

**Central Coast
Leagues Club
Bridge Club**



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

**Welcome to the May edition of the Central Coast Leagues Club
Bridge Club Newsletter.**

Our Presentation Day on Saturday 13 March 2010, was a very delightful day but with a smaller attendance than usual. Congratulations to our club members for their wins in 2009 (in some cases multiple). Thank you to all of those members who contributed and participated in the bridge session (also Director) and luncheon.

Our annual Charity Day is on May 25 beginning with the sale of items and raffle tickets at 10.30am. The days proceeds being donated to support Pandora . This is a local Central Coast charity, helping “catch and support people in need who slip through the cracks” when passing through Gosford Hospital.

Jean Carney has again generously agreed to donate one of her marvellous paintings. Thank you very much Jean.

A silent auction will also be conducted during the day.

Blocks of tickets will soon be available for members to pre sell. Please take some.

Any items for sale on the day are welcome. Where are all of those good cooks!!

CLUB TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. If a member is interested in becoming a Director please see Colin Mitchell. Courses are available for experienced players, and the current directors at our club will be only too willing to assist new directors.

CLUB BADGES. If you would like a club badge please PRINT your name in the list on the club notice board.

Gold Coast Congress 2010.

Seniors Pairs

In the Qualifying with a field of 102 pairs Wendy & Colin Mitchell came 10th to qualify for the A Final; Dorothy & Peter Berzins came 28th to qualify for the B Final. There were 28 pairs in each final with 3 sessions. In each session 9 three-board rounds were played so that at the end of the final each pair would have played against every other pair. After a disastrous 36% in their first session Wendy & Colin had two above average rounds to finish 24th. In the B Final Dorothy & Peter scored 46.89%, 63.14% (first in the session) and 50.71% to finish 5th.

Seniors Teams

In a field of 44 teams the Mitchell team of Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Dorothy & Peter Berzins came equal twelfth on 161 VPs with 6 wins, 1 draws and 3 losses. The Crockett team of Shirley & Noel Crockett, Virginia Dressler and Carolyn Molloy also came equal twelfth with 5 wins, 2 draw and 3 losses.

In all events Bridgmates were used for scoring. The data collected in this way enabled the organisers to rank the pairs playing in the Seniors Teams by comparing each pairs scores on each board against the average (datums) across the field and converting the difference to IMPs. There were 92 pairs playing in the Seniors Teams. The top ranked pair were Elizabeth Havas & Gordon Schmidt with +187.6. Wendy & Colin Mitchell were ranked 11th on +85.8; Virginia Dressler and Carolyn Molloy were ranked 28th on +43.7 IMPs.

Recent results.

Maitland Teams (36 teams)

2nd Camilla Barlow, Kaylee Lemon, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman
3rd Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Ed & Sylvia Mallinson

Tilligerry Swiss Pairs (54 pairs)

1st Ed & Sylvia Mallinson
16th Camilla Barlow & Kaylee Lemon

Central Coast Congress

June Thompson & Anne Whatmore made up a team to play in the Restricted Teams (12 teams). The team came equal fifth; in the pairs rankings for this event June & Anne came third out of the twenty-four pairs with a score of 45.1 IMPs.

LORRAINE'S BIDDING TIP FOR THE MONTH

DEFENDING SLAMS IN A TRUMP SUIT.

1. When defending a slam in a suit, the lead of a trump should always be considered. The reason being that the declarer has the trump suit locked up and you are very unlikely to finesse partner. This also avoids leading away from any honour you may hold, or finessing partner's honour card in a suit if you lead M.U.D. Keep the declarer guessing where those missing honours are!!!!

2. Do not use a signalling system - there is no point. You are helping declarer. When asked "what signals do you use" the answer should be "we do not use signals against slams".
L.L.

INTERMEDIATE LESSONS. Conducted by Lorraine.

These lessons will take place in the Drake Room (but check the notice board when entering the club in case the venue has been moved) from 9.30am to 11.45am.

Beginning on Tuesday 25 May and finishing on Tuesday 22 June.

Notes and hand records will be supplied at each lesson.

The cost will be \$10 per lesson or \$40 for the FIVE SESSIONS.

If you wish to attend either print your name on the notice on the club notice board or send an email to cclcbridgeclub@westnet.com.au or phone the club on 4323 3456 (answer phone available out of session time).

Tell your friends who also play bridge. An indication of the numbers of players attending is a great help for the supply of boards, hand records and notes etc.

Late entries will be accepted. The program is

25 May	Opening leads
1 June	What is a forcing bid???
8 June	Signalling
15 June	The Rule of 2 and 3 when making pre-emptive bids
22 June	Doubles—takeout, negative, re-opening, balancing and penalty.

