

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



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014

C **HARITY DAY**

Tuesday July 1

A huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who supported over a month of activities to raise in excess of **\$4, 600!** for **Wildlife ARC and Pandora.**

- ▶ The sub-committee of Rosanne Ransley, Lynette Lynch, Ruth Griffin, Denise Collister, Robyn Henwood, Claire O'Connor and Joan Brierty
- ▶ All our members who made food and craft items for sale and donated items for the hampers and trash-and-treasure
- ▶ The people who purchased these as well as raffle tickets
- ▶ Members who donated time and food on the day
- ▶ All those making up a record 18 tables for bridge on the day
- ▶ The generous donors of vouchers etc:

All Malay Restaurant, Beauty Chic, Caffé Jam, Carol Judd, Caroline Bay Brasserie, CC Leagues Club, Cheeky Charlie's Bar and Café, Cowrie Restaurant, Delish Restaurant, Frangipani Café, Gaffers Hair International, Golden Tips Hair & Beauty, Latitude 33, Monti's Ashore, Orchid Restaurant, Shazzlee's Nails, Stephanie's Family Café, Track Side Restaurant.

Full details next month. Look for photos on the website.

TED NEILSEN MEMORIAL PAIRS TROPHY: Aces v CCLCBC

Thursday July 24 at 9.30am in the Parkview Room

\$5 includes bridge and lunch

Entries now on the notice board or on-line - closing July 21

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

MONTHLY SHIELD (5) 16 pairs Monday June 2

1st	Diana Coats & Nancye Joss	65.8 %
2nd	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	61.0
3rd	Les Free & John Tagg	59.8

SWITCHING SINGLES (5) 12 pairs Thursday June 5

1st	Alison Heathcote & Patricia Birch	71.9 %
2nd	Carol Judd & Dorothy Berzins	70.4
3rd	Robert Watkins & Bruce Branthwaite	54.8

GRAND NATIONAL OPEN TEAMS Fri May 23, 30 & Jun 6

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Draws</u>
1st	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss, Dorothy Berzins & Adele Mills	6 0
2nd	Judy Smyth & Karen Ody, Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	5 0
3rd	Ruth Stephens, Phillip Morris, Diane Nichols, Adriana Smith, Nancy Asquith	3 0

Good luck to our representative teams playing at in the GNOT Regional Final at Central Coast BC on Sat/Sun August 23 & 24:

1. Ruth Stephens, Adriana Smith, Diane Nichols, Nancy Asquith
2. Colin Mitchell, Alan Bustany, Len Pratt, David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt
3. Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant
4. Matt Blackham, Leya Moncelet, Matt Raj Mal, Bob Verduin

CLUB PAIRS 9.5 tables Mon June 16 & 23

An exciting photo finish!

1st	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	68.0 + 53.5 = 121.5
2nd	Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman	60.0 + 60.2 = 120.2
3rd	Jan Davis & Lorraine Lindsay	57.7 + 59.5 = 117.2

CHARITY DAY PAIRS 18 tables Tuesday July 1

NS: Adele Mills & Nancy Joss EW: Alfie Nation & Jacqui Wilson

Full results next month

CONGRESSES

NEWCASTLE CONGRESS

Best Local Players

June 14 & 15

Open Swiss Pairs 52 pairs

5th Sylvia Foster & Judith Smyth
=13th Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen

Restricted Swiss Pairs 34 pairs

24th Robyn Henwood & Denise Collister

Open Teams 30 teams

3rd Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen, Gary Heyting & Phil Morris
=10th Marie Purkiss & Di Nicholls, Elizabeth Lawrence & Carole
Hamilton

CCBC INTRA-CLUB TEAMS 12 teams June 19

1st Lorraine Lindsay, Nancye Joss, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills
2nd Karen Ody, Judy Smyth, Jan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster

MAITLAND SUPER NOVICE PAIRS June 22

Three pairs from our club joined 20 others for this event. Ro and Tony Ransley (finishing a creditable 10th overall), Ruth Griffin and Peter Hall, and very new players Suzanne Rochester and Lorraine Bignall. All seemed to enjoy this new experience - well done!

COUNTRY TEAMS OUTER METROPOLITAN FINAL

9 teams June 28 & 29

Our team, consisting of Gary Heyting, Adele Mills, Dorothy & Peter Berzins, which came second in the Regional final, were successful in winning this event. They will now progress to the State Teams final in December.

