

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



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

**S TATE
SENIORS
SUCCESS**

Smiles all round when locals won both the Pairs and Teams Championships of this inaugural event!



Full results and official pictures can be found on the NSWBA website.

The report of the event sent to the NSWBA starts on Page 8.

Congratulations to Louis Koolen, our hard-working convenor, and thank you to all who helped him behind the scenes.

Particular mention to Julieanne Perceval and Carol Godfrey who were the standby pair for Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. They also plated the luncheon sandwiches on Wednesday and Thursday. Their volunteered time and effort was invaluable.

Patron Colin was the photographer, money collector and general dogsbody. Well done to Mia Vajngerl (Louis' granddaughter) who did a wonderful job as a first-time caddy.

Ronnie Ng, our director and second youngest in the room, dealt 100s of boards and ensured a smooth tournament for the players, even though he had a few curly decisions to make!

More photos, some statistics and an interview, from Page 3.

RECENT RESULTS

CLUB PAIRS 1 of 2 (C) 6.5 tables Wed June 23

1st	Henrietta Hohnen & Wendy Mitchell	70.89%
2nd	Diana Coats & Jan Clarke	66.46%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	59.02%

Session 2 of the Club Pairs has been postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown - hopefully/provisionally it will be conducted on Wed July 14.

**Winter Pairs and GNOT have also been postponed.
See last page for proposed dates.**

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

ONLINE RESTRICTED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP June 5

This was won by member Richard Carter (and partner Jay Novak from Sydney Bridge Centre). An ABF grant was to enable them to compete in the ANC Restricted Butler in Perth, but now no NSW players can attend.

Congratulations also to Pauline Caust & Alan Bustany for 5th place (out of 16 pairs).

NSWBA TEAMS OF 3 June 6

Section A: 5 th out of 20 - Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, with captain Andrew Markovics

IBA CHRIS DIMENT MEMORIAL CONGRESS June 12

Pairs East-West:

Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler - 13th out of 31

STATE SENIORS MATCHPOINT PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

		June 15/16			
		W	D	L	VPs
1st	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell	6	1	2	129.85
2nd	Vicky & Ian Lisle	6	1	2	126.32
3rd	Julianne Rocks & Kevin Davies	6	2	1	113.62

Prizes: \$400, \$250 and \$150 per pair

Local pairs, not in the money but in the top half of the field were: Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins (4th), Sharon Mayo & Lorraine Lindsay (8th), Chris Williams & Alan Bustany (9th), Sally & Garry Clarke (13th), Gary Heyting & Stephanie Mathews (15th), Di Coats & Jan Clarke (16th), Martin Johnson & Karen Ody (18th).

STATE SENIORS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

June 17/18

		W	D	L	VPs
1st	Sally & Garry Clarke	5	0	1	84.91
	Wendy Mitchell & Eunice de Vries				
2nd	Liz Sylvester & Robbie Feyder	4	1	1	79.39
	Chris Dibley & Steven Bock				
3rd	Martin Bloom & Nigel Rosendorff	3	0	3	76.01
	Peter Gill & Liz Adams				

Prizes: \$800, \$500 and \$300 per team

Local teams, not in the money but in the top half of the field were: Di Coats & Jan Clarke, Alan Bustany & Chris Williams (7th), Matt Raj Mal & Chris Hasemore, Stephanie Mathews & Gary Heyting (8th)



Below:
Director, Ronnie Ng,
deep in thought . . .



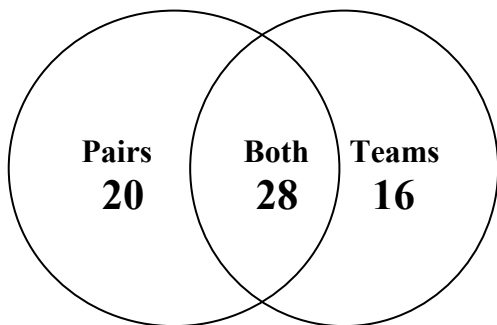
Above:
Convenor Louis Koolen
beginning the State Seniors Championship in the CCLC Scenic Lounge



TWO MEN AND A TRUCK RESTRICTED CONGRESS June 24

Richard Carter (& Jay Novak) 8th and Roy Cotton & Stephen Calcroft 18th out of 40 pairs.

