

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 2022**



**C**HRISTMAS  
CHEER

You'll notice the Leagues Club is gearing up for Christmas- they even have a strategically placed Santa chair for some 2022 Christmas photos.

Our club is also gearing up. Ruth has decorated our space & we will be having after play drinks & socialising after bridge on all 3 face to face day sessions in Christmas week. There may even be some extra surprises. . . .

**DO YOU WANT A GAME ??**

If you need a partner call Ruth: 0407 854 060 and she will do her best to find you a partner.

**VALE: Colin Mitchell**  
25/6/39 - 4/12/22



You are warmly invited to re-member and celebrate Colin's life at Palmdale, Tuesday, 13th December at 1.30pm followed by refreshments at the Leagues Club at 3pm.

See pages 7 to 10 for some of Colin's life story.



## RECENT RESULTS

### MONTHLY SHIELD (10) (E) 8 tables Wed Nov 9

1st	Henk Keulemans & Kerry Garnsey	62.93 %
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats	61.83%
3rd	Tony Collis & Barbara Grant	60.13%

*See Page for a full Report of Overall winners*

### MELBOURNE CUP PAIRS (RealBridge) 6 tables Tue Nov 1

1st	Peter Hall & Lyn Lynch	62.96 %
2nd	Steve & Mary Colling	60.00%
3rd	Henrietta Hohnen & Pauline Caust	56.67%

The session started earlier than normal in order to finish in time to watch the race if desired. To add to the mood, Director Alan arranged for horse to be drawn for the online players. The Sweep winners of Free online games were: 1st Chris Williams (3); 2nd Agnes Marsh; 3rd June Thomson (1). Congratulations!

### REMEMBRANCE DAY PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 7.5 tables Fri Nov 11

1st	Hope Tomlinson & Martin Johnson	69.68 %
2nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	61.83%
3rd	Trish Dennis & George Connell	61.05%

### GOSFORD PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 8 tables Wed Nov 16

1st	Jim Routledge & David Snow	65.42 %
2nd	Dorothy Berzins & Di coats	64.13%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	57.22%

### CLUB TEAMS (FtoF) (C) 12tables Wed Nov 23

		Wins	Draws	Losses	VPs
1st	Gary Barwick, Helen Milward Sally & Garry Clarke	4	0	0	66.42
2nd	Di Coats & Jan Clarke Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	3	0	1	59.27
3rd	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler Trish Dennis & George Connell	3	0	1	55.04

**CHRISTMAS PAIRS (FtoF) (R) 8 tables Mon Dec 5**

1st	Larry Bryant & Chris Williams	69.51 %
2nd	Jan Clarke & Di Coats	61.81%
3rd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	56.59 %

**CONGRESSES Best Local Players Congratulations to all**  
**Mudgee Congress Swiss Pairs Sat Nov 12**

In the Open division Di Coats and Jan Clarke performed well to be 6th out of 26 pairs. There were 28 pairs in the Restricted and 24 in the Nov-ice.

**Swiss Teams Sun Nov 13**

Sixth out of 18 Open teams were Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Julie Sadler & Anne Grayden. There were 20 teams competing in the Re-stricted division.

Special mention to Julie and Anne who came second in the Pair datums, beaten only by Pauline Gumby and Warren Lazer. What a feather in the cap! Also well done to Di Coats & Jan Clarke who came fourth in the datums.

**STATE OPEN & COUNTRY PAIRS `NSWBA Nov 19-20**

Our qualifying event was cancelled and our club did not send any repre-sentative pairs.

From 18 tables in the 2 session qualifying, the top 14 pairs proceeded to the final. The State Open Pairs winners were Pauline Gumby & Warren Lazer. 11th in the final but 1st Country Pair were John McIlrath & Trish Grigson.

**BRIDGE EDUCATION**

*Wendy M*

At the last Intermediate Workshop on November 30, 8 participants took on the sometimes tricky topic of 'Reverses'.

No dates are set yet for workshops next year, but remember to let me know if there are specific topics that interest you.

## GRAND SLAMS

1. My apologies - I overlooked this report from Ruth Griffin last month:

MARION ELLIS aged 90 has done it again! Marion sitting South, Board 7, 19th Oct playing with Mei Hua called 7 Spades & made 13 tricks! What a CHAMP! Second time in a couple of months.

