

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



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

**PRESIDENT'S
PLEA(SE)**

Welcome back

The Northern Beaches breakout saw our pre-Christmas week of Bridge cancelled.

I did, however, negotiate a better playing space with Anthony Ryan, Chief Operations Manager and we restarted on 4th January. Our new space is near the emergency exits at Georgiana Terrace in the old Star Buffet featuring these current conditions:

- A limit of eight single tables
- One set of boards per table, so no one will handle cards touched by another player
- Bidding boxes have replaced bidding slips
- NS controls the boards and the BridgeMate
- At the end of each round table and BridgeMate are sanitised by EW

- Masks will be worn until that requirement is lifted in the gaming area
- Pre-entry for all sessions

We can place a bulk order for coffee with Archie's at the beginning of each session, to be collected or delivered at a given time. We socialise after sessions, relaxing with a glass of wine, etc.

At our coming Club Mixed Pairs Championship to be held on 12th and 19th February (Fridays) we will return to tradition with drinks and some sort of nibbles. So, if you haven't been back yet, please do try us out - we offer the safest possible playing conditions.

Louis Koolen

VALE

Jean Carney December, 2020
Toni Dixon January, 2021

See Pages 4 to 7

CURRENT SESSIONS

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

RECENT RESULTS

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS (R) 7 tables Tue Jan 26

Director: Matt Raj Mal

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	60.76%
2nd	Jan Clarke & Di Coats	59.72%
3rd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	59.38%

AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS (R) 3.5 tables Mon Eve Feb 1

Director: Ronnie Ng

1st	Chris Hasemore & Matt Raj Mal	64.58%
2nd	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell	54.17%
3rd	Martin Johnson & Karen Ody	53.12%

.... AND A RECENT HAND

This hand was played last Friday (January 29). Much discussion ensued after the game as to how to bid the hands to the optimum results.

(All finished in 4H or 5H, most making 12)

There are many ways to bid the hands. Here are just a few:

Board 24
Dir: W
Vul: Nil

♠ Q76
♥ QJ2
♦ AKT42
♣ KJ

♠ KJ
♥ A75
♦ QJ876
♣ 862

♠ AT985432
♥ 6
♦ 53
♣ 43

16
11 4
9

♠
♥ KT9843
♦ 9
♣ AQT975

N: 5 ♣ 2 ♦ 6 ♥ 4NT
S: 5 ♣ 2 ♦ 6 ♥ 4NT
E: 3 ♠
W: 3 ♠

1. North should open 1NT. If East passes, then South should bid 2D, transfer to H. North will accept the bid and South should then bid 3C. North should then agree H. Many Souths will bid 4H and the game will be passed out.

2. North should open 1NT. After transferring opener into 2H, South should splinter with 3S. North should play along and cue 4C (first or second round control), which is just what South wants to hear. South should bid 4D (first or second round control), and North could now bid 4NT. South will bid 5NT (2 with a void). North now bids 6H.

3. North should open 1NT. East who is NV takes an aggressive stand, and bids 4S. As double of 4S to most partnerships is penalties, South should now bid 4NT, asking partner to bid. North will now bid 5D, and South should rebid 5H. That is probably where the contract will be played, however North may bid 6H on the basis of their QJx, and the likelihood of South being very short in Spades. If North does bid 6H, then West should leap into the action and bid 6S – as even if doubled, their contract makes 9 tricks, so a loss of only -500 against the potential slam bid.

Jan Clarke

MASTERPOINT MATTERS

Membership: At the end of business January 31, our financial members were 74 (Home and Life) and 38 (Associate). The total of 112 represents 59% of last year's membership.

Red Points: Approval was given for New Year's Cup (2.54) and Australia Day Pairs (4.42)

Green Points: 19.02 were earned at Club sessions in January. However, it has been found that two December sessions were masterpointed at the incorrect rate, so 16 negative adjustments were needed. 12 of these were made in the January batches, so do not be alarmed if your points are lower than expected. Another 4 corrections remain to be made.

ABF Capitation Fee: It was recently discovered that the ABF is making a one-off reduction from \$16.10 to \$10. The difference of \$6.10 will be refunded to Home Club members who renew for 2022.

