

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2020**

**A** **NUAL**  
**GENERAL**  
**MEETING**

As per email advice by the Secretary on September 26, the electronic format for the AGM was very successful. Thank you Gary Barwick and all 65 members who voted over the week preceding September 17.

Your committee for 2020/2021 is:

President: Louis Koolen

V President: Colin Mitchell

Secretary: Anne Grayden

Treasurer: Peter Mackey

Committee: Leon Babinski, Toni Dixon, Ruth Griffin, Julie Sadler

*Note:* There is one vacancy as Henrietta Hohnen withdrew her nomination.

Congratulations and thanks to those

who have put their hand up - hopefully the Committee will have some work to do this year!

**O** **N - LINE**  
**PAIRS**  
**CONGRESS**

This too was a great success, even if it lacked a little of the atmosphere of last year!

See Page 2 for results and report.

**F** **ACE to FACE**  
**LESSONS &**  
**WORKSHOPS**

Numbers have been small, but participants and the Leagues Club management are happy with the set-up and anti-Covid 19 precautions.

See Page 4/5 for more detail.

## **CCLCBC 2020 ON-LINE CONGRESS PAIRS**

There were 12 Restricted pairs and 32 Open pairs in our Online Congress. Eleven prizes were won in BBO\$:

1. \$100 Jan Clarke and Di Coats
2. \$80 Robyn O'Hara and Margaret Regan (Restricted)
3. \$50 Lavy and Tomer Libman
4. \$56 Tony White and Mary Poynten (Restricted)
5. \$25 Eunice de Vries and Wendy Mitchell
6. \$20 Patrick Jiang and Hui Li (Restricted)
7. \$16 Patricia McDonald and Niek Van Vucht
8. \$14 Murray Green and Ron Speiser
9. \$12 Shane Woodburn and Lynne Moss
10. \$11 Janet Kahler and Perelle Scales
11. \$10 Louis Koolen and Barbara Grant

While there were insufficient pairs to conduct two separate sections, it is notable that 3 pairs in the top 11 were in the Restricted category, and every single pair, from first to last, won some red masterpoints.

Congratulations to club members Jan & Di for first place, and Central Coast players Robyn & Margaret for second. Eunice & Wendy and Louis & Barbara were the other local players 'in the money'. (Louis and Barbara filled in as the stand-by pair!). At least 36 of the 88 total were local players.

Participants played 7x 8-board matches with a few minutes between each (particularly if pairs were fast players) and a short break for lunch.

The ABF/NSWBA require 2 director for an on-line congress. Many thanks to ours - Alan Bustany & Ronnie Ng - who reported that the event ran smoothly from a directing perspective with 55-minute rounds all happening exactly on schedule and only a couple of disconnection and technical issues during the day.

So, a no-stress event from the point of view of Committee organisation, but we missed out on the food, drinks and photographs!

## ABF MASTERPOINT REPORTS

1. Apart from our own Congress, members have participated in and won red masterpoints in other on-line events in September:

- ABF Online Nationwide Pairs
- Blue Mountains Congress
- Illawarra Swiss Pairs

2. At least 40 members have earned green and/or red point 'at our club' in the last quarter. Since there have been no face-to-face play 'at our club' means these people have played in the Central Coast virtual club sessions. Others have played and won points also, but are members of the other Central Coast clubs.

3. The number of red point sessions allocated to a club normally depends on the number of green points issued from October 1 until September 30. Due to clubs largely being closed, and as previously advised, all clubs have been allocated the same number of red point sessions for 2021 as the for 2020. For our club this number is 17.

### 4. MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS (CCLCBC):

These are the top 20 for our club so far this year. Improvement is measured by the ABF formula:  $(\text{Points This Year} * 10000) / (\text{Total Points} + 100)$

Speller, Colin	2,127	Mackey, Peter	722	
Small, Jann	1,182	Ivits, Kathryn	717	
Hocking, Cathy	1,149	Aldersley, John	704	
Harrison, Suzanne	1,132	Cottom, Ivan	692	
Bustany, Alan	1,066	Cottom, Joan	631	
Calcroft, Stephen	934	Byrnes, Trish	585	
Caust, Pauline	899	Dey, Philip	571	
Hocking, Philip	850	Cotton, Roy	530	
The full list	Van Der Walt, Alma	840	Clarke, Jan	507
can be found	Dey, Rosalind	804	Daly, Nola	505

at:

[www.abfmasterpoints.com.au](http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au). Choose *Club Reports*, and select 2-036 *Central Coast Leagues Limited Bridge Club*

5. MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS:

*No new rankings for September*

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**FACE-TO-FACE IN THE PARKVIEW ROOM**

**1. BEGINNERS** Ten beginners and refreshers have settled in to Thursday mornings with Eunice.

**2. IMPROVERS (Part 2)** Teacher: **Wendy Mitchell**

Anyone who wants to review their knowledge is welcome to attend one or both of the remaining sessions - **Saturdays, 10.15am** start

October 17 - Opener's Rebids

October 31 - Review and Practice of the above

**Cost:** \$10 per session, \$3 for repeating pupils.

Notes, Hand Records and Review Exercises are provided.