DEALING MACHINES

The ABF has advised that it is illegal to alter the settings on dealing machines to suit clubs and players participating in any ABF masterpointed events. Deals in masterpointed events must be randomly dealt. All hands dealt in our club have always been randomly dealt (despite how it may seem at times!!!! - CM)

(NSWBA Newsletter Sept/Oct 2009).

CALLING THE DIRECTOR.

In common with many other bridge clubs the Director at our club plays in most of the sessions. The exceptions are the 'special' events such as Club Championship and red masterpoint sessions. The Director is there to run the game by pre-dealing the boards, organising the seating, scoring the session etc. However these are not the only tasks – the Director is also there to rule on any irregularity that occurs during the bidding or play of a hand. Laws 9, 10, 11 & 12 define the powers of the Director should an irregularity occur. These laws are worth reading by players because they also cover the duties of players when an irregularity occurs. Players should be aware of the following paragraphs of the laws:

Law 9.B.1.(a) The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity

How many of us do NOT call the Director when an irregularity occurs? When a player says something like 'I know what to do when such and such occurs' they may well be basing their knowledge on an out of date law or an incorrect ruling made in the past by a director. The Director – playing or non-playing – should be called - that is why he or she is there and she or he will be making a ruling based on the current laws.

Law 9.B.1(b) Any player, including dummy, may summon the Director after attention is drawn to an irregularity.

This law contradicts the remark overheard the other day that 'dummy cannot call the Director'. Dummy is not allowed to call attention to an irregularity (see 9.A.3) but may call the Director after attention is drawn to an irregularity by any of the other players at the table. This change to the laws has been in force since 1997.

Some other changes made in 2007 were the laws governing penalty cards and re-voles. So - don't trust your opponents to tell you what should happen – call the Director.

It also says in the Introduction to the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge, 'Players should be ready to accept gracefully any rectification or adjusted score awarded by the Director'. If you don't agree with the Director's decision you may appeal the decision. Appeal procedures are defined in Laws 92 & 93; an Appeal Form is available from the Director.

CM.

DID YOU KNOW???

That A raisin is a grape with sunburn.

A secret is something you tell one person at a time.

An adult is a person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

PARTNERSHIP SERVICE >>Ring Elizabeth on 4344 1786.

If your regular partner is unable to play and you want a game ring ELIZABETH.

STAND BY SERVICE >>Ring Elizabeth on 4344 1786.

There is a stand by player for each session (Except Monday evening and red point events), if you are suddenly without a partner. This service is for emergencies only - it is not meant to be used on a regular basis.

Elizabeth runs our search service on a voluntary basis.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who have won recent club events.

GNOT Club Selection Event

1. Camilla Barlow, Kaylee Lemon, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman.
2. Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkiss, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver.
3. Phillip Morris, Josie Ryan, Irma Heyting Gary Heyting, nne Steel, Graham Steel.

These teams will be representing our club at the Regional Final on the weekend of 28/29 August at the CC Bridge Club at Long Jetty.

Club Mixed Pairs:

1. Dorothy & Peter Berzins.

Dorothy and Peter will be representing our club at the State Mixed Pairs Final at the NSW Bridge Association rooms in Sydney on the weekend of 29/30 May.

Presentation Day Pairs:

1. Bob & Vicky Morris.

Autumn Pairs:

1. Diana & Peter Coats.

Graded Pairs:

A Grade John & Joan Lehane.

B Grade Sylvia Robb & Patricia Carey

Easter Pairs:

1. Nancye Joss & Karen Ody.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

The following new members have recently joined the club : Bruce Bridie, Janice Bowyer, Jane Langridge, Basil McCann, Dirk O'Connor, Tony Bourke.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY.

Monday 3	Monthly Shield (Rnd 4)
Wednesday 5	Bridge for Brains
Fridays 7 & 14	Swiss Pairs Pre entry essential
Wednesdays 12, 19, 26	GNP Pre entry essential
Tuesday 25	Charity Day Day starts at 10.30, bridge at 12.30pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE.

Monday 7	Monthly Shield (Rnd. 5).
Monday 14	Duplicate BUT NO EVENING SESSION.
Monday 21	Henry Kendall Pairs (R)

HOW YOU KNOW WHEN YOU LIVE IN 2010

You accidentally enter your PIN in the microwave.

You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers for reaching your family of 3.

Your reason for not staying in touch with family and friends is that they do not have email addresses.

You pull into your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is at home to help carry in the groceries.

Leaving the house without your mobile phone, which you did not have for the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, *is now a cause for panic and you turn around and go home to get it!*

You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your tea/coffee.

Some great ways of dealing with life

If you can't be kind - at least have the decency to be vague.

Just accept that some days you're the pigeon; and some days you are the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet - just in case you have to eat them.

Since it is the early worm that gets eaten by the bird - sleep late!!!

Happy Bridging

Marilyn Whigham.

Editor