Local Players - 64



Pairs

49 local players (68% of the field) earned a total of 71.88 red points (59% of issued points)

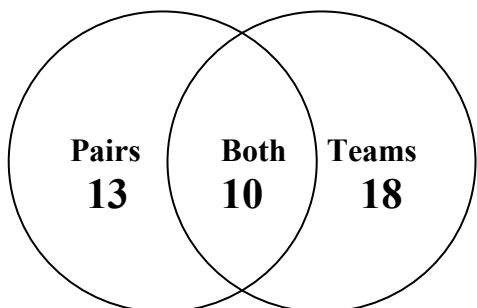
Teams

40 local players (56% of the field) earned a total of 70.08 red points (48% of issued points)

Finances

After expenses (Table fees to NSWBA, Masterpoints, Director, Caddy, Food & Drinks to CCLC) a profit of a little less than \$1000 is expected.

Other Players - 41



Datums

Each pair's result on each board is compared to a *datum* (an average of all scores, usually with the extreme scores removed).

In a teams event this provides a way of comparing the performance of all pairs, whether seated NS or EW. Local pairs in the top half of the Team datums were:

1st - Sally & Garry Clarke, 5th - Wendy Mitchell & Eunice de Vries, 11th - Alan Bustany & Chris Williams, 12th - Sharon & Greg Mayo, 13th - Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster, 14th - Noel & Shirley Crockett, 17th - Matt Raj Mal & Chris Hasemore, 18th - Stephanie Mathews.

FROM THE ROVING REPORTER/CAMERAMAN

I asked Wendy if there was a turning point in the Pairs or Teams that contributed to winning the Championships.

In the Pairs she felt that she and Eunice played fairly consistently, with some mistakes, some gifts and a little luck. Overall she felt that the standard of defence was a determining factor.

Board 21 in Match 9 is an example where Wendy & Eunice defended 3NT by East, taking it down 1 – the optimum result.

With North and South passing, possible bidding is:

<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	1S
3D	3H
3NT	P

So, The stand-out lead: 4th best, ♣6. North wins the ♣Q, returns the ♣10. When South cashes the 4th club North Plays the ♥10 – high suit asking for a spade. Declarer can now make the next 8 tricks.

Two other South's made the same lead. One led the ♣A and presumably blocked the suit.

BD: 21		♠ A96	Dir: N				
		♥ T98743	Vul: NS				
		♦ T					
		♣ QT2					
♠ J8754			♠ KQ				
♥ AKQ			♥ J5				
♦ J8			♦ AKQ764				
♣ 984			♣ J53				
		♠ T32					
		♥ 62					
		♦ 9532					
		♣ AK76					
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT		
N	-	-	1	-	-		6
S	-	-	1	-	-	11	16
E	1	3	-	1	2		7
W	1	3	-	1	2		

Eleven out of the 18 pairs played in 3NT, a reasonable contract based on points, and only 3 pairs were defeated with 5 pairs making an overtrick!

Seven pairs played 3NT by **West**. 6 of these led the ♥10.

Why is this a bad lead? After all, it is the top of a sequence! Perhaps ♥s have not been mentioned in the bidding, but it is likely to take 3 rounds to establish the suit, and North has at best 2 entries. Hence the ♣2 is better.

Indeed one North made the good lead of ♣2, but the contract was allowed to make. South must win the ♣K and, trusting that partner's 2 promises an honour, return the ♣6. Won by North's ♣Q. Now the ♣10 – J – A and the ♣7 is the 4th trick. Now declarer still has to lose to the A.

In the Teams there was also some questionable defence, but Wendy thought that perhaps bidding (or not bidding) makeable games and slams had the most influence. Of course having good, reliable partners is essential, especially the pair ranked first overall in the datums!

A couple of examples illustrate the effect that ‘teams scoring’ has.

In Match 5, Eunice and Wendy (sitting North/South) started with Board 7. Results felt reasonable until Board 13, when they failed to bid the Vulnerable heart game and made 10 tricks (out of a possible 11) for +170. As it turned out game was bid and made at the other table for a nett difference of -450 or -10 IMPs.

Next a couple of contracts bid but not made and then came Board 4: Sitting South for Team 4, Wendy was preparing to open 1NT, but Eunice,

BD: 4	♠ AKQ75	Dir: W
	♥ 93	Vul: All
	♦ K42	
	♣ K63	
♠ 643		♠ T92
♥ J864		♥ QT
♦ 76		♦ AT853
♣ JT74		♣ 982
	♠ J8	
	♥ AK752	
	♦ QJ9	
	♣ AQ5	
	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
N	4 5 4 6 6	15
S	4 5 4 6 6	2 6
E		17
W		

North, got in first! Playing 15-17 point range, there is known to be a minimum of 32 HCPs between the two hands.