2. I was told about this wild hand from the Club Teams on Nov23:

Board 25 Dir: N Vul: E-W	♠ ♥ K2 ♦ AKT62 ♣ QJ8743		At a quick glance the North hand is powerful enough to start with 1C and
♠ J8 ♥ AJ96543 ♦ 8 ♣ A52		♠ A32 ♥ QT87 ♦ J7 ♣ KT96	<i>reverse</i> bid 2D (even though it does not have 16 HCP.) The saying
13 10      10 7	♠ KQT97654 ♥ ♦ Q9543 ♣	N: 1 ♣ 7 ♦ 5 ♠ S: 1 ♣ 7 ♦ 5 ♠ E: 3 ♥ W: 4 ♥	is 6 - 5, come alive. After that ????

8 pairs were in a spade contract making 10, 11 or 12 tricks. 3 pairs were in 5D making 12, and only Sally & Garry Clarke bid 6D, making 13. I have asked Sally how they bid to the contract.

### Monthly Shield Report

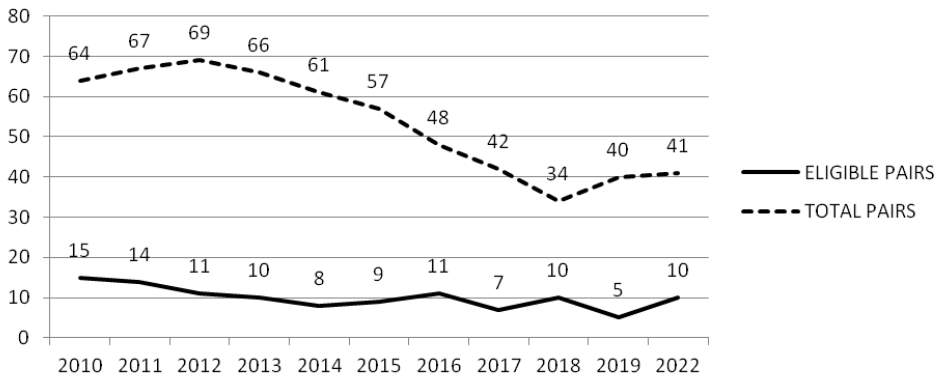
MONTHLY SHIELD – Overall		Score	Outright MPs
1st	Henk Keulemans & Kerry Garnsey	100	0.99
2nd	Jan Clarke & Alan Bustany	82	0.69
3rd	Marion Ellis & Mei-Hua	78	0.50
4th	Brian Warburton & John King	76	0.33
5th	Anne Grayden & Julie Sadler	70	0.25

10 pairs qualified for Outright Awards having played a minimum of 4 sessions out of a possible 9. The top half of these pairs gained the master-

points. Another 31 pairs played in this eclectic event but did not play at least 4 sessions with the same partner.

This event was not completed/held in 2020 & 2021 because of Covid-19. As the graph shows, eligible pair numbers have returned to the 2018 level. In earlier years there were more total pairs, but only a similar number of eligible pairs from 2012.

### Monthly Shield Trends



### NEW ABF RANKINGS – November

Congratulations to:

*Bronze National* Helen White

*National* Stephen Calcroft

### FROM THE ABF MASTERPOINT CENTRE

#### 2023 FEES & CHARGES

As indicated last month, there will be an approximate 2% increase to the masterpoint levies and annual capitation fee including GST. The new fees and charges, including GST, effective from 1st April 2023 will be:

Masterpoint levies:	New	Current
Grades C, D, E, F	\$1.91	\$1.87
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	\$1.53	\$1.50
Grades B3, B4, B5	\$2.02	\$1.98
Grades A, A2, B	\$1.31	\$1.28

### Capitation fees per home club member:

April - September`	\$16.40*	\$16.10*
October - December	\$8.20	\$8.05*
January - March	Nil	Nil

\*Clubs registering NEW players during these periods will receive a \$1 commission per player, in the form of a reduced fee.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS:** The Centre would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year to you and your families. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays, and hopefully 2023 will keep getting better

### CCLCBC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

All members with email addresses should have received the renewal information on December 1. It is repeated below:

Your Bridge Club membership fees for 2023 are now due and **payable by December 31, 2022**, but payments will be accepted up to January 31, 2023.

