

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



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESIDENT
**DOROTHY'S
WELCOME:**

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be your President for 2014/15. Let us hope that we will have a pleasant and a quiet year (quieter at least, than we did in the previous year) now that we are more settled in our new Venue.

Many thanks to Wendy Mitchell for putting out our Newsletter for so long and for helping Trish Dennis get underway. I am very grateful to Trish for her willingness to take on our Newsletter production and hope that you will pass on information to her throughout the year.

Julie Sadler and I attended the CCLC Internal Club's Meeting on Thursday 21 August at 6.30pm.

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Déjà Vu. On the road again.

On Thursday 4th Sept Dorothy was advised by the CCLC that the Bridge Club needs to be moved again - this time back into the main building. It appears that the Church who has leased the Community Centre wants to make bigger structural alterations which means pulling down walls etc.

This is disappointing news after all the hard work of our committee and members over the past 12 months. On the positive side we may be able to fit more tables than at present and we will have a slightly larger office space and kitchenette area.

Dorothy has a meeting on Wednesday with John Keene and Geoff Miller so will keep you posted.

RECENT RESULTS**Congratulations to all****ANNIVERSARY PAIRS****12.5 tables****Saturday Aug 2**

1 st	Wendy Mitchell & Ronnie Ng	67.0 %
eq 2 nd	Adele Mills & Dorothy Berzins	57.5
eq 2 nd	Marie Purkiss & Patricia Bowles	57.5

MONTHLY SHIELD (7)**8.5 tables****Monday Aug 4**

1 st	Paul Unger & Marion Ellis	60.1 %
2 nd	Leonard Pratt & Alan Bustany	58.6
3 rd	Marie Purkiss & Patricia Bowles	58.5

SWITCHING SINGLES (7)**2.5 tables****Thursday Aug 7**

1 st	Gary Heyting & Dorothy Berzins	62.5 %
2 nd	Matt Blackham & Leyla Moncelet	55.0
3 rd	Rosalie Watson & Bob Verduin	52.1

TEAMS OF THREE**10 teams****Friday Aug 8**

1 st	Bill Thompson (c), Paul Unger, Tem Lancaster, Marion Ellis
2 nd	Phil Morris (c), Kathleen Bromley, Margot Williams, David Driscoll
3 rd	Adele Mills (c), Claire O'Connor, Pam Harris, Elaine McGorm

ZELDA OVERHALL CUP**4 tables****Tuesday Aug 12**

1 st	Marie Purkiss & Di Nichols	64.9 %
2 nd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	63.7
3 rd	Paul Unger & Tem Lancaster	59.5

STATE OPEN PAIRS (1 & 2)**10.5 tables****Wed Aug. 20, 27***North-South**East-West*

1 st	Adele Mills & Nancy Joss	Diana Coats & Dorothy Berzins
2 st	Gary Heyting & Peter Berzins	Bob & Vicky Morris
3 rd	Colin & Wendy Mitchell	Bruce Branthwaite & Mei-Hua

Crawford

AUSPICIOUS AUGUST – Eleven pairs played at least twice.

Outright award masterpoints go to the top five: Dorothy Berzins & Nancye Joss (1st), Wendy & Colin Mitchell (2nd), Jacqui Wilson & Gwen White (3rd), Peter Berzins & Nancye Joss (4th) and Leyla Moncelet & Anne Grayden (5th)

CONGRESSES

Best Local Players

GNOT CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL FINAL August 24

Eight teams, including 3 representing CCLCBC, competed to represent the Central Coast at the GNOT final in Tweed Heads starting November 28.

Beating more favoured teams for this honour was our team of David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Colin Mitchell, Alan Bustany and Len Pratt.



WELL DONE!!

MOREE PAIRS

August 9 & 10

Last year Colin and I joined the group of Sydney friends and Central Coast players that attend this friendly event. This year we repeated the experience, taking the caravan and staying at Coolah (very *cool*) on the way, and at Gulargambone (many *galahs*) on the way back. In Moree's large caravan park we tested the hot springs - 5 different pools at different temperatures.

