

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



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

NEW WAYS
and DAYS
for the
NEW YEAR



- Monday Evening, 7.15 pm
- Monday, 12.30 pm
- Tuesday, 12.30 pm
- Wednesday, 1.30 pm
- Friday, 12.30 pm

The last few sessions before Christmas were cancelled when a change in the rules meant the Leagues Club needed the space they had given us. However, we are back as promised, still in the old buffet area, but near the windows, so the area is better lit and more open.

Back to **single** tables with *Bidding Boxes* and **MASKS ON!**

All events: *Pre-enter* via Event Entry screen, club website. Queries to Tournament Organiser, Julie Sadler - 0402 246 391

Sanitise: the bridgemate, the tables when players move and your hands as often as you wish.

Remember: Only one person touches the Bridgemate and only one person touches the boards at each table.



CONGRATULATIONS to

Dorothy Berzins & Adele Mills for winning the New Years' Cup - the first Trophy Event held since the Summer Pairs in Feb, 2020!

RECENT RESULTS

NEW YEARS CUP (R) 4.5 tables Mon Jan 4

Director: Ronnie Ng

1st	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	68.29%
2nd	Christine Williams & Jan Clarke	65.97%
3rd	Agnes Marsh & Ruth Griffin	59.95%

MASTERPOINT MATTERS

Our last Central Coast BBO session was held on December 11. BBO green points earned in December totalled 2.84.

Nine face-to-face sessions were held in December with a total of 10.16 green points awarded.

State Open Pairs

Players who competed in Qualifying sessions or the on-line Final will see that they have now been credited with any Red points earned.

Most Improved for 2020

The top 50 for our club are listed on the ABF Masterpoints site under Club Reports. Obviously you needed to be playing on-line - here are the top 10: Colin Speller, Jann Small, Suzanne Harrison, Alan Bustany, Cathy Hocking, Stephen Calcroft, Pauline Caust, Alma van der Walt, Kathryn Ivits, Philip Hocking.

Congratulations!

Rank Titles

From January 1, 2021, the titles of ranks that used stars in the rank name (e.g. ** Local) have their stars replaced by either bronze for one-star ranks or silver for two-star ranks.

This applies to Local, Regional, State and National, and is consistent with terminology used in the upper ranks.

The first of our members to receive these new titles are below.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - December

Congratulations!

Bronze National Pam Townsend *Silver Local* Jann Small

SUPERVISED PLAY

Supervised sessions for Beginner graduates will resume on Thursday January 14, at 10.15 am.

If you are interested in participating please contact Eunice de Vries on 0415 937 941.

FACE-TO-FACE DUPLICATE

It has been a pleasure to greet our friends at the table, even if you can't see the smiles behind the masks. Hopefully more of you will join us in the coming weeks as we can accommodate many more tables.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND BIDDING BOXES

38% of members are financial to date for 2021 (45 Home, 28 Associate). Understandably this is lower than last year at the same time (74% = 85 + 53) but there is the Covid-caution effect and the notice to renew was sent out later than usual.

So far 28 members have purchased their own bidding boxes. It is not essential to do so, but it does give you the confidence of knowing that only you have touched it.

In the present circumstances and venue it is easiest for all concerned if you can make payments by direct deposit for bidding boxes (\$12.50) and fees (\$33.10 or \$7) to:

BSB: 062-544, Account: 10280906

If you are unable to do this, please bring the correct money.

ON-LINE BRIDGE

Many of you will continue to play on-line. In this case you may be interested to know that recently the ABF Management Committee announced the appointment of Chris Hughes as National Online Recorder.

The process which will be followed to address complaints regarding player behaviour and/or ethics in online bridge events conducted by the ABF can be found at *National Online Recorder Process*

The first section of this document is provided on Page 4.

NATIONAL ONLINE RECORDER - PUBLISHED PROCESS

The role of the Online National Recorder should initially reflect those duties of a recorder at a club or congress where face-to-face bridge is played. The Online National Recorder is available to hear a complaint by an individual and assess whether further action should be taken. Unlike in a face-to-face situation, where a Recorder may well advise the complainant to start an appeal process on a recently played board, the Online National Recorder will receive the complaint at some time after the session has been completed.

Guidelines for ABF Online Bridge Events

1. If there is an irregularity at the table in an online bridge session, the director should be called by pressing the blue button (with three white horizontal lines) in the top left-hand corner of the playing screen and selecting 'Call Director'. Where possible, most irregularities will be resolved at this juncture.
2. There may be instances where a player may not wish to 'inflare' the situation by accusing another player at the table of potentially questionable behaviour. Therefore, after the session has been completed, the player may wish an ABF specifically-appointed person to assess their complaint.
3. Any player wishing to complain about another player's and/or pairs' alleged misbehaviour or suspicious activity should send an email to onlinerecorder@abf.com.au (there are also other options including the Director of the event or 'BBO Abuse' [abuse@bridgebase.com]). It is strongly advised that the player making the complaint not post details on any social media platform or speak to anyone else (except perhaps their partner) about their course of action. Another source of input to the ABF National Online Recorder would be copies of complaints received by BBO that relate to ABF sanctioned online bridge events.
4. All emails sent to onlinerecorder@abf.com.au must contain the details of the event played, including the date and hand number (for specific situations rather than general complaints), plus a detailed account of the alleged incident and the 'BBO' login name(s) of the accused.
5. The complainant will be contacted by the ABF's National Online Recorder by email to acknowledge receipt of the complaint.

A HAND FOR THE NEW DECADE

Wendy M

Sitting West on Monday night I picked up this amazing 7-6 hand.

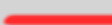
1D by me, double by North, 1S from Eunice (East), Pass or 2H (?) by South and 5C by me. North now bid 5H and partner doubled.

What to do? I felt 'robbed' and having no defence to 5HX I decided to bid 6C, expecting to go down as I have no Aces.

Partner gave preference by passing and the ♥A was led.

I ruffed this ♣3, crossed to dummy's ♦A and ran the ♣8. Magically this forces the CA! Win

any return, draw trumps and claim, for 1370. Note there is nothing to discard on the ♥K! At the other table, 5HX went for 1100. Even a sacrifice in 6HX works if NS manages the possible 7 tricks.

Board 16 Dir: W Vul: E-W	♠ AQ32 ♥ AT863 ♦ 96 ♣ A4	
♠ ♥ ♦ KQJ7542 ♣ KQT763		♠ KJT854 ♥ K972 ♦ A ♣ 82
1 1 4	♠ 976 ♥ QJ54 ♦ T83 ♣ J95	N: 1 ♥ S: 1 ♥ E: 6 ♣ 6 ♦ W: 6 ♣ 6 ♦

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for January (again)

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

COMING EVENT

Australia Day Pairs	R	January	Tuesday 26
<i>Remember to pre-enter</i>			

FOR THE 'PUNDEMIC' (a good laugh can boost our dopamine levels and even shore up our immune systems)

- Why did the chicken cross the road? Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly.
- I ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen.

Colin Mitchell Editor