

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



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

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Similarly to August 2020, there is little to report, not even a virtual club for the Central Coast.

A Note from your Committee:

Hi Everyone,

We hope you're all coping reasonably well with the extended lockdown & finding enough to keep you occupied. The Olympic Games have proven to be very interesting with so many of our competitors doing very well.

It seems we'll be cut off from face-to-face club life for some time so we're investigating the possibility of holding the AGM online, the way we did last year. We will keep you updated & let you know as soon as anything is organised.

Also, after consultation with the members of the Management Committee & the Tournament Committee, it has been decided to cancel our Congress for this year. Hopefully, the bridge calendar for 2022 will function a whole lot better.

While some of you will be happily playing online on StepBridge there are other online platforms which are also accessible. RealBridge operates a platform where you can see the people at your table. They are running the Coffs Super Congress next week for both Pairs & Teams. You need to have an operational camera & microphone on your device to effectively participate on that format.

Those of you who played with the Central Coast BBO club last year will still be able to find games using that platform. Sydney Bridge Centre (& friends) offers games several times a week as well as Tuesday evening. See their website for details.

Every Sunday afternoon the ABF offers National Open, Restricted & Novice online pairs on BBO. Details are available on the ABF website.

Keep safe & well. Thanks,

Anne (Secretary)

RECENT RESULTS

No club events could be conducted in July because of lockdown.

NSWBA STATE INDIVIDUAL

Ronnie Ng has forwarded information from Glenda Parmenter, NSWBA Zonal Councillor (Northern Zone) about this event.

This year the NSWBA State Individual event will be run on BBO on 4 September. This is a great opportunity to have fun playing with people from around the state and you don't need to find a partner.

If successful, it's hoped that this event will always be played online to allow participation by everyone who wants to play rather than only those who are able to travel to Sydney.



Two sessions starting 10.00am sharp, finish at about 5pm.

Director: Matthew McManus

RED masterpoints awarded at Level B4s

Entry fee: BB\$15 per person to be paid on the day

What is the Individual?

The scoring is normal matchpoints, but your partner and opponents are different each round. Depending on the size of the field, you play with or against most of the other players. Everybody is playing the same system. It's a fun competition without the hassle of arranging a partner and is also a great opportunity to meet people from around the state!

Entries are OPEN to everyone, but only those with a home club in NSW will be eligible to win the title.

[Sign up in advance](http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3422) via the NSWBA website at www.nswba.com.au/tourn/eventDetails.asp?tid=3422

Individual System Card

You can view this in advance. Standard American with 15-17 NT, weak 2D/H/S, strong 2NT and 2C any Game Force. 3NT Gambling and 4NT 1430 RKCB. Low encourage discards and on partner's lead, reverse count. See the card for more detail at:

<https://www.nswba.com.au/pdfs/IndividualSystemCard.pdf>

The complete flyer can be found on the NSWBA website from the menu: Tournaments/State Events/2021 State Individual/Flyer .

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CONDOLENCES TO OUR BRIDGE FRIENDS

There have been a number of deaths in recent weeks.

Sincere condolences to Leon Babinski who lost his wife Kerry and to Carol Judd whose husband Neville passed away.

Our sympathy also to Dorothy Berzins and Joe Griffin who lost a brother and sister, respectively.

We understand that it is especially hard at this time of lockdown when family and friends cannot all gather together to offer support.

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NEW ABF RANKINGS - July

Congratulations to:

National Pauline Caust

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August:

Leon Babinski, Dorothy Berzins, Jan Clarke, Barry Davies, Mae Erling, Phillip Morris, Janice Roughley.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN?

Paul Marston, Grand Slam Bridge, has sent the following:

Requesting a favour

We are starting a new online course for complete beginners on Tuesday 10 August at 11 am (AEST) and we would appreciate any referrals. What better time for your friends to learn bridge than in lockdown?

The course consists of four lessons and four practice sessions as well as notes and videos **and the whole thing is entirely free.**

New students can sign on at

<https://bridgelounge.online/learn-bridge-registration/abf/>

They will be asked a couple of bridge-related questions. Later they will be sent instructions on what to do next. But they must be quick. Bookings close on Sunday at 5 pm or when it is full.

The reason the lessons are popular is that we give our students a couple of pointers, then we teach them how to figure it out. So much better than the old-fashioned style of hitting them with slab of information. As a result, we retain well over 90% of our pupils.

While the bridge is a breeze, I would point out that a number of students in the past had trouble with the technology. I am pleased to say that we have now taken some steps to mitigate these issues. So, do not worry if your friends are Luddites. We will get them sorted 😊

Kind regards,

Paul

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER: Unknown!!!

Colin & Wendy Mitchell
Editors