**Please note that our Membership fees are unchanged, i.e. \$7 to belong to CCLCBC.**

If you pay the following levies for us to pass on, you become a CCLCBC Home Club Member: Australian Bridge Federation - **\$16.40** and NSWBA - **\$10**

If you elect to pay the levies at another club, you are named as a Home Club member there, and an Associate member with us. So, the fees for 2023 are:

<b>\$33.40</b> Home Club Member (we pay your ABF and NSWBA levies)	OR
<b>\$7.00</b> Associate Member (ABF and NSWBA levies paid by your Home club)	

**If you are unsure of your current status (Home or Associate), or wish to change it, please contact me – I will not be issuing individual invoices this year.**

The preferred method of payment is by Direct Deposit to:

**BSB: 062-544, Account: 10280906** with your **full name** as identifier.

You may also mail a cheque (payable to the *Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club*) to: **PO Box 6185, West Gosford, 2250**

Payment in person is the least preferred option. If absolutely essential then you must bring your own envelope with **correct money**. Clearly indicate your **NAME**

*and Amount Tendered.* Hand the fully completed envelope to **the Director**. The Director will **NOT** open this envelope or arrange change. It will be stored until I can collect it and check it, so there may be considerable delay in processing.

You will receive a confirmation email as a receipt for your payment.

Thank you for the prompt payments already received!

### **NSW Online Pairs League**

As described in an email from the Secretary recently:

Our Club is participating in the NSW Online Pairs League. The Summer Season for 2023 begins on Thursday evening January 12th, and you can register on MyABF here: **OPL Summer 23**.

You can get an early-bird discount if you register by the Thursday before Christmas, and our Club gets a reward of \$10 for each of our Home players who participate.

It's a novel competition format with just one 12-board match each Thursday evening. You play against people of similar ability from around the state and country, earning Red points for each win or draw. Stay at home, 7:30pm start, and finish well before 9pm. Why not give it a go?

Alan Bustany is the Director & it's held on RealBridge, so it's almost like playing a shortened version of our Tuesday online session. CCLCBC has already received a \$120 as a reward for our members playing in the first 2 sessions.

### ***Vale:* COLIN MITCHELL**

Colin was born in Weston-super-Mare in the county of Somerset. The middle of 3 children, he liked to say that he learned cards 'at his grandmother's knee'. He was about 7 and she was a keen Whist player. Colin learned the basics of the more sophisticated game of Bridge at University, but he did not play seriously until his early thirties.

This was once a week in Bedford where he represented the club in inter-club competitions. After moving to Australia for the second time in November 1972, Colin was soon playing at the Parramatta Bridge Club where he quickly took on Committee roles.

# COLIN MITCHELL

## Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club

FIRST PLACE	YEAR	PLAYED WITH
Club Championship Events	Club Pairs	1987 Josie Mitchell
	Club Teams	1990 Josie Mitchell, Lorraine & Randall Harkness, Bill Thomson
		1992 Josie Mitchell, Lorraine & Randall Harkness
		2007, 2008 Wendy Mitchell, Ed & Robin Vaughan
Club Swiss Pairs	2017 Wendy Mitchell	
Trophy Events	Club Mixed Pairs	2002 / 2012 June Ball / Wendy Mitchell
	Spring Pairs	1987, 1988 Josie Mitchell
	Winter Pairs	1988, 1993 Bob Mavin
	Anniversary Pairs	2006 Wendy Mitchell
	Autumn Pairs	2008, 2015 David Bowerman
	New Year's Cup	2014, 2016 Wendy Mitchell
	Monthly Shield	2009 Wendy Mitchell
Special & Other Events	Gosford Pairs	2012 Peter Berzins, Patricia Bowles, Bob Mavin
	Inter Club Teams 2	2018 Wendy Mitchell
	Christmas Pairs	2006 Peter Berzins, Patricia Bowles, Bob Mavin
	Anzac Day Pairs	2006 Wendy Mitchell
Club Congress – Plate Pairs	Jovial July	2011 Wendy Mitchell / David Bowerman
	Charity Day Pairs N/S	2013 / 2015 Wendy Mitchell
	Jumping January	2015 Wendy Mitchell
Melbourne Cup	2016 Patricia Bowles / Wendy Mitchell	
Club Congress – Plate Pairs	2009 / 2015, 17 Peter Berzins	2019 Peter Berzins



<b>Central Coast Bridge Club</b>	<b>GNOT Final</b>	2014	Alan Bustany, David Bowerman, (61/64) Dasha Brandt, Wendy Mitchell
Club Teams Championship			
1991			
2008			
<b>Brisbane Water Bridge Club</b>	<b>Country Teams Ch</b>	2006	Colin Mitchell, Lorraine & Jack Lindsay
Swiss Pairs Championship	Pres	(87,88,07-09) VP	(17,-,20) Comm (90,93) Patron(12+) LifeM (19+)
2002	Wendy Hillis		
2017	Wendy Mitchell		
Mixed Pairs Championship	MPSec	(06-09 (12))	Tourn Org (15,17)

