

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



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

BBO CLUBS

The ABF's June Newsletter lists 41 ABF Virtual Clubs as at May 2020, including *Central Coast Leagues Ltd.* The latter refers to our regional BBO club which is a co-operative of Brisbane Water, Central Coast, CCLCBC, and Community Bridge clubs and is called *NSWCC* when you look at Bridge Base Online.

NSWCC is conducting 3 Open sessions per week – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The format is now agreed to be 8 rounds of 3 boards, 18 minutes per round.

Each week, one of these sessions will be for Red points. (The four local clubs are donating some of their red point sessions). There was one on Monday 1st, the next June sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday 10
Friday 19 and
Monday 22.

It is hoped that Novice sessions, for players with less than 100 masterpoints, will be conducted each Tuesday.

The results for the NSWCC sessions can be found on our website under *Results* and are also displayed on the CC and BW websites.

If you are still interested in trying this new experience, please contact any of our BBO directors for help/advice:

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EARNING MASTERPOINTS

There hasn't been a lot of bridge available, but if you are playing on BBO or Stepbridge you can still earn master points! The Masterpoint Centre has advised that:

The first group of masterpoint batches being submitted for BBO online games resulting from the Memorandum of Understanding between the ABF and BBO will appear on your player statements in early June as provisional awards. They were not able to be included with the end of May update.

There should be a second set of similar batches submitted ready for the end of June update as well in late June. Both sets will be included as part of the end of June update.

NATIONAL ONLINE PAIRS (Red Points)

The ABF ran the first of these on Sunday May 31, with 165 pairs NS and EW. At least 7 local pairs competed against players from all over the country. Best results were Philip & Cathy Hocking (EW – 29th) and Elaine & Peter Hume (EW – 31st). Well done against some **very** strong players.

These events will continue each Sunday, at 2.30pm. The format is 24 boards, 7 minutes per board. From June 7 there will be 2 Sections – Open and Restricted (<300 MPs).

As with all BBO events, you can only register within the 2 hours before the event, and both you and your partner need to be online at the same time.

Note: Red points earned on May 31 were processed that evening and appear on player statements.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - MAY

Congratulations to:

Bronze Life Philip Hocking

THE POSTCODE FOR MERRYLANDS

Did you know that is 2160? Probably not, but that's also the score for making a contract of 3S, doubled and redoubled with 3 overtricks!

There was clearly a bit of a misunderstanding between the opponents, so no comment on their bidding, or ours.

This was the BBO (Bridge Base Online) hand in one of the Central Coast competitions recently.

At all tables West played the hand in spades and received the lead of either a ♥ honour or a ♣ honour. The contracts were:

	Made	Freq'y	Score
4S	9	1	-100
4S	10	1	620
4S	11	2	650
4S	12	2	680
6S	13	1	1460
6SX	12	1	1660
3SX XX	12	1	2160

Board 4 Dir: W Vul: All	♠ ♥ KQ95 ♦ T3 ♣ QJT9743	
♠ AQJ95 ♥ ♦ AJ965 ♣ AK5	+	♠ K862 ♥ J843 ♦ Q82 ♣ 86
8 19 7	♠ T743 ♥ AT762 ♦ K74 ♣ 2	N: 3 ♣ 2 ♥ S: 3 ♣ 3 ♥ E: 4 ♦ 6 ♠ 2NT W: 5 ♦ 6 ♠ 2NT

Historically there have been some changes to scoring over the years, but since 1987 this is how one arrives at the 'postcode' score:

3S making = $3 \times 30 = 90$; Doubled = 180; Redoubled = **360**

A Game score is 100 or more, before the bonus. So this contract has been 'doubled into Game' and now earns the Vulnerable Game bonus of **500**.

3 overtricks are normally 30 each, but are 100 each when doubled, Not Vul; 200 doubled and Vul; 400 when redoubled, Vul. So the score for the overtricks is $3 \times 400 = 1200$

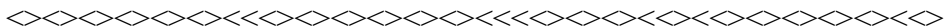
Finally there is an award of **100** for the 'insult' of being doubled and redoubled and making!

Of course everyone now looks up the score on a duplicate scorer or lets the electronic device arrive at $360 + 500 + 1200 + 100 = 2160$.

Note that this score beats bidding the slam! Looking at those who did –
6S making 13 would be: 7 over the ‘book’ = $7 \times 30 = 210$. Slam bonus, Vul, **1250**, so total **1460**.
6SX, making 12: $6 \times 30 = 180$; doubled = **360 + 1250** slam bonus + **50** for the ‘insult’ = **1660**.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST - From our June 1989 newsletter:
The club had been in existence for about two years. Some of our sessions were played in the Macarthur room and Bill Thomson was engaged in a discussion with the Leagues Club management over the lighting. Our ‘B’ Grade team had just played their first match against Brisbane Water. The team was Bill Thomson & Jacob Bording, Jacqui Sault & Joan Holcroft and were convincing winners by 25 - 5 VPs. Zelda was starting another series of lessons at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 21 June. The State Teams Qualifying had just been won by Peter Berzins & John White, Adele Mills & Jack Rushbrook.

Graham Steel was congratulated on recently achieving his half century and was elected President of the Central Coast Bridge Club shortly afterwards. Congratulations were also expressed to Colin Mitchell who was to achieve his half century at the end of the month and who didn’t want to be elected to anything at the time.



NEW MEMBERS

You may meet Carolyn Fitzpatrick (0410 596 949) on BBO. Please welcome her and add her number to your Program Book.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - JUNE

Sue Brumby, Tony Burke, Wendy Byrne (*a special 70 we heard*), Chris Hannan, Henrietta Hohnen, Robyn Ivers, Sandra Cearn, Dianne March, Helen Milward, Colin Mitchell, June Noble, Jaan Oitmaa, Tony Sap-pideen, June Thompson, Alma Van Der Walt, Brian Warburton, Marilyn Whigham, Ellen Williams.

NOT A BRIDGE JOKE, BUT . . . Why do fish always sing off key?
Answer: You can’t tuna fish.

Colin Mitchell, Editor