

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



## **NEWSLETTER**

**October, 2010**

### **BRIDGE VENUES**

**P**lease check the notice board as you enter the club, especially with Christmas approaching. It is expected that Saturday afternoon bridge will be held in the Ray Maher Room on Level 2, unless this is booked for some other function. This is a pleasant space for bridge, with good lighting and views to the outside world - and it is close to lifts and toilets!

### **NEED A BRIDGE PARTNER??**

If you want a game at any of our 7 weekly sessions you may just turn up! A standby player will be available to play with you. The standby player's responsibility is to play **your** bidding system (to the best of their ability).

Of course, you cannot routinely play with the standby player, as this person has to be available to play with others who are without a partner. If you are looking for a regular partner, then our partnership arranger - Jan Wheeler - will try to help. Jan will attempt to match you with someone compatible

and of similar standard. You can then play a few games on a trial basis. Contact her on 4321 0370.

### **STANDBYS**

Are you interested in being a standby? If you are flexible enough to play a few different conventions and to adjust your bidding to match someone else's system card, then this may be for you! In return you are paid \$15 for your trouble and your game is free. You are also expected to assist the director by helping with set up/pack up and collecting the table fees.

The standby player service is provided to encourage attendance and boost numbers. In particular a standby is needed for Mondays. If you are interested, please contact Jan Wheeler on 4321 0370.

### **THE DRAKE ROOM**

We share this space with the Carpet Bowlers. Their equipment is expensive and the carpets are easily damaged. **PLEASE DO NOT WALK ON THE BOWLS RINK AREA.**

## RECENT EVENTS

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### ZELDA OVERHALL CUP – Thursday, September 9

It was great to see the improved response to this event. Seven of the 17 pairs that played were eligible, being ranked Regional\* or below. Congratulations to *Wendy Alford and Margot Williams* who will be presented with this cup next year. They are both Local\* Masters and achieved second overall with a very good 64.7%.

A special prize will be awarded to the next highest eligible pair: *Mei-Hua Crawford and Izabella Radzaminski* who came 7th on a creditable 55.9%. The overall winners of this Red Point event were *Toni Dixon and Helen Gulliver* with a great 68.5%.

### SPRING PAIRS – Friday, September 17

Congratulations to *Toni Dixon and Helen Gulliver*, first with 67.4%

### INTERCLUB TEAMS – Thursday, September 23

1. *Johnman, Johnman, Dressler, Molloy* 6 wins, 0 draws, 1 loss 149 VP's
2. *Mallinson, Mallinson, Grant, Koolen* 4 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses 124 VP's
3. *Joss, Mills, Pears, Judd* 4 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses 122 VP's

Congratulations to the winners: Peter & Kerrie, Virginia and Carolyn.

Commiserations to the Morris (Maclean, Heyting, Steel) team who, like the Johnman team, had 6 wins and 1 loss, but came 4<sup>th</sup> by just one Victory Point.

Did you know? To calculate the minimum number of rounds which must be played before being certain that two teams who have been continually winning will meet each other, the formula ***Rounds =  $\log_2(\text{Number of teams}) + 2$***  (rounded up) is used. There were 16 teams, so the minimum number of rounds required was  $\log_2(16) + 2 = 6$ . Teams actually played 7 rounds - thanks to John Lehane for his efficient organisation and directing.

Also helping to make the day a success were Pam Lumby, Carol Hamilton, Elaine MCGorm, Pam Harris, Gwen White and Barbara Grant who all brought something special to tempt your taste buds. Many thanks to these members and all others who helped in any way.

### MONTHLY SHIELD

Bob and Vicki Morris are still leading this event with a total of 85 points, but must play at least 1 of the 2 remaining sessions to be eligible to win. Marilyn Whigham and Judy Wulf have played the required 6 sessions and are second on 63 points. Not far behind are Elizabeth Lawrence and Carol Hamilton on 54 and Camilla Barlow and David Bowerman on 53.

