

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



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

**FIRST EVER
WEEKEND
CONGRESS**

Our club conducted mid-week congresses in the '90's, but this is our first weekend congress and it is fast approaching!

Pairs: Saturday Sep 21

Teams: Sunday Sep 22

Parkview Room - Lunch provided
\$40 per player each day

We still need more players! So please enter on-line via the NSWBA website: nswba.com.au Click on Central Coast Leagues Club (right hand side of front page) and then *Make New Entry*.

See the President's Report on Page 5 for more information.

HELPERS NEEDED

Thank you to all that have offered to provide food for morning and

afternoon tea. However, bridge players are notoriously hungry, so more offers would be appreciated.

Sandwiches are being prepared by the Leagues Club catering, but helpers are needed to 'plate' these for each table. This will involve about an hour and a half, from 11am to 1.30pm.

So if you are not playing in the Congress and could give some time on either day that would be great.

For both of the above, contact Ruth Griffin on **0407 854 060**.

VALE JIM HANCOX

11/11/18 - 9/7/19

There was no funeral but the family is holding a memorial on Sunday 8th September, at 12 noon, Terrigal Bowling Club. After celebrating Jim's life there will be a 'wake'. If you are attending please advise Anne Grayden who will pass on the numbers.

RECENT RESULTS

FOUNDATION CUP (R) 7 tables Mon Aug 12

1st	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	60.84%
2nd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	58.28
3rd	Stewart Duxbury & Gary Barwick	58.00%

SWITCHING SINGLES (7) (E) 7 tables Mon Eve Aug 19

1st	Rosanne Ransley & Wendy Mitchell	62.50%
2nd	Richard Carter & Chris Hasemore	61.22%
3rd	Pamela de Lacy & Peter Hall	57.05%

AUSTRALIA WIDE OPEN PAIRS 5.5 tables Mon Aug 30

1st	Leon Babinski & Peter Mackey	66.90%
2nd	Alison Mackey & Di March	60.42%
3rd	Jodie Gudaitis & Colin Speller	57.42%

AUSPICIOUS AUGUST OUTRIGHTS

Only 3 pairs qualified, so only one pair (top half of the field, rounded down) gained points: John Tagg & Joan Brierty 0.25 Mps

MONTHLY SHIELD 4 tables Mon Sep 2

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	57.14%
2nd	Stewart Duxbury & Len Pascoe	54.76%
3rd	Anne Grayden & Paul Unger	54.17%

After 8 sessions the leaders are:

1st	Peter & Dorothy Berzins	91
2nd	Agnes Marsh & Jim Havyatt	64

Three pairs have played the minimum requirement of 6 sessions. Another 3 pairs need to play 1 more session. The remaining 30 pair combinations can no longer qualify for outright awards.

CONGRESSES & FINALS Best Local Players

STATE WIDE PAIRS

Our Club session of this event was played on July 31 and reported in the last Newsletter. The Statewide results are now available on the NSWBA website. 8 of our 18 pairs finished in the top half of 464 pairs. Congratula-

tions to the following:

Names	State Rank
Dorothy Berzins - Di Coats	15
Bob Morris - Gwen White	30
Elizabeth Lawrence - Alfie Nation	57
Marion Ellis - Mei-Hua Crawford	81
Marie Purkiss - Diane Nichols	121
Anne Grayden - Julie Sadler	144
Ursula Middleton - June Ball	173
Pauline Caust - David Howells	182

AUSTRALIA WIDE PAIRS

Last week of August

Most of the results of over 1600 pairs have been submitted.

Congratulations to Central Coast BC visitors who have finished in the top 100. Six pairs finished in the top half. (Note that the final order varies from the local positions because of adjustments for seating direction.)

Rank	Pair	National results		Local results	
		Position	Score	Position	Score
1	Jodie Gudaitis & Colin Speller	58	64.0	3	57.4
2	Leon Babinski & Peter Mackey	112	61.3	1	66.9
3	Gwen White & Bob Morris	247	57.7	4	54.7
4	Dorothy Berzins & Margo Brennan	295	56.8	8	48.4
5	Anne Grayden & Henrietta Hohnen	492	53.9	5	54.2
6	Alison Mackey & Dianne March	747	50.7	2	60.4

CCBC NOVICE CONGRESS**Aug 10 & 11****Swiss Pairs 48 pairs, one field****Categories:** A – Restricted, B – Novice, C – Both < 50Mps, D – Both < 10Mps

- 1st Jurate Laisve & Trish Byrnes
3rd Alan Bustany & Pauline Caust
11th Matt Raj Mal & Pam Townsend
24th Len Pascoe & Agnes Marsh

These 4 pairs were in Category A.

