

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



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

PRESENTATION
DAY PAIRS

10 tables competed in our bridge area, ably directed by Gary Barwick.

Following the bridge, lunch was enjoyed near the entrance to the 'old buffet'. Alternating mains of slow cooked lamb and barramundi were well received. Dessert consisted of pavlova or apple surprise.

Tournament Director Julie Sadler then read out the winners of the trophies and prizes from both 2020 and 2021. For those that were in attendance, these were presented to the recipients by Anthony Ryan, Chief Operations Officer of CC Leagues Club, as well as by our Patron, Colin Mitchell.

See Pages 4 & 5 for a rogues' gallery.

VALE

NANCYE JOSS

17/12/1933 - 19/3/2022

A Service to celebrate Nancye's life was held on March 29 at the lovely Greenway Chapel, Green Point.

About 40 people attended, including 24 bridge friends, several of them being her regular partners. The proceedings were live-streamed for other family and friends to view.

A 'Personal Profile' was published in our February Newsletter, 2011 (see our website). Part of this is reproduced on Page 6, with some additional information provided more recently by family and friends.

Photos and a list of Nancye's achievements follow.

RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (2) (FtoF) (E) 5.5 tables Wed Mar 2

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	64.06 %
2nd	Marion Ellis & Mei-Hua Crawford	62.05 %
3rd	Di March & Alison Mackey	57.87 %

(The best 4 sessions with the same partner are counted)

PRESENTATION DAY PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 10 tables Thu Mar 17

North - South

1st	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	61.11 %
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	58.64%
3rd	Christine Hadaway & Martin Johnson	51.65%

East - West

1st	Jan Clarke & Chris Williams	68.71 %
2nd	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	59.46%
3rd	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	55.76%

SWITCHING SINGLES (2) (FtoF) (E) 3.5 tables MonEve Mar 21

1st	Anne Grayden & Chris Hasemore	61.31 %
2nd	Ruth Griffin & Agnes Marsh	55.95%
3rd	Trish Howard & Clifford Stratton	55.36%

(The best 4 sessions with different partners are counted)

LISMORE FLOOD RELIEF PRS (FtoF) (R) 6.5 tables Wed Mar 23

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	66.25 %
2nd	Jan Clarke & Chris Williams	62.50%
3rd	Di Coats & Dorothy Berzins	56.67%

(The ABF is paying the cost of the red points for this session which is additional to our allocated sessions.)

See also STOP PRESS, Page 15

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

Feb 18 - 26

Sincere apologies - when reporting on this event last month I somehow omitted the results of Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany. In the weekend Open Mixed Swiss Pairs they had 2 wins and 4 draws out of 9 matches.

In the Intermediate Teams they finished 15th out of 42, playing with Sue Eastman and her Gold Coast partner. So lots of Gold Points earned!

CENTRAL COAST SUPER CONGRESS - RealBridge

Swiss Pairs - March 26

44 pairs

Congratulations to Jan Clarke & Di Coats who came third in a strong field. Also to Greg & Sharon Mayo (12th), Lorraine Lindsay & Chris Hannan (16th) and Ian Lincoln & Chris Williams (21st). Other members who competed were Gwen White & Dorothy Berzins, Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust and Elizabeth Lawrence & Alfie Nation.

Teams - March 27

23 teams

Well done Sally & Garry Clarke for 4th with Sydney heavyweights Marilyn Chadwick & Kim Morrison. Jan Clarke, Di Coats with the Mayo's came a creditable 20th. Other teams with members of our club were Lorraine Lindsay, Richard Carter, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa; Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation, Gwen White, Henrietta Hohnen.

ECLECTIC EVENTS

We have not been able to complete any of these events since *Jumping January* in 2020. So what are *eclectic* events?

“These are competitions where a competing pair does not have to play in every session, but, in order to be eligible for an *outright award*, needs to play in a specified minimum number of sessions.”

