

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



NEWSLETTER

March 2013

PRESENTATION DAY *Friday March 15*

Pairs: 9.30 am

Luncheon: 1 pm approx

Don't forget that entries close on Friday March 8, with payment.

Using the CC Leagues Club subsidy as well as Bridge Club funds we are providing an excellent buffet meal, with drinks, for only \$15 to members.

You will be entertained by well-known player and teacher David Beauchamp, as well as activities for the Ides of March theme.

Come along and take advantage of the opportunity of good bridge and good food, while congratulating our best players of 2012.

INTRA-CLUB TEAMS

Tuesday, February 19

There were numerous positive comments about the day, in particular about the excellent quality of the sandwiches for lunch.

A sincere thank you to our members who made morning tea special with their contributions: Pam Harris, Marie Purkiss, Gwen White and the mystery maker of custard tarts (please step forward!!)

The results (see p2) reflected the representation of teams from the three clubs -

- 1st CC Leagues Club
- 2nd Brisbane Water
- 3rd Central Coast

I omitted on the day to thank the Director - Colin and his trainee assistant - Leyla. **THANK YOU!**

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

CLUB MIXED PAIRS Thursday Feb 14, 15 pairs

1st	Joan & John Lehane	119.4 % total
2nd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	116.7
3rd	Phillip Morris & Toni Dixon	116.3

INTRA-CLUB TEAMS Tuesday Feb 19 16 teams

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins, Di Coats, Wendy Mitchell
2nd	Christine Hadaway, Karen Ody, Robyn Scahill, Phyllis White
3rd	Angela & Kevin Dougall, Maoliosa Hawkes, Marianna Xerri

SWITCHING SINGLES (1) Thursday Feb 28 7 pairs

Results next time when some software problems are solved !!!

CONGRESSES

52nd Gold Coast Congress February 23 to March 2

To give you an idea of the scale of this event, below is a summary of the entries in the main events:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Novice</u>
<i>Pairs</i>	194	88	102	132	74
<i>Teams</i>	200	52	74	64	

As usual, the Central Coast was well represented, sometimes playing with players from other areas. The best performed (apologies if I have missed any) were:

<i>Open Pairs</i>	Final C	1st	Anthony Burke (with Peter Gill)
<i>Senior Pairs</i>	Final C	8th	Irma & Gary Heyting
<i>Intermed. Prs</i>	Final D	8th	Sue Eastman, Diane Nichols
<i>Restd. Prs</i>	Final B	7th	Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes
	Final C	11th	Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson
<i>Open Teams</i>	20th		Kaylee Lemon, Ronnie Ng (with NZ pair Burrows & Hall) [8,2,2]
	52nd		Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Sylvia Foster, Patricia Kull [7, 0, 5]

[Wins, Draws, Losses]

<i>Senior Teams</i>	7th	Dorothy & Peter Berzins, Gary & Irma Heyting
	9th	Virginia Dressler, Ian McKinnon, (with Smee and Solar)
<i>Interm. Teams</i>	35th	Elizabeth Lawrence, Carole Hamilton, Diane Nichols, Sue Eastman
<i>Restricted Tms</i>	1st	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley, Martin Johnson
	27th	Rhonda Innes, Kerry Murray, Sylvia Robb (with Kay Simpson)

Congratulations and commiserations to the TOMLINSON team who were Runners-up in the Final !!!

There were six other events in the Congress in addition to Walk-In Pairs. Special mention to Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon (=17) and Di Coats & Anne Grayden (19) out of 130 in the Swiss Butler Pairs.

NEW ABF RANKINGS FEBRUARY- Congratulations to:

National	Ronnie Ng	Club	Margaret Berger
Regional	Helen Smith		Jan Bowyer

MEMBERSHIP

The ABF reports that most clubs across Australia have increased their Home Club membership up to December 31. Figures for our local clubs are:

	<u>Full Members</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Central Coast	240	14
CC Leagues Club	170	14
Brisbane Water	157	15

At 3/3/13 we have 13 members who have advised they will not renew, as well as 15 Full and 12 Associate who have not yet renewed. Our current, renewed Full membership for 2013 stands at 147, a considerable decrease.

