



Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

December 2015
/ January 2016

2015 REVIEW IN BRIEF

Unfortunately we lost three wonderful members this year, Margot Williams in late December 2014, Trish Bowles in July and Dirk O'Connor in December 2015. It is always hard to say goodbye but know that our memories will always keep them with us.

Two of our Members turned 90 this year (who were prepared to tell us) so congratulations again to Leyla Moncelet and to Tem Lancaster.

This year was the 15th anniversary of the running of our Intra Club Teams event and we saw two of the original Presidents who set it up in attendance.

Brisbane Water BC made a wonderful gift to us of their spare wireless microphone, which was gratefully received. Thank you so much.

Our table numbers increased slightly so that we can now reinstate the Valentine Day Pairs as a Red Point Event.

During the year we retained the Ted Neilsen Trophy after a wonderful Day with the Aces Club.

We purchased 6 more Bridgemates such that we can independently run our bigger events.

We lost Leyla as a Director (also see page 2) but gained Julie Sadler so thanks so much to both of them

Happy New Year to all our players

Dorothy Berzins, President

Members can look up club reports, such as Top 50 this year and all time, Most Improved this year, Filtered McCutcheons, etc. Go to abfmasterpoints.com.au, then select Reporting – Club Reports – 2-036 and/or search by Player name, ABF Number, Club or Event.



**2016 MEMBERSHIP**

Due by 31 January

2016 Membership fees are now due and must be paid no later than 31 January 2016. Fees remain the same as last year:

Home Club Member (we send \$24 to NSWBA & ABF)	\$31
Associate Member	\$7

Collect your reminder letter from the club. When you are ready to pay, place the letter and cheque or cash in an envelope (provided) and give to a committee member or the Director.

If time permits you will receive your receipt and change (if any) the same day, otherwise, look for your receipt in the alphabetical file.

Approximately 60% of members have paid their fees. Reminders have been sent to those who have not collected their letter. Table fees will rise to the visitor rate of \$6 for anyone who does not rejoin by January 31.

Thank you

Wendy Mitchell

THANK YOU TO LEYLA MONCELET

I would like to thank Leyla Moncelet for all her hard work on behalf of our Bridge Club both as a Committee member and most particularly as a Director.

Leyla joined the CCLCBC in 1989 having learned to play bridge through lessons with John Roberts.

She joined the Committee in 1999 and served for over 7 years, most of them as Secretary, one of the most onerous jobs.

Leyla also completed the Director's course in 1999 and started directing our Monday afternoon session in 2000, later swapping with Ted Neilsen on Tuesdays. When Monday evening sessions were revived Leyla also directed those.



LEYLA AND FERAL FRIEND – A FAMILIAR SITE AT THE BRIDGE CLUB

This may sound simple enough but as many of you will recall Leyla then lived with her husband, Maurice, on Dangar Island. Consequently, come rain or hail Leyla had to take a small dingy to Berowra and drive to Gosford and do the





reverse on the way home. On Monday evenings this meant rowing back to the Island at midnight or later.

Leyla did this for 7 years until her husband became too unwell and they moved into Gosford. This means that Leyla has been directing at our Club for 15 years now, 7 of which involved amazing physical effort.

Over the last couple of years Leyla has experienced problems with her eyes and has recently had cataracts removed from both. She has also suffered some heart issues and has had four stents inserted.

Leyla has not only been active with our Club but has also volunteered with the Rural Fire Service and Wildlife Arc and my admiration for her knows no bounds.

Leyla turned 90 this year and due to all of her recent issues has decided to hang up her Directing hat. Thank you Leyla for all your hard work and dedication to our Club.

We really do appreciate what you have done for our Club over so many years.