NEW ABF RANKINGS JUNE- Congratulations to:

*National Carole Hamilton

CARDS RATINGS

Due to the absence of the Masterpoint Secretary, these will be uploaded next month.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Wendy Mitchell

(It was mentioned that I hadn't written a profile recently, so in the absence of other suggestion/offers, here is mine.)

Born in Sydney, we moved from Stanmore to live with my paternal grandfather who ran a nursery, specialising in chrysanthemums. Schooling was at Turramurra North and Artarmon Opportunity primary schools, Hornsby Girls High and University of NSW where I completed a BSc (Hons) in Textile Technology. My main outside interest was hockey – played for and captained High School teams, NSW State Schoolgirls and UNSW and played in NSW Juniors. My first husband and I met at UNSW through hockey.

After one year as Quality Control Officer at Australian Woollen Mills, married Carl (a metallurgist) and moved to Groote Eylandt in NT for two years where I worked for BHP as a chemist assaying manganese. This was followed by overseas travel and a year as a typist for Thomas Cook Travel in London where our daughter was born.

Returned to Melbourne for two years where our son was born, then back to Groote for 8 years. This was a busy life full of duties of motherhood, staff/manager's wife, part-time Bank Agent, Rent-a-Car book-keeper/driver, High School Maths/Science teacher and Diploma of Education by correspondence. Heavily involved in the local CWA from its inauguration and represented Northern Territory at the Conference of International Country Women of the World in Perth.

Back in Melbourne, I taught Maths, Science and Computing at Ringwood Technical School. Divorced, moved to Sydney, taught at Granville Boys HS for 20 years. Had stints as Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE, then Art/Music. Was appointed as HT Mathematics, later transferred to HT Administration and also relieved as Deputy Principal (Curriculum).

Met and married Danny after learning bridge. Widowed, I married Colin, whom Danny and I had known. Transferred to Lisarow HS as HT Administration and taught just Mathematics, relinquishing my HSC marking position as a Judge for the computing subject IPT.

I grew up with lots of simple card games. My parents and aunt and uncle played Solo passionately – I was only allowed to hold a hand occasionally for a few minutes. Husband Carl and his friends played bridge – I was expected to make the supper and tried but could not understand the Culbertson version of the game with half-tricks and quick tricks from Hoyle's Book of Rules.

In Sydney in 1986 I enrolled in Beginner lessons with John Newman. I first learned 4-card majors up-the-line, progressed to 4-card majors down-the-line and eventually converted to 5-card majors. I played ACOL with Danny, followed by Standard American, Relay Precision learned from the late Australian representative player Don Evans and then a simpler relay system from John Newman called Nemesis! Bridge congresses and holidays were a large part of my life with Danny. Colin and I play a Standard version melded from various features of the systems we played with our previous bridge partners/spouses. He and I enjoy playing bridge wherever we travel, both at home and overseas.

All of this gave me a love of systems and bidding theory which I took to readily – good card play and defence came more slowly. On retirement I intended to never teach again, but was enthused after teaching bridge first to children at Gosford Primary and then to adults at Kin-cumber Community College and Henry Kendall Retirement Village – all of whom **wanted** to learn. Teaching beginners and conducting Intermediate workshops on cruises was another different experience as everything is condensed into one-hour sessions. Lastly, I have run Beginners and Improvers lessons at CCLCBC since 2008. *WM*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, August 2

Please consider being part of your club's committee for the 2014/15 year - the nomination form is on the notice board. All members are encouraged to attend the AGM at 10.30am. Finger food to feed the body and then the Anniversary Pairs (red points) to feed the mind at 12.30pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Items from June 13 Committee meeting

- I submitted a report for the Internal Clubs meeting, but forgot to attend!!
- In answer to our query, Trish Maclean advised that if we want to allow proxies for Committee Meetings, this would have to be put to an Annual General Meeting. No-one wanted to pursue this.
- Geeks 2U were paid to 'tidy up' the way our computer starts so as to make this faster. Purchase of a new computer is on the agenda for the next committee

Wendy Mitchell, President

CLUB ROOM UPDATE

- Cup holders in half the stools have been completed
- A tea-towel rail has been installed
- A new range of paintings by Lyn Baber is on display

THE HOLDUP IN NO-TRUMP PLAY

With North the dealer, the bidding is Pass, Pass, 1D, 1NT, All Pass. North leads ♥J. South plays ♥A, ♥Q, which West wins with ♥K. West cashes 3xdiamonds ending in dummy with ♦Q and runs ♣10, covered by ♣Q, won by West's ♣A. Now ♣J, won by South's ♣K.

