

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**April, 2012**

**P**RESENTATION

**DAY - Saturday March 10**

Nine tables competed for Red Points in the Presentation Day Pairs. Thanks to Ted Neilsen who ably directed the event at short notice. Commiserations to John Lehane who was ill.

Marilyn Whigham, our President, was also ill, so Vice-President Di March stepped in to present the trophies. It was disappointing that many recipients were unable to be present. Apologies were received from Lyn Pears, Nancy Joss and Carol Judd.

Those present enjoyed a very tasty, well-presented, three course meal. Lots of lucky door prizes were distributed to wind up a very pleasant day.

The committee would like to attract more members and friends to

Presentation Day in the future, as this is one of our two main events each year. It is also the event that is subsidised by the Central Coast Leagues Club. Any suggestions regarding a change of format would be appreciated.

**FAREWELL: Lyn Pears**

President, Vice-President, Masterpoint Secretary and Director - Lyn was always our ready-reference for 'what have we always done?'

With half a dozen different partners you will find Lyn's name more than a dozen times on our trophies. Just in the last year she won the Summer, Gosford and Autumn Pairs with Nancye Joss, Carol Judd and Ronnie Ng.

Lyn will be sorely missed by all members but we thank her sincerely for her services to our club, and we wish her all the very best for her move to Sydney.

## RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

### **PRESENTATION DAY      Saturdays March 10      18 pairs**

1st	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	67.5%
2nd=	Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray	61.8%
2nd=	Bob & Vicky Morris	61.8%

### **GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS      Mondays March 12, 19, 26**

8 teams

		<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>VP's</u>
1st	Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Di & Peter Coats, Kaylee Lemon	5	2	129
2nd	Alfie Nation, Jane Langridge, June Ball, Gwen White, Vicki Morris	5	2	124
3rd	Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Colin & Wendy Mitchell	4	3	117

### **COUNTRY TEAMS      Saturdays Mar 17, 31      6 teams**

		<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>VP's</u>
1st	Helen Gulliver, Toni Dixon, Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes	4	1	106
2nd	Kevin & Angela Dougall, Norm Berger, John Redfearn	4	1	96
3rd	Patricia Bowles, Sue Eastman, Nancye Joss, Jan Henry, Marie Purkiss	3	2	83

### **EASTER PAIRS      Wednesday March 28      17 pairs**

1st	Joan & John Lehane	63.4%
2nd	Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	57.4%
3rd	Patricia Bowles & Dorothy Berzins	55.3%

## CONGRESSES

Central Coast players have been enjoying success - well done!

### **MAITLAND      March 18**

Having qualified first out of 16 EW pairs, the 7-table pairs final was won by Ronnie Ng and Kaylee Lemon with 62.8%

Local placings from the 30 teams competing:

- 3rd Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull
- 4th Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Vicki & Bob Morris
- 5th Di & Peter Coats, Peter & Dorothy Berzins

**CCBC Super Congress      March 24-25**

Congratulations to all involved for a great congress, attracting players from 'all over'.

**Open Swiss Pairs                      (65)**

- 2nd              Kevin & Angela Dougall
- = 4th            Sally & Gary Clarke
- = 10th          Janet Clarke & Peter Johnman
- = 10th          Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes

**Restricted Swiss Pairs              (32)**

- 3rd              Pauline Pearson & June Hale
- 4th              Shirley Ross & Brian Lilley
- 6th              Denise Collister & Robyn Henwood
- 7th              Elaine Yanco & Temple Eyre
- 8th              Bert Barwick & Ellen Williams

**Open Teams                              (41)**

- 1st    Glen Campbell, Judy Hopkinson, Eunice De Vries, Helen Eaton
- 4th    Wendy & Colin Mitchell, David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt

**Restricted Teams                      (14)**

Central Coast teams were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

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**ABF MASTERPOINTS CHARGES**

From April 1st the cost of masterpoints to the clubs are as follows:

Masterpoint Levies	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	
Grades A3, B3, B4, B5	\$1.76	\$1.85	(Congresses)
Grades C, D, E, F	\$1.65	\$1.75	(Green Points)
Grades B4c, B4s, B5i	\$1.35	\$1.40	(Red Points)
Grades A, A2, B	\$1.16	\$1.20	(Gold Points)

The number of Red Point sessions allocated to our club this year is 18. This is based on the number of green points issued by our club in the year preceding September 30, 2011.

