



Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

July 2016

As the AGM approaches the following Members have been nominated (and haven't resisted sufficiently) for positions on the Committee.

POSITION

NOMINATIONS

President	Dianne March		
Vice President	Rosanne Ransley		
Secretary	Lyn Lynch		
Treasurer	Ronnie Ng		
Committee	David Bowerman	Ruth Griffin	Leon Babinski
	Kerry Murray	Alan Bustany	Diana Coats

Further nominations are welcome. Please get nominated if you would like to contribute to the running and future direction of the Bridge Club.

AGM will commence at 10.30am on Saturday August 6, followed by a free lunch & refreshments at 11.30am & Anniversary Pairs at 12.30pm.

THANK YOU TO THE CURRENT COMMITTEE FOR YOUR FINE EFFORTS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Dorothy Berzins was a founding member of our club and over the past 30 years has been Secretary for 4 years and President for 7 years, a total of 11 years on the Management Committee of the CCLCBC.

Below is an extract from the minutes of the Committee Meeting held 3rd June 2016 with regard to a Life Membership Motion.

7. Life Member	Bill Thomson sent correspondence to the club requesting that as Dorothy Berzins has met all the pre requisites for a Life Member he would like to propose same. Moved Lyn Seconded Leon that this be added to the AGM Agenda.
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Below is an extract from our constitution regarding Life Membership.

(g) Election to Life Membership

Life Members shall consist of members who shall be voted Life Members by a resolution of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club in a General Meeting, following a recommendation of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Committee. Life Members shall enjoy the rights of, and be subject to all the obligations of the members, except that they shall be exempted from all annual bridge subscription fees. Any member proposed for the Life Membership must meet the requirement of the Central Coast Leagues Club Ltd., such that they have served a minimum of ten years as an elected member of the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club Committee.

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

Congratulations to Ruth Griffin and Agnes March on winning this year's Zelda Overall Cup and to special prize-winners Joan Grant and Jan Bowyer.

JOVIAL JULY 2016

4, 11, 18 & 25 July

11 Pairs played at least 2 sessions. 8 other pair combinations played 1 session. Ranking is based on the 2 best scores with the same partner.

RANK	PAIR		SESSIONS				BEST TWO %	OUTRIGHT MPs
			4/7	11/7	18/7	25/7		
1	Nola Daly	Wendy Mitchell		66.67	62.96	P56.94	129.6	0.37
2	Anne Grayden	Julie Sadler			67.92	58.33	126.3	0.26
3	Colin Mitchell	David Bowerman	61.10	62.50	P59.17	P49.54	123.6	0.19

MONTHLY SHIELD 2016

Positions after 6 sessions (eligible pairs)

RANK	PAIR	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL	SESSIONS
1	Dorothy Berzins & Peter Berzins	18	18	14	10	12	P	72	6
2	Diana Coates & Nancye Joss	14	20	10			18	62	4
3	Adele Mills & Leonard Pratt	16	12		6	6	6	46	5

SWITCHING SINGLES

Best 5 results with different partners

RANK	PLAYER	TOTAL	ELIGIBLE SESSIONS	AVERAGE
1	Dorothy Berzins	56	5	11.2
2	Agnes Marsh	32	3	10.7
3	Jan Bowyer	18	3	6.0



**OTHER EVENTS**

Best local players

NEWCASTLE CONGRESS**June 18 – 19**

EVENT	HIGHEST RANKED with CCLCBC PLAYERS	RANK
Open Swiss Pairs N-S	Janet Clarke & Diana Coats	12
Open Teams	Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman	10

COUNTRY TEAMS ZONE FINAL

16 July

Great 1st place effort by the Dorothy Berzins, Di Coats, Peter Berzins, Helen Milward team in the Country Teams Zone Final held at Tomaree Bridge Club.

RANK	PLAYER	Imps	VPs	W-D-L	Red Pts
1	Dorothy Berzins, Di Coats Peter Berzins, Helen Milward	208	136.98	8-1-0	10.74
2	Ian Walker, Wayne Smith Julie Gleeson, Eileen Humphrey	144	121.10	6-1-2	7.85
3	Roy Hardy, Pam Robinson Christo Moskovsky, Kay Rich	135	117.10	6-0-3	6.42

BRISBANE WATER SUPER CONGRESS

23-24 July

EVENT	HIGHEST RANKED WITH CCLCBC PLAYERS	RANK
Open Swiss Pairs N-S	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss	12
Open Swiss Pairs E-W	Phillip Morris & Glen Campbell	23
Restricted Swiss Pairs N-S	June Thompson & Dianne March	12
Restricted Swiss Pairs E-W	Sue Eastman & David Howells	3
Open Teams	Lorraine Lindsay, Helen Milward Sharon Mayo, Greg Mayo	14
Restricted/Novice Teams	Ruth Griffin, Agnes March Rosanne Ransley, Tony Ransley	13 th R 3 rd N

