

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



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

C **HARITY DAY**
Wednesday
May 25

Proceeds to *Coast Shelter*

Two raffle prize hampers have been prepared by Ruth, thanks to a very kind donation.

One more prize is needed. If you can help with groceries or a voucher, please bring to the club this week!

Good quality items for sale can also be brought in - stalls will be set up from Friday 20th May.

**ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE
MEETING, Monday May 2**

- The Bridge Club's water cooler is being advertised on Gumtree
- Entries to State Seniors have started to trickle in. Catering is not yet finalised
- CCLC Fair on Saturday, May 28,

10am to 2pm: bridge will be demonstrated with a table of 4 players and a commentary. Contact Wendy if you are interested in participating for an hour. Leon & Peter M have offered their services to run the BBQ.

- A strongly worded letter has been sent to the CCLC re the sub-standard meal served for the Teams of Three last month
- \$1100 was sent to Lismore Bridge Club for flood relief
- \$502 was raised by the Easter Raffle – this amount will be added to Charity Day proceeds
- Addition light bulbs are to be installed to improve lighting in the playing area
- **Monday 12.30pm bridge session**: Sadly, consideration is being given to cancelling this as numbers are so small. Please help to save it by supporting this session if you can – pre-entry online is essential.

RECENT RESULTS

MONTHLY SHIELD (3) (FtoF) (E) 6 tables Wed Apr 6

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	70.07 %
2nd	Brian Warburton & John King	59.93%
3rd	Jan Clarke & Alan Bustany	58.07 %

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

TEAMS OF 3 (FtoF) (C) 6 teams MonEve Apr 18

		W	D	L	VPs
1st	Jan Clarke (C), Leon Babinski, Marion Ellis, Mei-Hua Crawford	4	0	1	69.35
2nd	Chris Williams (C), Alison Mackey, Peter Mackey, Di March	3	0	2	65.28
3rd	Julie Sadler (C), John Aldersley Beryl Lowry, Marcelle Goslin	4	0	1	60.83

SWITCHING SINGLES (3) (FtoF) (E) 2.5 tables MonEve Apr 18

1st	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	70.00 %
2nd	Eunice de Vries & David Bowerman	57.50%
3rd	Trish Howard & Clifford Stratton	52.50%

(The best 4 sessions with different partners are counted)

EASTER PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 5.5 tables Wed Apr 20

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	60.65 %
2nd	Brian Warburton & John King	57.81%
3rd	Jan Clarke & Alan Bustany	52.73%

ANZAC DAY PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 6.5 tables Mon Apr 25

1st	Mei-Hua Crawford & Leonie Wain	65.97 %
2nd	Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust	63.89%
3rd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	61.81%

CONGRESSES Best Local Players

Bathurst & District Pairs Congress Sat April 30

Played online via Stepbridge, 56 pairs played 9-board matches. Congratulations to Chris Williams & Ian Lincoln who came 4th, with 4 wins and 2 losses.

Gold Coast Congress Online Rescue Pairs and Teams

Some of our members have been playing and earning gold points in these events conducted on RealBridge: Tony Burke, Chris Williams, Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust.

Entries are now open for Gold Coast Congress Online Rescue Series 3
Saturday September 3: Open, Under 1500 and Under 300 Butler Swiss Pairs

Sunday September 4: Open Swiss teams

Starting time on both days: 10.00am AEST. Entries on [My ABF](#)

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP

Monday, May 23

Mrs Zelda Overhall (now deceased) was appointed Patron of Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club when it was formed in August 1987. This was in recognition of Zelda's outstanding work in the promotion of bridge on the Central Coast. She had been instrumental in forming the Central Coast Bridge Club but was perhaps best known as a bridge teacher. A trophy, called the Patron's Cup, was introduced in 1991.

The event is now named after Zelda herself and has red points allocated. Because of her huge influence as a teacher on Central Coast bridge players, the event is for lower-ranked players.

The trophy is won by the best Bronze Regional (or below) pair

(Higher-ranked players can compete and earn points, but not the trophy.)

Players must be financial members of CCLCBC - there are 69 of these of eligible ranking. There is also a Special Prize for the best Silver Local (or below) pair for which 49 of the 69 are eligible.

Each player in a pair must be ranked Bronze Regional or below. If your ranking qualifies you to compete, then you need to play with another eligible player. Last year's winners were John Aldersley & Beryl Lowry and they are still eligible to compete again. Will you play and give them a run for their money?

A list of players of suitable rank can be found from next week at the club – displayed near the Director's table.

DON'T BE SHY – FIND A PARTNER AND HAVE A TRY

DEFENCE WITHOUT SIGNALS

In the ABF , February and April editions, Peter Hollands talks about how to defend when playing with strangers or online robots. He says that ‘signals shouldn’t be the be-all and en-all of how you defend’ ‘A more important technique is to think about the inferences from the bidding, and the inferences from the play: what line of play is the declarer taking, and what line of defense is my partner taking.’

An extract from each article follows.

Sitting South, we hold ♠643 ♥64 ♦A853 ♣AK62

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♦	pass
1♥	pass	1NT	pass
3♦	pass	3♥	pass
4♥	pass	pass	?

Even though I’m passing a lot, I like to use this bidding time to try and work out what’s going on. Already in this auction we know a lot of information, so don’t just sit there and wait – when it gets to the play you’re going to be rushed, so if you take the time when you’re not actually doing much, you can work out a lot about the auction.

What do we know? East has 12-14 balanced and they have four diamonds. Even if they play better minor (opening 1♦ with three) after 1♦-1M-1NT that hand can no longer only have three diamonds. The only hand with three diamonds that would open 1♦ is the 4-4-3-2, and with that hand East would have supported the hearts immediately.

