



# Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



## NEWSLETTER

January 2017

**VALE: BILL THOMSON**

Life Member and a founder of the CCLCBC

Bill's daughter Cathy advised that Bill passed away on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Bill Thomson first approached the Central Coast Leagues Club in 1987, in the hope that a local Bridge Club could be formed in the Gosford Area. Without a venue in Gosford, players would have to travel south to Brisbane Water or north to Long Jetty. Bill arranged an appointment with the Manager of the CCLC and, after a series of discussions, organised the first meeting of interested players in June 1987.

Bill was the Inaugural Vice President on the interim Committee formed on 29 August 1987. He served on the Committee for 15 years, being President on two occasions, Vice President on two occasions, Secretary for 5 years (one of the tougher jobs), Treasurer for 5 years and Committee person for 1 year. Bill also directed for at least 15 years and most of that time the Directors were totally voluntary. Bill was also a Congress Director and introduced many midweek Congresses at the Leagues Club.

Bill was always willing to promote the Bridge Club and regularly attended meetings with the other Internal Clubs and contributed to the Leagues Club Newsletters. He had a great rapport with the Management of the Leagues Club and had regular contact with the Manager and the Secretary. Every year the Bridge Club grew in recognition and was well supported by the Leagues Club.

Bill established many of the privileges we rather take for granted now such as our presentation dinners and trophies and special events such as our Melbourne Cup Day. In addition he was instrumental in organising the Perpetual Trophies which we present each year. During the first 10 years the Club Sessions grew from Monday night and Thursday daytime to 7 sessions per week.

Between 1987 and 1996 the CCLCBC grew to be one of the largest Bridge Clubs in NSW and the 23<sup>rd</sup> largest Club in Australia, with more than 422 members. I think this highlights the dedication of Bill and our other Bridge Club pioneers at that time.



At the AGM in 2012 Bill was made a Life Member of the CCLC Bridge Club in appreciation of his work on behalf of the Club. While all our voluntary committee members work very hard to run our club, we recognise the extra time and effort that was needed by those who set up the Club and started with not even a pack of cards.

Bill was also highly regarded for his pleasant, no fuss manner. This is not always easy considering the strong feelings that bridge often engenders. Being a Director as well as a frequent Committee person over the past 30 years required a firm hand in a velvet glove and Bill did this to perfection.

Bill also played in, and won, many of our Club events (see below). Bill played with many different players but most frequently with Jack Rushbrook, Bill Pinfold and Peter Berzins.

He and Peter also played golf together many years ago and as a friend he was hard to beat. We will miss him very much. Our sympathy goes out to Bill's wife Heather, his sons Robert and David and his daughter Cathy.

Dorothy & Peter Berzins

16 January 2017



Bill Pinfold, Colin Mitchell, Peter Berzins and Bill Thomson with Lorraine Lindsay (Harkness) and Dorothy Berzins (MacLean)

## BILL THOMSON'S TROPHY WINS

EVENT	TYPE	YEAR	PLAYED WITH
<b>Club Ch'ship</b>	Teams	1990	Colin & Josie Mitchell, L & R Harkness
	Club Teams	1991	Peter & Dorothy Berzins, Irma Heyting
	Club Teams	2013	Bill Pinfold, Adele Mills, Dorothy Berzins
<b>Club Ch'ship</b>	Swiss Pairs	2013	Bill Pinfold
	Graded Pairs A	1992	Jack Rushbrook
	Graded Pairs A	1993	Bill Pinfold
	Monthly Shield	1997	Jack Rushbrook



<b>Trophy Events</b>	Teams of Three	2014	Paul Unger, Tem Lancaster, Marion Ellis
	Teams of Three	2016	Daphne Montague, Nola Daly, Alison Heathcote
	Summer Pairs	1990	Peter Berzins
	Foundation Cup	2000	Kath Crane
	Autumn Pairs	2001	Jack Rushbrook
	New Year Cup	1988	Carol McKellar
	New Year Cup	1991	Phil Roche
	New Year Cup	1992	Peter Berzins
	Gosford Pairs	1993	Bill Pinfold
<b>Special Events</b>	Henry Kendall Prs	2006	Peter Berzins
	Charity Day Pairs	1997	Jack Rushbrook
	Charity Day Pairs	2016	Peter Berzins (North/South)
	Christmas Pairs	1994	Jack Rushbrook

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello everybody and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sadly the year did not begin well with the death of our friend, long term player and Life member Bill Thompson. We will all miss his cheery demeanour and helpful attitude at the bridge table, as will his many friends from the community, teaching fraternity, Volunteer Fire Brigade and his sailing society.

