

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



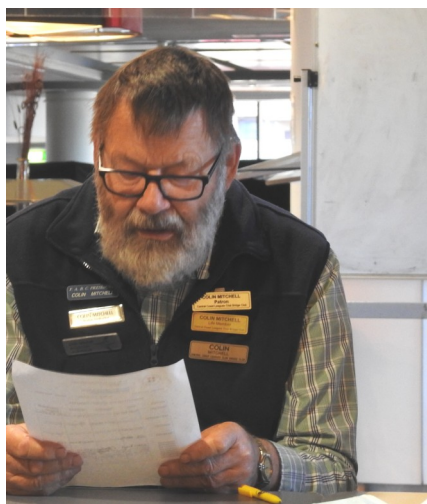
**NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2022**

**A** **NUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**  
July 28

20 members were in attendance – the minimum number required by our Rules for a quorum. 23 apologies were received. The minutes of the last AGM (20/9/2021 held on line) were accepted and June Thompson took the opportunity to thank the Committee for their hard work over a difficult year.

Louis spoke to his President’s Report (which was available on our website) and in particular thanked the Committee for working as a team. The Treasurer’s Report showed our balance at June 30 to be \$19,026.94 with a loss for the year of \$1,865.11. This and the Tournament Organiser’s report, also available online, were both accepted.



Club Patron, Colin Mitchell, conducted the election of the new Committee. The following were elected unopposed:

<i>President</i>	Louis Koolen
<i>Vice President</i>	Julie Sadler
<i>Secretary</i>	Anne Grayden
<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter Mackey
<i>Committee</i>	Leon Babinski; Margot Burnet; Ruth Griffin; Wendy Mitchell; Julianne Perceval

Congratulations and thanks to the ‘new’ committee – everything old is new again as they say, because the committee is the same as that elected last year, with Wendy Mitchell coopted into the vacant position.



In General Business members had the opportunity to raise matters concerning them. These included:

- bringing fun back to bridge
- the minimum for a quorum
- the reason for Presentation Day being free to members
- the cut-off date for registering for events

At the end of the meeting three representatives of Coast Shelter presented an overview of their work and thanked us for our support this year with a donation of \$2500.

Following the meeting members enjoyed finger food before playing in the Anniversary Pairs.

#### VALE

We were sad to learn of the recent deaths of past members *Kathy Oakes* and *Lyn Parry*. Our condolences go to their families. Lyn's funeral is on Monday - details have been emailed to members.

## RECENT RESULTS

### MONTHLY SHIELD (6) (FtoF) (E) 7 tables Wed Jul 6

1st	Lyn Baber & June Thompson	62.12%
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	59.08%
3rd	Mei-Hua Crawford & Leonie Wain	58.23 %

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

After 6 sessions, there are 8 pairs who have played the minimum number of 4 sessions. Counting the best 4 only the leaders are:

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	92
2nd	Jan Clarke & Alan Bustany	78
3rd	Mei-Hua Crawford & Marion Ellis	68

The other qualifiers so far are: Brian Warburton & John King; Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler; Ursula Middleton & Peter Mackey; Michelle Campbell & Richard Webb; Margo Burnet & Julieanne Perceval.

With 4 sessions remaining, any pair is still eligible to qualify and even win! Remember that all pairs who finish in the top half of the eligible field will be awarded *outright masterpoints*.

### SWITCHING SINGLES (5) (FtoF) (E) 2 tables MonEve Jul 18

1st	David Bowerman & Eunice de Vries	2 wins, 1 loss
2nd	Ruth Griffin & Agnes Marsh	2 wins, 1 loss
3rd	Margo Burnet & Julieanne Perceval	2 wins, 1 loss

*(The best 4 sessions with different partners are counted)*

### ANNIVERSARY PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 5.5 tables Thu Jul 28

1st	Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson	63.54 %
2nd	Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman	60.42%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Eunice de Vries	57.81%

## CONGRESSES Best Local Players

### COUNTRY TEAMS REGIONAL FINAL July 10

9 teams - 3 each from Brisbane Water BC and Central Coast BC, 2 from CCLCBC and 1 from the Community BC Bateau Bay played 8x7-board matches.

5 teams qualify for the Outer Metropolitan Zone Final to be held at Central Coast BC on October 16:

BWBC1: Jan Clarke, Di Coates, Sally & Garry Clarke

BWBC2: Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan

CCLCBC2: Dorothy Berzins, Gwen White, Alfie Nation, Elizabeth Lawrence, Henrietta Hohnen

CBCBB: Roy Cotton, Nola Daly, Rhonda Innes, Mary Wood

CCBC2: Judy Wulff, Sue McCall, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman

### **BRISBANE WATER ONLINE SUPER CONGRESS**

This was played on *RealBridge* and attracted many strong players.

**Swiss Pairs** 44 pairs 7x8-board matches July 23

Best performed of our members were Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen (8th), Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson (17th), Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler (19th) and Di Coats & Jan Clarke (21st).

**Swiss Teams** 26 teams 6x9-board matches July 24

The best team with all Central Coast players came 8th - Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Garry & Sally Clarke.

### **STATE VETERANS**

**Tomaree**

**Matchpoint Swiss Pairs**

August 2 & 3

32 pairs played 9 matches. Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen (19th) were the only Central Coast pair competing.

**Teams**

August 4 & 5

14 teams played 13 matches. Well done to the Koolen team - Louis, Barbara, Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler who came 4th.

### **POSTPONED EVENTS**

Unfortunately 2 recent events could not be held because of lack of numbers.

