based on non-handicapped results.

After handicapping, the final results and prize list is posted on the NSWBA website. Prizes and certificates are awarded based on the handicapped results and will be awarded in each of the four divisions.

Prizes will include free entry to major Australian Restricted and/or Novice events (donated by the ABF), cash, certificates and subscriptions to the online Novice Edition of the Australian Bridge magazine.

MONTHLY SHIELD – FULL REPORT

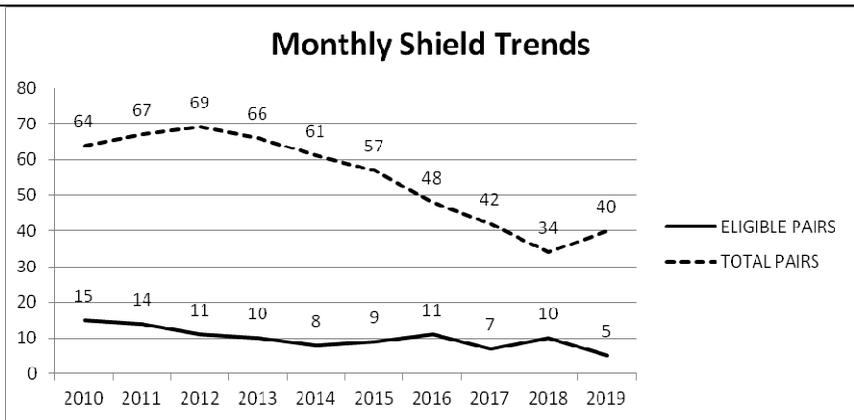
This competition, then called the Monthly Medal, began in 1987.

Monthly winners wore the Monthly Medal for the following month.

Over the years, conditions and method of scoring have changed, but, at least over the last 9 years, participation has largely followed a downward trend as shown in the graph (next page).

As an eclectic event, outright masterpoints are awarded to half the eligible field. This year points went to just 2 pairs.

With the aim of reviving this long-standing competition it will be conducted on the first **Wednesday** of each month in 2020. Because of restraints in programming the 2020 calendar, there will be just 9 sessions, with the best 4 sessions counting for a pair.



At this stage the scoring method of recent years will be maintained, ie each pair earns points based on *the number of pairs beaten* in a session.

Adele Mills won the first ‘Monthly Medal’ with her partner Zelda Overhall (our first club patron) and won it a further 10 times, 7 of these with Nancye Joss.

With Wednesday attendances consistently high, the Monthly Shield in 2020 promises to be well-contested.

SWITCHING SINGLES - FULL REPORT

The winner for the second year running was Wendy Mitchell.

Scores and additional masterpoints earned were: Wendy Mitchell (102, 0.89), Carl Sparre (100, 0.62), Eunice de Vries (94, 0.45), Colin Mitchell (92, 0.30), Pamela de Lacy (76, 0.22), Terry Dyer (68, 0.18).

SWITCHING SINGLES Different Partners	Condition: Best	Av Tables (/ Year Av same day)	Eligible Indivs (/Total)	Out-right Awards Indiv	Addl Green Pts	
Thurs-days	2013	4 of 9	3.5 (/3.5)	8 (/56)	4	0.89
	2014	4 of 10	4.0 (/4.5)	13 (/84)	6	2.01
	2015	5 of 10	3.1 (/5.5)	3 (/50)	1	0.46
	2016	5 of 10	3.7 (/4.8)	3 (/52)	1	0.46
Mon Eves	2017	5 of 10	6.4 (/6.0)	22 (/57)	12	4.65
	2018	5 of 10	5.9 (/5.4)	17 (/53)	8	3.60
	2019	5 of 10	6.15 (/6.12)	12 (/54)	6	2.66

This eclectic event was introduced in 2013. Since being moved to Monday Evenings attendance has been consistently high, but the number of players choosing to play with a different partner once a month has declined (see table on Page 9).