I also report the sad loss of Dr Ross Thompson, husband of our friend June. I'm sure she will have support from the bridge community in the months to come.

We're hoping for an enjoyable, competitive year ahead. It certainly will be busy. The Leagues Club has informed us that we can not have the Parkview room on the days designated, in our calendar, for either our March Intra Club Teams Day or our Charity Day. Changed dates for these events are still to be confirmed.

Lastly, do not forget our Monthly Shield is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, beginning February 6. The competition is open to all members of any Central Coast club. The requirements are simple ie you play with the same partner on at least 6 of those 10 special Mondays. The winner is calculated on your best 6 results.

Have fun.

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## PROGRAM CORRECTIONS

Bugger

BWBC GNOT Qualifying is	March 17 & 18	not March 10 & 17
Intra Club Teams Day is on	Thursday April 6	not March 2
Charity Day Pairs is on	Thursday June 22	not June 20



**COMING EVENTS AT CCLCBC**

KEY (C) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (E) ECLECTIC (G) GOLD POINT (P) PRE-ENTRY (Q) QUALIFYING SESSION (R) RED POINT

6 February	Monday	Monthly Shield 1 (E)
14 February	Tuesday	Valentine's Day Pairs (R)
20 February	Monday (night)	Switching Singles (E)

**UPCOMING EVENTS ELSEWHERE**

2, 9 & 16 February	Thursdays	CCBC Country Teams
4 February	Saturday	CCBC State Mixed Pairs Qualifying
5 February	Sunday	NSWBA WITS Swiss Pairs Congress
11-12 February	Saturday	Great Lakes Teams Congress
12 February	Sunday	Trumps Bridge Centre Summer Teams
12 February	Sunday	Canberra Bridge Club Valentines' Day Congress
18-25 February	Saturday	Gold Coast Congress

**MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2017**

75% of our 2016 members have now rejoined the club for 2017. Membership stands at 168 (101 Home, 67 Associate) including 5 new members. At this point there are 31 Home and 24 Associate members who have not yet paid but may be expected to rejoin. Visitor's table fees will apply to the latter from February 1.

**NEW ABF RANKINGS - DECEMBER**

Congratulations to

**Local	Trish Byrnes		*Local	Jack Cain
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For the full calendar year a total of 37 of our members were promoted at least one rank – well done!

**NEW & OLD FRIENDS** please welcome and add to your Program

David Snow	(9985 7621)	Cathy Russell	(0411 564 439)
Carl Sparre	(0427 200 275)		

In your program please delete the mobile number for Jennifer Clarke

**FROM THE MASTERPOINT SECRETARY**

On the ABF Masterpoint site you can check out the top 50 *Most Improved* players in our club for 2016. The first 5 of these were David Snow, Martin Johnson, Alan Bustany, Nola Daly and Stephen Calcroft.

