

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 2021**

**C**HRISTMAS  
is  
COMING!

**Wednesday, December 8**  
(Pre-entered)

**Welcome Back  
Party**

Lunch: be seated by 11.45am

Bridge (R) commences 1.30pm

**Covid-19 Restrictions**

- Masks must still be worn
- Unvaccinated people will not be admitted - see the advice from the Central Coast Leagues, Page 3

Only Special Events require  
PRE-ENTRY

**NEW CLUB PHONE NO.**

**0478 567 857**

The director of the day has access to this mobile telephone. If you wish to leave a message, or are running late for a session, this is the number to call!

**A** RISING FROM THE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING, Nov 29

- A **wheelchair** is available from the Leagues Club to transport members to and from their car
- **Charity Day** on Thursday, May 26 will be held in our playing area
- Our **2022 Congress** will be held in the Parkview room

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A safe, happy & healthy Festive  
Season to all our members

## RECENT RESULTS

<b>TUESDAY REALBRIDGE</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>6 tables</b>	<b>Nov 9</b>
1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant		72.96 %
2nd	Henrietta Hohnen & Elizabeth Lawrence		57.78%
3rd	Kerry Garnsey & Lyn Lynch		54.44%

<b>TUESDAY REALBRIDGE</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>6 tables</b>	<b>Nov 23</b>
1st	Alan Bustany & Chris Williams		63.70 %
2nd=	Barry & Sylvia Foster		62.96%
2nd=	Alfie Nation & Jackie Wilson		62.96%

<b>THURSDAY REALBRIDGE</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>3 tables</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>
1st =	Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden		65.00 %
1st =	Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell		65.00%
3rd	Barbara Grand & Louis Koolen		55.83%

**CONGRESSES**      **Best Local Players**      **Congratulations!**  
**Mudgee Congress**      *Swiss Pairs*      **Nov 13/14**

**Open:**      20 pairs

- 1st      Jan Clarke & Di Coats  
5th      Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa  
=9th      Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden

Also played:

Barry Foster & Dasha Brandt, Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant

**Restricted:** 24 pairs including Ruth Griffin & Agnes Marsh

**Novice:** 24 pairs including Julieanne Perceval & Carol Godfrey

**STATE OPEN PAIRS FINAL (RealBridge)      Nov 20/21**

Following our club's Qualifying event held over two weeks in October on RealBridge, first and second – Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler and Alan Bustany & Chris Williams – were offered free entry to the Final.

Both pairs accepted and attended on RealBridge. Chris & Alan just missed out by one place on going through to the Open Final. There were insufficient pairs to hold a Country Final.

Both pairs received free entry to the Spring Swiss Pairs on the Sunday with creditable performances: Alan & Chris (14th) and Julie & Anne (16th) out of 30 pairs and ahead of a number of well-known top players.

### **GNOT NATIONAL FINAL**

**Nov 26 - 28**

The Central Coast representative team consisting of Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Chris Williams and Alan Bustany, was one of 22 teams from the NSWBA. A total of 59 teams competed. Our team was knocked out on the first day but the pairs then competed in the 2-day Swiss Pairs. Congratulations to Di & Jan who finished 5th out of 48 pairs.

### **GREAT LAKES OPEN SWISS BUTLER PRS CONGRESS**

**Stepbridge**

**Sunday Nov 28**

Well done to Gwen White and Margo Brennan who came 6th out of 60 pairs. Other local players competing were Wendy Sheehan, Len Pascoe, Di Nichols, Elizabeth Lawrence.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CC LEAGUES CLUB**

*your health & safety is our priority*

Since the inception of the COVID-19 pandemic, Central Coast Leagues Club has prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our staff and members above all else.

The Club has implemented numerous controls to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our venue, however the level of mitigation from excluding those who are not fully vaccinated cannot be achieved through other available controls.

As such, the Club has made the decision to **permit entry only to fully vaccinated people beyond Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

This decision was not taken lightly. We are committed to serving our community by providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all, and we believe these measures will enable us to continue to do so.

Please note that this decision will be reassessed by the 31st January 2022 factoring in the current COVID-19 climate in Australia.

We thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters.

Stay safe.

**Edward Camilleri**  
(Chief Executive Officer)

... From Page 1: **ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Eunice is looking at evening lessons for **Beginners**, possibly after an Internal Clubs Open Day proposed for mid-February. Wendy is considering completing the **Improvers Course** in February, followed by **workshops** on specific topics. It was agreed that the **Club will pay for repeat lessons** for those students who had their course interrupted by lockdown.
- all **multi session events** will be held on Thursdays for 2022. Thursday morning RealBridge continue when no multi session event scheduled.
- It was decided not to go ahead with a **bridge holiday** to Mudgee next year. The possibility of moving it to early/mid March 2022 will be considered
- **Piped** music is often loud causing distraction. CCLC will be approached to see if it can be turned off to our playing area.
- **Capitation fee for ABF 2021** was reduced by \$6.10 but we had already set our fees before becoming aware of this. It was agreed to deduct this amount from Home Club Membership fees for 2022.  
*(more detail on P.10)*
- **New Club Tournament Regulation** agreed:  
*When bidding boxes are in use, after the opening lead is faced players are to return the bidding cards to the boxes, with the exception of the final contract. (more detail on P. 8-9)*