## CONGRESS RESULTS

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### *Port Macquarie Hastings* (11-12/9)

7th out of 24 teams Lorraine & Jack Lindsay with Rosalie Broughton & Ken Wilks

### *Great Lakes Congress* (18-19/9)

Out of 55 pairs: Final Noel & Shirley Crockett 3rd  
Plate Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster 1st  
A Consolation Ed & Sylvia Mallinson 1st

Out of 41 teams: Patricial Kull, Sylvia Foster, Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 3rd

You too can check on your fellow players. Look up congress results at

[www.congress.bridge-club.org](http://www.congress.bridge-club.org)

The New South Wales Bridge Association site - <http://nswba.com.au/>  
has a link to this site as well as a wealth of other information on clubs, courses, competitions etc.

## WHAT IS A DATUM?

In IMP (International Match Point) pair games, the average for a particular board is the arithmetical mean of all scores on that board. Usually the highest and lowest are excluded and the result is called the *datum*.

When the 'datums' are published, as in many congresses as well as some special club events - such as Swiss Pairs, you have the opportunity to see how your performance compared to the rest of the pairs.

The datum on each board is shown for North-South pairs. For a given board, subtract the datum from your score, if you were sitting N/S, or add the datum to your score, if you were sitting E/W. Then convert the net score (plus or minus) to IMPs using the conversion table on your score sheet.

## SOCIAL SNIPPETS

Welcome back to Theresa Jensen who has been recuperating after a fall. Theresa was apparently quite pleased to bid and make a slam on her first hand after about 3 months.

**Note:** If you know of a member who is ill etc, please advise Jan Macadie who will send a card on behalf of members (4985 3085)

## RECOMMENDATION

June Clarkson, who was the winner of a \$50 voucher kindly donated to our charity day in May by the Allmalay restaurant cannot speak too highly of the excellent Malaysian cuisine and friendly service. They open 7 days for lunch and dinner and for takeaway. BYO, 174, Avoca Dr, Avoca Beach: 4381 2885.

## INFRACTIONS AND IRREGULARITIES

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It is assumed that no one intentionally breaks the rules. Bridge Laws are designed for the **rectification** of situations where non-offenders may otherwise be damaged and not as a **punishment** for the offenders.

For most common infractions the laws tend to be prescriptive, so they are easy for the Director to apply. In other cases, if the infraction has caused damage, the Director is to award an adjusted score. This involves judgement, so is harder than a simple mechanical ruling. The principle involved is to restore **equity**.

**Penalties** can be applied for breaches of procedure such as fouling of boards, ringing of mobile phones etc, but these are usually only applied after a warning.

*The above are quotes from an article by Laurie Kelso in the September ABF Newsletter. You are welcome to take a copy of the newsletter to read the full text and for the great hand analyses it contains.*

### VOLUNTEER WORK FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS

- Are you interested in helping others? Do you have ten minutes to spare in the morning? Become a TELECROSS Red Cross volunteer. Red Cross helps hundreds of elderly or disabled people to stay at home by providing the reassurance of a daily telephone call to check that they are OK.
- All you would need to do is undertake a 2 hour training session and then ring a nominated person (a different person each month) once in the morning between 0800 and 0900 hours. In the event that your person does not answer you would ring again in ten minutes time and if still no answer you would advise Red Cross. If for any reason you cannot ring on a particular day you simply advise Red Cross and they will take over for that day. The phone call is brief and does not involve a lengthy chat.
- You can also nominate which month you are available and whether you are available Monday to Friday or 7 days per week or only Saturday and Sunday.
- A police check is a Governmental requirement for all workers and volunteers, but Red Cross will organise this.
- This is a great activity for Bridge players as it does not affect your playing opportunities and you are giving something to the community. Of course there are other volunteering activities available through Red Cross too and I have some brochures if you are interested.
- For more information please contact me on 4340 1222, Marilyn Whigham (4341 1105) or simply ring Donna at Red Cross on 4324 3411