In 30th place were Jann Small & Suzanne Harrison – a great performance which put them at the top of their category (D). They followed this up with 10th overall in the teams (Category B), playing with a CC pair.

Swiss Teams 22 teams**Categories:** A – Restricted, B – Novice, C – team total < 20Mps

- 10th Jann Small, Suzanne Harrison, Jane Stephens, Colin Kleinig
13th Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust, John & Kathy Mitchell

COFFS COAST GOLD CONGRESS**Aug 13 - 18**

- Walk In Pairs 31 tables
Swiss Pairs Intermediate/Restricted 86 pairs
Swiss Teams Intermediate/Restricted 38 teams

Swiss Pairs Open 126 pairs

In the top half were Sharon & Greg Mayo (11th) and Garry & Sally Clarke (32nd).

Other local pairs competing were Shirley & Noel Crockett, Gary Barwick & Helen Milward, Jan Clarke & Di Coats, Colin & Wendy Mitchell, Henrietta Hohnen & Anne Grayden.

Swiss Pairs Open 72 teams

- 21st Gary Barwick, Helen Milward, Noel & Shirley Crockett
40th Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Pauline Evans & partner Jay Faranda

After a less than illustrious performance in the pairs, Anne and Henrietta recovered to gain a very creditable 45th with Alan Bustany and Pauline Caust (who had warmed up in the Int/Rest Pairs), in a very strong field. Better still, they were ‘in the money’ by being the Top Team all under 1000 MPS. Well done!!

TORONTO TEAMS

Aug 25

Director: Alan Bustany **34 teams**

6th Louis Koolen, Barbara Grant, Anne Grayden, Henrietta Hohnen

7th Margo Brennan, Gwen White, Pamela Joseph, Susan McCall

10th Marie Purkiss, Di Nichols, Elizabeth Lawrence, Alfie Nation

BLUE MOUNTAINS Bygone Beautys

Aug 31

Swiss Pairs **34 tables**

N-S field

Noel & Shirley Crockett (5th), Elizabeth Lawrence & Toni Dixon (13th)

E-W field

Garry & Sally Clarke (10th), Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman (13th)

Swiss Teams **32 teams** **Sep 1**

10th Alan Bustany, Chris Hannan, Helen Milward, Di Coats

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We held our Annual General Meeting on 3rd August. There were two motions: the first that the committee publishes its minutes, carried and this has been done, the last approved minutes are on the noticeboard and the website; and the second that Colin Mitchell be made a Life Member, carried unanimously.

Leon Babinski and Toni Dixon stood down from the committee. The rest of the committee was returned unopposed and Henrietta Hohnen joined the committee. In general business, I explained that we would no longer support the Australia Wide Pairs. Also, we would be holding national and state qualifying events on weekends. There was discussion on the need for a social session, as well as a regular restricted session to encourage novice players.

Subsequently, the committee appointed Wendy Mitchell to chair an ad hoc committee to investigate the viability of a: Tuesday morning "Have no fear" session, starting at 9:15; and a monthly Sunday social session.

Toni subsequently rejoined the committee.

Our GNOT Club Qualifying event attracted more teams than last year, however, half the field were not contending and this included four of the top five teams. The Spring ICT was down on the record numbers of the

Summer ICT. The Central Coast Leagues Club had asked us to keep the numbers down, as the Parkview room had been booked by the Event Manager and they had insufficient staff to strike and set up again.

The Inaugural Weekend Congress is filling slowly. So far we do not have the numbers to hold separate Open and Restricted fields. I have also secured Paul Lavings as a sponsor. There will be a bookstall on the two days and he will provide book vouchers for Novice players.

Louis Koolen *President*

TUESDAY RESTRICTED DUPLICATE

It is proposed to introduce this new session if there are enough players.