## **NEW MEMBER**

Welcome Lynette Lynch, who has transferred to us from Lindfield. We hope you enjoy playing with us.

## **ABF: NEW MEMBER'S INFORMATION KIT**

Last month I printed an extract from this is new 18 page document. If new players have an email address the ABF will send it to them.

A copy of this kit has been printed by the committee and will be placed on the long table for members to read. Ask the director if you cannot find it!

Another extract appears below:

## **ETHICS AND ETIQUETTE**

Bridge enjoys immense popularity partly because of the high standards of ethics and etiquette which are observed by the players who are expected to conduct themselves in a highly civilised manner. Unfortunately, violations of proper etiquette do occur, either through ignorance or inadvertence.

The ABF is committed to providing its members with a pleasant, harmonious environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. Most of our affiliated clubs have developed their own code of conduct and expect compliance from their members.

Bridge is an extremely ethical game. All good players strive to ensure that their bridge ethics are impeccable and no more serious charge, other than outright cheating, can be made than to accuse a player of bad ethics. Unlike poker in which all sorts of mannerisms, misleading statements and bluff tactics are part and parcel of the game, bridge is played with a 'pokerface'! Beginners are, of course, excused for their lapses and in social games nobody minds very much, but in serious competition your bridge demeanour must be beyond reproach.

Experienced players should go out of their way to make novice players feel at ease, so that they see bridge as a pleasant recreation, not a battleground.

## **IMPROVERS LESSONS**

Remaining sessions (9.30am—11.30 +) are as follows:

**Saturdays:** April 14, 21, 28 **Wednesdays:** April 4, 11, 18, 25

Individual lessons may still be chosen at \$15 per lesson (without text)

**Week 3:** Raises and rebids; the Blackwood convention; Suit play

**Week 4:** Shifts by responder and rebids with a fit; Bath Coup; Signals

**Week 5:** Rebids to show Mini/Midi/Maxi; Unblocking; Stoppers

**Week 6:** Jacoby Transfers – What, Why, When

To book, or for further information, please contact Wendy Mitchell directly:

4340 4870

or

0423 388 529

## **ADVANCED WORKSHOPS**

Lorraine Lindsay will conduct five workshops on Mondays, 9.30-11.30 am:

16/4 All About Doubles

23/4 Keycard Blackwood

30/4 Shapely Hands

7/5 Trial Bids

14/5 Fourth Suit Forcing

Notes and hand records provided with each lesson.

**\$10 per lesson or \$45 for all 5**

## **WHAT'S IN A NAME? SOMETHING, IF IT'S JAMES!**

Firstly, the longevity. Jim Swindells, standby on a Tuesday and well-known partner of Michael Newman, admits to turning 90 this year.

Jim Hancox, who is approaching 93, played with Jim Swindells on Thursday, coming first with 61.8%. On the Tuesday Jim Hancox and Daphne Montague achieved a fantastic 74.3%! Since learning at 90-odd, Jim Hancox has played fairly regularly and successfully with Paul Unger.

New on the scene, and the young'un of the three is Jim Mansfield-Clark. Around the 86 mark, this Jim learned at the end of last year. He played a few games with another beginner and then had a break. A couple of weeks ago he played with Judy Fenton (also a beginner) and they did not come last!. Jim is currently doing the Improvers course - so watch out.

We may have to introduce a new rule to the game: **The James Alert!!**

## COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE

The new masterpoints allocations (to March 31) will be out in the next few weeks. They will be placed on the front tables in a clear folder (as at present) for members to peruse.

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■ *We will no longer have a standby for Monday night sessions.* ■  
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This means that you are not guaranteed a game if you come without a partner. For all other bridge sessions the arrangements in place remain unaltered.

**Charity Day** is on *Tuesday 29 May*. There will be raffles ... prizes still to be decided. This year we are going to have theme baskets for some of the prizes eg bathroom ... pantry ... cleaning ... romantic date ... etc. so we will ask members to donate with these themes in mind. When one of the baskets is filled we will ask for items for the remaining baskets.

### **25 Years Anniversary**

A sub-committee comprising Wendy Alford and Jan Macadie has been formed to organise this important day, which will be held on **Friday 29 June** in the Parkview Room. They may well call for more volunteers - any help you can provide will be much appreciated.

