

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



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

**P LAYING
P R O G R E S S**



Several changes to our playing conditions were passed at the Management Committee Meeting on March 1st.

These should be read in conjunction with our Covid -19 Safety Plan, accessible on our Home Page.

New conditions:

1. In accordance with NSW Covid-19 regulations, **masks are no longer mandatory** in ‘gaming areas’. That includes us - see our Covid-19 Plan. If players feel more comfortable wearing masks though please continue to do so;
2. Players need to **sanitise hands** on entrance to the playing area;
3. **Directors are responsible** for sanitising table & BridgeMates before start of play each day;

4. **One set of boards** per session is now acceptable;
5. Players still need to **pre-enter for all sessions**;
6. **Directors are able to play** at ‘normal sessions’;
7. There **will not be a stand-by** but Julie Sadler (0402 246 391) has agreed to **TRY** to find partners for those without one;
8. Our table limit is 10; and
9. As tables need to be sanitised before each sessions, tablecloths will not be used yet.

It was also decided that a space would be found, in our area, in which players may leave their bidding boxes between sessions, if they choose to do so.

*How You Play Matters
It is everybody's responsibility to be
CovidSafe everywhere*

RECENT RESULTS

SUMMER PAIRS (R) 3.5 tables Mon Eve Feb 1

1st	Matt Raj Mal & Chris Hasemore	62.00 %
2nd	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell	52.00%
3rd	Martin Johnson & Karen Ody	51.00%

VALENTINE'S DAY PRS (green) 3 tables Mon Feb 15

1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	62.00 %
2nd	Mei-Hua Crawford & Wendy Byrne	58.00%
3rd	Trish Dennis & Wendy Mitchell	56.00%

STATE MIXED PAIRS (R) 5 tables Fri Feb 12, 19

1st	Christine Hadaway & Martin Johnson	62.00 %
2nd	Jaen Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	58.00%
3rd	Chris Williams & Ian Lincoln	56.00%

The club will pay for the top 2 pairs to represent CCLCBC at the State Mixed Pairs Final on May 29 & 30 at NSWBA (Covid-19 permitting). However, all pairs who played in the 2-week qualifying event are eligible to play in the final at their own expense. Pairs who wish to do this must contact Tournament Organiser, Julie Sadler.

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

MASTERBRIDGE ON-LINE SWISS PAIRS CONGRESS Feb 7

Congratulations to:

	<i>Open</i>	34 pairs	Wins	Draws	Losses
3rd	Di Coats & Jan Clarke		4	0	2
9th	Sally & Garry Clarke		3	0	3

Restricted 18 pairs

Local players Suzanne Harrison, Steve Calcroft and Roy Cotton competed.

UPCOMING CONGRESSES

If you go to the NSWBA website and choose 'Calendar' (about half-way down on the right-hand side) it is now possible to filter events according

to Face-to-Face or On-line. Pull down the Congress menu and choose All, F2F, BBO or RealBridge. A few you will find:

Face-to-Face

Mar 27& 28 Central Coast Mini Congress (Pairs and Teams)
July 23 & 24 State Veteran Pairs at Tomaree Bridge Club

BBO

Sunday Mar 7 MasterBridge Online Swiss Pairs

RealBridge

April 11 MasterBridge Online Swiss Teams
April 18 Peninsula Online Swiss Teams

OTHER EVENTS TO CONSIDER

1. NSWBA Championship

The next championship event at the NSWBA will be the *ANC Butler Pairs*, 4 Mondays commencing March 8 at 7:15pm on the RealBridge platform.

The top Open and Women's pairs will receive a refund of their entry fees to the corresponding 2021 Open or Women's Australian Butler Pairs Championship in Perth.

2. 2021 Autumn Nationals

Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showgrounds
April 29 – May 3



Entries and payments for the 2021 Autumn Nationals will be facilitated on the My ABF system.

Please note that to enter you must have registered and be logged in to My ABF and any players you enter must have registered for My ABF.

Note: This site is still being developed, but is user-friendly. I logged in to update my profile and noticed I can look up my masterpoints here. A nice little line graph is provided, showing green, red and gold totals over selected periods (1, 2, 5 and 10 years). Although the ABF Masterpoint Cen-

tre is the official site for all matters relating to masterpoints, you can also look up other people's points on the MyABF site. *Wendy M*

CCLCBC MEMBERSHIP

	Life + Home	Assoc	Total	
At Dec 31	34	16	50	26.5 %
At Jan 31	74	38	112	58.9 %
At Feb 28	92	46	138	73.3%

There are 19 Home members who have not yet paid and so are marked for cancellation on March 31 with the ABF. Five of these have advised that they will definitely not renew.

There are 24 Associates who have not yet paid, 2 of whom are known not to be renewing.

Clearly Covid-19 has affected numbers in all clubs. Some players will probably not return to competitive bridge, and many are known to want to only play on-line, at least for the time-being. Please encourage and support your friends to return to face-to-face play, which may be easier when pre-entry is no longer required.

TABLE NUMBERS

There were 20 sessions conducted in both January and February, with total tables being 71 and 73 respectively. So there was a slight increase from an average of 3.55 to 3.65.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - February

Congratulations!

<i>Bronze State</i> Trish Byrnes	<i>Bronze Local</i> Joan Cottom
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BEGINNERS SUPERVISED

Supervised sessions with buddies have continued since resuming on January 14. I would especially like to thank Committee members Anne, Louis, Julie Ruth and Colin for the help I have received and not forget-

ting club members Barbara Grant, Lyn Baber and Trish Dennis who have helped as well. A huge thank you to Wendy for her expert assistance with both Beginners Lessons and Supervised Play. *Eunice de Vries*

Most of the newbies have started playing in regular duplicate sessions. They will be wearing a name badge to identify them, with the reminder that their system is “Orange Sticker”. This means that no one is permitted to play a “Brown Sticker” system against these players. As with some experienced players, they do not always remember to *announce*, but they are learning the procedures and etiquette of bridge. Please be patient!

NO conventions are taught to Beginners. However, from next week, Eunice will introduce Simple Stayman to them on a Thursday morning. Blackwood and Transfers will follow in the future.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to refresh their understanding and use of these conventions, please contact Eunice - euny@bigpond.com or 0415 937 941

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Country Teams (R) Q 1, 2, 3 Wednesdays 10, 17, 24

APRIL

Easter Pairs (R) Monday 5
Presidents Cup (R) Wednesday 14
Anzac Day Pairs (R) Monday 26

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March:

June Ball, Margo Burnet, Michelle Campbell, Philip Dey, Rosalind Dey, Kevin Dougall, Sylvia Foster, Peter Hall, Sharon Mayo, Merrilee Robb, Julie Sadler, Colin Speller, Christine Williams.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members and make them feel at home: Larry Amos (0411 021 558); Pamela Price (0449 594 519); Tanya Masters (0410 613 551); Penny Dilworth (0414 681 939).

Colin Mitchell Editor