Wendy bid 2D, transfer to 2H and then 4NT, Roman Keycard Blackwood. The reply was one Ace, with Wendy holding the K of trumps and two Aces. She pictured the worst case scenario for North’s hand: ♣K & J, ♦A & K, ♥Q & J = 14 points and so perhaps only the ♠Q. This would mean 2 quick losers in spades, but afraid of missing the Vulnerable Slam she bid 6NT.

The ♠10 was led and Eunice easily brought in 12 tricks (5, 2, 2, 3) after giving a trick to the ♦A, for a score of 1440.

Only 5 other N/S pairs out of the total 18 bid the slam (the rest being

in 3NT, 4NT, 4S and 5H). Fortunately it was not bid at Sally & Garry Clarke’s table with the nett result of +750 and +13 IMPs.

The match was still lost by a small margin – without the result on Board 4, the loss could have been disastrous.

Team 4 was still in first position going into the last round but only a little over 5 Victory Points ahead of second place. Match 6, Board 16 was another example of the difference in scores of a Game versus a Slam. 4S making 12 at Table 4 for -680, but the Slam bid by Sally and Garry for +1430 giving a nett -750 and +13 IMPs. This contributed to a solid win for this match, and first position was maintained.

Colin Mitchell

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One of the strategies when playing in Swiss Pairs or Teams is to bid the games/slams, especially when Vulnerable, even if some of them don't make! This is because the size of gains and losses is more important than the frequency of gain or loss.

If you bid a *vulnerable* spade game and make it, you will be 10 IMPs better off than if you stop in a part-score. If you go down one, you lose 6 IMPs. Therefore your possible gain is much greater, and you only need about a 40% chance Vulnerable and 45% Not Vulnerable. So, experienced players bid optimistically when a Vulnerable game is in the offing. When it comes to slams aim to bid them with ~ 50% chance of success.

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Here is your chance to put the above advice into practice:

CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB **21 & 22 AUGUST**

2021 ANNUAL NOVICE & RESTRICTED CONGRESS

Novice = < than 100 Masterpoints per player (as at 31/7/2021)

Restricted < than 300 Masterpoints per player (as at 31/7/2021)

Swiss Pairs - Saturday, August 21

9.30am Registration, 10.00am Play commences - 6 rounds

Entry fee \$80 per pair (includes light lunch)

Swiss Teams - Sunday, August 22

9.30am Registration, 10.00am Play commences - 6 rounds

Entry fee \$80 per pair (includes light lunch)

Full details, including prize money etc can be found on the NSWBA website: Tournaments/Calendar/Event Details or via the link

<https://www.centralcoast.bridge-club.org/>

A full list of eligible CCLCBC members will be available at our club.

REPORT TO NSWBA: STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This inaugural event was hosted by the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club (CCLCBC) from Tuesday 15/6/21 to Friday 18/6/21. It was held in and sponsored by the CC Leagues Club, of which CCLCBC is an internal club.

CCLCBC applied to conduct the event in 2019 for 2021. Our Club signed the agreement in March 2020, but with the Covid-19 restrictions then in place, the NSWBA did not countersign until March 2021. When the event was scheduled for the NSWBA 2021 calendar the planned date was changed to avoid a clash with the Victor Champion Cup in Melbourne.

Louis Koolen (President) was the convenor with the event being smoothly and efficiently directed by National A Grade director, Ronnie Ng. The club's ex-Treasurer, Ronnie was the only CCLCBC member who did not meet the requirement of being born before January 1, 1960!

On Tuesday and Wednesday 36 pairs played 9 x 9 board matches over 3 sessions. About two thirds of the pairs were members of the four registered clubs on the Central Coast. The rest came from up and down the coast from Port Macquarie to Sydney and from Armidale, Tamworth, Wellington, Mudgee and the Southern Highlands. All five NSWBA zones were represented.

The State Seniors Pairs Championship winners were CCLCBC pair, Wendy & Eunice:

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On Thursday and Friday 18 teams played 6 x 14 board matches. Just over half the teams were comprised of locals, with a few more Sydney players joining in for the two days. CCLCBC members Sally & Garry Clarke teamed up with the Pairs winners to take out the first State Seniors Teams Championship:

		W	D	L	VPs
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	Wendy Mitchell & Eunice de Vries	5	0	1	84.91
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Congratulations to all winners and place-getters of this inaugural competition and a big thank-you to all participants, especially those who travelled to Gosford to add to the friendly atmosphere and the success of this event. It would be nice to reach the cap of 30 tables, so all those aged 61+ please watch out for the date in next year's calendar so that it can be bigger and even better in 2022.