(*Outright awards* are points allocated in addition to the masterpoints for each session when a multi-session event produces a single winner.)

a) Monthly Shield 2022

This event was originally established in 1987 as the Monthly Medal – the winners wore a medal for the following month. At least from 2009 onwards, scoring for the Monthly Shield has been based on the position achieved by a pair in the field, not by their percentage score. From 2017 a method was adopted based on the number of pairs beaten x 2, so that all pairs received a score, down to zero for the pair coming last.

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2020:
Presentation Day Pairs (NS)
Summer Pairs
2021:
New Years Cup

Dorothy also won the Australia Day Pairs with Di Coats.

Adele Mills, Anthony Ryan, Dorothy Berzins



Christine Hadaway & Martin Johnson
Club Mixed Pairs &2020 & 2021



Eunice de Vries & Wendy Mitchell
Valentine's Day Pairs, 2020



John Aldersley & Beryl Lowry
Zelda Overhall Cup, 2021

Other 2020 winners not present:
Di Coats, Helen Milward, Angela & Kevin Dougall

2021:
Australia Day Pairs and Easter
Pairs



Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler



Chris Williams
Anzac Day Pairs, 2021



*Dorothy Berzins, Anthony Ryan,
Gwen White*
Autumn Pairs, 2021

*Louis Koolen, Colin Mitchell,
Barbara Grant*
Valentine's Day Prs & Presi-
dent's Cup, 2021

All 2021 winners are listed on
Page 17 of our Program.



NANCYE MARGARET JOSS (nee SMITH)

Nancye was the second of 6 children – 4 girls and 2 boys. She completed her secondary education at Kempsey High School and became a teacher like her mother – as did her three sisters!

After teaching out her bond at North Sydney Demonstration School she ‘escaped’ to Canada. There she met three other teachers who played bridge. Having grown up (in Wauchope) playing all sorts of card games, Nancye found bridge easy to pick up and the four ladies played socially at every opportunity. On her return to Sydney she played socially with her sister Jan. Nancye was Infants Mistress at Yagoona and then at Newtown where she established a partnership with her Deputy. This led to lessons with Ron Klinger who was teaching at the NSW Bridge Association. At this time she played at the Association and at Lindfield with several people you may know – Bruce Branthwaite (deceased), Julie Sadler & John Redfearn. Nancye attended many of Ron’s lessons, including the course on his Power System, which she played.

Principal at Boronia Park Primary for many years, Nancye retired in 1991 and moved to the Central Coast in 1994 where she joined Brisbane Water BC as her home club as well as the Leagues and Central Coast clubs. Nancye served on the BWBC committee for several years including four as Vice President. CCLCBC then became her home club where she won most of her trophies. Many players benefited from Nancye’s lessons and at the time of writing her profile in February, 2011, she was playing four times a week. Sadly, with failing eyesight, in 2017 Nancye gave up her beloved pastime – the game which she regarded as a constant challenge – both fascinating and frustrating and a never-ending learning process. Nancye’s advice for improvement still holds true: Think about every card you play, your opponents play, the bidding; don’t play like an automaton; read about bridge; enjoy the game and keep trying !

Bridge provided Nancye with some wonderful opportunities for travel to various parts of NSW and beyond, playing in congresses at the Gold Coast, Canberra, Bathurst, Mudgee, Great Lakes, Port Macquarie and Muswellbrook for many years as well as a rather calamitous experience as the bridge teacher on board the ill-fated ship, Achille Lauro! Nancye in fact was an adventurer, travelling all over the world, (her favourite country was Africa) and was admired for her wonderful photography.

As a young woman Nancye played several sports. As a spectator in later years cricket was a great love, along with reading, cooking, gardening and the odd G&T (ask Lorraine Lindsay for her story). Nancye valued friendships and family and was much loved as a sister, aunt, godmother and loyal friend.

One of these, Lyn Pears, wrote:
 Vale Nan, a good friend, bridge partner and travelling companion on many overseas trips, for nearly 33 years. Your friendship will be truly missed.