West’s jump to 3♦ is an invitational hand with diamond support. East was happy to accept the invite, and showed three-card heart support along the way. West bid the heart game, rather than 3NT, so he presumably has a fifth heart.

What does partner hold? East and West have told us that they have a diamond fit, so my partner has only one diamond. If we can get off to a diamond lead, we should be able to give partner several diamond ruffs, using the ♣AK as entries. That looks like we’re going to beat that a lot of tricks, so instead of just passing it out I would double. I’m hoping partner leads

their singleton, if they have one. If they don't have any diamonds, the double might be a bit dangerous, but then they might stumble upon a club lead and we will still beat 4♥.

Even though we are defending without signals, one assumed signal that lots of people play is that when you give them a ruff, it's suit preference (a low card asks for the return of the lower suit). Some people don't play that, but the vast majority do, so even if you don't discuss it, it's something you can assume. But don't be upset if partner doesn't follow your signal (the robots on BBO, for example, will not understand this signal).

Partner naturally leads their singleton, which you win and return a low diamond. Partner ruffs and obediently returns a club. You should win with the lower of your touching honours. When your ♣K wins, partner will know you have the ace. You give partner a second ruff, win the club return, and give a third ruff for three off.

Try this problem:

	♠Q64
East	♥Q84
	♦KQ7
South	♣K Q 10 2
♠K 9	
♥A	
♦J 10 9 6 5 2	
♣AJ85	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	pass	2♣	pass
2♥	pass	4♥	all pass

Partner leads the ♦3.

It's important to think what was the lead from, and what can we deduce from it. Here, the ♦3 could be low from an honour, but partner doesn't have any honours (they wouldn't be leading low from an ace). It can't be top of a doubleton, so it must be a singleton, and we're lucky that we can get in quickly with the trump ace to give partner a diamond ruff. We'll lead the ♦2 to suggest a club return, so that we can deliver a second ruff –

the BBO robots will not recognise this suit preference signal, of course, but they might return a club anyway, as a spade return could cost a trick.

When partner leads something like a three, you may be able to rule out all other holdings and conclude that it's a singleton.

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BRIDGE EDUCATION

EUNICE

The Beginners group has started Supervised Play on a Thursday morning. In the coming weeks they will move into regular duplicate to play with a buddy, before branching out on their own.

WENDY

The Improvers Course has finally been completed and Supervised Play for Improvers has begun. Anyone is welcome to come – 9.15am for a 9.30 start on Thursday mornings. Play will be in our bridge area except when this clashes with another internal club. On these occasions you will find us at the other end of the area – enter by the old Chinese Buffet.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for May:

Margaret Campbell, Garry Clarke, Doreen Collis, Bernie Davidson, Chris Hasemore, Frank Pellarini, Marie Purkiss, Paul Unger.

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NEW ABF RANKINGS - April

Congratulations to:

Jann Small	<i>Regional Master</i>	Bob Lowry	<i>Bronze Local</i>
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CONGRATULATIONS: RONNIE NG -

For his promotion to a National A2 Director. This grading qualifies Ronnie to the Chief Tournament Director of certain ABF events.

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TBIB Insurance through the ABF

The information below can be found at abf.com.au: choose ♥ Members; under Current Members choose Membership Benefits and then Insurance Products.

For full TBIB details, choose ♥ Members, scroll down to Sponsors on the right hand side and click on TBIB –

this takes you to abfinsurance.com.au

ABF Members Travel Insurance

The ABF Members' Travel Insurance Policy is open from 1st March 2016.

This policy is open to all ABF Members, their families and friends.

You can access a range of options designed to give you the very best cover for your specific needs and travel plans.

For the first time this year there is also the option to insure annually for multiple trips or to cover single trips only.

Annual Multi-trip policy:

- Save with one premium covering unlimited travel for 12 months
- Available to members, their family and friends up to and including the age of 90
- Covers all worldwide travel and Australia wide travel – over 100kms from home – up to 90 days per trip (includes cruising and on-piste skiing at no additional cost.).
- Option to purchase worldwide cover including Nth America or excluding Nth America (for a premium saving)
- Unlimited overseas medical and emergency assistance
- Up to \$20,000 cover for cancellation costs and expenses per trip
- Up to \$20,000 lost luggage cover
- Rental vehicle excess cover up to \$5,000
- All pre-existing conditions assessed and considered. * (all conditions subject to medical assessment criteria)
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- Completely online application including medical assessment (no doctors certificate required)
- Underwritten by Lloyd's of London
- Competitive pricing.

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If you have any queries you can contact TBIB on 07 3252 5254.

COMING EVENTS - Online and Face-to-Face

MAY

RealBridge

Tuesdays	12.30pm	May 10, 17, 24, 31
Thursdays	9.30am	May 12, 19, 26

Face-to-Face

Mondays	12.30pm	May 9, 16, 23, 30
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	May 9, 16, 23, 30
Wednesdays	1.30pm	May 11, 18, 25
Fridays	12.30pm	May 13, 20, 27

MAY

Special Events

President's Cup	R	Wednesday 11
Switching Singles 4	E	Monday Eve 16
Zelda Overhall Cup	R	Monday 23
<i>Charity Day</i>		<i>Wednesday 25</i>

JUNE

Special Events

Monthly Shield 5	E	Wednesday 1
State Seniors Pairs Championship	R/P	Tuesday 14 to Friday 17
<i>(No regular duplicate on these days)</i>		
Switching Singles 5	E	Monday Eve 20
Club Pairs	C/P	Thursday 30

SMILE AWHILE

There once was a player from Beirut
Who thought he would try to be cute.
He overcalled a spade
And died as he played.
The post mortem: a four-card suit

A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL

Wendy Mitchell *Editor*