Those that do change partners find it great fun as well as good for one's bridge. You are encouraged to 'give it a GO' in two O two O!

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BRIDGE EDUCATION

Wendy Mitchell

SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS – Intermediate Players

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES:

Jan 18: Cues and Clues for Slams (Controls and RKCB)

Feb 1: No Panic No Trump Play (Holding Up, Ducking, Danger Hand)

If you have done any before, you pay half price.

Cost: \$10 per session **Time:** 9.30am

Entries on the noticeboard please – not essential, but I need to know numbers to plan materials.

I plan to continue Intermediate/Advanced workshops on one Saturday per month for the first half of next year. Watch out for dates and some new topics!

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MAKING NINE OR MAKING THREE? [A CAUTIONARY TALE]

Some time ago MFP and I were playing in a qualifying session for a championship event. Pairs that finished in the top three of the session would progress to the next stage - all expenses paid. In the last session we were sitting EW; the last board was played – 3NT by East making three – and this was duly entered into the Bridgemate.

When the scores were posted we had come fourth; the pair that we had played against in the last round had come first.

After the session when we were checking our results on the web-site we discovered that our score for this board was minus 600! Apparently three

had been entered as the number of tricks made; it should have been nine giving us a score of plus 600! This was drawn to the attention of the director; the entry was corrected and the session was rescored. As a result of the correction we came first and the pair that we played in the last round came fourth.

As we all know [or do we?] the actual number of tricks made should be entered into the Bridgemate.

I have noticed recently that at the end of a hand some players announce “making three” when they really mean “making nine tricks” or “two off” when they really mean “making seven”. CM 9 Oct 19

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NEW ABF RANKINGS – NOVEMBER

Congratulations to:

<i>Regional</i>	Alison Mackey	<i>Club</i> Carol Godfrey
<i>*Local</i>	Yvonne Zammit	

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MEMBERS PLEASE CONSIDER . . .

1. Some members are particularly sensitive to strong-smelling perfumes/deodorants. Please consider them as this can be a problem in our not-well-ventilated playing area.
2. Quite a number of players are sensitive to gluten. To accommodate them the club purchases gluten-free biscuits. It is important that these be available to those that need them, so *please do not eat these if it is not necessary*. (They don’t taste that good!)



**Best wishes to all members and their families
for the Christmas and New Year holiday season**

Stay happy, healthy and safe

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Dashing December E (best 2 of 4) Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27
Christmas Week – Cake and refreshments at each session

NO BRIDGE **Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26**

JANUARY

NO BRIDGE New Year's Day **Wednesday 1**
New Year's Cup R Thursday 2
Jumping January E (best 2 of 5) Friday 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Social Sunday 1.30pm **Sunday 12**
Australia Day Pairs R Monday 22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for December:

Joan Brierty, Alan Bustany, Heather Carlile, Sally Clarke, Diana Coats, Tony Collis, Trish Dennis, Marion Ellis, Carol Godfrey, Barbara Grant, Alison Heathcote, Nancye Joss, Greg Mayo, Kerryl McGrath, Diane Nichols, Len Pascoe, Julieanne Perceval, Gina Robertson, Chris Spikesman.

AND for January:

Peter Berzins, Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, Jan Davis, Austin Driscoll, Wendy Everitt, Ruth Griffin, Phil Hocking, Martin Johnson, Carol Judd, Ian Lincoln, Matt Raj Mal, Tony Ransley, Jenny Rowe, John Tagg.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members Colin Speller, Ivan Cottom, Joan Cottom, Cathy Hocking, Phil Hocking. Their phone numbers are in your 2020 Program book.

SMILE AWHILE Have you heard of the:

- Bridge Song *It's Not Unusual* - partner's scream after you misinterpret his 2NT bid ?
- Bridge Movie *West Side Story* - what the Appeals Committee would not accept as they ruled for North-South?

Colin Mitchell, Editor