VALE: JEAN CARNEY

I was recently advised by her husband, Stuart Carney, that his wife Jean died last December.

Jean was a Newcastle girl who trained as a teacher. She met Stuart in Newcastle where he worked. They married and had two children, Peta and Robert.

Jean was a keen bridge player who joined CCLCBC around 2000/2001. She won the Club Restricted Teams in 2005 with Pamela Haskins, Marion Robey and Patricia White.

She played with me, June Thompson, Robin Ivers and others including her older sister.

I also knew Jean through the Central Coast Art Society, where she was the librarian. She was a talented artist who exhibited and sold regularly. Later she became a keen botanical painter and exhibited with the Botanical Art Society.

She and Stuart moved to Orange about 10 years ago where her son and his family had moved. Her daughter-in-law had a busy veterinary practice and her son travelled in his job so she wanted to support them and her 2 granddaughters. In Orange she continued to play Bridge regularly with the local club, reaching Bronze State Master and winning masterpoints as late as February 2020 before Covid closure.

She also continued to paint and belonged to the Orange Art Society. Some of our members will remember her lovely paintings, either winning them in raffles, Charity Days, or buying them. She was very generous.



We kept in touch regularly over the years. She would often pop in to see me when she visited the Central Coast where she had lots of family. Jean was a lovely lady, a good friend and I'm sad to see her go.

Lyn Baber



Note: Thank you to Lorraine Best for these photos from the CCAS archives (1996 and 2004 respectively). Lorraine says: *I knew Jean when she was a member of the Central Coast Art Society. She was a lovely lady and a brilliant artist and art teacher. I am sorry to hear about her passing.*

VALE: TONI DIXON 31/07/1940 - 22/01/21

Toni was born in Casino and spent her early life in a small village, Mallanganee, on the western side of the Richmond Range, between Casino and Tenterfield. Mallanganee was settled to serve the needs of timber getters and later dairy farmers and in her childhood the timber mill and butter factory were still present. Today it is a beef cattle area.

Toni attended the small village primary school and went to Casino for high school. Although Mallanganee is only 40km (25miles) from Casino the school bus took about 1.5 hours; was overcrowded; struggled to climb any incline, let alone the Range; and, leaked like a sieve in wet weather. Toni soon boarded in Casino although her sister, Helen Gulliver, stayed a bus traveller.

Upon leaving high school, Toni went to seek work in Sydney. She later married Frank and they had two daughters, Sandy and Jenny. Both were with Toni, in her home, for several weeks before, and, at the time of her death, something appreciated by all three.

Whilst living at Carlingford, Toni worked as a receptionist and played a lot of golf. She learnt to play bridge in the late 1980's from Trish Turner of Epping, together with some of her golfing friends. It wasn't long before bridge became her primary recreation activity. She played at Pennant Hills Bridge Club before moving to the Central Coast.

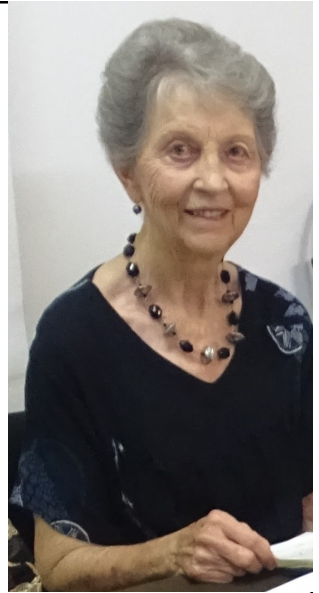
Toni moved to Killcare in the mid to late 1990s to join her siblings and later her mother, who also moved to the Central Coast. Helen had not long learnt to play and was pleased to have her sister close by to share the joys of bridge.

When Toni first arrived one of her Sydney partners, Masood Ahmed, came up to CCLCBC to play every Wednesday but it wasn't long before she found partners from within our club and at BWBC. Referring to the Club's list of Club Championships, Trophy and Special Events and other

competitions Toni's local partners included Aileen Smith, Jack Lindsay, Karen Ody, Marie Purkiss, Peter Berzins, Di Nichols, and Helen Gulliver. The first event she won, at CCLCBC, was in 1998 when she won the Leagues Club Birthday Pairs with Masood and nearly every year since then her name appeared in the list of winners on Presentation Day.