DO YOU KNOW THE LAW?

From the ABF Alerting Regulations:

7.1 Alerts are compulsory - you may not ask the opponents not to alert. The requirement to alert applies even though the convention or other agreement may be listed on the system card.

7.6 *Do not explain your alerted calls or delayed alerted calls unless a request has been made.*

7.8 When a player makes any call in tempo, and an opponent then alerts (late alert), the director may allow the player to retract the call and substitute a legal call without penalty. . . .

8.1 When opponents make an alerted or self-alerted call, you are entitled to ask specifically about that call, but only *at your first turn to call* after the alert. Otherwise any questions should be directed at the whole auction, not a specific call; an appropriate method of asking would be “Please explain the auction”.

8.3 Questions may be asked only for your own benefit. *It is improper to ask questions for the benefit of partner.*

10.2 In the case of a late alert (i.e. a member of the non-offending side has taken action before the alert is made), the Director should be called immediately before any further action is taken. . . .

11.1 Tournament Directors will not allow players to manipulate these Regulations to their advantage. For example, opponents must be allowed enough time to alert; *a speedy action out of tempo followed by a claim for a late alert will receive little sympathy.* Likewise, experienced players claiming damage through a technical failure to alert will need to present a strong case.

Editors Note: Passages in *bold, italics* have been selected by me

OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

The following is an excerpt from an article by Matthew McManus in the NSWBA eCongress News in November 2012.

Probably the most common call for the Director is an opening lead by the partner of the player whose turn it is to lead. The Laws require that the opening lead be made face down – one of the reasons is to try to eliminate the problem when the wrong player leads.

However, the frequency of opening leads out of turn makes me wonder how many players know about this law.

When an opening lead out of turn is made (often abbreviated to OLOOT), the director will give declarer five options. The choice must be made by the player who would have been declarer had the correct player led. They may not consult with their partner as to what would be best for their side.

The five options are:

- 1) the OLOOT is accepted as the correct lead and the would-have-been declarer becomes dummy.**
- 2) the OLOOT is accepted as the correct lead, but declarer chooses to still play the hand.**
- 3) the OLOOT is not accepted and declarer demands the lead of the suit of the OLOOT.**
- 4) the OLOOT is not accepted and declarer prohibits the lead of the suit of the OLOOT.**
- 5) the OLOOT is not accepted and declarer allows the correct leader to lead whatever they want.**

As Director, when I go to the table for an OLOOT and describe these five choices, the player involved typically starts out enthusiastically concentrating as I describe the first couple of options, starts to look a little confused as I move on to options 3 or 4, and their eyes have glazed over by the time I get to option 5! In most circumstances, their first comment is, "I always get this wrong."

Two subsequent articles explain how to choose the best option.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Monthly Shield (2)	Eclectic	Monday 4
Presentation Day Pairs and Luncheon	Red Points	Friday 15
Pre-Entry - <i>entries close: Friday 8th, 4pm</i>		
Switching Singles (2)	Eclectic	Thursday 21
Easter Pairs	Red Points	Monday 25
Country Teams (1 of 3)	Pre-Entry	Wednesday 27

APRIL

Monthly Shield (3)	Eclectic	Monday 8
Country Teams (2 & 3)	(see March)	Wednesday 3, 10
Switching Singles (3)	Eclectic	Thursday 18
Anzac Day Pairs	Red Points	Thursday 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March to:

June Ball, Gary Barwick, Heather Bellamy, Maureen Carson, Kevin Dougall, Jessica Dunn, Sue Ford, Audrey Hadley, Peter Hall, Carole Hamilton, Kaylee Lemon, Mary Pye, John Redfearn, Robert Watkins

Remember: If our records are wrong or incomplete, please let me know so we can acknowledge your birthday.

LESSONS

Thanks to Lorraine for her recent presentation of Advanced topics. Only a small number of members attended, but watch out as their bridge improves!

Beginners Lessons are due to start on Tuesday 5, if there are at least six participants.

SMILE A WHILE

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife complained to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying:
"I must have taken Leif off my census."

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