**NEW ABF RANKINGS - November**

***Congratulations to:***

Wendy Byrne    *Local*                      Julieanne Perceval    *Graduate*

**REMINDER OF RULES**

1. Despite some misunderstandings, it is still a requirement to wear a mask (correctly covering the nose and mouth) in the Club, unless drinking or eating.
2. The only food that can be consumed in the Club is that which has been purchased from a Leagues Club outlet. Please do not embarrass fellow players by breaking this rule.

## Australian Bridge

Before speaking about Australian Bridge did you know that the ABF Newsletter magazine we used to get pre-Covid (multiple printed copies), is available online from the ABF website?

Australian Bridge is another bridge magazine, published 6 times a year. We get a single copy every 2 months. Some of the articles are not geared to the average club bridge player but I'd like to give you an idea of the type of things covered in the most recent issue.

Contributors include many people well-known in the bridge world, eg. Alex Adamson, David Bird, Tim Bourke, Larry Cohen, Kim Frazer, Peter Gill, Nick Hughes, Ron Klinger & Paul Lavings.

Brad Coles, publisher & editor, writes 2 articles discussing some interesting hands in both the Reynolds Competition & the Inaugural Margaret Bourke Invitational Teams, both run online between international teams. The first article concentrates on the havoc pre-empts can cause in bidding & the second some interesting hands from the final stages of MBIT.

A letter to the editor, written by Fraser Rew, focuses on alerting regulations. It is in response to a proposal Nick Hughes put forward, in an earlier edition, concerning alerts. He proposed that all bids are alerted apart from doubles & cuebids. Fraser Rew points to instances where Nick's proposal will not operate to ensure 'as much transparency as possible'.

Nick Hughes responds to the letter then writes an article on natural calls that he thinks should perhaps be alerted. Things like 2C bid over 1C as it means different things – is it natural or Michaels Cue bid

On a lighter note, an excerpt from Chapter 18 of Adamson & Smith's 'If Only I had a Heart' details a match between Chairman & Munchkin v TinMan & Scarecrow, in the final session of a team match. Interestingly the Wicked Witch appears as a kibitzer against Scarecrow.

David Bird's article, also on lighter side, discusses a bridge event involving the team from the monastery.

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An educational column for club players provides a bidding challenge. You are North & bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
	1D	Pass	Pass
1S	??		

What is your rebid holding 4 different hands: Would you pass, double or bid?

Hand A: ♠ Q32 ♥ J52 ♦ AK32 ♣ AQ3

Hand B: ♠ 6 ♥ KJ7 ♦ AJ7432 ♣ AKJ

Hand C: ♠ QJ6 ♥ 4 ♦ AQ8432 ♣ AQ3

Hand D: ♠ AQ3 ♥ K ♦ AKQ932 ♣ J54

Recommendations:

- A. Pass. Only other possible bid is 1NT & where are your tricks coming from ?
- B. X for takeout telling partner that you have 3 or 4 cards in both hearts & clubs with 16+ HCP
- C. Pass & defend 1S – partner can't find a bid & if you bid again opposition may find a heart fit
- D. Same shape as C but so much more playing strength. The suggestion is to bid 2NT as a semi-constructive/ semi- pre-emptive bid.

That gives you some idea of the type of things covered in the most recent edition. If you think you'd like to read it we do have 1 copy available.

*Anne Grayden*

**STATISTICS: FROM THE ABF MASTERPOINT CENTRE**

Home Members	2021	2020	% change
BW	151	160	-5.63
CC	179	218	-17.89
Commy BC	68	51	33.33
CCLCBC	101	109	-7.34

## RANK REPORT @ SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points Needed</b>	<b>Incl. Red/gold</b>	<b>CCLCBC Members</b>
Nil	0		13
Graduate	2		7
Club	5		16
Local	15		6
Bronze Local	25		5
Silver Local	35		6
Regional	50		14
Bronze Regional	100		3
State	50	25	10
Bronze State	100	50	8
National	150	75	5
Bronze National	200	100	11
Silver National	300	150	0
Life	300	180	5
Bronze Life	400	240	5
Silver Life	500	300	11
Gold Life	750	450	10
Grand	1000	700	18
Silver Grand	2500	1900	7
Gold Grand	5000	4000	0
Emerald Grand	10000	8500	0
Diamond Grand	15000	13000	0

..... **AND FROM MY RECORDS**

*Wendy M*

<b>Category</b>	<b>MPs</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Novice	Under 100	45%	41%	44%	40%	39%
Restricted	Under 300		61%	63%	63%	59%
Intermediate	Under 400	75%	69%	68%	67%	62%
Open	Over 400	25%	31%	32%	33%	31%
	<b>Members</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>160</b>

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS & BIDDING BOXES**

You may not know that all events of CCLCBC are conducted under the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, supplemented by the Tournament Regulations of the NSWBA, with Supplementary Regulations for external competitions and our own Tournament Regulations.