Lyn Pears, Nancye, Jan Henry (sister)



Presentation Day 2014
 Di Coats, Adele Mills, Nancye, Bruce Branthwaite



Cook



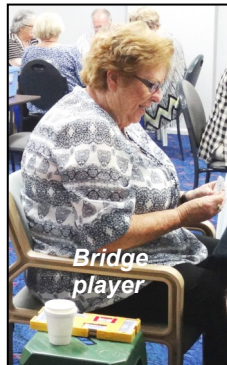
Gardener



Presentation Day 2016
 Nancye & Lorraine Lindsay (L to R)



(R to L) Bruce Branthwaite, Anne Grayden, Carol Judd, Julie Sadler



Bridge player



Friend

See over for some of Nancye's achievements

NANCYE JOSS:**Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club**

FIRST PLACE		YEAR	PLAYED WITH	
Club	Club Teams	1995	Adele Mills, John White, Felicity Osborne-Firth	
		2003	Adele Mills, Karen Ody, Christine Hadaway	
		2012	Adele Mills, Irma Heyting, Dorothy Berzins	
		2014, 2015	Adele Mills, Di Coats, Dorothy Berzins	
		2016	Lorraine Lindsay, Adele Mills, Stewart Duxbury	
	Swiss Pairs	2005	Anne Grayden	
		2015	Di Coats (1st=)	
		2016	Lorraine Lindsay	
	Events	Graded Pairs – A	1999, 2002, 06, 07, 09, 12	Adele Mills
			2016	Lorraine Lindsay
Trophy	Anniversary Pairs	1999, 2006	Adele Mills	
	Autumn Pairs	2002	Adele Mills	
		2007	Karen Ody	
		2013	Di Coats	
	Gosford Pairs	2004	Carol Judd	
		2013	Adele Mills	
		2014	Di Coats	
	Monthly Shield	1998, 99, 2000, 03, 04, 05	Adele Mills	
		2007, 09	Lyn Pears	
	Events	President's Cup	2002	Adele Mills
		Spring Pairs	2009	Lorraine Lindsay
			2011, 12	Adele Mills
		Summer Pairs	2010, 11	Lyn Pears
Winter Pairs		2006	Lyn Pears	

Special Events	Anzac Day Pairs	2013	Bruce Branthwaite
	Australia Day Pairs	2011	Adele Mills
	Charity Day Pairs	2009	Adele Mills (1st=)
		2013, NS	Bruce Branthwaite
		2014, NS	Adele Mills
	Christmas Prs	2000, 01	Adele Mills
		2013	Lorraine Lindsay
	Easter Pairs	2000	Jack Lindsay
		2001, 16	Adele Mills
		2005	Jan Henry
2010		Karen Ody	
Presentation Day Pairs	2014, NS	Vicky Morris	
Valentine's Day Prs	2002	Adele Mills	
	2007	Karen Ody	

Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Nancye's name appears in the Brisbane Water 'Trophy Room' for:

Summer Pairs - 1998 with Jan Henry;
2000 & 2001 with Lorraine Lindsay

Individual Championship: 1998

Open Teams Championship:
2001 - with Lorraine Lindsay, Jan Davis,
Josie & Colin Mitchell

2004 - with Lyn Pears, Lorraine & Jack Lindsay

Australia Day Pairs - 2004 with Lorraine
(Harkness) Lindsay

Lorraine proudly remembers her last big win with Nancye: the Brisbane Water Congress in 2010.