COMING EVENTS

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Aug	Thursday	Auspicious August (best 3 of 5) (E)
4 Aug	Thursday	Switching Singles 7 (E)
6 Aug	Saturday 10.30am	Our AGM (R)
6 Aug	Saturday	Anniversary Pairs (R)
8 Aug	Monday	Monthly Shield 7 (E)
15 & 22 Aug	Monday	State Open Pairs qualifying (R,P,Q)
17 Aug	Wednesday	Foundation Cup (R)



**NEW ABF RANKINGS - MAY**

Congratulations to

Gold Life Janet Clarke*Club* Pauline Caust*Silver Life* Julie Sadler*Graduate* Margaret Campbell**Regional* Nola Daly

Frank Pellarini

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

As Dummy you may not call the Director. You may not call attention to anything except that Declarer is about to lead from the wrong hand. As Dummy you must not play or touch a card (even a singleton) until Declarer calls for the card.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

in July to:

Margo Brennan, Kathleen Bromley, Theo Chadwick, June Clarkson, Toni Dixon, Helen Eaton, Naomi Flint, Barry Foster, Joe Griffin, Christine Hadaway, Don Holmes, Robyn Jackson, Rex Joseph, Louis Koolen, Lorraine Lindsay, Moira Love, John Mitchell, Bob Morris, Alfie Nation, Allan Roser, Joyce Small, Colin Stapley, Bill Thomson, Neryl Tyrrell, Peter Yates.

**NEW & OLD FRIENDS**

please welcome and add to your Program

Beverly Wakefield

4323 7398

Peter Yates

4389 3505

Welcome back

Christine Hadaway

4342 4190 or 0488 194 737

HOW DID THEY DO IT?

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The adjacent board was the 'hottest' hand in the French Team Championship National Division 1 final, 2016, a redoubled part score played by East.

South led with the ♣J. What then? Try yourself then see the play on the back page.

**MATT RAJ MAL**

recently accredited ABF Bridge teacher

Born and raised in Suva, Fiji, I started playing card games quite early in life. Constant wet weather in Suva prevented outdoor activities so learning to play Trumps was one alternative.

Trumps (called TROOP in Fiji) is played in the same format as Bridge with thirteen cards and trumps nominated by the dealer. There were a lot of frustrations, as we had no means of finding out what partners held, so various signals were invented. While we knew our opposition was always aware of what we were doing, it was all in fun and nobody really minded.

**MATT WITH MENTOR JOAN BUTTS**

Later in life we played Whist with the Diplomatic Corps in Suva. They needed numbers and I was happy to join in. Many pleasant evenings were spent at the local bowling club, the venue. About that time I started taking notice of the local newspaper Bridge column and spent many hours analysing hands. I was aware of the local Bridge Club but too shy to join.

It was not until I moved to Australia, over 30 years ago, that I took a second and serious look at Bridge. The local club was on the first floor of my workplace and I got to know some players. I was invited to sit in on one or two occasions, which I readily accepted. From there on I began learning to play Bridge.

I enrolled for an 8 session course and was delighted to discover that apart from some minor variations, Bridge was very much what I had done in the past.

Later on after completing my Director's exam I directed Bridge sessions at my club for some time. I also realised I needed to do more as my passion for the game had increased at a time when numbers of participants were in decline. What to do and where to go?

One day I read about a teaching session being held at a nearby club and decided to catch a train to find out more. On arrival at the venue, Joan Butts, who was to become my teacher and mentor, welcomed me warmly. The STEAM philosophy gripped me quite strongly and I knew that I was on the right track. That was just over three years ago.

The local 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre gave me the opportunity to start teaching. Because of the response I have taught non-stop for over a year. I am still having a great time teaching the great mental sport of Duplicate Bridge.

My dream is to gain enough support to travel and teach as many people as I can to keep Duplicate Bridge alive in the small Island Nations.

Matt Raj Mal



TED NEILSON MEMORIAL PAIRS

On Thursday 28th July we hosted the annual competition with the Aces Bridge Club, in memory of Ted who directed for both Clubs. Ted's sudden death in December 2012 was a real shock to both our Clubs and in 2013 we decided to hold an annual event to honour him. Each Club runs the event on alternate years. The scores of each club's players determine the winner of the Trophy.

This year we had 14 full tables which were divided into 7 pairs for the Leagues Club and 7 pairs for Aces in both North/South and East/West directions. Morning tea and lunch was provided. Each player was also given a souvenir pen and some door prizes were also drawn to add to the fun.

Dorothy Berzins welcomed the players and talked about Ted's early bridge days in the NSW Railways. It seems that the workers used to meet on Friday nights to play euchre and 500 until someone suggested that they learn bridge in 1962. This they did and formed the NSW Railways Bridge Club. They also commenced a competition with the Qld Railways and organised a group of players to travel to Brisbane on the Queens Birthday weekend to compete. The following year players from Qld would travel to Sydney for a return match. Fortunately the train trip was free for the players.

Ted came to the Central Coast in the late 1980s and decided to take lessons with Zelda Overhall to learn duplicate bridge. He later trained as a Director in 2000. Ted directed with the CCLCBC from 2002 until his death in 2012. Ted also served on our Committee for 6½ years between 1999 and 2009.

