

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



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

P **AULINE
EVANS
MEMORIAL
TROPHY**



Sincere congratula-
tions to the inaugural

and clear winners of the Pauline Evans Memorial Trophy:
June Clarkson and Kerry Dwyer (below left)



14 pairs competed in this new red point event for players with less than 100 masterpoints. This represented 40% of eligible members. In terms of partnership points, these ranged from 1.62 to 130.24 (as at January 1) with an average of 65.2.

Tournament Organiser, Julie Sadler, directed a Howell movement of 13 rounds of 2 boards so that each pair played every other pair.

Thanks to all who participated on this special day; it was especially good to welcome some members who we have not seen recently.



RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (1) (FtoF) (E) 6 tables Wed Feb 2

After considerable work by a number of Directors the results were recovered and checked and double-checked, so the proposed re-run of this event was not required.

1st	Jan Clarke & Alan Bustany	61.25 %
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	60.00 %
3rd	Marion Ellis & Mei-Hua Campbell	57.08 %

VALENTINE'S DAY PRS (FtoF) 5.5 tables Mon Feb 14

1st	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	59.38 %
2nd	Christine Hadaway & Martin Johnson	57.81%
3rd	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	54.69%

STATE MIXED PAIRS Q 1,2 (FtoF) (R) 5 tables Thu Feb 17

1st	Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson	58.10 %
2nd	Eunice de Vries & David Bowerman	56.02%
3rd	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	55.09%

Julie took sandwich orders from players before bridge and collected and distributed these at lunch time. CCLC had a previous booking, so thank you BWBC for the loan of an urn and Ruth for sourcing pre-wrapped biscuits, tea, coffee etc. Drinks, nibbles & socialising were enjoyed while results were finalised.

SWITCHING SINGLES (1) (FtoF) (E) 3.5 tables MonEve Feb 21

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	70.83 %
2nd	Chris Hasemore & Lorraine Lindsay	55.21%
3rd	Ruth Griffin & Terry Dyer	51.04%

PAULINE EVANS TROPHY (FtoF) (R) 7 tables Mon Mar 7

1st	June Clarkson & Kerry Dwyer	65.38 %
2nd	Tracey Dillon & Marcelle Goslin	58.33%
3rd	Leon Babinski & Henk Keulemans	56.73%

A close and enjoyable competition, with 4 or 5 pairs vying for 2nd place coming into the last round.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Feb 18 - 26

The Gold Coast Congress was first held in 1962 at the Chevron Hotel, Surfers Paradise, with about 60 participants. When the Chevron was redeveloped, play moved to the ANA Hotel and Gold Coast International Hotel. Numbers grew, with a large contingent of NZ players and other Internationals attracted to the high quality competition. From 2007 the Gold Coast Convention Centre has been the venue for this prestigious (now) gold point event.

In 2008 special events for Novices were introduced, followed by events for Intermediate players. This year a new category in the Teams Championship was introduced for teams under 1500 MPs, thus reducing the size of the Open field.

ABF President, Allison Stralow, wrote in the first Bulletin:

I welcome players to Broadbeach for the 60th Gold Coast Congress. The diamond anniversary was due to be held in 2021 but was postponed because of Covid-19. It is now time to celebrate as diamond means unconquerable and enduring which is symbolic of the bridge community during these unprecedented times.

International travel restrictions and Covid-19 nervousness meant that numbers were well down with 462 pairs and 208 teams, compared to the previous 4-year average of 1032 pairs and 470 teams.


Participants from the Central Coast were also well down. CCLCBC members attending were Tony Burke, Di Coats & Jan Clarke, Garry & Sally Clarke, Gary Barwick & Helen Milward and Sharon & Greg Mayo.

In the Bobby Richman Pairs Championship Di and Jan qualified for Final B from a field of 54 tables, ending 17th out of 28 in this group. Out of 70 teams in the Open Teams Championship, Sally & Garry were 41st and Di & Jan 44th (both playing with pairs from other areas).

Interesting hands were discussed in the daily Bulletins – all available online at: abf.com.au, 2022 Gold Coast Congress/Bulletins

Articles by Liam Milne on defence and quiz questions from Ron Klinger also featured. Here is one from Bulletin 9:

Teams - Dlr: South, Vul: Both

West ♠ 10 9 8 ♥ K 7 4 3 ♦ K J 7 3 2 ♣ 5		East ♠ 6 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 10 9 6 4 ♣ K Q J 8 6
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West -- Pass 5♦ Pass (1) 4+♠, 0-1 diamond, 10-14 pts	North -- 4♦ ¹ Pass Pass	East -- Dbl Pass Pass	South 1♠ 4♣ Dbl
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Contract: 5♦X by West
Lead: ♠A by North.

