

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



NEWSLETTER

September, 2010

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, August 14**

Thank you to the 39 people who attended to make this a very successful meeting, as well as to those 15 who sent apologies. Thank you also to Leon Babinski who suggested that club funds be used to pay for your lunch – this attraction was almost certainly responsible for the best attendance for some years!

Appreciation was expressed to outgoing members: Colin (President), Wendy (Treasurer), Ted (equipment), and Elizabeth (refreshments). Sincere congratulations to your new Committee, which includes four new members – Claire, Elaine, Mei-Hua and Jan Wheeler. Positions and duties (so far) are as follows:

EXECUTIVE

Marilyn Whigham	President
Dianne March	Vice-President
Camilla Barlow	Secretary
Claire O'Connor	Treasurer

GENERAL

Leon Babinski	Equipment
Mei-Hua Crawford	Refreshments
Jan Macadie	Social events
Elaine McGorm	Minutes Sec.
Jan Wheeler	Partnership service

There is much activity behind-the-scenes to make your club run smoothly, from buying milk, cups and stirrers, to managing the mobile phone, to printing notices, to liaising with Leagues Club Management, etc, etc. Please give your Committee all the support that you can.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to:

Bernie Davidson, Allan & Bernice Kelly, Noelle Morgan, Nancye Antliff, Rhonda & Dan Herdman, Jacqueline Bridel.

COMING RED POINT EVENTS

1. ZELDA OVERHALL CUP – Thursday, September 9

Originally called the Patron's Cup, this was first won in 1991 by Eileen and Martin Smeyers. Sadly, there was no winner in 2009 as no eligible pair entered – let's not have that happen again!

This is a red point event, but the overall winner does not usually win the trophy. Why? Because:

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

If your ranking qualifies you to compete, then you need to play with another eligible player. Thursday may not be your regular day, and you may not be able to play with your regular partner – he/she will understand this annual exception.

To find a suitable partner, refer to the current ABF list which you will find in the 'Recap' folder on the trolley – or see the notice board for a list. If you are unsure of asking someone, then talk to Jan Wheeler or another committee member.

This event is designed for lower ranked players, and we have 117 eligible members, so we could hope for 8 tables of eligible players, as well as those of higher rankings. There is also a Special Prize for the best Local** (or below) pair for which 98 of the above are eligible. So, no excuses

FIND A PARTNER TODAY AND KEEP THIS EVENT ALIVE!!

2. SPRING PAIRS – Friday September 17

3. INTERCLUB TEAMS – Thursday, September 23

Arrange your team and enter before 4pm, Monday September 20. This is a great day with drinks and nibbles at the end. Many top players regard Teams bridge more highly than Pairs as you don't have to take risks for a 'top'. For example – in Pairs, 3NT making 10 tricks for 430 beats 4H making 10 tricks for 420, but in teams these scores are equal because Victory Points are awarded on a compressed scale.

Other teams strategies to remember:

DO bid your games, especially if vulnerable

DO double for penalties at the game level if you think you have been robbed

DO NOT double for penalties at low levels – if they make it, you lose too much

DO NOT make silly sacrifices so that you are doubled – scores of -1100 or worse lose matches

4. OCTOBER: Restricted Teams (<400 MP's) - Thursday 14 and 21

President's Cup - Friday 15

Club Pairs - Wednesday 20 and 27

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to the following:

<i>Dorothy & Peter Berzins</i>	64.3%	<i>Anniversary Pairs</i>	Aug 14
<i>Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes</i>	67.4%	<i>Foundation Cup</i>	Aug 25
<i>Dorothy & Peter Berzins</i>	64.5%	<i>Gosford Pairs</i>	Aug 30
<i>Judy Wulff & Marilyn Whigham</i>	60.8% (NS)	<i>Australia Wide Pairs</i>	Aug 27
<i>Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss</i>	60.4% (NS)		
<i>John Redfearn & Kevin Dougall</i>	61.6% (EW)		

Bob & Vicki Morris - who are leading the *Monthly Shield* by a large margin, with *Marilyn Whigham & Judy Wulff* second. However, there are 3 more sessions to play and anything can happen in bridge!