Dorothy Berzins December 2015

COMING EVENTS at CCLCBC

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

Monday Jan 25	Australia Day Pairs	(R)
Monday Feb 15	Monthly Shield 1	(E)
Tuesday Feb 2	Summer Pairs	(R)
Thursday Feb 4	Switching Singles 1	(E)
Thursday Feb 11	Intra-Club Teams 9.30am	(R/P)
Saturday Feb 13	Valentine's Day Pairs	(R)

COMMITTEE CAPERS – NOV/DEC 2015

The Committee thanked Claire O'Connor for her work with us over the past five months. Claire agreed to help out despite her busy schedule, until Alan Bustany returned from his trip.

Alan will take over as our **Partnership Arranger** so we encourage anyone interested in finding a partner to contact him on **0411 264 305**. Claire kindly agreed to stay on for the first two weeks in December to hand over this role.

On the Recommendation of the Tournament Committee we have decided to purchase **Compscore** as an alternative system to ASE9 for running our movements. This will require training for all our Directors. We have been assured that Compscore has many positive features that will make it easier for Directors to run sessions.





Congratulations to Julie Sadler who has passed her Director's Examination. Well done Julie and we look forward to you running sessions in the future.

The Committee agreed to replace the Club's safe, which was falling apart and difficult to open. Leon has subsequently purchased and installed a new one.

We also decided to revise the Agreement form that we use with other Clubs while loaning equipment. The emphasis is on ensuring that any damaged or lost equipment will be fully replaced by the Club borrowing the Equipment.

A teaching Workshop with Joan Butts was to have been run last year by Brisbane Water Bridge Club and was first postponed and then cancelled. I have subsequently discussed this with Sylvia Foster and we agreed to try again for the Sunday 13th of March 2016. They need to have at least 15 people willing to attend. The weekend will be at no cost and will include lunch. They would like experienced players who may consider teaching in the future or assisting with teaching. To become an accredited Bridge Teacher with the BSWBA you need to complete various training sessions and this is an important step. There is no compulsion to run lessons, as Wendy Mitchell will be doing this in 2016.

We would like members to start thinking of friends and neighbours who may want to learn bridge. Your efforts last year were spectacular in gaining us many beginners.

Cheers Dorothy

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

SWITCHING SINGLES

Final Result

After 10 months of competition, just 3 pairs played at least 5 sessions with different partners. Congratulations to the winner – Dorothy Berzins – who earned 0.45 green masterpoints for the only outright award.

DASHING DECEMBER

23 different pair combinations played in this Tuesday event. 7 pairs met the condition of playing at least 3 out of 5 with the same partner. Congratulations to the first three placegetters who receive outright green point awards:

	Best 3	Total MPs
Dawn McCorquodale & Jim Hancox	179.4	0.60
Paul Unger & Tem Lancaster	176.2	0.42
Heather Carlile & Margot McGuinness	171.8	0.30

Thank you,

Wendy Mitchell



**OTHER EVENTS**

Best local players

STATE NOVICE & RESTRICTED TEAMS C'SHIP**Dec 5-6**

16 pairs competed in this event, held at BWBC. Congratulations on 3rd place to Kathy & John Mitchell and Helen White & Trish Dennis, earning 6.22 red points.

STATE AND COUNTRY TEAMS FINAL**Dec 11-13****State Open Teams Winners**

Kim Morrison, Terry Brown, Ron Klinger, Peter Buchen

Country Teams Winners Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo, Ross Roworth, Ian Price**UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS (UHMP)****Final results**

155 qualifying sessions were held at 52 clubs. Then 276 pairs competed in the finals at 19 venues across the State on November 29.

\$2000 has been awarded to a Wagga Wagga pair to attend the Brisbane ANC. Medals and cash go to the top 3 places overall, and divisional winners will receive certificates. All the winning pairs will receive an online subscription to Australian Bridge (Novice Edition).

Masterpoints have been awarded on the non-handicapped results in the four divisions: 0-9.99, 10-24.99, 25-49.99 and 50-99.99.

