



Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

March 2016

2016 PRESENTATION DAY

Directed by the biggest leprechaun in living history Presentation Day for 2016 was attended by 41 pairs amidst a sea of green. We had green tables, green food and an excess of beautiful greenery, kindly brought in by Pam Harris.



President Dorothy and acting CCLC General Manager distributed trophies to the worthy while chocolates and free games were handed out to the winners of the Quiz. Members were given their exquisite little green lucky door numbers and place cards on arrival that were all made by Lyn Lynch. Decorations on the wall looked fabulous showing off Ruth's

hard work
AND... green
food was
prepared by

Wendy, Pam, Ruth, Lyn and Rosanne.

St Patrick would have been proud to know our humble Bridge Club celebrated his day some sixteen hundred years after his death.







**BEGINNER'S LESSONS WITH WENDY**

Wendy Mitchell will provide a series of 8 Beginners Lessons from Tuesday 10 May, followed by Supervised Play. Cost will be \$80 (see insert).

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

PRESENTATION DAY PAIRS**Friday 18 March****41 Pairs****North-South**

1	Anne Grayden & Bruce Braithwaite	58.73%
2	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	58.68%
3	Tem Lancaster & Paul Unger	57.51%

East-West

1	Jan Clarke & Diana Coats	67.52%
2	Daphne Montague & Patricia Kull	61.84%
3	Kerry Murray & Rhonda Innes	60.06%

EASTER PAIRS**Thursday 24 March****21 Pairs**

1	Adele Mills & Nancye Joss	65.52%
2	Bob Morris & Vicky Morris	62.14%
3	John Tagg & Daphne Montague	60.31%

SUMMER PAIRS**Tuesday 2 February****18 Pairs**

1	Joan Brierty & Anne Grayden	62.85%
2	Daphne Montague & Anne Whatmore	60.19%
3	Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols	60.10%

VALENTINES DAY PAIRS**Saturday 13 February**

1	Matt Raj Mal & George Boettiger	63.14%
2	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon	59.94%
3	Colin Mitchell & Julie Sadler	58.33%

COMING EVENTS**KEY** (c) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (E) ECLECTIC (G) GOLD POINT (P) PRE-ENTRY (Q) QUALIFYING SESSION (R) RED POINT

6, 13 & 20 April	Wednesday	Country Teams (R, P, Q)
7 April	Thursday	Switching Singles 3 (E)
9 & 16 April	Saturday	State (& Club) Mixed Pairs (R, P, Q, C)
11 April	Monday	Monthly Shield 3 (E)
25 April	Monday	ANZAC Day Pairs (R)

NEW ABF RANKINGS - DECEMBER

Congratulations to

Grand Master Adele Mills*Local Master* David Howells



COMMITTEE CAPERS – FEBRUARY 2016

With the secondment of Alan Bustany to our Committee we decided to shuffle some of our roles to allow a better fit with tasks. As Vice President, Rosanne had been overloaded with the roles of Tournament Organiser, Social Secretary and Assistant Masterpoint Secretary. As we did not want to lose her expertise as our Social Secretary, it was agreed Alan should take on the duties of Tournament Organiser. Well done to them both for this change.

At our meeting we learned Lyn Lynch and Ruth Griffin were waiting with bated breath to find out if their group of friends had all been selected to attend a Queen's Garden Party, in London. Ruth and Lyn are celebrating 50 years of nursing. Well we can announce now that they have been invited to attend a Garden Party on May 10th and thus will be going to Buckingham Palace. Please pass on your congratulations to them and if anyone has a spare tiara...

Everyone is busy trying to organise Charity Day for May 17th. Although Lyn and Ruth will be away, for some of the lead up, they have been working hard to get many things organised beforehand and plan to be back before May 17th.

The Committee decided to donate funds to Pandora Committee this year and to ask for other nominations from our members for next year. Members voted at an AGM a number of years ago to only support local Charities ie agencies where the money remains and is used only on the Central Coast. This restricts our choice as many organisations that work in this area, initially send their funds to a Central Organisation for redistribution eg Red Cross, most Church groups and State Based bodies, such as Neuro Research. Recently, a number of members expressed their views that our charity money should be directed to families in some way or another.

FROM THE MASTERPOINTS SECRETARY

Approval for two of February's red point events was received before the State Masterpoint Secretary left for the Gold Coast Congress and these masterpoints were uploaded before the deadline. Green points for February have been uploaded in March and will be credited to you on April 1.

I am still awaiting approval for the Summer Pairs, but expect to receive this soon. These masterpoints, and green points up till March 19 will be processed before I leave for overseas on March 22.

Between Rosanne, Ronnie and David the green points from then until my return at the end of May should be processed before the deadlines. David Weston has not yet agreed for someone else to prepare the red point files – at worst I will process these on my return.

Wendy Mitchell



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

Barry Davies	(4365 2223)	Graham Moore	(0421 205 715)
Suzanne Willis	(0414 332 175)	Chris Hannan	(4342 9857)
Elva Arrowsmith	(0407 417 139)	Colin Stapley	(0457 275 076)
Welcome back		Gina Robertson	(0413 393 502)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY in March to:

June Ball, Heather Bellamy, Sue Ford, Kevin Dougall, Sylvia Foster, Peter Hall, Kaylee Lemon, Kerry Murray, Wendy Potts, Mary Pye, Julie Sadler, Ruth Stephens, Robert Watkins.

