

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



NEWSLETTER

November, 2010

MENTORING

The committee has decided to introduce a mentoring programme to encourage and help retain beginners when they finish their classes.

We need to keep our club growing. A huge effort is expended by our bridge teachers, but to make a success of beginner classes we really need to encourage new players to keep on coming to bridge sessions and to enjoy our wonderful game of bridge.

Some committee members and club members have already volunteered as mentors, however **we need more mentors!!**

If experienced players would like to play a part in this programme it would be greatly appreciated by your committee. Please contact Marilyn -

at bridge, or by email:

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by telephone: 4341 1105.

Marilyn Whigham, President

BEGINNERS LESSONS

These will be offered again in 2011 with teacher Lorraine Harkness. They will be held on Tuesday mornings, commencing March 8. Please recommend to anyone you know who may be interested.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Helen McLean and Wendy Everitt who have recently joined.

DIRECTOR TRAINING

On 31/10 Diane March, Neville Sadler and Wendy Mitchell attended a course for directors at club level, conducted by Tony Howes at Trumps Bridge Centre, on behalf of NSWBA. Our club paid the \$50 per person cost. We are not qualified yet, but wait for it!!

RECENT RESULTS

RESTRICTED TEAMS – Thursday, October 14 and 21

1st Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, John Duncan, Martin Johnson (ranked 1st)

2nd Basil McCann, Jan Bowyer, Barbara Smits, Hans Smits (ranked 8th)

3rd Di March, Lyn Beston, Moira Love, Tem Lancaster (ranked 4th)

Congratulations to the winners – they have played in a number of teams events recently and this experience has paid off. Not all members of this team belong to our club, so the second-place team win the money! Well done, as this was their first teams competition.

For each win in each session 0.14 Red masterpoints have been awarded per player. Red masterpoints are also earned, per player, for the final 'outright' results: first – 0.8, second 0.6 and third 0.43.

PRESIDENTS CUP – Friday October 15

Very well done to Ted Neilsen and Bruce Branthwaite who won this event with a great result of 65.3%, ahead of Angela and Kevin Dougall (60.4%) and Elaine McGorm and Norm Berger (59.7%).

CLUB PAIRS – Wednesday, October 20 and 27

Overall	Pair	Session 1	Session 2
1 st	Dorothy & Peter Berzins	1 st , 65.7%	4 th 60.7%
2 nd	Nancye Joss & Carol Judd	8 th , 50.9%	1 st , 65.8%
3 rd	Pat & Paul Unger	13 th , 41.9%	2 nd , 65.6%

Congratulations to winners Dorothy and Peter Berzins who played consistently in both sessions. Well done also to Nancye and Carol, Pat and Paul – both pairs turned their fortunes around dramatically in the second session.

CONGRESSES

Muswellbrook Teams Oct 8-10:

2nd Gary & Sally Clarke, Noel & Shirley Crockett (5,0,1)

3rd: Phil Morris, Josie Ryan, John Redfearn, Norm Berger (4,0,2)

Taree Teams Oct 10:

2nd Gary & Sally Clarke, Sharon & Greg Mayo (5,0,2)

If you have never played in a congress, please consider it. They are good experience, but just as importantly, good fun! If you find pairs competition too daunting, then make up a team. Even if you win only one match you will earn masterpoints. Most of the congresses within reach of the Central Coast are marked by the friendly atmosphere and fine home cooking!

You can find congress flyers in a folder at the club – ask the Director if you can't see it. For a complete list go to nswba.com.au and under the heading **Congresses and Holidays** (on the right hand side of the home page) click on **Congresses in NSW**. You will be surprised at the number available.

PERSONAL PROFILE: Teresa Jensen

Teresa was born in Trinidad to parents of French and Portuguese descent. It was there that she first learned bridge which she played competitively from 1950. Initially she learned the famous system developed by Ely Culbertson especially for contract bridge. At this time, Charles Goren's system, which allocated distribution points as well as high card points, became very popular. Teresa switched to Goren (later known as Standard American) and played Rubber Bridge. Rubber Bridge is the original form of contract bridge, but is played for points (and often money), so the tactics vary greatly from duplicate.

Teresa worked in bookkeeping for a large firm of manufacturing agents and has always loved figures. She used to play bridge with her husband – one area they didn't argue about according to Teresa! Teresa fondly remembers the Sydney Morning Herald Rubber Bridge Competitions until in 1988 she moved to Toowoomba where she started to play Duplicate Bridge. There she was fortunate to learn Precision from and play with the late Ivy Dahler. Ivy represented Queensland and Australia many times and was a very well-known director at congresses.

On moving to the Central Coast Teresa played at Umina with Mary Hobbs, and then at Central Coast Leagues Club where she has been a member since 1994. You will find Teresa's name on some of our trophies – Henry Kendall Pairs, New Year Cup and Club Swiss Pairs.

Teresa is in favour of beginners playing with an experienced player to ease them into the regular game - this is what they did in Toowoomba. She loves the game and plays at least twice a week.

Congratulations Teresa on 50 years of bridge!

TEST YOUR BIDDING!!

GNOT Regional Final at CCBC 28/29 August.

Match 5; Board 16; EW Vul; Dealer West

♠KT2
♥AKQ8
♦5
♣AT842

♠9765
♥7642
♦9
♣Q753

♠AQJ83
♥T5
♦AKT86
♣J

♠4
♥J93
♦QJ7432
♣K96

According to Deep Finesse NS can make seven spades or six no trumps. I was directing the event and saw the action at one table. West passed, North opened one club; East bid two diamonds. This was passed round to North who doubled and everybody passed. I didn't see the play but East made four tricks for -1100. A good save against the grand slam in spades which is worth 1510 – unfortunately it was not bid at the other table!

One pair bid seven no trump and made it! Six spades was bid and made three times; four spades was bid and made twice and three no trump was bid and made three times. One (failed) auction went:

W	N	E	S
P	1C	1D	1S
P	4S	P	P!!!

North was very annoyed having shown a spade fit and enough points and shape to bid four spades opposite the South hand which has shown a five card spade suit and at least six (eight?) HCP. With 15 HCP South should be asking for controls and bidding at least six spades.

Colin Mitchell

COMING EVENTS

November: *Remembrance Day Pairs – Thursday 11th* Red points
Club Teams – Friday 12th and 19th Championship event
Arrange your team now!
Pre-entry is required – closing date 4pm, Monday 8th
Summer Pairs – Monday 15th Red points

December: *Christmas Pairs - Wednesday 1st* Red points

PRE-CHRISTMAS WEEK – Join us during the week before Christmas to celebrate with Christmas cake (?and other good cheer?)

SMILE A WHILE

Courtesy of Ron Klinger:

- *Partner has a number of faults, but being wrong is apparently not one of them*
- *Real men don't need stoppers*

Recorded by Colin Mitchell:

If you are grouchy, irritable or just plain mean, there will be a \$10 charge for putting up with you (Sign on the wall of Las Vegas Bridge Club)

Wendy Mitchell Editor