Restricted to less than 100 Masterpoints, ie rankings Regional and Below, the rules of Masterpointing call this a 'Master' event. For regular green point sessions (Grade E), the Master Factor is x1. In other words full masterpoints will be earned!!!

However, to be viable, at least 3 tables are required. To date the numbers are insufficient, so please contact Wendy Mitchell (**0423 388 529 or wmi20245@bigpond.com**) if you can support this initiative by playing (fairly) regularly on a Tuesday morning.

SOCIAL SUNDAYS

The first of these will be held on *Sunday September 8 at 2pm*.

The format for the first month will be hands played simultaneously, with discussion following each. Bring a plate. Strictly no competition, but a chance to play your favourite game, learn from each other and perhaps form a new partnership!

For planning purposes please advise Pamela de Lacy (0415 288 873) if you are attending.

NEW ABF RANKINGS – AUGUST

Congratulations to:

<i>State</i>	Agnes Marsh	<i>Club</i>	Leonie Lovell
<i>Regional</i>	Peter Hall		Richard Webb
<i>*Local</i>	Pamela de Lacy		

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12 pairs played in five different contracts [5D E(1), 5D W(4), 3NT E(3), 3NT W(3), 6C W(1)] with six different scores -

[NS +50, -400, -420, -460, -520, -920].

I was sitting East playing with Barbara Grant [for only the second time]. As far as I can remember the bidding went something like this :

N	E	S	W	
P	P	P	2C*	* artificial, game force
P	3C**	P	3D***	** positive response with 5+ HCP and 5+ clubs
P	3NT****	P	//	*** long strong diamond suit **** balanced hand with 5 clubs

Opening lead ♥J - made 13 tricks for +520

The only pair to bid a slam were Dorothy Berzins & Di Coats who use the Precision bidding system. The bidding as remembered by Dorothy was :

1C [16+ HCP]	2C [positive response, 5+ clubs]	
4 NT	1 Keycard shown	
6C	//	The opening lead to them was H3.

Club Teacher Wendy Mitchell had this to say:

“West is looking at 4 losers – not strictly a Game Force hand. However if East has one King or preferably two, slam may be a good chance.

One possibility is to open 3NT – Kabel Ace Ask. West has all the Aces, so unsurprisingly East replies 4C (no Ace).

Now 4NT by West asks for Kings: 5C is none, so East has to bid 6C – the ♣K.

Not knowing anything about partner’s shape, West will now bid 6D.

While 6C (West), 6D and 6NT all make, this is only a 25% slam – the club finesse has to work, and ♠K has to be favourably placed.”

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Shield (8)	E	Monday	2
GNOT Qual 3	G/P	Wednesday	4
Inter-Club Teams	R/P 9.30am	Thursday	5
<i>Social Sunday</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8</i>
Spring Pairs	R	Monday Eve	9
Switching Singles (8)	E	Monday Eve	16
UHMP 1		Tuesday	10
UHMP 2		Saturday	14
CCLCBC Congress Pairs		Saturday	21
CCLCBC Congress Teams		Sunday	22
UHMP 3		Monday Eve	23
UHMP 4		Thursday	26

Note: anyone can play in UHMP sessions. However, only players with <100 Mps are eligible to earn red points.

OCTOBER

Henry Kendall Pairs	R	Tuesday	1
UHMP 5		Tuesday	8
UHMP 6		Thursday	10
Club Swiss Pairs	C/P	Fridays	11 & 18
Monthly Shield (9)	E	Monday	14
Graded Pairs	C/P	Mondays	21 & 28
Switching Singles (9)	E	Monday Eve	21
State Open Pairs	R/P	Wednesdays	23 & 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September:

Maureen Bell, Trish Byrnes, Richard Carter, Pauline Caust, Roy Cotton, Pauline Evans, Anne Grayden, Suzanne Harrison, John King, Susan McCall, Peter Mackey, Ursula Middleton, Rosanne Ransley, Carl Sparre, and Ken Townsend.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members: John Aldersley (0419 999 037), Julieanne Perceval (0405 689 943) and Chris Raynor (0405 445 034) and add their numbers to your program.

Colin Mitchell, Editor