More CCLCBC events next page

Other	Saturday Prs	1997	Lyn Pears
	March Pairs	2004	Adele Mills
	November Pairs	2000, 03	Adele Mills
		2004	Carol Judd
	Leagues C Birthday Prs	2003	Carol Judd
	Auspicious August	2014	Dorothy Berzins
Dashing December	2016	Lorraine Lindsay	
Competitions	Inter Club Teams 1 & 2	2000	Adele Mills, Maoliosa Hawkes, John White
	Inter Club Teams 1	2001	
	Inter Club Teams 2	2005	Adele Mills, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver
	Inter Club Teams 2	2007	Lorraine Lindsay, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver
	Inter Club Teams 2	2008	Karen Ody, Carolyn Molloy, Phyllis White
	Inter Club Teams 2	2013	Adele Mills, Dorothy & Peter Berzins
	Inter Club Teams 1	2014	
	Inter Club Teams 2	2015	Lorraine Lindsay, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills

(from Page 3) **ECLECTIC EVENTS**

In this way decimal scores were avoided and players who played regularly were thus given credit for doing so.

So let's see how this works in practice:

For Monthly Shield 1 there were 6 tables or 12 pairs:

Jan Clarke and Alan Bustany came first, beating 11 pairs, so they score 22. Dorothy Berzins and Di Coats came second, beating 10 pairs, so they score 20. Scores continue this way down to the 12th pair who score 0.

For Monthly Shield 2 there were 5.5 tables or 11 pairs:

Dorothy and Di came first, beating 10 pairs and so score 20. Their total is now 40. Jan and Alan came 4th this time beating 7 other pairs and scoring 14. Their total is now 36.

In 2022 pairs (same partners) must play a minimum of 4 sessions out of the possible 10. The best 4 scores are counted for each pair to determine the winner.

b) Switching Singles 2022

The same scoring method had been approved for Switching Singles in 2016 because it was considered fairer than percentages and allowed for scores being awarded when there were only 2 tables. The same condition of the best 4 scores from a minimum of 4 sessions out of 10 applies this year, but only scores from different partnerships can be counted.

For Switching Singles 1 there were 3.5 tables or 7 pairs. Anne Grayden came first with Julie Sadler, so each scored 12 for beating 6 pairs.

For Switching Singles 2 there were 4 tables or 8 pairs. This time Anne played with Chris Hasemore and came first again, so scoring 14 for beating 7 pairs. Julie however came 4th playing with Lorraine Lindsay, so scored 8 for beating 4 other pairs. Anne's total is now 26 and Julie's is 20.

c) Join in the fun and potentially earn extra masterpoints

It is not too late to become part of the Monthly Shield competition on Wednesdays as there are still 8 more of these sessions. Similarly with Switching Singles on Monday Evenings. Traditionally the latter competition has been quite light-hearted. A few people feel reluctant/intimidated to play with a new partner, but if you try it you will find it is a great learning experience that will improve your game, as well as being very sociable.

At the completion of each eclectic event, the average number of tables over the period is calculated. Then, as well as any masterpoints earned in each session, the top half of the field are awarded additional points – *outright awards*.
(Wendy Mitchell)

BEHIND THE SCENES - REAL BRIDGE - Part 2

Hi all, Ronnie here again. Last time, I presented to you what Alan and I did before and after a RealBridge session. This time, let me show you what happens during a session. Below is a good representation of what's on Alan's and my screen while the session is under way:

The screenshot shows the RealBridge software interface for a CCLCBC Thursday Online Session. The interface is divided into several sections:

