

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



NEWSLETTER

October 2012

MELBOURNE CUP DAY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

9.30 am Sweeps on sale
10.00 am Bridge Tournament
1.30 pm Buffet Lunch
3.00 pm Watch the Race

Wendy Alford, Rosanne Ransley and helpers are busy arranging a day of fun.

- Champagne/Juice on arrival
- \$1, \$2, \$5 sweeps
- Black and White theme
- Prizes (men & women) for best hat and best outfit

Melbourne Cup Day is one of the main functions where your club spend money on you! The lunch cost is heavily subsidised for members and wine and juice is free!

Pre-entry is required for the bridge tournament, but the table fee of \$4 will be collected on the day.

Your lunch must be paid for in advance and we are unable to give refunds as the order cannot be changed on the day.

Members **\$20**
Non-members **\$38**

Any committee member will take your money and write a receipt.

STATE OPEN PAIRS

Five pairs have agreed to represent our club at this event at the NSWBA on October 20 & 21: Bob and Vicky Morris; Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence; Toni Dixon & Helen Gulliver; Ronnie Ng & Kaylee Lemon; Gwen White & Alfie Nation.

!! Good Luck !!

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all the following winners:

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP Thursday September 6

*Regional and below - 5.5 tables

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| 1st | Jan Macadie & Hilary Owen | Trophy |
| 2nd | Denise Collister & Robyn Henwood | Special Prize for
best Local** and below |
| 3rd | Wendy Alford & Margot Williams | |

State and above - 4 tables

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| 1st | Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole Hamilton |
| 2nd | Margo Brennan & Gwen White |
| 3rd | Heather Tarrant & Jurate Petrauskas |

Thanks to all who participated, enabling us to run two sections and therefore provide more realistic competition for the trophy.

INTRA-CLUB TEAMS Thursday September 13 12 teams

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| 1st | Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull, Dasha Brandt, Di Coats |
| 2nd | Angela & Kevin Dougall, Wendy Mitchell, Patricia Bowles |
| 3rd | Judy Wulff, Robyn Lang, Toni Dixon, Helen Gulliver |

SPRING PAIRS Wednesday September 19 12 tables

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| 1st | Adele Mills & Nancye Joss | 63.5% |
| 2nd | Jacqui Wilson & Sylvia Foster | 62.0% |
| 3rd | Patricia Downes & Teresa Jensen | 61.2% |

CONGRESSES

GREAT LAKES CONGRESS September 15 & 16

The Central Coast clubs were well represented at this Congress, with the best results as follows:

Swiss Pairs 29 tables

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| 2nd | Noel & Shirley Crockett | 12th | Bob & Vicki Morris |
| 3rd | Patricia Kull & Sylvia Foster | 16th | Susan McCall &
Pam Joseph |
| 4th | Sally & Gary Clarke | | |
| 6th | Rhonda Innes & Kerry Murray | 20th | Jacqui Wilson &
Margo Brennan |

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE MEN



Executive: Ronnie Ng
Treasurer - manage all financial records, prepare monthly statements, annual report, statistics re table numbers, free games



Committee: Allan Raward
Assistant Treasurer - collection and banking of cash, payment of invoices, Petty Cash claims, Membership Receipts



Committee Leon Babinski
Equipment Officer - sourcing & pricing new items, maintenance, purchase consumables



Committee: Jim Hancox
Weekly milk supplies, water supply monitor; understudy for Equipment Officer

..... AND SOME OF THE WOMEN



Committee: Wendy Alford
*Special functions Organiser,
Stand-by Arranger, Welfare
Officer*



Committee: Rosanne Ransley
*Weekly biscuit/tea/coffee
supplies; understudy
for Masterpoint Secretary*

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED

September

Norm Berger	1.59	Angela Dougall	0.59
Kevin Dougall	0.97	Hilary Owen	0.50
Helen Smith	0.89	Ted Neilsen	0.50
Jacqui Wilson	0.87	Helen McLean	0.48
Peter Hall	0.78	Nancy Marchant	0.47
Paul Unger	0.67	Gwen White	0.46
Agnes Marsh	0.66	Robert Watkins	0.45
Nancye Joss	0.63	Kevin Carson	0.43
Robyn Jackson	0.63	Wendy Alford	0.41
Bruce Branthwaite	0.59	Jim Swindells	0.41

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from September 7 and 21 committee meetings