President's Cup, 10/5/19 →

One of the last major competitions she played in would have been at the Gold Coast in 2019 where she teamed up with Marie Purkiss, Di Nichols, and Elizabeth Lawrence to play in the Open Teams and with Marie in the Ivy Dahler Pairs.



Special mention should be made of her success with her sister, Helen Gulliver. Toni had a total of 42 wins at CCLCBC, 34 of those with Helen. They also shared in three InterClub Teams wins. They made a formidable pair.

As well as playing at CCLCBC, Toni played at other Central Coast clubs, and in many Country, State, Interstate and National Congresses. She became a Grand Master in May 2016, and twice represented the Central Coast in the GNOT Finals.

Over the past couple of years Toni has been a valuable member of the Management Committee of CCLCBC. A quiet, gentle woman, she will be sadly missed by all club members and by the Committee for her contributions to the everyday running of the club and the extra effort put in for our special events.

Anne Grayden

Note: There was no funeral service for Toni. Sandy and Jenny donated her bridge books to our club library. At a brief meeting with them they were presented with the list of Toni's achievements, and a photo collage showing Toni with most of her partners (a copy can be seen in our bridge playing area). They later emailed their thanks:

We would like to thank you all for the beautiful bunch of flowers sent to us in memory of Mum, Toni Dixon. Your love and thoughts are greatly appreciated. . . .

. . . Thank you for being great friends, teams and opponents for the many years Mum played Bridge.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - January

Bronze Life Chris Hasemore *Bronze Local* Ivan Cottom

Congratulations!

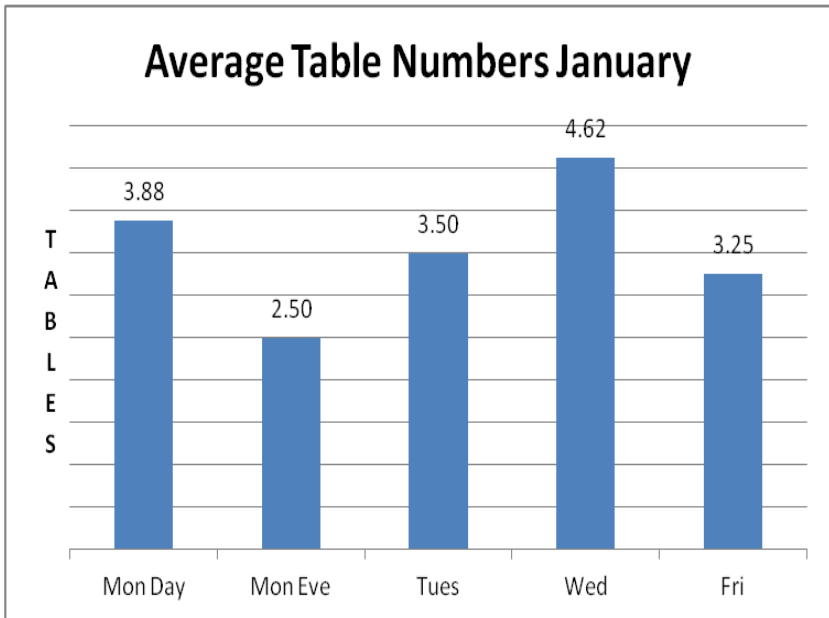
BIDDING BOXES and PAYMENTS

Forty members have purchased bidding boxes and most have become comfortable with their use.

If you are paying for fees (Home \$33.10, Associate \$7) or for a bidding box (\$12.50), a direct debit is preferred to:

BSB: 062-544, Account: 10280906

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



ABF NEWSLETTER - February 2021

This is well worth a read! In addition to the usual bidding tips, interesting hands etc, there is lots of interesting information this month.