**STRANGE DOINGS AT THE GOLD COAST 2016**

One of the more interesting hands (Board 9) occurred at Round 11 in the Teams.

Playing in the Senior's Teams I picked up Board 11 and was faced with this hand:

Spades KJ874 Hearts K97432 Diamonds -- Clubs K10

North was dealer so I patiently waited my turn to bid. I was planning to make a Bid we had only discussed but never bid ie 3 NT, showing either at least 6 Hearts and 5 Spades or 6 Clubs and 5 Diamonds. The lower suit is always longer length.

Imagine my disappointment when suddenly I hear a 3NT opening bid from Peter.

Instantly I knew he had the opposite hand to myself but fortunately I know straight away that we have a fit in clubs.

West asks what the bid means and I tell him, whereupon he says "that must be illegal" and calls the Director. The Director rules that it is legal and to continue. I end up in 5 Clubs doubled by West. Fortunately I made the Contract for +550.

This was Peter's hand:

Spades -- Hearts 8 Diamonds KQJ87 Clubs AQJ 7643

At the end of the Round our team mates come back with a score of +1700 as the opponents got tangled up and ended up in 6 Hearts x off heaps.

We did manage to win that match.

The moral of the story is that it is never too late to try a new bid and this one worked just fine.

Dorothy Berzins



MEETING WITH ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF CCLC

I was asked to meet with Peter Blacker, CCLC Acting General Manager, and Fay Toomey, CCLC Events Manager. The meeting occurred on Monday 14 March 2016 and included Wendy Mitchell (past President and current Masterpoint Secretary).

Peter Berzins also attended, mainly to carry the heavy Bridge Club History, which highlights our long association with CCLC. Neither Peter nor Fay had seen the history and were impressed by its size and complexity.

Peter Blacker indicated Leon Babinski had informed him of our issues, earlier in March, mainly the inadequate size/width of our room and the inability to control the room temperature.

Peter Blacker discussed trying to enlarge our area but advised they did not have money for any major building projects other than what is happening downstairs. In any event the area between Monkey Mania and us can't be used as CCLC have an arrangement for its use, with Monkey Mania.

Peter Blacker did canvas the possibility of a future move to the large open area on the top floor (near the roof of the car park where the Darts players held their annual Competition). This would be a shared area with indoor bowls and darts.

The area poses a number of difficulties for our club, including no separate office area, meaning all our packing and unpacking, high roof and lack of a have now. The top floor is Parkview Room, which we



In the end, we agreed we being left where we are at and Fay are looking at

equipment would require poor lighting due to the very kitchen area such as we also further away from the use for our special events.

would be better served by this time. However, Peter some other possibilities.

The air-conditioning remains a problem but the Duty Manager can adjust the room temperature if he is informed. From then it should be approximately 40 minutes to take effect.

Dorothy Berzins

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

It is inappropriate to grab an opponent's convention card during the auction period. However, when it is your turn to bid, you may ask to see a convention card and may then ask any questions about alerts or the auction. Inquiries regarding alerted bids can only be made at your turn to bid or before you have played to the first trick when play commences.

**VALE: BILL PINFOLD****10/1935 - 27/2/2016**

Bill Pinfold was a very early member of our Club having served on the committee for 6 years from 1990 to 1997, being Secretary for 2 years and President in 1997. Bill also contributed to our Club by being a Director for 9 years from 1990 until 1998. Bill was the official Director for our “new” Wednesday sessions when they first started on 9 August 1990.

Bill was an active player winning more than 17 Trophy events with a variety of people, but especially long-term partners Sheila Barwell, Peg Sanders and Bill Thomson. Bill's victories are scattered over 21 years from 1992 until 2013, when he won the Club Swiss Pairs and the Club Teams Championship.

Bill helped our Club in a number of ways including the development in 1994 of a way to record our Masterpoints to help with reporting to the Australian Bridge Federation.

Many members will also remember Bill for his hard work in setting up our very first computer. Indeed he was really the driving force in us obtaining one at all. Bill also helped maintain the computer over the years as well as rescuing many of us when our computers “became difficult”.

Bill set up computers for many of our members. Even after moving to West Wallsend Bill could not say “No” to helping people with their computers and would make the long trip down when called upon. One of our members he helped, Nancye Joss, recalled Bill's generosity and his dry, ironic wit.

Nancye Joss also told me that Bill had a soft spot for cats and had two lovely Burmese. Whenever Bill would come into Bridge he would always ask after Nancye's tabby, Mick. Nancye said Mick would run to Bill like a long lost friend on the odd occasion that Bill would be visiting Nancye to help with her computer.

Another member, Lyla Cross, recalled that when she first started to play about 25 years ago, she made a mistake and was shattered when the Director had to be called. When Bill (the Director of the day) came, she was amazed and relieved when he said, “I am here to help you”. From that day on Lyla has seen the Director in this light.

Bill is survived by his wife Joy, his daughter, his two sons and his grandchildren. We convey our sympathy to Bill's family and assure them that he will be remembered as a true gentleman. We appreciate the wonderful contribution he made to our Club and we will miss his company.

Wednesday 15 March 2016

Dorothy Berzins