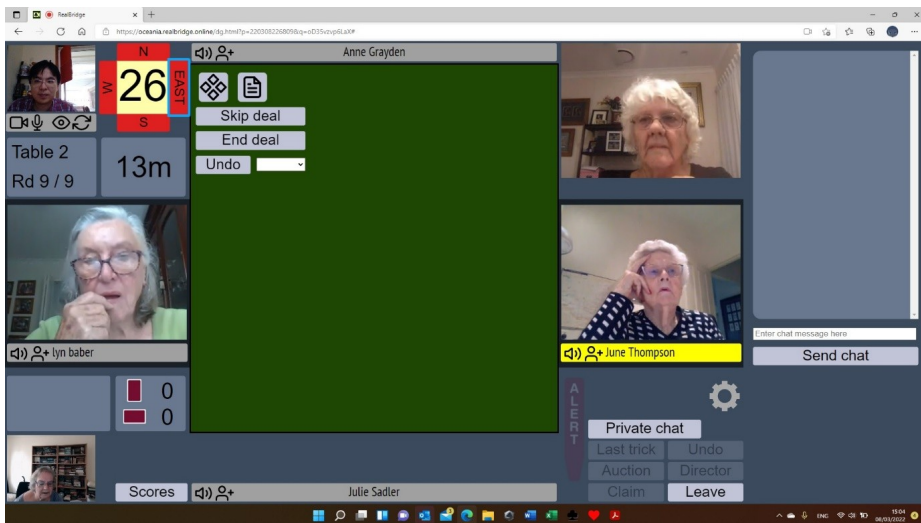
- Header:** "TD Ronnie" on the left, "CCLCBC Thursday Online Session" in the center, and "USEBIO Advanced Scores" on the right.
- Table List:** A table with columns for "Table No", "N", "S", "E", and "W". The first three rows are active, and the fourth row is greyed out.
- Matchpoint Pairs (Howell):** A sidebar on the right showing "3 tables", "25 boards (5 rounds x 5 boards)", "32m per round", and "Round 1 time left: 26:24".
- Chat Window:** A chat window at the bottom right showing a message: "Barbara Grant requests an Undo at Table 3".

Table No	N	S	E	W
1 2.0	Anne Grayden	Julie Sadler	Ruth Griffin	agnes marsh
2 1.E	lyn baber	Jane Thompson	peter hall	Lyn Lynch
3 1.12	Julianne Perceval	Carol Godfrey	Louis Koolen	Barbara Grant

- A. This is the list of tables in the session. Next to each table number are two alphanumeric “X.Y”. The X represents the board number in which the table is playing, while the Y can be an alphabet “E” or numeric 0, 1, 2, ..., 13. Remember the 10-second countdown after each board? That period is represented by the “E” on my screen. Can you guess what the other 14 figures mean? If a table has finished all the boards in that round, the table will turn grey and show R3 (for example see the insert in the screenshot), which means the table has finished all the boards for Round 3.
- B. Any players who have asked for ‘Undos’ or called for a director are shown on our message box so we know who is having trouble clicking on the correct calls or cards, or requesting our assistance respectively. RealBridge will also remind us twice to move players to the next round through a notification on our message box and a bell sound. The first reminder is when half of the tables have finished the boards in the current round and the other one is when all tables have finished.
- C. We can sort the tables by table numbers or how quick/slow the players are

playing at the table so we are always aware of the slow tables. If one or more of the players are greyed out, we will know they are having connection problems and are not currently connected to the RealBridge platform.

When we do get called, the table in question will be highlighted in red (again, see the insert). Once we respond, the players will be able see us on the top left corner.

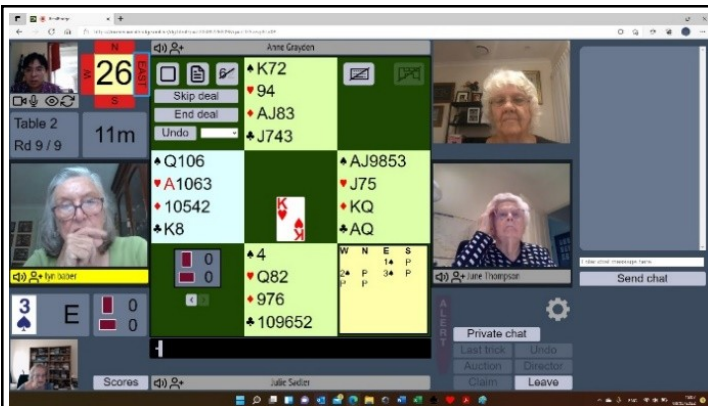


Initially the auction and cards are hidden from us by default in case we're playing directors. Rest assured, Alan and I use separate logins when we play and direct so we do not get to see the hands and the scores at other tables in real time empowered by our director login (in contrast to your logins who only see your own score in the current round, and the scores of those boards which you have finished).