*Dorothy Berzins*

*Note:* Please send me any social snippets or stories for 'heard at the table' to [wmi20245@bigpond.com](mailto:wmi20245@bigpond.com)

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*

## HEARD AT THE TABLE

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- A defender conceded the rest of the tricks to declarer and the defender's partner did not immediately object. However, a trick had been conceded *'that could not be lost by any normal play of the remaining cards'* (Law 71-2) and *'a player must not knowingly accept ..... the concession of a trick that his opponents could not lose'* (Law 79-2). The director ruled that the concession was cancelled.
- Diligence by a committee member for obeying the rule of alerting bids reached a new height when this player alerted the opposition's bid:  
Oh to be a Director!

## SPEAKING OF DIRECTORS -

We need more!! A course for directors at club level is being conducted by Tony Howes on Sunday October 31, at Trumps Bridge Centre from 10am to 4pm. If you are interested in becoming qualified the \$50 cost will be paid by the club. Contact Marilyn Whigham.

## PERSONAL PROFILE: **Jim Hancox**

Jim took his first Bridge lessons from Lorraine beginning in March this year, followed by the Improvers sessions. He has joined our club and played three games of duplicate - in the first he earned some masterpoints with Liz Kerr; in his third game on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> he won more by coming first with Joan Lehane.

Jim's background is in engineering. He met his wife of 61 years in the Drawing Room and he became Chief Design Engineer for CSR. Although computers then filled whole buildings, on retiring 28 years ago he became quite involved in using personal computers, particularly to support his singing, which he does voluntarily for various organisations. He travelled with his wife and also took up indoor bowling. Jim says he was never good at sports, but learned coordination with indoor bowls as well as enjoying the tactical side. He is currently President of the Indoor Bowls Association and has just played in the final of the District Pairs.

Jim lives alone since his wife died two years ago, but enjoys reading and studying. Never having had the time to learn a musical instrument he has just enrolled in a guitar course and hopes to be able to accompany his own singing. Jim has two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren.

Jim remembers playing Five Hundred on the train going to work years ago. He likes bridge because it is a thinking game. He sees the brain as a muscle to be exercised and bridge is ideal for that.

*Jim's enthusiasm and success is proof that you are never too old to learn – he turns 91 next month. Congratulations Jim!!!!*

## COMING EVENTS

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1. **RESTRICTED TEAMS – Thursday, October 14 and 21** *Red Points*

The total masterpoints of all four players must be less than 400. Look on the noticeboard for information about individual masterpoints and entry forms.

Pairs can put down their names and if possible will then be matched with a suitable pair so that the total stays under 400 masterpoints.

*Entries Close: 4pm, Monday October 11*

2. **PRESIDENTS CUP – Friday October 15** *Red Points*

3. **CLUB PAIRS – Wednesday, October 20 and 27**

This is an open club championship event – no red points, but the glory of a trophy if you win. Non-members are welcome to play but are not eligible for the trophy. *Entries Close: 4pm, Monday October 18*

4. **NOVEMBER**

A. *Monthly Shield – Monday 1st* The last chance!

**B. *Melbourne Cup* Tuesday, November 2**

It is hard to believe that nearly a year has passed since the last one! This year we have returned to running our own private function, so hopefully attendance will improve again (minimum 50 please). This day is one of the main opportunities for your club to give something back to you.

The Ray Maher room will be the venue, with a cold buffet following the bridge. There will be the usual sweeps, hat parade and other activities. Your committee has some new ideas for adding to the fun element on the day, so please watch the notice board and listen for announcements for when and how to book.

C. *Remembrance Day Pairs – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>* Red points

D. *Club Teams – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>* Championship event

E. *Summer Pairs – Monday 15<sup>th</sup>* Red points

### CONGRATULATIONS for recent master point promotions:

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| Barbara and Hans Smits | Graduate | June Clarkson | Local    |
| Beryl Morton           | Local *  | Helen Smith   | Local ** |
| Janet Slight           | Regional |               |          |