You may also wish to look at the 50 club players who earned the most masterpoints in 2016. The top 5 of these were Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo, Chris Williams, Di Coats



and Helen Milward. The ABF's McCutcheon Trophy is awarded to the player earning the most masterpoints in the calendar year. While no local players made the National list, a feather in the cap to those who were placed in the top 10 in the State:

Gold Life	Sylvia Foster	9th
Bronze Life	Martin Johnson	5th
	Hope Tomlinson	8th
	Barry Foster	9th
Regional	Nola Daly	9th
Graduate	Steve Calcroft	5th

Our best performed players in the different categories were:

Silver Grand +	Sharon Mayo	State	Alan Bustany
Grand	Chris Williams	*Regional	Claire O'Connor
Gold Life	Sylvia Foster	Regional	Nola Daly
Silver Life	Janet Clarke	**Local	Jim Hancox
Bronze Life	Martin Johnson	*Local	Kathleen Bromley
Life	Jaana Oitmaa	Local	Trish Byrnes
*National	David Snow	Club	David Howells
National	John Duncan	Graduate	Stephen Calcroft
*State	Jurate Laisve	Nil	Carol Godfrey

The NSWBA has announced the **2016 Congress Player of the Year** for masterpoints earned at NSWBA sponsored congresses. In the Intermediate category (<750MPs) three local players are listed – Jaana Oitmaa (7th), Janet Clarke (19th) and Barry Foster (20th). In 2013 Kaylee Lemon won this category and Ronnie Ng won the Restricted (<300MPs). The event began in 2012 when Ronnie won the Novice category (<100MPs). So come on Congress aficionados – there is fame as well as MP fortune to be won by playing in congresses!

The full results for the **UHMP** (Under 100 masterpoints) final held in November are available on the NSWBA website. They show a total of 223 pairs competed at 17 venues across the State. After handicapping, our best performing players were Cathy Russell & Lynne Rainford (11th), and Ro & Tony Ransley (53rd).

*Wendy Mitchell*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

in January to



Peter Berzins, Janice Bowyer, Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, Jan Davis, Ruth Griffin, Barbara Hogan, Martin Johnson, Carol Judd, Ian Lincoln, Leonard Pratt, Matt Raj Mal, Tony Ransley, Sylvia Robb, George Shina, John Tagg, Ed Vaughan, Robin Vaughan, Anne Whatmore

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY**



**RECENT RESULTS**

Congratulations to all

**DASHING DECEMBER** (16 pairs)

30 December

RANK	PLAYERS	Masterpoints
1	Nancye Joss & Lorraine Lindsay	1.03
2	Dorothy Berzins & Margo Brennan	0.72
3	Adele Mills & Stewart Duxbury	0.52

**NEW YEAR CUP** (18 pairs)

4 January

RANK	PLAYERS	Masterpoints
1	Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols	0.90
2	Helen Gulliver & Toni Dixon	0.63
3	Jaqui Wilson & Trish Dennis	0.45

**SATURDAY SUMMER PAIRS** (13 pairs)

21 January

RANK	PLAYERS	Masterpoints
1	Barry Foster & Jenny Buckley	0.70
2	Alfie Nation & Elizabeth Lawrence	0.49
3	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon	0.34

**AUSTRALIA DAY PAIRS** (15 pairs)

26 January

RANK	PLAYERS	Masterpoints
1	Carol Judd & Anne Grayden	0.80
2	Dianne March & Alison Mackey	0.56
3	Marie Purkiss & Elizabeth Lawrence	0.34

**OTHER EVENTS** congratulations to local players contesting these events**CANBERRA**

10 – 17 January

EVENT	TEAMS/PAIRS WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	RANK
Warm up Pairs Sect. A–8 prs) Sect. B–13 prs)	Michael Johnston & Lorraine Lindsey (N-S Section B)	8
	Alan Bustany & Bernard Davidson (N-S Section A)	4
National Women's Team Championship (24 teams)	Margaret Foster, Roslyn Howes, Janet Clarke, Di Coats	10
National Seniors Team Championship (34 teams)	Michael Johnston, Lorraine Lindsey, Rosalie Broughton, Ken Wilks	24