14 tables played 2 qualifying sessions on the Saturday, followed by a 5-table Final and 9-table Plate on the Sunday. David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt came 4th in the final and the Dougall's 8th. Our Sydney friends were 1st, 2nd and 6th. After some bad bridge the first day we recovered slightly to come 5th in the Plate, with Jack & Lorraine Lindsay 9th and Lorraine's brother Bernie Davidson 7th.

The Moree connection is through Antoinette Rees (first in the final) who grew up there. Her mother (third in the final) still lives above the family department store, *Assefs*. This store alone is a good reason to visit Moree!!

Wendy Mitchell

COFFS COAST GOLD CONGRESS

August 13-17

A number of Central Coast players competed in this big event of Pairs (126 Open and 78 Restricted) and Teams (76 Open and 32 Restricted). Best performed were Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley & Martin Johnson earning 4th in the Restricted Teams and Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen with 56th in the Open Pairs.

NEW ABF RANKINGS AUGUST- Congratulations to:

Gold Life Sylvia Foster *National Jenny Buckley
National Molly O'Neill

CARDS RATINGS - MOST IMPROVED - AUGUST

Bill Thomson	0.93
Rosalie Watson	0.83
Marie Purkiss	0.78
Tem Lancaster	0.76
Gary Heyting	0.76
David Driscoll	1.36

Wendy Mitchell	0.70
Leon Babinski	0.69
Paul Unger	0.63
Leyla Moncelet	0.62
Agnes Marsh	0.53
Patricia Bowles	0.51

NEW MASTERPOINT SCHEME FOR MAJOR EVENTS

The current scheme favours teams events over pairs, and the winners in pairs events receive 'the lion's share'. The following alternative method of masterpointing Congresses, State and National matchpoint duplicate events has been introduced, effective from **October 1st 2014**:

For a session score in excess of 45%, a player will receive

$$[2 * (\textit{percentage} - 45.00, \textit{rounded down}) * W] / 100$$

(*W is the Masterpoint Weighting for the competition*)

This is much closer to the teams approach, since pairs will get masterpoints based on their score, rather than their placing. Further, if they get 46% or more, they will be guaranteed of some reward for their efforts. Final placing awards will remain the same, and continue to go to the top half of the field, rounded down.

The new system is **optional**, with competition convenors having the option of continuing to follow the old methods. It will not have any effect on your normal club matchpoint duplicate red and green point events, nor on any interclub matchpoint events you are involved in.

For examples, see July Newsletter at www.abfmasterpoints.com.au

Wendy Mitchell, MP Secretary

COMMITTEE CAPERS:

Your new Committee held their first meeting on Monday 18 August. The only member not present was Rosanne Ransley who is still swanning around Europe. However, Rosanne will be back soon and we will seriously put her to work-jealousy is a curse!

At the meeting various tasks were allocated to the following:-

Julie Sadler, as well as being Secretary, is also our Welfare person. So if you hear of any members who are unwell, or in need of our thoughts, please let Julie know. **Rosanne** is of course our Social Organiser and I am sure she will continue to surprise us at our Special Events. **Ruth Griffin** will help **Lyn Lynch**, as Assistant Treasurer and I am sure they will also help Rosanne as they have done in the past with those special effects – who can forget the little door prize “doors” on Charity Day or the Autumn leaves decorations on Presentation Day.

David Bowerman will take on the role of Web Master. This complicated and onerous duty has been carried out by Colin Mitchell for many years and Colin will be stepping down from 1st September 2014. This will continue to be a very important role this year as the NBN rollout will impact on our Computer and email. **Diana Coats** is still responsible for organising our standbys and has also been appointed as our “Purchasing Officer” otherwise known as the biscuit lady. Di will take care of all your tea and coffee needs so feed back to her, if you think something is getting low. **Leon Babinski** will continue doing his wonderful job as Equipment Officer cum handy person and **Di March** will continue as our Tournament Organiser. Actually, I do not seem to have a job, so that should be easy.