If there is a conflict between the Club Regulations and the NSWBA Tournament Regulations, the Club Tournament Regulations apply.

An example of this situation is our Tournament Regulation No. 5 re Protected Pair Status which sets lower ranking limits for protection than does the NSWBA.

The current NSWBA Tournament Regulations, 2011 (updated 2015) with regard to bidding boxes are very similar to those of the ABF (2018). They state in part:

6.1.9 After all explanations have been completed, the opening lead is faced and all players return their bidding cards to their respective bidding boxes.

However, The Laws of Bridge (41C) state:

“declarer, or either defender, at his own turn to play, is entitled to be informed as to what the contract is and whether, but not by whom, it was doubled or redoubled”.

This means that any player, with the exception of Dummy, can always ascertain the final contract. So there would seem to be no argument against leaving the final contract displayed for the duration of the hand.

If you have played bridge online, whether BBO, Stepbridge or Real-Bridge, you will know that this is the case - players can always see the contract and declarer throughout the play of each hand.

The same can be achieved when using bidding boxes by returning or concealing all cards which show the bidding sequence to the boxes and just leaving the final contract out.

Hence it has been agreed that the following be added to our Club Tournament Regulations:

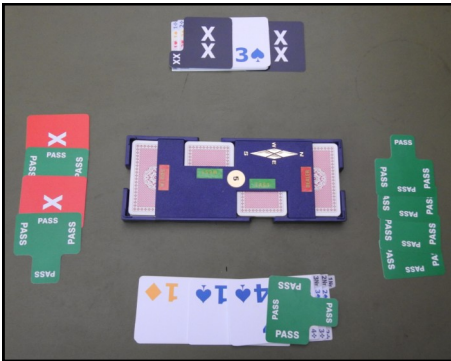


## 8. Display of Final Contract

When bidding boxes are in use, after the opening lead is faced players are to return the bidding cards to the boxes, with the exception of the final contract.

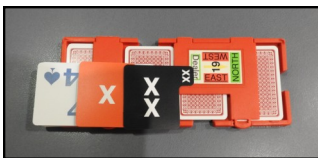
So, let's look at how this change of procedure will be put into practice.

Firstly, each player's first call is placed in front of them, slightly to the left, orientated so that the small tabs are to the right. Subsequent calls are placed on top of the previous ones, from left to right, so that the cards overlap slightly and every call in the sequence is visible. (Note that our bidding cards are symmetrical, so they suit right or left-handed players. Left-handed players place the cards from right to left.)



In the picture (left) the final contract is by East: 4S doubled and redoubled.

Remember to leave the cards in position **until after** the opening lead has been made. In this case North, South and East (dummy) will now return their cards to their respective bidding boxes.



Declarer, East, now collapses the bidding cards so that only the 4S is showing and adds the X and XX cards from East's own bidding box. The group of cards are now placed on top of the 'board' provided this can be done without obscuring the Dealer and Vulnerability.



If not, the cards should be placed to declarer's left, near the edge of the table, but visible to the opponents.

Players in the past used this procedure - it is simple and consistent with online platforms.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Kerry Garnsey (0450 238 182) who has transferred to us from the Blue Mountains Bridge Club.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for December:

Larry Amos, Joan Brierty, Alan Bustany, Sally Clarke, Diana Coats, Tony Collis, Joan Cottom, Trish Dennis, Tracey Dillon, Marion Ellis, Carol Godfrey, Marcelle Goslin, Barbara Grant, Beryl Lowry, Bob Lowry, Greg Mayo, Kerryl McGrath, Diane Nichols, Len Pascoe, Julieanne Perceval, Chris Spikesman.

## REGULAR PROGRAM

### Face-to-Face

Mondays & Friday 12.30 pm

Monday Evening 7.15 pm

Wednesday 1.30 pm

### RealBridge

Tuesday 12.30pm

Thursday 9.30am

## COMING SPECIAL EVENTS - Online and Face-to-Face

### DECEMBER

Welcome Back Party (P, R) 12 pm lunch, 1.30 pm Wed 8

Tuesday RealBridge (R) 12.30pm Tue 21

**NO SESSION**

**Friday 24**

**NO SESSION**

**Friday 31**

### JANUARY

New Year's Cup (R) Monday 3

Australia Day Pairs (R) Wednesday 26

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP FEES (or Smile Awhile!)

You will soon receive an email with details of fees and payment.

Home Members who were overcharged in 2021: **\$27**

New Home Members: **\$33.10** Associate Members: **\$7**

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*