National Plum Life Masters Team Championship (30 teams)	Glen Campbell, Norman Berger, Gary Heyting, Stephanie Mathews	12
	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, David Snow, Martin Johnson	15
	Jacqueline Wilson, Alfie Nation, Alan Hamilton, June Glenn	24
National Novice Team Ch'ship (12 teams)	Alan Bustany, Bernard Davidson, Rowan Bergin, Judy Macklow	3
TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs Ch'ship (228 pairs)	Martin Johnson & David Snow	146
	Di Coats & Lorraine Lindsay	152
	Sylvia Foster Jaan Oitmaa	176
	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	184
	Barbara Grant & Louis Koolen	214
Novice Swiss Pairs Ch'ship (32 pairs)	Bernard Davidson & Alan Bustany	22
South-west Pacific Teams Championship (126 teams)	Di Coats, Janet Clarke, Lorraine Lindsay, Helen Milward	97
	Wendy Mitchell, Colin Webb, Gayle Webb, Colin Mitchell	104

## APPEALS

CCLCBC conducts its events under the Tournament Regulations of the New South Wales Bridge Association (NSWBA). In practice, this means that if you and your partner feel compelled to appeal a decision of a Tournament Director (TD), you are appealing to the Appeals Committee of NSWBA, which provides the following advice on the process on their website.

### REGULATIONS FOR APPEALS

EVENT		DESCRIPTION / ACTION
1.	An infraction occurs at the table and the TD is called	This may involve such things as an insufficient bid, lead out of turn etc. but the most common subjects that may lead to an appeal are misinformation, mis-explanation, breaks in tempo and issues following from them.
2.	The TD ascertains the facts and makes a ruling.	This ruling will generally be based on Bridge Law and the decision will usually protect the non-offending side. In some cases the facts may be disputed or be somewhat grey and the TD will interpret and rule as best they can in these circumstances.
3.	Either pair may appeal the ruling OR the TD may instruct a pair to appeal	Each pair has the right to appeal the director's ruling. It is recommended that before making an appeal, the opinion of a designated "Appeals Advisor" be sought. The list of designated Appeals Advisors is posted on the notice board. If an Appeals Advisor is not present you may contact a member of council who might recommend a suitable person to advise you.





4.	The appellants advise TD of their intention to appeal.	Once the decision has been made to appeal, the TD should be informed. He will then issue the appeals form.
5.	The appeals form is completed.	There are three sections to be completed. These should be done in the order of 1) the appellants 2) the respondents 3) the TD. Before the appeal is heard, the director will supply each pair and each member of the Appeals Committee with a completed copy of the appeals form.
6.	The TD advises the Appeals Coordinator (AC) of the appeal.	The AC will convene a panel of not less than three suitable people to hear the appeal, one of whom shall Chair the appeal. After consultation with all relevant parties, the AC will advise both pairs when the appeal will be held. As a general rule the appeal will be heard directly before the next session.
7.	The appeal is heard.	The following steps will occur during the appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chair will introduce all parties and outline the procedure</li><li>• The TD will explain their ruling</li><li>• The appellants will be allowed to present their case</li><li>• The respondents will be given the same opportunity</li><li>• Members of the appeals committee may ask questions</li><li>• The players leave and the committee makes a decision</li></ul>
8.	The decision and reason for the decision are written on the appeals form.	The TD will be given the form and will then advise both pairs of the decision. The appeals process is an integral part of the game of Bridge and is designed to give players an opportunity to state their case in reference to an irregularity. As with all rulings it is rarely possible for both pairs to be completely satisfied with the outcome and players are asked to accept the decision in a sporting manner.

Reviewing the ABF Appeals Reports makes interesting reading. In summary, the 28 Appeals listed on the website range from December 1998 to May 2015. The reasons for the Appeals are divided into the irregularities listed in the adjacent table. A 'break in tempo' is clearly the basis for most alleged infractions.

There is no right of appeal from any decision of an Appeals Committee, where duly constituted and conducted in accordance with the Regulations.

APPEALS		TD'S RULING UPHELD	TD'S RULING ADJUSTED
ALLEGED IRREGULARITY	NO.		
Unauthorized information	1		1
Break in tempo	12	7	5
Defective claim	1	1	
Mistaken information	2	1	1
Logical alternative, hesitation	3	2	1
Logical alternative, UI	3	3	
Failure to alert, UI	1	1	
Failure to alert	3	2	1
Insufficient bid, UI	1	1	
Misinformation	1		1

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