Colin also played in Sydney at the NSW Bridge Association where he was approached in 1975 to take on the job of State Masterpoint Secretary. He had over 16 years in this role and by the late 80's he was heavily involved in bridge administration in NSW. He became a State Level Director and was responsible for Directors Examinations and Accreditation. In 1997 he was made a Life Member of the NSWBA in recognition of 22 years of services to bridge in NSW

After moving to the Central Coast in 1980 Colin played at the Central Coast Bridge Club. At various times he was a Committee member and Tournament Secretary and part of the sub-committee that organised the buying of their premises in 1987.

At the same Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club was established and suffice to say that Colin was the inaugural President. His services to CCLCBC include various periods as President, Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, Web site designer and web master and Chief Director. He was appointed Club Patron in 2012 and made a Life Member in 2019.

Following Primary School in Milton, Colin boarded at Hugh Sexey's Grammar School in Blackford. He then studied (and partied) at the University of Bristol followed by teacher training at Culham College, Berkshire. He was advised that he might have more success elsewhere, so Colin started in the fledgling computer industry where he worked from the bottom up to become a programmer & analyst.

Computing first brought him to Australia in 1965 on a 3-year contract; he returned permanently in 1972. He continued in IT, working for a number of different companies until his retirement - even then he was 'head-hunted' for a brief return because of his main-frame expertise.

Colin married Wendy Skellon at Milton Abbas, Dorset in 1961 - they had 3 daughters: Alison, Nicola and Lucy. In Australia they lived first at Baulkham Hills and then on the Central Coast.

After their divorce, Colin married Josie Magill and took on the role of stepfather to her 3 children: Andrew, Sarah & Rachel. Colin & Josie became a well-known and highly successful bridge partnership.

Josie died in 2002 and Colin married Wendy Hillis in 2005, taking on 2 more step-children, Stephanie & Adrian and their families as well as Wendy's stepson and family!

Colin was very proud of his extended family, counting 23 grand and step-grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren (and 2 more expected).

Colin played several sports, in particular soccer; he sang in choirs and loved classical music; he was a bird-watcher from his teenage years; a keen photographer and collector of stamps, paintings and a variety of antique china. He served the Central Coast community with roles in the Association of Independent Retirees and Lions Challenge, Gosford.

Bridge on Cruise ships was also a feature of Colin's bridge life. John Newman introduced Colin and Josie to this type of working holiday with a cruise to Noumea. He then called on Colin and Wendy in 2008 to direct and teach on the Sun Princess around New Zealand. Nine more such cruises followed taking them all over the world in 5 or 6 star luxury!



## NEW MEMBER

Please welcome James Routledge (0481 218 984).

## 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, Diane Nichols, Len Pascoe, Julieanne Perceval, Chris Spikesman.

## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

#### *RealBridge*

Tuesdays	12.30pm	Dec 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays	12.30pm	Dec 8, 15, 22, 29

#### *Face-to-Face*

Monday	12.30pm ( <i>P</i> )	Dec 5, 12, 19
Monday Evenings	7.15pm	Dec 5, 12, 19
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Dec 7, 14, 21, 28
Fridays	12.30pm	Dec 9, 16, 23, 30

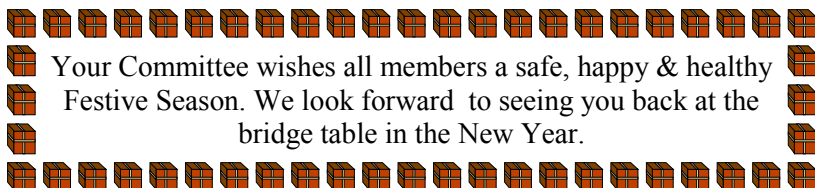
### DECEMBER

**NO BRIDGE December 26**

### JANUARY

#### *Special Events*

New Years Cup	R ( <i>P</i> )	Monday 2
Jumping January	E (best 2/5)	Mon Eve 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Australia Day Pairs	R	Wednesday 25
Summer Pairs	R ( <i>RealBridge</i> )	Tuesday 31



*Wendy Mitchell*

*Editor*