Here we can talk to specific players (for example, only East, or both South and West), check the exact seconds each player takes to make their bid or play, cancel a board and undo certain bids or play.

There are occasions where a player cannot make a particular bid or play a particular card due to a bad internet





connection. We can unhide the auction and/or cards and do it for them too.

Here I can “help” June make her call, or play the ♥A (as the declarer; high-lighted in red) if she so requests.

Hopefully you’ll find the behind-the-scenes interesting and I hope to see you all next time either face-to-face at the club or online on RB on Tuesdays and most Thursdays.

Ronnie Ng

Answer: The 1, 2, 3, ... 13 shows the trick (first trick, second trick, all the way up to 13th trick) which the players are currently at. The zero? It would mean the board is in its auction period: players are bidding the hand!

BRIDGE EDUCATION

The last 2 sessions of the Improvers Course will be held on Thursday mornings, April 14 (*All about Pre-empts*) & April 21 (*Review of Conventions*) at 9.30am. Anyone who was not part of the course is welcome to attend for \$5 per session.

On subsequent Thursdays (except those when Club events are scheduled), also for \$5, I will offer Supervised play with set hands which will aim to:

- Practise the Improver’s topics and sort out misunderstandings and bad habits that some seem to have developed
- Provide the opportunity for plenty of interactive discussion
- Introduce new concepts as required/requested
- Improve bidding, play and defence
- Compare systems you have learned with other players – eg Game Force openings

Interspersed with these sessions I will offer workshops (for \$10) on specific new Intermediate standard topics.

Wendy M

CHARITY DAY: Date change to WEDNESDAY MAY 25

Please bring in your treasure (no trash) to the playing area now! Pre serves etc also welcome. Raffle prizes are also needed - do you know of a local business that might donate a voucher (say) to a good cause? We will be supporting *Coast Shelter*.

Please contact Ruth Griffin: 0407 854 060

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

At March 31, 146 members are financial for 2022 (88 Home and 58 As sociate). Thirteen Home Club members who have not rejoined were marked as Inactive with the ABF.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome George Connell (0413 999 601) and Carolynne Mucharsky (4344 4762, 0404 238 884) and add their details to your Pro gram book.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for April:

Jenny Anderson, Christine Ashe, Lyn Baber, Steve Calcroft, Kerry Garnsey, Lorraine Lindsay, Hope Tomlinson, Peter Wheatley, Suzanne Whelan.

NEW ABF RANKINGS - March Congratulations to:

Kerry Dwyer	<i>Local</i>	Trish Howard	<i>Graduate</i>
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STOP PRESS:

COUNTRY TEAMS QUALIFYING 6 teams 5x9 board rounds

- 1st Sally & Garry Clarke, Jan Clarke & Di Coats
- 2nd Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler
- 3rd Gwen White & Dorothy Berzins, Elizabeth Lawrence & Alfie Nation

As the first team have already qualified elsewhere, the next 2 teams will proceed to the Regional Final on July 9 & 10.

COMING EVENTS - Online and Face-to-Face

APRIL

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Apr 5, 12, 19, 26
Thursdays	9.30am	Apr 14, 21, 28

Face-to-Face

Mondays	12.30pm	Apr 4, 11, 18, 25
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Apr 4, 11, 18 , 25
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Apr 6 , 13, 20 , 27
Fridays	12.30pm	Apr 8, 15 , 22, 29

APRIL

Special Events

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

MAY

Special Events

Autumn Pairs	R	Monday Eve 2
Monthly Shield 4	E	Wednesday 4
Fundraiser for NeuRA		Friday 6
President's Cup	R	Wednesday 11
Switching Singles 4	E	Monday Eve 16
Zelda Overall Cup	R	Monday 23
Charity Day	Thursday 26	Wednesday 25

SMILE AWHILE

A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws".

Wendy Mitchell *Editor*