A big thank you also to **Gwen White**, who has agreed to continue as our Recorder, to **Peter Berzins** who continues as Chief Director and to **Wendy Mitchell** who has kindly offered to continue reporting our master points to the ABF.

Our next Committee meeting will be held on Friday 12 September so feel free to offer suggestions or to raise issues you would like considered by way of our Suggestion Box or by contacting a Committee Member.

Dorothy Berzins, President

TEAMS OF THREE REPORT:-

This event was held on Friday 8 August with 10 Teams taking part. Each group of three players making up the Team had to have less than 500 master points in total while the Captains were experienced players who were invited to take part.

The Captains names were drawn out of a hat (literally – a green and gold Aussie hat) for each team. The day saw many interesting contracts and was a good learning experience for most players. Bill Thompson (one of our Life Members) was the winning Captain and his Team comprised Tem Lancaster, Paul Unger and Marion Ellis.



L to R: Marion Ellis, Bill Thomson, Tem Lancaster



The day was very pleasant with delicious cakes baked by Carol Judd and Nancye Joss.

A tasty cheese and fruit platter and orange juice was also served with afternoon tea.

Well done to all.



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In the quarterly report from the Bridge Club I included details about our AGM, our very successful Charity Day and the Ted Neilsen Trophy Day. The feeling from the meeting was that the Leagues Club is recovering from a bad patch. Many of the Internal Clubs have been suffering a loss of members with so much upheaval over the past year and everyone is keen to foster membership growth.

On Wednesday 20 August we commenced the first of three Supervised play sessions for the 12 beginners I have been teaching for the past 11 weeks. I would sincerely like to thank those ten experienced players who came back to the Club (most having played all afternoon) to partner a student for 2 hours.

We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated members – thank you Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Diana Coats, Alan Raward, Anne Grayden, Leyla Moncellet, Gary Heyting, Dianne March, Matt Raj Mal and Peter Berzins, Denise Collister and Robyn Henwood and players such as Phil Morris who are in reserve. The students and I certainly appreciated your help.

Dorothy with nine of the recent Beginners' Course graduates.

Please make them welcome when they play.



APOLOGY Last month I incorrectly named the Director for Charity Day. This was **Matt Raj Mal**. Sorry Matt for my mental aberration.

Wendy Mitchell

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Gosford Pairs	(R)	Monday 8
Intra-Clubs Teams (2)	(R/P)	Thursday 11 9.30 start
Henry Kendall Pairs	(R)	Friday 26

OCTOBER

Switching Singles (9)	(E)	Thursday 2
Spring Pairs	(R)	Thursday 9
Monthly Shield (9)	(E)	Monday 13
Club Restricted Teams	(C/P) 1&2	Tuesday 21 (all day)
Presidents Cup	(R)	Wednesday 29
Pot Luck Teams	(E)	Thursday 30

INAUGURAL NOVICE CONGRESS CCBC - Sep 13 & 14

A great chance to earn Red points (B3) for Swiss Pairs on Saturday and Novice Teams on Sunday. What do you need ?

Less than 35 masterpoints and the desire for a new experience.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for September to:-

Patricia Birch, Elizabeth Cree, Anne Grayden, Joan Lehane, Susan McCall, Ursula Middleton, Heather Milne, Enid Pauling, Rosanne Ransley, Helen Smith, Pam Townsend, Bob Verduin, Lorraine Bignall, Marianna Xerri, Brandon Zheng.

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

The Ethics page of the NSWBA website contains many words of wisdom. "We all play bridge because we love it. Help make the game fun for everyone by observing a few simple proprieties that make bridge fair and enjoyable."

Our Recorder, Gwen, has agreed to share these pearls of wisdom in our newsletter. September's quote is "*Be pleasant to the opponents (and partner). Welcome new opponents to your table. Don't conduct lengthy post-mortems.*"

Trish Dennis / Wendy Mitchell