Pre-booking required. 0423 388 529 or wmi20245@bigpond.com

**3. INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS** Teacher: **Wendy Mitchell**

**Thursdays: 1.15pm** start

October 15 - 2-Suited Openings (*Transforming Twos—Part 2*)

October 29 - Inviting Partner - Suit and NT

*(When and how to invite to Game - and when to accept!!)*

November 12 - Jacoby 2NT convention

**4. INTERM/ADVANCED WORKSHOPS** Teacher: **Wendy Mitchell**

**Saturdays: 10.15am** start

October 24 - 2 over1 Game Force System

November 7 - 2/1: Forcing 1NT

November 14 - 2/1: Focus on Majors

November 21 - 2/1: 1D Openings

*Four sessions give comprehensive cover of this now common system.*

**If you have to play with a robot on BBO you need to know it!**

Pre-bookings required - contact Wendy as above

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## **CONDITIONS FOR BRIDGE LESSONS AND WORKSHOPS**

### **Parkview Room, Central Coast Leagues Club**

**Permission to conduct these sessions was given on the understanding that participants abide by the following:**

- Only pre-registered pupils may attend
- You agree not to attend if you have any cold-like symptoms or have recently visited one of the current hotspots
- The teacher will maintain a record of name, phone and email address of each attendee
- Members swipe in on entry to the Leagues Club; their temperature is taken automatically at the entry desk
- The teacher may ask for confirmation re visits to hot spots and has the authority to deny entry to the Parkview Room
- Payment for classes/sessions are to be made by cash in an envelope, or by electronic transfer if pre-arranged
- Masks – recommended for participants but not compulsory
- The teacher will wear a mask when she cannot maintain 1.5m social distancing
- Pupils must go straight to a table and remain seated
- These may be long tables for viewing a screen or whiteboard, or to simulate play, square tables comprising 4 x 90cm tables together, which allows for 1.5m distancing for each person
- Tables will not have cloths and will be sanitised after use
- Hand sanitisers will be provided at each table
- Cards will only be touched by one person
- Disposable gloves will be available for those who wish to use them
- Participants must bring their own pen or pencil for worksheets or notes
- Bidding boxes will be used instead of bidding pads and sanitised after use
- The teacher is to remain seated as far as possible. If the teacher needs to move to assist at a table, she then sits down at the table and dons a mask
- If participants are given or need a restroom break, then the LC requirements of 1.5m social distancing apply

## FROM OUR ONLINE PAIRS CONGRESS

<b>BD: 54</b>	♠ A7	<b>Dir: E</b>
	♥ AKJ2	<b>Vul: E-W</b>
	♦ T64	
	♣ JT87	
♠ K982		♠ JT643
♥ 865		♥ Q7
♦ 932		♦ AKQJ8
♣ 653		♣ 2
	♠ Q5	
	♥ T943	
	♦ 75	
	♣ AKQ94	

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	4	-	5	-	2
S	4	-	5	-	2
E	-	3	-	3	-
W	-	3	-	3	-

W N E S  
 1S 2C  
 2S ????

What would you bid as North after this bidding sequence?

1. North knows partner has 5+ clubs, so 3C shows the fit but would not be forcing
2. Double would show values and imply 4x♥s and possibly ♦s. It should also show a tolerance for partner to return to 3C.
3. 3S (cue) is forcing, asking overcaller to further describe their hand - eg 3NT with a ♠ stopper. However, this bid overstates the 13 HCPs, as overcaller has promised 10+, but not necessarily game values.

Partner and I reached 4H (not by the best method) and were happy to make 10 tricks on SK lead, for a top board.

Note the lead: If West leads a small S, South's Q wins. If the SK is led, the Q is promoted! On a non-spade lead, most will lose 2xD, 1Xx and 1xH for 1 off.

Seven pairs out bid NS with 4S(6) or 5S (1). To make the 11 tricks that are possible in ♥s, declarer has to play HA & K, dropping the Q - an unlikely play with only an 8xfit.

### FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 54

Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
4 ♥ by NS	=	420	1
4 ♠ by EW	-2	200	2
5 ♠ by EW	-2	200	1
4 ♠ X by EW	-1	200	2
3 ♥ by NS	+1	170	1
4 ♣ by NS	+1	150	1
3 ♣ by NS	+2	150	1
3 ♥ by NS	=	140	1
4 ♣ by NS	=	130	2
4 ♠ by EW	-1	100	2
3NT by NS	-1	-50	1
5 ♣ by NS	-1	-50	2
4 ♣ by NS	-1	-50	1
4 ♥ by NS	-1	-50	2
5 ♣ by NS	-2	-100	1
3 ♠ by EW	=	-140	1

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome new members: Carolyn Fitzpatrick (0410 596 949) and Merrilee Robb (0458 017 979) and add their numbers to your Program book.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER**

John Aldersley, Bill Alexander, Gary Barwick, Ivan Cottom, Nola Daly, Pamela de Lacy, Angela Dougall, Trish Howard, Patricia Kull, Leonie Lovell, Adele Mills, Sue Morris, Judith Sherson, Jann Small, Gwen White, Helen White.

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**DISTANCED BRIDGE IN THE PARKVIEW ROOM**



**RETURN TO DUPLICATE?**

Your Committee is in ongoing discussions with the Leagues Club management, but permission cannot be granted at this stage. The Committee will however hold a face-to-face meeting next week, in the Parkview Room.

**SMILE AWHILE**

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.

*Colin Mitchell Editor*