From the Regional Final of the **Grand National Pairs** at BWBC, August 15, qualified to play in the National Final in Canberra, January 15, 16, 2011:

NS: *Doreen & Tony Collis, Edward & Sylvia Mallinson*

EW: *Norm Berger & Louis Koolen, Pam Townsend and Pauline Pearson*

From the **Grand National Open Teams** Regional Final at Central Coast, August 28/29, qualified to play in the National Final at Tweed, November 26-29

Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Peter & Diana Coats

Angela & Kevin Dougall, Lorraine & Jack Lindsay

From the **Coffs Coast Congress** some worthy results from Central Coast players:

Restricted Pairs (76)	<i>Patricia Kull & Martin Johnson 14th</i> <i>Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole Hamilton 24th</i>
Open Pairs (112)	<i>Jack & Lorraine Lindsay 36th</i>
Walk-In Pairs (23)	<i>Jack & Lorraine Lindsay 2nd (NS)</i> <i>Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen 9th (EW)</i>
Open Teams (76)	<i>C Molloy, V Dressler, P & K Johnman 12th</i>

FREE NAME BADGES

If you would like a new or replacement badge, please add your name to the list on the notice board so that Leon can order them.

MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

This session needs more players! If you don't have a partner, just turn up as we now have a Standby player. If you do want to play regularly, we will try to find a compatible partner for you.

COLIN'S CLAIM TO FAME

Coffs Coast (Gold) Congress –
Open Teams: Match 4 - Board 24

I held ♠AK, ♥AKQ7, ♦KQT, ♣A765 and MFP sitting West opened the bidding with “three diamonds”. Being alive and awake I counted the tricks – seven diamonds, two spades, three hearts and one club which makes thirteen.

I did have the sense to check that she actually had the diamond ace and received a favourable reply so I bid seven diamonds.

As expected, North lead a diamond, won on the table and followed by another high diamond to which both defenders followed. Suddenly there appeared a small crack in the foundations – partner had been a little (f)risky and bid with a six card suit.

Very careful play followed and then came the card that had to be played – the club queen towards the A765. North played the two and partner played low and FORTUNATELY the 50/50 finesse worked and the queen held the trick. The full hand :

	♠QT987	
Dlr – W	♥986	
Nil Vul	♦52	
	♣K82	
♠54		♠AK
♥2		♥AKQ7
♦AJ8643		♦KQT
♣QJ94		♣A765
	♠J632	
	♥T543	
	♦97	
	♣T3	

Across the field, only 14 out of 76 teams bid and made a grand slam:
7NT x 3 and 7D x 11.

Our opponents on the other table were Angie & Kevin Dougall who bid 6D. Kevin greeted me after the score up (and for some time afterwards) with the salutation: “Hello Mr fifty percent!”

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Editor's Note: Colin would have to go one better! In Match 1, Board 10 against the Paul Lavings team, Colin held ♠A87654, ♥8, ♦7, ♣A9654 and opened 2H, showing 2 suits of the same colour.

Holding ♠KJ, ♥A95, ♦AJ83, ♣KQJ7 (19 HCP) I made the strong enquiry of 2NT. The response was 3S showing a maximum (8-10) and the black suits. 4NT (Key-Card Blackwood on spades) produced 5H showing 2 controls.

Since I held the SK, Colin must hold the 2 missing Aces. I bid 6C, making 7 because of the 2 singletons in dummy. At the other table they only bid 4S (making 12), a gain of 12 Imps to us.

Less than half the field bid slams:
7C x 4, 6S x 8, 6C x 23.



VALE GWEN WILLIAMS:

A truly lovely lady, Gwen passed away recently after a long illness.

Our thoughts are with Tony Davis and Gwen and Tony's families.



Wendy Mitchell Editor