Trick 1: ♠A – six – two – eight.

Trick 2: ♣10 – ?

Plan the play.

Go to Page 6 for the solution and comment.

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ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS - February & March

- Club records must be kept for a minimum of 5 years
- CCLC will move Noticeboard & Trophy Cabinet from Donnison St
- As player numbers are up, we will revert to non-playing directors for red point events
- Inter-club teams showed a profit of \$209.10 less cost of nuts & chips. The purchase of a projector & screen cut \$200 off what would have been the cost.
- The Mixed Pairs ran well, but being a whole day event, there was much more work for the Committee in coping with lunch and refreshments arrangements than in our old venue
- Preparations for the State Seniors are well in hand - don't forget the dates: June 14 - 17
- The club now has a dedicated wi-fi connection, so we are no longer reliant on CCLC's public connection for uploading results
- Dates have been set for the Country Teams and GNOT Finals

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BRIDGE EDUCATION

Louis Koolen conducted two sessions on Declarer Play for Intermediate/Advanced on Saturday Feb 5 with 14 pupils focussing on play in NT. The content was challenging, but 14 turned up again on Saturday Feb 12 for two sessions on Suit Play.

Eunice De Vries started the Beginner's Course on Thursday February 24 with 12 pupils and 2 more expected to join in. Thursday March 3 was

postponed due to the weather, so the second lesson will be held at 7pm on March 10.

Wendy Mitchell

The Improvers Course held over because of Covid-19 closure needs to be completed. My plan is to follow this with Supervised Improvers Play, interspersed with workshops on specific topics. All these sessions will suit Refreshers and anyone wishing to have the opportunity to discuss bidding/play/defence in detail.

I will email members shortly, but at this stage I expect to run these sessions on Thursday mornings (not Fridays) whenever there are no special events scheduled. *Wendy M*

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PRESENTATION DAY PAIRS March 17 9.30am

Remember: If you have not already entered you must do so before **9.30am on the 10th March** (for catering purposes). This is a great day to play bridge, recognise winners and socialise too.

Bridge: 9.30am followed by trophy presentations and lunch.
Cost: Bridge: \$6 Lunch: \$20 for members, \$30 non-members

Lunch: will be a sit-down meal with 2 different main courses & 2 different desserts being served alternatively. This means there's scope for swapping plates if you wish.

Presentations:

Because Presentation Day could not be held in 2021, winners of events held in both 2020 and 2021 will receive their trophies/prizes.

History:

This Red-point event was first held in 2008, with Christine Hadaway and Karen Ody winning overall. Since 2014 prizes have been awarded for both the NS and EW fields. In the last 10 years table numbers have ranged from 9 to 20.5.

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Ron Klinger Quiz

This deal was from the final of a national Women's Team Selection Playoff:

At both tables in the Open Final, South was +650 in 4♠, no E-W bidding. Ditto at one table in the Women's final. At the remaining table, Barbara

Travis was West in 5♦ doubled after the auction given.

Dealer: South	♠ A J 7 4		
Vul: Both	♥ A J 10 5		
Teams	♦ 8		
	♣ 10 9 7 4		
♠ 10 9 8		N	♠ 6
♥ K 7 4 3		W	♥ 6 2
♦ K J 7 3 2		E	♦ A 10 9 6 4
♣ 5		S	♣ K Q J 8 6
	♠ K Q 5 3 2		
	♥ Q 9 8		
	♦ Q 5		
	♣ A 3 2		

North led the ♠A and switched to the ♣10. Travis cleverly ducked in dummy! On the next club, king, ace, West ruffed. After ♦K, ♦A, she ditched three hearts on the clubs, one off, -100, +11 Imps. South could / should have taken the ♣A at trick 2 to shift to a heart, but North can make it easier by switching to a low club. Murphy's Basic Law for defenders: If you give partner a chance to do the wrong thing, partner will take that chance.

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DIARY DATES

- March 19-20 Armidale Swiss Pairs
- March 20 NSBC@Lindfield Pauline Evans Swiss Pairs
- March 26-27 Central Coast Super Congress
- April 15-17 Trumps Bridge Centre Easter Festival

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

At March 5, 141 members are financial for 2022 (89 Home and 52 Associate)

