

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



**NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2014**

**MELBOURNE  
CUP DAY**

was a huge success with 20.5 tables of Bridge playing from 10.00am until 1.30pm. A magnificent Buffet lunch of prawns and smoked salmon, cold chicken, cold roast beef and wonderful salad dishes was then enjoyed by all. Judy Fenton and Mary Pye made some gluten free and vegetarian dishes to cater for special needs.

As usual our Social Sub Committee of Rosanne Ransley, Ruth Griffin, Lyn Lynch and Claire O'Connor did a wonderful job. The room was decorated with a blue theme with fairy lights and hand made paper creations. Blue iced cup cakes and brownies with blue icing continued the theme.

The tables were resplendent with beautifully cut out horses bearing the names of past winners of the

Melbourne Cup, which were used to establish our lucky door winners. Blue and white orchids added the finishing touch.

Claire organised the Sweeps with help from Bob Morris and Gwen White, using large stubs complete with a photo of the horse in question and his jockey - a very clever innovation for this year.

Rosanne entertained us with information about the Melbourne Cup before arranging for our American Visitors, Jill and Richard Ritter to judge the best dressed woman and the best (hatted) male. To everyone's agreement, Marion Ellis was selected as our best dressed woman while Robert Watkins' hat was a definite winner.

Matt Raj Mal directed the day and organised for the two sections to play the same boards.

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## RECENT RESULTS

## Congratulations to all

### SWITCHING SINGLES (9)

5.5 tables

Thursday Oct 2

1st	Trish Dennis & Dorothy Berzins	62.0%
2nd	Paul Unger & Bob Verduin	60.7%
3rd	Dawn McCorquodale & Mary Pye	55.2%

### MONTHLY SHIELD (9)

8 tables

Monday Oct 13

1st	Robert Watkins & Bruce Branthwaite	69.0%
2nd	Bob Morris & Vicky Morris	58.5%
3rd	Peter Berzins & Dorothy Berzins	54.9%

### SPRING PAIRS

8 tables

Thursday Oct 9

1st	Bruce Branthwaite & Jacqui Wilson	59.6%
2nd	Bob Morris & Gwen White	58.5%
3rd	Daphne Montague & Alison Heathcote	57.1%

### CLUB RESTRICTED TEAMS 1&2

5 tables

Tuesday Oct 21

1st	Rosanne Ransley, Lyn Lynch, Robyn Henwood, Denise Collister
2nd	Robyn Ivers, Agnes Marsh, Marion Ellis, Mary Pye
3rd	Alison Heathcote, Daphne Montague, Di March, Alan Bustany

### PRESIDENTS CUP

12 tables

Wednesday Oct 29

1st	Dorothy Berzins & Diana Coats	62.7%
2nd	Matt Raj Mal & Peter Hall	59.8%
3rd	Claire O'Connor & Pam Harris	57.0%

### POT LUCK TEAMS

6 tables

Thursday Oct 30

1st	Lucy Julebin, Mary Pye, Lynette Lynch, Rosanne Ransley
2nd	Joan Brierty, Marion Ellis, Denise Collister, Robyn Henwood
3rd	Nancy Marchant, Nilima Pant, Matt Raj Mal, George Boettiger

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As a result masterpoints were earned in both sections. Well done to our winners:-

**Section A North/South**

1st David Bowerman & Dasha Brandt 64.0%

**East/West**

1st Gwen White & Bob Morris 66.3%

**Section B North/South**

1st Adele Mills & Nancye Joss 76.2%

**East/West**

1st Lyn Lynch & Lyn Baber 58.8%



**LONG TIME FRIENDS . . . . .**

After 25 years of playing bridge together every Wednesday at our club, Anne Weir (*left*) and Lyla Cross (*right*) have had to 'call it a day'.

Something to admire is that they said they have enjoyed every day and never had a cross word spoken to them.

Perhaps this is because they were a lovely pair to play against and will be missed.

**CARDS RATINGS -**

**MOST IMPROVED:**

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

Bruce Branthwaite	2.01
Marie Purkiss	1.54
Wendy Mitchell	1.23
Bob Morris	1.16
Matt Raj Mal	1.11
Patricia Bowles	1.01
Mei-hua Crawford	0.98
Ron Moller	0.89
Daphne Montague	0.88
Elaine McGorm	0.87

Vicky Morris	0.82
Margaret Berriman	0.80
Cheryl Davison	0.79
Lyn Lynch	0.79
Heather Tarrant	0.77
Ronnie Ng	0.72
Robert Watkins	0.62
Pam Harris	0.55
Janice Macadie	0.54
Allan Raward	0.53

## MELBOURNE CUP DAY MEMORIES



‘Bookies’ Bob Morris, Gwen White & Claire O’Connor

Winner of our Best Dressed Lady - Marion Ellis





Best Boy's Hat winner:  
Robert Watkins with Bruce  
Branthwaite wearing Robert's  
other creation.