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LEYLA MONCELET 10 February 1933 – 2 June 2021

Leyla was born in New Zealand but was living in Sydney in 1955 when she met her future husband, Maurice. Maurice (a hero of the Resistance in WW2) was in the French Army and was returning from Asia to France (via Tahiti) when his plane was diverted to Sydney with mechanical issues. Being stuck in uniform on the eve of Anzac Day, Maurice was taken in hand by a group of Australian ex- servicemen. It is apparent that he had such a good time he decided to stay in Australia. Not long after, Maurice met Leyla and the rest is history.

After 12 or so years in Australia Maurice and Leyla moved to France for 7 years. Bringing up 2 children and running a busy Tabac (apparently left to Maurice by his mother) on the outskirts of Paris, did not leave much time for recreation. In 1979 they returned to Australia and eventually settled on Dangar Island as Maurice loved sailing and open spaces. While on Dangar Island, Leyla was also active in the NSW Rural Fire Service for which she was made a Life Member.

Leyla's family had played card games especially cribbage when she was a child, so it did not take much for a friend on Dangar Island to talk her in to learning bridge (with John Roberts) when she had some free time. Leyla joined the CCLCBC in 1989 and spent over 7 years on the Committee (5 of them as Secretary) between 1999 and 2007.



Leyla and friend in Melbourne Cup finery, 2016



Leyla at the club rooms, Australia Day Pairs 2018

She also learned how to direct playing sessions and started as a Director in 2000 on Monday daytime and later switched with Ted Neilsen on Tuesdays. When we restarted Monday Evening sessions Leyla took over directing them. This may seem simple enough but we need to remember that Leyla lived on Dangar Island so whatever the weather she had to drive to Brooklyn and take a small dingy over to Dangar and then reverse the process on her return. This was especially hard late at night.

On Dangar Island Leyla also joined Wildlife ARC and devoted much of her time caring for baby or injured wildlife. As these little critters needed hourly feeds Leyla would often pop out a tiny creature from under her top and would provide sustenance with eye droppers while being dummy or conducting the session. Monday night sessions were never dull.

Leyla moved off the island to Gosford in 2005 when Maurice was too unwell to stay on Dangar. She played actively at our Club until COVID stopped us in our tracks. Then Leyla took to playing online on Stepbridge with partner Carol Judd.

Leyla was a doting grandmother and great grandmother and was immensely proud of her family. She had lived her life to the fullest with travel and teaching and volunteering in many organisations working for people and/or animals in equal measure. We will miss her company, her sense of humour, her vast knowledge, her compassion for animals, her cooking and wonderful paté and her never say die attitude.

Vale Leyla

Dorothy Berzins

Note: Despite Leyla’s funeral coinciding with the State Seniors Championships, about 10 members were able to attend. The Committee organised a ‘wake’ on the Friday afternoon at which about 20 people gathered to reminisce, debate her age(s) she told us and ‘raise a glass’.

LEYLA MONCELET
Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

Member: 1994 to mid-2020 (then transferred to online Stepbridge)

Directed: 1999 to 2015 (2 sessions per week in 2008 and 2009)

Secretary: 1999 – 2000, 2001 – 2006; Vice Pres 2006-07

Rank: Life Master

Wins:

FIRST PLACE		YEAR	PARTNER(S)
Club Championships	Restricted Club Teams	1999	Jack Lindsay, Carol Judd, Marjorie Hagan
		2002	Mary Stelzer, Doreen & Tony Collis
Trophy Events	New Years Cup	2002	Teresa Jensen
	Gosford Pairs	2015	Julie Sadler
Special Events	Valentines Day Pairs	1999	Noelyn Dominey

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 7th AUGUST, 2021

10am in All Stars Lounge CCLC (our playing area)

This will be followed by Anniversary Pairs.

All members are invited to attend.

All positions are open to interested persons.

Proposed Motions to be in hands of Secretary by 15th July, 2021.

Motions need to include the Motion to be put, as well as the names & signatures of both mover & seconder.

AN INTERESTING HAND

Playing in a friendly social game on a recent Sunday this hand came up. East opened 2D which promised either a long weak major, a strong balanced hand or a 3-suited hand and 17+ points. Partner responded 2H assuming a long weak hand and when East bid 3C (showing a singleton) West jumped to 4H. East now got excited and asked for Controls and was told that West had the A of Diamonds and the King and Queen of Hearts so East bid 6H. Here are the two hands:

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ 8	♠ A753
♥KQ83	♥ AJ94
♦ AJ85	♦ KQ93
♣ J1083	♣ A

Consider how you would play this hand if the trumps break 3:2, diamonds are 4:1 and spades are 4:4, The lead is the K of Spades.