South is left with:	♠ AKT2	♥ - -	♦ J	♣ 2
and dummy with:	♠ 9765	♥ - -	♦ - -	♣ 76

There are 5xhearts outstanding and North's lead has promised ♥10 and ♥9 or ♥8. Why didn't North lead partner's opening suit? Presumably because he has an entry to the hearts.

So, South cashed the ♦J (on which North discarded a spade) and underled the spades with ♠2. North won and cashed four more heart tricks. South had to discard the ♠A and ♠K but declarer was kept to 5 tricks.

Declarer's full hand was: ♠ J83 ♥ K53 ♦ AK4 ♣ AJ98. If declarer 'holds up' the ♥K at trick 2, the maximum possible 6 tricks are made as South had only a doubleton heart and North with ♠Q4 ♥JT9874 ♦732 ♣54 does not have a second entry to establish the heart suit.

CLUB PAIRS REPORT

Twenty pairs pre-entered this event. On the day two pairs were emergency withdrawals and disappointingly, one pair was a no-show. One pair arrived without notice. Although a standby pair had been arranged, after some delay the movement was reorganised to operate as a nine table Mitchell with eighteen pairs.

In the second week, a movement called an Interwoven Howell was conducted, where every North-South pair from Session 1 played each other and similarly every East-West pair played each other. Hence, after two sessions, each pair had played every other pair in the whole field - the recommended set-up and the fairest possible.

GNOT REPORT

Of the twelve teams competing, only five registered as contenders. Some were entered as five- and six- player teams. Two of these did indeed play all their members, but three did not.

Confusion arose when the Regional Supplementary GNOT Regulations were applied, as masterpoints were then shared among all team members, whether or not they had played. After considerable email discussion with the Regional and State Organisers and the State Tournament Adviser this unreasonable situation was corrected.

It is expected that next year these regulations will be re-worded so that players earn only the masterpoints for the sessions in which they have played. However, a player named as part of a qualifying team can proceed to the Regional Final even if they did not play!

MONTHLY SHIELD - *best 6 sessions with the same partner*

The following are the leaders after 5 months, with the total points and number of eligible sessions shown in brackets:

Peter & Dorothy Berzins (72 - 6), Diana Coats & Nancye Joss (50 - 3), Julie Sadler & Carol Judd (38 - 3) and Jack & Lorraine Lindsay (36 - 3).

MEMBER WELFARE

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

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Charity Day Pairs	(R)	Tuesday 1
Switching Singles (6)	(E)	Thursday 3
Winter Pairs	(R)	Saturday 5
Monthly Shield (6)	(E)	Monday 7
Jovial July	(E)	Mon Evenings
Graded Pairs	(C/P)	Thursdays 10 & 17
Ted Neilsen Memorial Pairs	(P)	Thursday 24
Foundation Cup	(R)	Monday 28

AUGUST

Anniversary Pairs	(R)	Saturday 2
Monthly Shield (7)	(E)	Monday 4
Teams of 3	(C/P)	Friday 8
Auspicious August	(E)	Saturdays 9 to 30
Zelda Overhall Cup	(R)	Tuesday 12
State Open Pairs	(Q/P)	Wednesdays 20 & 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for July to:

Patricia Bowles, Margo Brennan, Kathleen Bromley, June Clarkson, Toni Dixon, Patricia Downes, Helen Eaton, Naomi Flint, Barry Foster, Don Holmes, Robyn Jackson, Rex Joseph, Louis Koolen, Moira Love, James Mansfield-Clark, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Colin Pratt, Joyce Small, Heather Tarrant, Bill Thomson, Ken Townsend, Neryl Tyrrell

(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 -

Margaret Campbell - 4322 4245, Dirk O'Connor (4324 6534)

SMILE A WHILE

The 10th Commandment of Bridge:

Thou shalt not covet thy opponents' Aces, nor their success at making 7NT doubled and redoubled.

Wendy Mitchell Editor