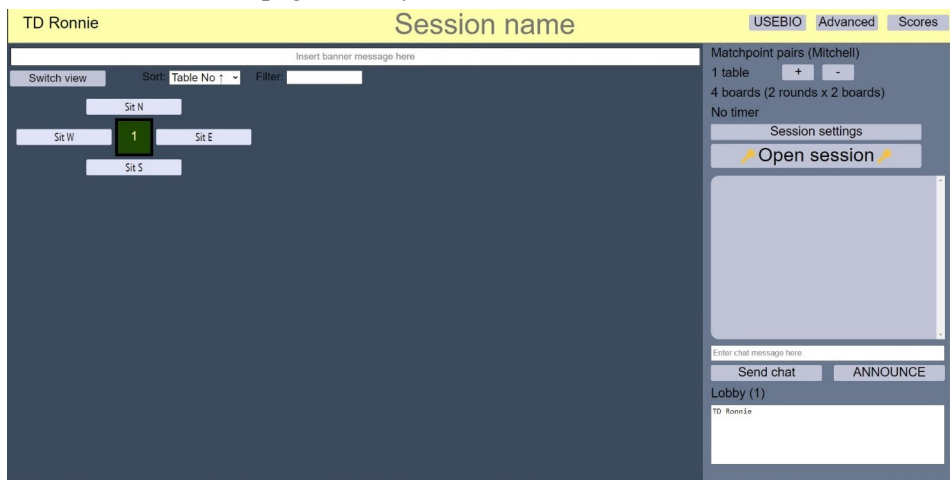
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REAL BRIDGE PAYMENTS

Thank you again for your prompt payments. Although you may not need a receipt, I do try to acknowledge your payment as this confirms that we have received it and not someone else!

BEHIND THE SCENES - REAL BRIDGE

Hi all, Ronnie here. Some of you may be interested in how I direct online. In this first article of a two-part series, I'm going to show you some of the behind-the-scenes that Alan Bustany and I use when we direct online on RealBridge. This is what a session page initially looks like:



Not much in here, but this is where we can add the session names (e.g. CCLCBC Tuesday Online Session) and banner (e.g. Thanks for supporting CCLCBC!) as you will no doubt have noticed. A keen-eyed reader may also notice there are a few more buttons on the top right corner than those you have on your screen.

Here is where all the magic happens. We can add or remove tables as fellow members like you arrive by clicking the “+” and “-” buttons respectively. We can also change the settings of the session depending on the event of the day.



On the next page there is a screenshot of the Session Settings.

Here we can choose the scoring: matchpoints, X-IMPs or Teams scoring. We can set up different movement types such as Howell, Mitchell, Swiss, head-to-head or Round Robin (if it's a Teams event). We can specify the VP scales as

required (ABF VP scales for Pairs are also available here even though Real-Bridge is based in the UK).

Finally, we can set up the time limit, the number of rounds and boards per rounds. Specific sets of boards can also be uploaded here. After all the preparation work is done, the session is ready and we'll click on the Open session button so you will be able to join in.

RealBridge does not calculate masterpoints (not for the ABF ones anyway). At the end of the session, I download a RealBridge-generated file which contains all the board scores, names and your ABF numbers. It is then processed and imported into Compscore2, our club's scoring program (the one that drives Bridge-mates which we all rely on nowadays), so masterpoints can be issued and results can be uploaded to our club website.

Members who want to replay their boards, bid-by-bid, play-by-play, are now able to use the link with a suffix RealBridge to access the full analysis.

2/10/22	Thursday Online Session	results
2/10/22	Thursday Online Session - RealBridge	results

In the next article, let me show you what happens during a session. *Ronnie Ng*
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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Graham Woof (4369 8475, 0407 678 094) and add his details to your Program book.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March:

June Ball, Margo Burnet, Michelle Campbell, Philip Dey, Rosalind Dey, Sylvia Foster, Peter Hall, Sharon Mayo, Julie Sadler, Christine Williams.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - No Promotions in February

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COMING EVENTS - Online and Face-to-Face

MARCH

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Thursdays	9.30am	Mar 3, 10, 24

Face-to-Face

Mondays	12.30pm	Mar 7, 14, 21, 28
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Mar 7, 14, 21 , 28
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Mar 2 , 9, 16, 23, 30
Fridays	12.30pm	Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Special Events

(Monthly Shield 2	E	Wednesday 2)
(Pauline Evans Novice Trophy	R, P	Monday 7)
Presentation Day	R, P	Thursday 17
Switching Singles 2	E	Monday Eve 21
Country Teams	R, P all day	Thursday 31

APRIL

Special Events

Monthly Shield 3	E	Wednesday 6
Teams of Three	C, P	Thursday 7
(Club Trophy)	all day	
NO BRIDGE		Good Friday 15
Switching Singles 3	E	Monday Eve 18
Easter Pairs	R	Wednesday 20
Anzac Day Pairs	R	Monday 25

SMILE AWHILE

A student in class has xxx facing AQJ in dummy. She leads low and puts in the jack which holds. She plays the ace next. Teacher asks why she didn't take the finesse again? She says: "You told us that only one of two finesses work."

Wendy Mitchell

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