- As requested at the AGM, the Stand-by policy has been reviewed and updated. The full document appears below
- A draft copy of the AGM minutes has been emailed to members
- Two 'Feel Friendly Factors' have been introduced.
 1. A 'Lucky Draw' for a free game at every session for approximately two months. There is no compulsion - for fun only
 2. When the number of boards to be played is suitable and if there is no lengthy sit-out, a short afternoon tea break will be held. We hope this will give members a few minutes' socialising
- Sixteen Bridgemate II devices have been purchased. Colin and Ronnie are in charge of setting them up, training Directors and managing a staged introduction
- Name Badges will be provided to Beginning players after their first 3 months. Other members may purchase a badge for \$6 (half the actual cost). Put your name on the list on the Notice Board
- Di March, Colin and I are developing next year's Program

Wendy Mitchell

STAND-BY POLICY AND JOB DESCRIPTION

Stand-by Policy

The club policy is to provide a stand-by for members coming without a partner so that they are assured of a game.

While there is no limit to the number of times a member may play with the stand-by, every attempt will be made by the Partnership Arranger to find a suitable partner for that member. Also, if a second member needs a partner, it is the stand-by who does not play.

A stand-by is not available for red point events. The remuneration for a stand-by is \$15 per session. No table fees are paid if the stand-by is required to play.

Stand-by Job Description

The stand-by must arrive at least 15 minutes before the game commences to help the director set up for the session in accordance with the director's wishes. If the stand-by is late the fee he/she receives will be reduced 50%.

The stand-by is responsible for collecting the table fees, completing the relevant details on the 'Daily Record of Table Fees', checking that the monies and free games balance, and signing for their payment.

A stand-by should ensure the person they are to play with enjoys the game and the day. The stand-by should play the system of their partner *as far as they are able*.

The stand-by must not refuse to play with a member. If this does occur the person may not be used as a standby again.

The stand-by, in accordance with any request from the director, may assist in setting up for the bridge session. If the standby does play, he/she should assist in packing up the cloths, table nos., food etc.

It is the responsibility of the stand-by to notify the member of the executive committee who is responsible for stand-bys if he/she is unable to attend on their nominated day. If that person is not available notify another member. Only arrange your own stand-by if no committee member is available. This is VERY important – and the director must be informed.

Rules, as they relate to directors and the use of a stand-by

1. A director may opt to play with a partner on a regular basis.

In this case the committee provides a stand-by:

- The stand-by if not needed, will go home
- If for some reason the stand-by does not arrive and a member arrives without a partner, the Director, at his/her discretion, may choose to play with that member, have his/her partner play with the member, or send the member home. (See below)

2. A director may opt to have a stand-by, who if not needed, plays with the director.

- The director will not play if the stand-by is needed.

3. A director may opt to be his/her own stand-by.

- The director will play if needed. In this situation the director receives the stand-by money.

N.B. If a director operating under rules 2/3 decided to play with a specific partner he/he must notify a member of the executive committee so that a stand-by may be arranged. In principle NO player goes home without having a game. If in extreme circumstances a member has to go home without a game, the Director of the day is to issue a free game card (from the Director's supply) and the Director is to write a report of the reason and place this in the President's tray.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Monthly Shield (9)		Monday 8
Club Pairs (Week 1)	Pre-Entry	Wednesday 10
Restricted Teams (Week 1)	Pre-Entry	Thursday 11
Club Pairs (Week 2)	(as Week 1)	Wednesday 17
Restricted Teams (Week 2)	(as Week 1)	Thursday 18
Presidents Cup	Red Points	Monday 29

NOVEMBER

Monthly Shield (10)		Monday 5
Melbourne Cup Day	10am Bridge	Tuesday 6
Remembrance Day Pairs	Red Points	Friday 9
Club Teams (1)	Pre-Entry	Friday 16
Summer Pairs	Red Points	Monday 19
Club Teams (2)	As week 1	Friday 23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for October to:

Kevin Carson, Pamela De Lacy, Paul Fawcett, Adele Mills, Dirk O'Connor, Bill Pinfold, Michael Price, Ravi Bindiganav, Allan Raward, Gwen White, Margot Williams

Remember: If your name does not appear, Happy Birthday also! Please let me know your birthday month so that I can amend our records.

SMILE A WHILE

- Overheard recently: I've passed so often today that I have got "Strokers Cramp"!!
- On their wedding night a couple arrive at their hotel room and the phone rings. The husband answers and talks with his friend about a *bridge* hand. The conversation continues for hours as the friend tells how he went down in six spades.

When it finally ends, the distraught wife is in tears and says, "How can he be so inconsiderate? That was *terrible!*"

"You're right, honey. All he had to do was take a finesse."

Wendy Mitchell Editor