

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**March 2014**

**P**RESENTATION  
DAY

**Friday March 21  
9.30 am**

Entries are advertised to close on Thursday March 13, but for catering purposes, numbers are required on Wednesday 12th - so please do not delay!

The event will be conducted in 'barometer' style. Three sections will play the same set of boards in the first session, then the results will be displayed. This will then be repeated for two more sessions.

Interspersed with the sessions will be prize-givings and morning tea, gourmet finger food for lunch, and afternoon tea.

The main factor influencing the decision to change the format this year is cost. The club's cash flow situation would not enable us to expend as much per person as last year without limiting attendance.

We feel sure you will be satisfied with the quality of the refreshments, but savings are such that these are now FREE to you!

We are charging for The Presentation Day Pairs as it is a red point event - please pay your \$5 in advance.

**VALE**

**Neville Sadler**

Many members recently attended a celebration of Neville's life. Our sincere condolences to Julie and her family.

## RECENT RESULTS

**Congratulations to all**

### STATE MIXED PAIRS (Q 1&2) 14 pairs Saturday Feb 1

1st	Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman	115.8
2nd	Matt Raj Mal & Dianne March	111.2
3rd	Martin Johnson & Jenny Buckley	107.8

*These 3 pairs have accepted to represent CCLCBC in the finals*

*Well done Dasha and David on winning the Club Mixed pairs  
Championship*

### MONTHLY SHIELD 11.5 tables Monday Feb 3

1st	Carole Hamilton & Elizabeth Lawrence	65.9 %
2nd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	60.0
3rd	Jack & Lorraine Lindsay	55.1

### INTRA-CLUB TEAMS 1 16 teams Thursday Feb 13

		<b>VP's</b>
1st	Adele Mills, Nancye Joss, Dorothy & Peter Berzins	129
2nd	Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke, Gabrielle Fitzgerald, Josie Ryan	107
3rd	Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Jenny Buckley, Martin Johnson	102

### VALENTINE DAY PAIRS 22 pairs Friday Feb 14

1st	Jan Clarke & Diana Coats	69.0 %
2nd	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss	62.0
3rd	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence	61.8

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## CONGRESSES

**Best Local Players**

### CCBC COUNTRY TEAMS 7 teams Feb 8 & 9

1st	Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Kerry Murray, Rhonda Innes
2nd	Angie & Kevin Dougall, Norm Berger, John Redfearn
3rd	Patricia Bowles, Kaylee Lemon, Elizabeth Lawrence, Marie

Purkiss

## GREAT LAKES TEAMS

36 teams

Feb 15 & 16

W/D/L

4th John Redfearn, Norm Berger, Angie & Kevin Dougall 4 /1 /3

6th Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Martin Johnson, Jenny Buckley

5 /1 /2

13th Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Colin & Wendy Mitchell 4 /1 /3

## GOLD COAST CONGRESS

There are numerous events for all levels of players. Here are the table numbers for some of them:

	<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Teams</u>
Open	99	196
Seniors	35	46
Intermediate	58	84
Restricted	63	68
Novice	35	32

If you have never been, think about planning a holiday to the Congress for next year. The atmosphere of such a big gathering of players of the biggest mind game in the world is really quite special!

Dorothy has mentioned some of the Central Coast participants in her article which follows.

## Gold Coast 2014 Blues

With weird distributions many hands were extremely hard to bid and to play. Take this example from **Match 4 Board 19**.

Would you open this hand? Sitting South you hold

♠ QJT83

♥ -----

♦ 6432

♣ Q762

Well one South opened 2 Spades and West bid 3 Hearts. After North bid 4 Spades, East (Di Coats) did well to bid 5 Hearts. South now bid 5 Spades and there the contract stayed.

Unfortunately the full hand was

	North	
	♠ AK972	
	♥ 54	
	♦ J87	
West	♣ A95	East
♠ 654		♠ ----
♥ AKQJT92		♥ 8763
♦ -----		♦ AKQT95
♣ KJT		♣ 843
	South	
	♠ QJT83	
	♥ -----	
	♦ 6432	
	♣ Q762	

East West can make 6 Hearts but without the advantage of seeing all hands both East and West were worried about their Club holding and, for West, a possible Spade loser.

At our table south (Dorothy) did not open 2 Spades so West opened 1 Heart. North bid 2 Spades and East went 3 Spades showing heart support and a void or singleton Spade. South went 4 spades and East went 5 Hearts. The result was 5 Hearts making 13 on a Spade lead (the clubs going away on the Diamonds) for - 710 and + 150 for 5 spades going down 3. We were not alone. Only 40 % of the field bid 6 Hearts and such was one misunderstanding that **East/West played in 4 Spades doubled going down for 1700.**

Even when we got the bidding right the playing skill did not match up. Take this hand in **Match 6 Board 24**. The bidding opened by West who bid 4 Spades, Pass , Pass. South (Dorothy) held

♠ AJ4      ♥ A      ♦ AJ5      ♣ AKJT73

Dorothy bid 6 Clubs, the lead was the K of spades and Dummy went down

♠ 3      ♥ T642      ♦ KT9832      ♣ 95

I won with the A of Spades ruffed a spade with the 5 of clubs and ran the 9 of Clubs, planning on getting rid of the last spade on the diamonds. After drawing trumps I led the A of diamonds and had to go down 2. This was the full hand:

North  
♠ 3  
♥ T642  
♦ KT9832  
♣ 95

West  
♠ KQT9876  
♥ QJ93  
♦ -----  
♣ 86

East  
♠ 52  
♥ K875  
♦ Q764  
♣ Q42

South  
♠ AJ4  
♥ A  
♦ AJ5  
♣ AKJT73

To make the hand you need to ruff the two spades allowing East to overruff with the Q of clubs – then you have to lead the 5 of Diamonds to the K and finesse the Jack on the way back. Of course it is easy to see now but with no other entry to the Diamonds (after not having ruffed the second spade) it is hard to lead and block the suit. At the other table South was in 5 Clubs making so that Board was an overall loss of - 500.