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

Gold Life	Barbara Grant	Club	Mary Pye
**Local	Gary Barwick	Club	Robert Watkins
Local	John Adams	Graduate	Cheryl Davison
		Graduate	Wendy Potts

## **State Open Pairs + Country Pairs Final**

Was held in Sydney on 18th & 19th October .

The Central Coast was well represented with at least 10 pairs competing. Wendy & Colin Mitchell, Diana Coats & Dorothy Berzins, Alan Bustany & Jurate Petrauskas, Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant, Peter Berzins & Gary Heyting, Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa, Christine Hadaway & Judy Smythe, Susan McCall & Beryl Joseph, Barry Foster & Hope Tomlinson and Stewart Duxbury & Peter Johnman.

After two qualifying rounds Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa, Wendy & Colin Mitchell qualified 5th and 6th respectively, which was good enough to make the final, however, as Sylvia & Jaan had opted to play in the Country Final, their place in the State Open final was taken by another CC Pair, Stewart Duxbury & Peter Johnman.

Stewart & Peter went on to come third in the Open Final while Wendy & Colin came 13th.

Six pairs from the Central Coast then made the Country Final - Sylvia & Jaan, Diana & Dorothy, Peter & Gary, Christine & Judy, Hope & Barry and Susan & Beryl. Sylvia Foster & Jaan Oitmaa were successful by coming 2nd.

**Well done to all.**

The Country Final was won by Larry Bryant & Roy Low from Newcastle. We can be a bit parochial here because Larry Bryant is an old member of the CCLC Bridge Club and was Dorothy's partner in the 1980's.

## **COMMITTEE CAPERS:**

Gradually the new Venue is taking shape and the cleaning of the room has improved.

We are still endeavouring to improve the air-conditioning function so that we are not freezing nor boiling. We hope to have some fans attached to the walls this month but in the meantime are using the fans balanced in buckets. The fans are structured to be attached to a wall and are not balanced to stand upright on their own.

Thank you to Judy Fenton and Elizabeth Lawrence who have donated shawls and “throws” in case we end up back in the Antarctic as we did one Saturday.

It is good to see Leon back after a great holiday. Leon has started to set up the office area to provide better use of the space for storage and the use of the computer and dealing machine.

During this month the Committee decided to initiate Supervised Playing sessions on Wednesday evenings to support newer players who wanted the opportunity to discuss their play of the hands.

These session commenced on Wednesday 22 October when we had 5 “newbies” and continued on 29th October when we had 8 newer players. George Boettiger kindly agreed to start these up with help from Gary Heyting.

George, Gary and I were available to make up the playing numbers for the first week. Gary had agreed to run these sessions when George is away. At this point we will run the sessions for a 6 week trial. If anyone is interested in helping with these sessions please let me know.

Thank you to June Clarkson for donating covers and plastic protectors for our long table and for donating the material and making 5 new playing table covers. We would also like to thank Marion Ellis for the wonderful Ken Duncan photograph which she has donated for our enjoyment. I am always in awe of our wonderful members and their generosity.

**Dorothy Berzins, President**

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Switching Singles (10)	(E)	Thursday 6
Remembrance Day Pairs	(R)	Tuesday 11
Club Teams (1)	(C/P)	Wednesday 12
Club Teams (2)	(C/P)	Wednesday 19
Club Teams (3)	(C/P)	Wednesday 26

### DECEMBER

Christmas Pairs	(R)	Wednesday 3
Dashing December	Eclectic	Tuesdays 2,9,16,23,30
(best 3 out of 5)		

There will be **NO BRIDGE** sessions on Wednesday 24, Thursday 25  
Friday 26, Wednesday 31

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for November to:-

Wendy Alford, Nancy Asquith, Denise Collister, Mei-Hua Crawford,  
Betty Donnelly, Helen Ferguson, Jim Hancox, David Howells, John Le-  
hane, Margaret Moorhouse, Ronnie Ng, Janette Norrie, Molly O'Neill,  
Wendy Stapleton.

### CENTRAL COAST FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE: November 21-23

Please book sessions with Wendy by 14th - 4340 4870 or 0423 388 529  
See Notice Board for details of clinics, workshops and play.

#### RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

***PLAY TOUGH, BE COMPETITIVE, BUT BE A GOOD SPORT.***

#### ***SLOW PLAYERS***

***make an effort to catch up;***

***Its not fair to use more than your share of the clock, and finishing  
late disrupts the schedule.***

***Claim if it's clear.***

*Trish Dennis*

*Editor*