1. Results of the ABF player survey to which more than 2,500 responded.
2. A lot of statistics on player numbers and club sizes during last year. In summary: 2020 is a wake-up call to all clubs large and small that concerted action needs to be taken to get players back into clubs and playing more often. As only about one third played online of the 36,000 ABF registered players, this leaves two thirds not playing bridge for long periods. Immunisation in the longer period will enable some players to return, but a significant number may be lost to bridge.
3. *My ABF* is the new technology platform which went live on Dec 24.

What does My ABF do?

PLAYERS

It gives you a personal ABF account you can log in to. Over time this will grow to be your main online interaction for all your bridge activities:

- Manage your personal details;
- View your masterpoints;
- View, enter, and pay for bridge events;
- See announcements from the ABF, your State and your Club.
- Participate in bridge discussion forums
- Run a "Bridge Credits" account with the ABF which you can put money into to pay for your bridge entries
- View your results

CLUBS, STATE BODIES & TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS

Bridge events can be listed and online entries and payments accepted.

Where can I get more information?

There are assorted videos on this YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZPuvivkdbzl4kg-cwxQuNQ>

4. Bridge and Science

Following twenty-year-old data from the University of California, Berkeley, about the health advantages of playing bridge, academics from Nicolas Copernicus University in Torun (Poland) started research on how playing bridge can delay the onset of dementia and, particularly, Alzheimer's Disease. Despite some problems caused by COVID-19, we completed our pilot research in two Welfare Houses and, on this

basis, we shall start the main research soon. Following initial encouraging results, the non-profit foundation Bridge to the People <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BridgetothePeople/reviews/> will continue financing research and searching for sources of financing. More about them, and how to donate, can be found on their web page: www.bridgetothepeople.eu

5. Try Paul Lavings ten questions:

YOU OPEN 1♦ AND PARTNER REPLIES 1NT

What would you call on the following hands, nil vulnerable:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1♦	pass	1NT	pass
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|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. ♠ 82 | ♥ J 10 6 | ♦ AKQ9 | ♣ Q987 |
| 2.. ♠ 8 | ♥ J 10 6 5 | ♦ AKQ9 | ♣ Q987 |
| 3. ♠ K 10 9 | ♥ 43 | ♦ A K Q 10 3 | ♣ 863 |
| 4. ♠ AKJ | ♥ AQJ | ♦ J942 | ♣ Q73 |
| 5. ♠ A K Q 10 | ♥ A9 | ♦ A Q 10 4 | ♣ 10 9 5 |
| 6. ♠ AK87 | ♥ 3 | ♦ AKQ32 | ♣ Q76 |
| 7. ♠ AK76 | ♥ 5 | ♦ AKJ6 | ♣ K763 |
| 8. ♠ 8 | ♥ A4 | ♦ A K 10 9 6 | ♣ KQ982 |
| 9. ♠ 2 | ♥ 4 | ♦ AKJ982 | ♣ A 10 7 6 4 |
| 10. ♠ 4 | ♥ AJ652 | ♦ AQJ976 | ♣ 8 |

See Page 18 for Paul's instructive answers and comments.

If you do not receive the ABF Newsletter by email each month, you can read it online at: <https://www.abf.com.au/abf-newsletter-february-2021/>

FACE-to-FACE or ONLINE

Many players are now mixing face-to-face bridge with at least one of the online bridge platforms. If you are waiting to return to face-to-face sessions then you may have been playing online already. If not, you are encouraged to:

1. Check out <https://www.abf.com.au/abf-online-games-on-bbo/> for details of the ABF Nationwide Online Pairs games on Fridays (7.30pm) and Sundays (2.30pm) which allow people to play against com-

petitors across Australia and earn **red** masterpoints. There are 3 sections to cater for players of all abilities.

If you have not already played on Bridge Base Online, you will find full instructions here. To play, both you and your partner **MUST** have registered your BBO usernames with the ABF. The cost of a game is BB\$3 or about A\$5.

2. Try **REALBRIDGE** - the latest in online bridge technology that offers a near in-club experience through the use of video and sound.