The programme will be bridge starting at 9.30am and luncheon of some description beginning probably about 1pm or 1.30pm. Because this is a very special occasion the committee applied for and was granted an extra Red Point Day by Bruce Neill, Chairman of the NSWBA. Peter Berzins will be the Director.

Final details regarding the luncheon and celebrations etc. are still in the works. Listen for announcements and watch the notice board!

### **Easter Holidays**

For the grandparents in the club .....school breaks up on Thurs 5 April returning on Mon 23 April, so be ready for the patter of small feet or ...big feet ...as the case may be.

The committee wishes all club members a happy and safe Easter break. NO bridge on Friday 6th April, then normal sessions resume.

*Marilyn Whigham (President)*

## PERSONAL PROFILE

## BERT BARWICK

### A MAN OF MANY TALENTS!

Bert Barwick arrived on the Central Coast in February, 1970 with wife Ellen and two young children to take over the Gosford Squash Courts, which were very successful. They sold in 1976 and then established "The Erina Squash & Fitness Club" in June 1977 where they conducted major Tournaments and competitions, in both tennis and squash. When this centre was sold Bert was able to rejuvenate his singing hobby – he was a Foundation member and soloist with the Gosford Chorale, and also established The Gosford Barbershop Chorus in 1989.

In 1992 he won the Central Coast Aria Competition and later established a male singing group called "The Stouthearted Men", singing popular choruses, ballads, Gilbert and Sullivan and Opera excerpts. For the last 6 years Bert has enjoyed being the Singer/Compere for "The Chorus Girls" Shows at various venues.

In his 60's, he started playing tennis again after 30 years of competition squash. He toured England & Europe for the first time in 1997 and played in 4 tennis tournaments. It wasn't long before Bert needed to have both knees replaced with "half knees".

On resuming his tennis Bert won his way into representing Australia in the *Over 70* team as the No 1; 5 years later he was successful again in the *Over 75* team as the No.1. This year, another 5 years later, his ambition was to win representation again. Bert successfully achieved this by recently winning the *Over 80* Singles in The Australian Hardcourt Championships, held in Melbourne. The team will play in Croatia in September.

Hoping to improve his serve Bert HAD HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL TENNIS LESSON A FEW WEEKS AGO AT THE AGE OF 80, and it worked! He plays 4 to 5 times per week which includes a 2 hour singles session.

Ellen and Bert have been playing Bridge together for about 3 years now, but earlier they had played socially with Ellen's parents in Indonesia, pre-war. Her Dad was manager of a Coffee and Rubber Plantation and a great Bridge player in Indonesia. They both learned formally at Long Jetty mainly, and their son Gary is also becoming very keen.

*Our congratulations Bert, and good luck in September! What a great example of keeping fit in mind and body.*

## COMING EVENTS

### APRIL

Monthly Shield (3)	Monday 2
*** NO BRIDGE ON GOOD FRIDAY 6/4 ***	
Anzac Day Pairs	Wednesday 25

### MAY

Monthly Shield (4)	Monday 7
Bridge for Brains	Wednesday 2
Grand National Pairs	Wednesday 9, 16, 23
Charity Day Pairs	Red points
	Tuesday 29

### EDITOR'S COMMENT

You will have by now read the plea to members that has been distributed to every player. The club needs more Tournament Directors and another Committee member. It has been my experience that it is always the few who put in the majority of time and effort to make any group function, but the fact is that for our Bridge Club in 2012,

#### **THE FEW ARE TOO FEW!**

Of course, as our membership consists mostly of retirees, it is understandable that members have commitments to other groups, to family, or that they feel that they have made sufficient contribution in the past and that now is the time to relax.

Three years ago the committee was increased from 7 to 9 in order to spread the load, but we have had only 8 for many months, with some of these absent for long periods for a variety of reasons.

We have both lost and gained a Director, and 7 Directors for 7 sessions sounds good until you consider that half of these take extended holidays, and that all are prone to absences for other reasons. If you will train to be a Director, Colin, who in the past was responsible for the training and accreditation of directors in NSW, will act as your mentor. If you will serve on the committee you will need to attend a meeting once a month and help out with some tasks/events.

So, if Bridge is your relaxation, perhaps you can help to ensure that the prediction of a dying club was ill-founded. Let us in our 25th year find a way to grow, and then we can all **SMILE AWHILE.**

*Wendy Mitchell Editor*