Best performances from our local final were:

	<u>Division</u>	<u>Non-H'cap</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>MPs</u>
Nola Daly & John Major	50-100	12 th	13 th	.84
Lyn Lynch & Daphne Montague	50-100	33 th	33 th	.37
Agnes Marsh & Ruth Griffin	25-50	120 th	136 th	.05

NOTE FROM THE CHIEF DIRECTOR

Bidding procedures

Written bidding is used in our club – the procedures may be found in section 6.2 of the NSWBA Tournament Regulations. Occasionally there is a variation in the procedures which is causing some dissension at the table. Players should be aware of paragraph 6.2.5 – “The bidding slip shall remain in view until the third player has played to the first trick, whereupon dummy should remove the bidding slip from view”. QED (**Q**uite **E**asily **D**one).

The recommended procedure of “Removing the bidding slip from view” is to pick up the bidding pad and fold the bidding slip over so that it is under the bidding pad and cannot be ‘in view’.

Colin Mitchell



**NEW ABF RANKINGS - NOVEMBER**

Congratulations to

<i>Bronze Life</i>	Alfie Nation
<i>*National</i>	Molly O'Neill
<i>National</i>	Elaine McGorm

<i>*State</i>	Pam Harris, Janine Henry
<i>State</i>	Carol Farrell
<i>**Local</i>	Jim Hancox
<i>Club</i>	Ruth Griffin

NEW ABF RANKINGS - DECEMBER

Congratulations to

<i>State</i>	Ken Townsend
<i>Club</i>	Wendy Potts

<i>Graduate</i>	Pauline Caust, Stephen Calcroft
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CARDS RATINGS MOST IMPROVED REGULAR PLAYERS AT OUR CLUB

Congratulations to November improvers

Bea Stallbom	1.10
Marilyn Scott	1.07
Kathleen Bromley	0.79
Lyn Baber	0.76
Tony Ransley	0.75
Carol Judd	0.75
Vicky Morris	0.72
Jim Hancox	0.71

Rosanne Ransley	0.69
Wendy Potts	0.68
Bob Morris	0.66
Claire O'Connor	0.62
Bruce Branthwaite	0.62
Nola Daly	0.61
Joe Griffin	0.60
June Thompson	0.54

Congratulations to December improvers

Carol Godfrey	2.32
Jim Hancox	1.12
Anne Grayden	0.98
Rosanne Ransley	0.93
Dawn McCorquodale	0.92
Cheryl Davison	0.80
Wendy Mitchell	0.77
Nancye Joss	0.73
Janice Bowyer	0.73

Tony Ransley	0.71
Julie Sadler	0.71
Leonard Pratt	0.62
Bruce Branthwaite	0.60
Jim Swindells	0.55
June Thompson	0.55
Pamela De Lacy	0.55
Adele Mills	0.53
Trish Dennis	0.52

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

in December to

Norm Berger, Joan Brierty, Alan Bustany, Pamela Carew, Heather Carlile, Diana Coats, Tony Collis, Trish Dennis, David Driscoll, Marion Ellis, Barbara Grant, Alison Heathcote, Nancye Joss, Helen Lorne-Smith, Diane Nichols, Hilary Owen, Chris Spikesman.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

in January to (those considerably younger)

Peter Berzins, Janice Bowyer, Dasha Brandt, Jenny Buckley, Jan Davis, Judith Dunstan, Les Free, Ruth Griffin, Ann Gunner, Martin Johnson, Carol Judd, Dawn McCorquodale, Leonard Pratt, Matt Raj Mal, Tony Ransley, George Shina, Barbara Thomas, Anne Whatmore

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

Avoid hesitations by being consistently deliberate in your bidding and play. Remember that a hesitation followed by a pass places an extra burden on partner, as any bids by him/her must be very clear-cut. Do not be upset if an opponent calls the director to monitor the auction in this situation, as it is the proper thing to do.

Some bad habits that cause slow play which impact on all players:

- a. Writing down the contract before putting dummy hand down
 - b. Too much time spent studying the results from the previous board
 - c. Letting concentration lapse when opponents pause to think about bids or plays
- Remember that unduly slow play is subject to penalty at the director's discretion.