You cannot make the contract by drawing trumps and playing on Diamonds. You have losing Clubs and losing Spades to get rid of. This is a perfect hand for a **dummy reversal**. (Ed: *even though dummy has the same number of trumps as declarer.*)

Win the first trick with the Ace of Spades and ruff a Spade with the 3 of Hearts. Play a Club to the Ace and ruff another Spade with the 8 of Hearts. Lead the 8 of Clubs and ruff with Dummy's 4 of Hearts. Ruff your last Spade with the Q of Hearts. Then play the K of Hearts and a small Diamond to the K in Dummy which holds. When you now draw the remaining trumps with Dummy's A & J of Hearts you discard the J and 10 of Clubs and your last three tricks are the Diamond Q, A and J making all thirteen tricks.

If you draw trumps, take your Diamond tricks and ruff one Club and one Spade you can only make 11 tricks.

Dorothy Berzins

20 June 2021

KIBITZING

Colin Mitchell

Kibitzer is a Yiddish term for a spectator – one who offers (generally unwanted) commentary or advice. The term can be applied to any activity, but it is commonly used in chess, Schafkopf (a popular Bavarian card game) and bridge. However, when kibitzing a face-to-face bridge game the kibitzer must remain silent.

During the Covid-19 pandemic when bridge clubs were/are shut down many on-line (BBO etc) players discovered how to watch other players. You might want to just pass the time, but usually kibitzing is educational.



Teachers can kibitz students and vice versa or you may want to learn from how better players bid, play and defend.

Bridge was a spectator sport from the early days of Rubber Bridge and a large social aspect of the game. The nearest to an ‘online’ match was the “Bridge Battle of the Century” between Ely Culbertson and Sidney Lenz and partners. The match was for 150 rubbers and ran from December 1931 into January 1932. The day-by-day scores were front-page news in 30 countries and every move was reported on the radio.

(See www.britishpathe.com/video/the-bridge-battle or find it on *YouTube*).

At a National Contract Bridge Championship in the US a special gallery was built for the comfort and convenience of kibitzers. The players, including Charles Goren and Oswald Jacoby, used jumbo cards to help the kibitzers see the action.



Top players frequently have a cadre of kibitzers following them around the room.

There is a story of the late Don Evans (Australian), who was known to play a version of Precision. With a strong hand Don did not open 1C and the kibitzer said for all to hear “so you have changed your system have you?” so conveying information about the hand’s strength to the opposition !

While common at high levels, kibitzing is not so common at your local game. You may feel uncomfortable if someone is a spectator at your table. However, all players are watched sometimes, if only by the Director.

Kibitzing is good for bridge and the regulations permit it (see NSWBA Tournament Regulations 9.1). The main thing is to ask politely first, and then ensure you look at only one hand. Do not speak or communicate anything by facial expression or body language!

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

Club Pairs Session 2	(C)	Wednesday 14
Winter Pairs	(R)	Monday Eve 26
Club Restricted Teams	(C)	Friday 23 & 30

(Each player < 300 Masterpoints as at June 30)

AUGUST

Anniversary Pairs <i>(preceded by AGM)</i>	(R)	Saturday 7
Pauline Evans Memorial Trophy <i>(Novices < 100 Masterpoints as at June 30)</i>	(R)	Monday 9 (daytime)
GNOT 1, 2	(G) (all day)	Saturday 14
GNOT 3 <i>(depending on the number of teams)</i>		Sunday 15
Foundation Cup	(R)	Wednesday 18

ALL SESSIONS, INCLUDING NORMAL DUPLICATE GAMES, REQUIRE PRE-ENTRY ON THE WEBSITE

Regular Duplicate Sessions

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



Congratulations
to
June Thompson
who reached this
milestone a few
days ago!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for July:

Margo Brennan, Kathleen Bromley, June Clarkson, Terry Dyer, Barry Foster, Joe Griffin, Christine Hadaway, Jim Havyatt, Henk Keulemans, Louis Koolen, Moira Love, Alison Mackey, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Richard Webb.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - June

Congratulations to:

<i>Bronze Regional</i>	Mei-Hua Crawford		
<i>Regional</i>	Suzanne Harrison	<i>Graduate</i>	Allan Moore

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Henk Keulemans (0414 561 968).

Colin Mitchell Editor