- NSWBA conducts Realbridge events on Monday evenings
- North Shore Bridge Club has events almost every day
- We have received an invitation from Waverley Bridge Club (Melbourne's largest club) . They are conducting a Pairs and Teams Congress on February 13 and 14 which is open to all ABF members. There are 6x8 board matches each day, \$25 per pair and \$50 per team. Full details and entry via Waverley Booking Portal at

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/waverley/>

To play on Realbridge your device needs a camera and has to meet certain specifications. Full instructions can be found at:

<https://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/regulations/RealBridgeSetup.pdf>

Canberra Bridge Club conducts taster sessions - see

<http://www.canberrabridgeclub.com.au>

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Browsing through the Club Newsletters especially the early editions brings back memories.

The club held its first session in August 1987; this was held on the ground floor of the Leagues Club - can anybody tell me where the players sat in relation to the current floor area??

By early 1988 the sessions ran up to 14 tables on a Thursday morning - directed by Adele (Mills) or Zelda Overhall. No pre-dealt hands - shuffle and deal at the tables and scores entered on the traveller held on the back of the board by an elastic band!

From the Jan 1988 newsletter”Mrs Zelda Overhall will be commencing beginners lessons on Wednesday evenings (starting at 7:30 pm) and Thursday mornings (starting at 9:30 am). I know that the late Tem Lancaster attended the evening sessions - I would be interested to hear from any of our members who learnt their bridge by attending these lessons.

The 1987 Teams Championship was held in early 1988:

1. A Mills, J White, D MacLean, P Berzins,	169	VPs
2. J & C Mitchell, L & R Harkness	148	
3. A Luckham, R Harvey, P & D Coats	146	
4. Z Overhall, G Winder, M Houtman, J Williams	130	
5. J Hopkinson, E Kerr, P Roche, C Amundsen	105	

Sadly some of the above have passed away. Others are still playing (and often winning) at our club - Adele Mills, Dorothy (MacLean) & Peter Berzins, Colin Mitchell, Lorraine (Harkness) Lindsay, Di Coats.


Colin M.

The following were found in a folder given to us by Toni Dixons’s daughters:

- Leagues Club Logo
- Article about Zelda
- 9cm x 7cm System Card.



Zelda - 75 years
Gosford Star, Thu 16/04/1992 (?)



Central Coast Leagues Club BRIDGE CLUB

RESPONSES

To 1 of a suit: Jump raises Forcing Limit

1NT to: 1C..... 1D..... 1H, 1S.....

2NT..... 3NT.....

Other special responses.....

To 1NT: Stayman 2C Simple Extended

Transfers Other.....

1NT: 4C..... 1NT: 4NT.....

To weak twos: 2NT Ogust Other.....

Change of suit Forcing Non-forcing

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

State Mixed Pairs Q1,2	R, Trophy	Friday	12, 19
Valentine's Day Pairs		Monday	15

MARCH

Country Teams Q1, 2, 3	R	Wednesdays	10, 17, 24
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REASON FOR PRE-ENTRY

Pre-entry is required in all sessions, including normal duplicate sessions. We are currently supplying one set of boards per table, so the director of the day needs to know how many tables will be filled. If you wish to play, and don't have a partner, please ring Julie Sadler on 0402 246 391 and an attempt will be made to find you a partner. Alternatively, you can ring the director of the day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for February

Margaret Berriman, David Bowerman, Janice Crane, Cheryl Davison, Gabrielle Fitzgerald, Kathryn Ivits, Chris Jamieson, Julie Jessop, Pam Joseph, Elizabeth Lawrence, Lyn Lynch, Agnes Marsh, Helen Matthews, Kathy Mitchell, Wendy Mitchell, Lyn Parry, Bev Sivewright, David Snow, Colin Thomas, Jackie Wilson, Yvonne Zammit.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new player and member: Russel Burnet (0404 036 117)

SMILE AWHILE

June Clarkson sent this to share:

Most bridge players prefer consistency in their partners rather than brilliance. Matthew Granovetter (Audrey's Favourite Bridge Quotes No 25)

Wendy and I had booked a New Zealand holiday, but this was postponed because of Covid-19 restrictions. I had to finally tell my suitcases that our holiday is cancelled for this year.

Now I'm dealing with the emotional baggage.



Colin Mitchell Editor