NEW & OLD FRIENDS

please welcome and add to your Program

Carol Godfrey

Maureen Cooksley

Joan Grant (4368 2445)

Welcome back:

Jan Bowyer

Stewart Lee (0425 202 816)

Corrections to program:

Ann Gunner – please change mobile to 0424 003 281

Alan Bustany – please change mobile to 0411 264 305

VALE:

Dirk O'Connor 5 September 1932 – 18 December 2015

Born Derek Brian O'Connor, Dirk came to Lake Munmorah with his parents and two brothers as a young child. After attending Gosford High School and Hurlstone Agricultural College, Dirk went on to Teacher's College in Newcastle (with Nancye Joss) and taught at The Entrance High School (with Bob Harvey) and later at Gosford High School.

As a member of the Teacher's Federation Dirk entered politics and served on Gosford Council for a number of years. Dirk was involved in setting up the Sister City Programme and on 19 April 1988 Edogawa was established as a Sister City to Gosford. Dirk was the Mayor of Gosford in 1994 when the Japanese City of Edogawa presented Gosford with the Commemorative Garden at East Gosford. I understand that Dirk and the Mayor of Edogawa travelled to





the ceremony in a horse drawn carriage, much to the fascination of the visiting mayor who had never been in one before. Remember to have a look at the plaque that bears Dirk's name when next you visit these beautiful gardens.

Another of Dirk's passions was the magnificent West Gosford (to Woy Woy) Cycleway which he fought to set up over many years. What a great asset to Gosford this is and what a wonderful legacy to Dirk.

Dirk was a newcomer to bridge having only learned a few years ago. However this did not stop him winning a Club Special Prize as a Novice not long after he started playing. I have no doubt Dirk would have continued to do well but bridge took a back seat to the other loves in his life.

First and foremost Dirk was a family man and dearly loved his wife Claire, his son Peter and daughter Mary, his grandchildren and his nieces and nephews. Dirk loved most sports and particularly followed Rugby League, which he also coached. His nephew Michael was a dual International, having played both League and Union for Australia.



Dirk was also a keen Squash player and with a group of mates would play most Monday nights. I have it on good authority that even if the game finished at 8.30 pm they would still not get home until 12.45 and became known as the "Quarter to One Club". Dirk also loved singing (he had a great voice), classical music (the louder the better) and was not averse to a glass or two and a bet on the horses.

Dirk and Claire enjoyed bush walking and camping with friends (including Pam Harris and Elaine McGorm and their families) to many local spots including Dubbo Gully (near Kulnura), to Smith's Lake near Forster and to the Blue Mountains. I can just see the campfire and Dirk leading the singing, be it pop songs or hymns.

Dirk's funeral was very well attended by friends from all walks of life, including many Bridge friends. Dave Driscoll who recently moved to the country, came back for the funeral as he had known Dirk for over 25 years before also learning bridge at the same time.

Dirk's sense of humour and his strong ethical beliefs were highlighted by family and friends and he will be deeply missed. Dirk's farewell was truly the celebration of a life well lived.

Dorothy Berzins





WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS WITH WENDY

Following the successful workshops last year I am offering four more for *INTERMEDIATE* players. Please see the noticeboard for topics.

Dates: Wednesdays, February 3 and 10, March 9 and 16

Time: 10am to 12 o'clock

Cost: \$10 per player, with notes and hand records

Possible topics are four from the following:

Planning Suit Play, Planning NT (with Rules of 7 and 11); Slam Bidding; Discard Systems; 2NT Conventions (Ogust & Truscott).

If you have any special requests please let me know. Watch this newsletter and the noticeboard for the final topics.

Wendy Mitchell



A Special Education Workshop | with Joan Butts

We are seeking experienced players who are interested in future teaching (or assisting with training) to attend a one day workshop.

At: Brisbane Water Bridge Club

On: Sunday 13 March 2016-01-02

Time: 1000 to 1630

Lunch Provided

Attendance gives points for Accreditation as Bridge Teacher. No cost involved to attendees.

Please contact Sylvia Foster on 4342 3849 or Dorothy Berzins on 4340 1222 to register as prior registration is essential.