1. The Winter Pairs on Monday Evening, July 11 had only 2.5 tables. This is a red point event and has been rescheduled for Monday Evening, August 29. Please make a note of this date and give the event your support.
2. Only 3 teams had pre-entered for the Restricted Teams scheduled for Thursday July 21 so this Championship Event had to be cancelled.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

To celebrate our club's 35th birthday this year, Ruth has booked a one and a half hour cruise from Woy Woy and return, with lunch at Davistown RSL via courtesy bus. More details will follow.

## THANKS

Wednesday players would have met Stephen Naftel who has been playing with George Connell for some time. He was able to play with us as he was house-sitting on the Central Coast, but he has now moved on.

Stephen has especially asked that his thanks be expressed to members for the warm welcome he received during his time at our club.

## BRIDGE EDUCATION

### *Intermediate Workshops*

Thursday August 11    *The Rule of 11*

Find out why you were taught to lead '4th best'. If you do know, do you make use of the rule - both as declarer and defender?

Thursday August 18    *Pause and Plan the Play (PPP)*

As Declarer, do you play to the first trick before thinking of what will happen next? Do you let the opposition or your dummy hassle you when there is a singleton in dummy? Don't just hope for the best - have a plan!

Following these workshops you will be able to grab some lunch and then stay on for a Face-to-Face game to put it all into practice.

*Time: 9.15am for 9.30am start.*

*Cost: \$10*

## HOW WOULD YOU PLAY? with Barbara Travis

(from the latest ABF Newsletter)

North

♠ AK72

♥ 742

♦ KQ2

♣ AK5

South

♠ QJT953

♥ K3

♦ 8

♣ 8742

South opened a weak 2S and North

bid 2NT to enquire about strength.

The 3C reply showed a minimum

hand, poor suit. (EW passed throughout)

West leads ♦J. How would you play?

*(see Page 7 for the answer and comments)*

## **HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS**

### **1. *Foundation Cup***

Established in 1991, this event was held every year until 2019 when it was won by Adele Mills and Dorothy Berzins. Adele had won the cup with other partners twice before, and Dorothy had won it with Peter twice, Gwen White and Di Coats.

Since 2011 the average number of tables for the event has been just over seven. After a 2-year Covid break, let's celebrate the event's return and aim to maintain the average!

### **2. *Graded Pairs Championship***

This trophy event has also been conducted since 1991. There are two divisions which for fairness are conducted separately if there are enough tables:

**A** - Bronze National (previously called \*National) and above

**B** - National and below

The rank of Bronze National requires a total of at least 200 Masterpoints of which at least 100 are red and/or gold. 64 of our members are eligible in the A division and the other 94 are eligible in the B division.

If you are in a 'mixed' partnership of one person ranked A and the other B, then your pair must compete in the A division. A full list will be displayed at the club.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY for August:**

Leon Babinski, Dorothy Berzins, Jan Clarke, Barry Davies, Mae Erling, Phillip Morris, Graham Woof.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome back: Sue Eastman (0417 438 061) and Kath Bromley (0413 700 717)

and a warm welcome to new players John Burke (4339 8895 or 0402 574 630); Eva Hartzell (0455 472 506); Gina Tap (0449 694 408); Oscar Tap (0466 637 760); Kate Barber (0407 244 738) and Pauline Wallace (0417 435 755).

Please add their details to your Program book.

*Silver National* Austin Driscoll

*Bronze Local* Graham Woof

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### HOW WOULD YOU PLAY?

♠ AK72

♥ 742

♦ KQ2

♣ AK5

♠ 8

♥ A986

♦ JT97

♣ J963

♠ 64

♥ QJT5

♦ A6543

♣ QT

♠ QJT953

♥ K3

♦ 8

♣ 8742

The major issue on this hand is the heart suit. Your ♥K3 is exposed if East gains the lead.

Whilst covering with the queen or king seems ‘natural’, creating a winner, it means that East will be on lead, and will lead the ♥Q through your king to the ace. Now you have three quick losers, plus a club loser that you cannot avoid.

Look at the difference if you duck at trick 1.

What can East do? If he plays the ♦A, you will lose two heart tricks, but you now have two discards for your club losers. If East lets the ♦J win the first trick, you can trump out the ♦A later, which gives you a critical heart discard. Now you will only lose one diamond, one heart and one club (trump the other).

A clever East will overtake the ♦J at trick 1, hoping that South has a 6-3-1-3 shape, and that the ♥Q switch will garner three tricks (not on this hand)!

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

### AUGUST

#### *RealBridge*

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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#### *Face-to-Face*

Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Aug 1, 8, <b>15</b> , 22, <b>29</b>
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Aug <b>3</b> , 10, <b>17</b> , 24, 31
Thursdays	<b>1.30 pm (P)</b>	Aug 4, 11, 18, <b>25</b>
Fridays	12.30pm	Aug 5, 12, 19, 26

### AUGUST

#### *Special Events*

Monthly Shield 7	E	Wednesday 3
Switching Singles 7	E	Monday Eve 15
Foundation Cup	R	Wednesday 17
Graded Pairs (2sessions)	C/P	Thursday 25
Winter Pairs	R	Monday Eve 29

### SEPTEMBER

#### *Special Events*

InterClub Teams (2) 2 sessions	R/P	Thursday 1
Monthly Shield 8	E	Wednesday 7
Spring Pairs	R	Monday Eve 12
Switching Singles 8	E	Monday Eve 19

#### **CCLCBC Congress**

Pairs	all day	R/P	Saturday 24
Teams	all day	R/P	Sunday 25

### SMILE AWHILE

Dummy apologizing for getting the partnership too high says:  
"I was hoping you had a second suit."

Partner says: "I didn't even have a first suit".

*Wendy Mitchell*                      *Editor*