Di Coats and Jan Clarke did well in the Weekend Match Point Pairs coming 17<sup>th</sup> out of 144 Pairs.

Marie Purkiss and Toni Dixon did brilliantly to come 8<sup>th</sup> in the one day Swiss Pairs while Dorothy and Peter only managed 54<sup>th</sup> position out of 152.

Gary and Sally Clarke's Team came an impressive 14<sup>th</sup> out of 196 Teams in the Open, while Lorraine Lindsay's Team came a very creditable 45<sup>th</sup>.

Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley and Martin Johnson came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 68 in the Restricted Teams. Well done. everyone.

Fortunately the weather was fantastic (unlike last year) so that helped to ease the pain.

*Dorothy Berzins*

## **MEMBER WELFARE**

A Get Well card has been sent to Anne Whatmore. Sympathy cards were sent to Julie Sadler and Joan Brierty.

*Do you know someone who would appreciate our thoughts? Just contact Robyn Ivers.*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Items from February 14 Committee meeting

- Agreed to consider supporting local charities, other than Pandora. Members invited to write suggestions on list on noticeboard
- Agreed to different format this year for Presentation Day
- A special submission has been made to CCLC re costs of setting up our new playing area

*Wendy Mitchell, President*

## **NEW ABF RANKINGS JANUARY - Congratulations to:**

Regional	Wendy Alford	Graduate	Enid Pauling
	Mei-Hua Crawford		

## **NEW ABF RANKINGS FEBRUARY - Congratulations to:**

Life	Vicky Morris
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## **CARDS RATINGS**

In January the file we sent was overlooked and not processed. In February the file was apparently sent, but in fact was not uploaded. Apologies - at the end of March, all three months will be included.

## **BEGINNERS LESSONS**

These started on Tuesday March 4, 9.30am - 11.30am. Numbers are very small and unfortunately, none of the starters responded from our advertising.

If you know anyone who may be still be interested, please encourage them to call me directly on 0423 388 529. I can accept more up to Week 3, especially if they have some card experience.

## **GRADUATES**

Suzanne Rochester, Lorraine Bignall and Rosalie Watson will start playing in the main game this Monday evening with their 'buddies'.

Please make them welcome at any session and be patient as they put all they have learned into practice. Don't avoid calling the director just because they are novice players - do it nicely and they will appreciate that the rules of the game are implemented correctly.

They will be claiming protection against Brown Sticker conventions by displaying an orange sticker on their system card. If your system is classified as Brown Sticker, then against these players it is recommended that you play the Beginner's system of 2C - Game Force and 2D, 2H, 2S all weak.

## **CLUB ROOM UPDATE**

The renovation and construction occurring all around us is frustrating and distracting but hopefully it won't last too long. Please take particular care as you enter the building and negotiate the mess of the corridor.

No accidents please!

- The hot water 'Zip' heater seems to be sufficient for our needs
- All lights are now controlled from the one switch
- A second fan has been installed to improve air flow
- A fire extinguisher has been provided
- The refrigerator is now housed in the office
- Thank you Heather Tarrant for the kind donation of a bookcase and bridge books, and Gwen White for a clock
- Safety is to be improved by the installation of a door with the top half of glass
- Players are enjoying the display of results on the monitor outside the office
- Two trophy cabinets will be installed shortly
- Daily cleaning by CCLC contractors has started

A special thank you again to Leon Babinski and Tony Ransley who have spent a lot of time and effort on all the construction and installation of various items.

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

Country Teams	(P) (No Side Game)	Monday 17, 24, 31
Presentation Day Pairs	(R/P) 9.30am See details on Page 1	Friday 21

### APRIL

Country Carnival Pairs	(R, P)	Wednesday 2 & 9
Switching Singles (3)		Thursday 3
Monthly Shield (3)		Monday 7
Easter Pairs	(R)	Wednesday 16
Anzac Day Pairs	(R)	Friday 25

**NO BRIDGE**                      **Good Friday**                      **April 18**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for March to:

June Ball, Heather Bellamy, Kevin Dougall, Jessica Dunn, Sue Ford, Audrey Hadley, Peter Hall, Carole Hamilton, Kaylee Lemon, Kerry Murray, Mary Pye, John Redfearn, Josie Ryan, Julie Sadler, Robert Watkins

*(Remember to tell me if I don't have you listed for your birthday month)*

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please make the following welcome to our club and add their phone numbers to your Program book -

Judy Hopkinson (0401 388 488); Molly O'Neill (4332 3372), Alan Bustany (0411 264 305), Margaret Berriman (4328 8163)

### CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER:

Jan Kukura - 4385 3594

### SMILE A WHILE

- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician

*Wendy Mitchell    Editor*