Ted's widow Margaret has moved to a Retirement Village. She was pleased to hear that we are continuing the trophy in Ted's name. Margaret wished us well for the day and she was assured that we would let her know the outcome.

Dorothy has subsequently written to Margaret to tell her about the day and to advise that the CCLCBC managed to retain the Trophy for 2016.

MOYSIAN FIT

from an article by Reg Busch in Bridge Matters

When playing recently, Gary Barwick happened to mention that partner and I had found a Moysian fit. Not having a clue I did a little research.

From the 1930s Alphonse Moyse Jr. became a champion bridge player and influential bridge journalist. In those days of opening 4 card majors, he advocated support of a partner's 1 major opening when holding 3 of the suit in his hand. Bridge writers still call a 4/3 fit a 'Moysian' fit.

Whether Moyse would be such an advocate in these days of computer-generated hands is a matter for conjecture. But it remains, not infrequently, that we find 4♥ or 4♠ in a 4/3 fit, the only makeable contract.





There are secrets to playing these hands. The adjacent hand from a recent event is an example.

North's 2♥ bid with a 3 card suit is questionable (not playing the modern negative doubles). Perhaps his original plan was to rebid 2♠, but then thought, with bidding at the 2 level, that his minimal hand did not justify 2♠. However, South now has to make 4♥. Defence started with 2 rounds of ♦ with South ruffing the second.

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		GAME 4♥ by South																			

Now came rule one: *before touching trumps, set up your side suit*. So South played on ♣. East won the ♣A and returned a club.

Now rule two: *if you may have to lose a trump, lose it early*. Here, if Declarer plays ♥K, ♥A, then another, West will win the ♥Q and cash Defender's ♦. So South must duck a round of trumps and then wins any return, draws remaining trumps and cashes out for 10 tricks.

So you need a bit of luck. Suit usually needs to break 3/3. This occurs about 35% of the time although, Sod's Law, 3/3 breaks occur only when not needed.

The defence could have prevailed. Even though giving a ruff and discard is regarded as a major defensive sin, if East, on winning the ♣A, returns a third ♦ South gets a ruff and discard. Whatever hand South wins in, he now can't duck a trump because a fourth ♦ will prevent South drawing remaining trumps. So a ruff and discard twice would have defeated the contract.

Neither 3NT nor 5♣ make. 4♥ makes except against cracking defence. 4♠ will always make because South doesn't need to duck a trump. Getting to 4♠ is another matter.

COMMITTEE CAPERS

August 2016

Everyone has been busy preparing reports for the AGM and Ronnie has already provided his annual report so that this can be audited by the CCLC.

Our Secretary Lyn has had surgery on her hand and has been in some discomfort, so Ruth stepped in to do the Minutes for the last meeting of the current Committee.

We have just learned that Trish MacLean has resigned from her full time role as Executive Secretary for the CCLC and the committee will be sending her a letter of appreciation for all her help over the past 18 years. Trish was always approachable and willing to what she could to assist us. Trish also was the





contact person for all the Internal Clubs and we will miss her very much.

The Leagues Club will be reviewing all the Constitutions of the different Internal Clubs to ensure that they clarify appropriately the relationship between the Leagues Club and the individual Internal Club. This should already be the case as we have always had our Constitution agreed to by the CCLC.

During the incoming year (an issue for the new Committee) CCLC will provide a standard and simple method for collating and providing information required by the CCLC under their Constitution. This will probably include providing a 6 monthly report (in a specific format) to the CCLC Board before they meet in January and July. The Leagues Club will also clarify how they want us to present our Equipment Register. Thanks to Wendy Mitchell and Leon Babinski, we now have a very comprehensive and up to date list of all our property and equipment so we should easily be able to fulfil these requirements.

As we will have an increase in reporting demands I will prepare a calendar for the next Committee to use as a template for actions required each month.

I hope as many members as possible can attend the AGM on Saturday 6th August to join with me in thanking all the Committee members and others (Masterpoint Secretary, Chief Director, Newsletter Editor and Recorder) for all their efforts on your behalf during the year.

Dorothy Berzins

DART CLUB RIPPED OFF

Nobody can deny esteemed committee member, Ruth Griffin, works assiduously for our Club. But really, using Dart Club cheques to pay Bridge Club bills is a little 'too industrious'!

When the bank sent a new chequebook to our club's address, Ruth went to work writing cheques. Ruth insists she didn't notice they were titled Dart Club. The bank apparently didn't notice either. Five cheques were written, processed and cleared by the bank before our Treasurer noticed the error.

The Bridge Club's financial position was looking impressive and the Dart Club hadn't noticed their 'increased running costs'. Ruth and Ronnie have fixed the error. Ruth thinks it's like having a no interest overdraft facility.

PLAYING THE HOTTEST HAND

Declarer won with the ♠A and played three rounds of ♣. South roughed and played another ♣ to dummy's ♠K. Declarer played another round of ♣ bringing out 7, ♠9 and ♠J. South returned a trump, which East's ♠8 won. Declarer ended up with a redoubled overtrick because the only trick left for the Defenders was the ♠A. Declarers scored an impressive +960.