



Welcome to the Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club



NEWSLETTER

October 2016

An update of Club Members' details is currently being prepared.
Could all Members please check their details on the list on the
club noticeboard – **and tick that they have done so!!!!**

MASTERPOINTS

Many of you may know the fact that there are **green**, **red** and **gold** masterpoints. However, have you ever wondered how the masterpoints you get are determined when you come first? It's certainly not random!

The calculation of masterpoints is determined by three factors: the number of tables, whether the session has only one winner or two winners (one each in NS and EW) and the type of competition - pairs or teams. The first two factors are pretty obvious: the more tables and pairs to compete against, the more masterpoints you'll get for coming first. This article will focus on pairs – see next issue for a comparison with teams.

Our club holds different types of events including, in the increasing order of "weighting", normal **day-to-day sessions**, **club championships**, **special red point days**, **State and State selection events** and finally the only one national event a club can hold: **GNOT**.

In pairs events, the top half of the field all receive masterpoints. An event that lasts several sessions attracts extra points called outright awards. This means that, if you satisfy all the requirements specified, you can have a chance to get extra points based on the final ranking you achieve. Most of our **club championships** fall in this category (usually two or three weeks in a row). Eclectic events are another category. Examples of these are **Monthly Shield**, **Switching Singles**, **Jumping January**, **Jovial July**, **Auspicious August** and **Dashing December** held over the year.





The main difference between these two categories is the participation requirement. The former requires players to play in all sessions while the latter does not.

A player can reach the rank of *Regional by earning 100 green (only) points. So why should you play in red or gold events? Because if you earn points at the higher weighting, you will reach your next ABF rank faster!

The example below illustrates the points for first place in a 6-table pairs competition:

6 Table Pairs, 1 Winner	Winner's MPs per session	Winner's Outright MPs	
		2 sessions	3 sessions
Day-to-day sessions	0.36	0.44	0.71
Club championships	0.48	0.58	0.96
Inter Club events (not in our club)	0.48	0.58	0.96
Special red point days	0.60	0.73	1.19
State events (e.g. State Wide Pairs)	0.60	0.73	1.19
State selection events (e.g. State Open Pairs)	1.20	1.46	2.38
Territory Gold Pairs (gold point congress in NT)	1.20	1.46	2.38
Gold Coast Pairs (national championship in Qld)	2.40	2.92	4.76

So, if you and your partner are interested in gaining more masterpoints as efficiently as possible, we encourage you to:

1. Play in our sessions (especially our eclectic ones!): remember the more tables there are, the more masterpoints you'll earn.
2. Play in our club championships and special red point days.
3. Play in a GNOT or State selection club qualifying, and if possible, proceed to play in the regional/State finals.
4. Play in a NSWBA congress (the country ones are normally very friendly).
5. Play in a Gold Point Congress (e.g. Coffs Harbour in August) or even a National Championship (e.g. Canberra in January, Gold Coast in February and Sydney in October). Nowadays these national competitions have a lot of different categories for players of all abilities and masterpoint rankings. An additional bonus is that you can double up with a holiday away.

*Tournament Organiser Ronnie Ng
Masterpoint Secretary Wendy Mitchell*

RECENT RESULTS

Congratulations to all

HENRY KENDALL PAIRS (eleven pairs)

1 October

RANK	PAIR	M'PTS
1	Gwen White & Dorothy Berzins	0.60
2	Lorraine Lindsay & Jack Lindsay	0.42
3	Marie Purkiss & Toni Dixon	0.30



**GRADED PAIRS** (15 pairs)7th and 10th October

	RANK	PAIR	M'PTS
A	1	Lorraine Lindsay & Nancye Joss	0.60
	2	Angela Dougall & Kevin Dougall	0.42
	3	Colin Mitchell & Wendy Mitchell	0.30
B	1	Paul Unger & Tem Lancaster	0.40
	2	Jurate Laisve & Alan Bustany	0.28
	3	Robyn Ivers & Margaret Moorehouse	0.20

MONTHLY SHIELD

after 9 sessions (eligible pairs' best 6 scores)

With 1 more session to play, 14 pairs remain eligible to qualify for outright awards. It's neck and neck for 1st place! 4 pairs need to play the last session to qualify.

PAIR	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	TOTAL	SESSIONS
Di Coats & Nancye Joss	14	20	10			18		10	11	83	6
Dorothy & Peter Berzins	18	18	14	10	12	P	10	P4	P	82	9
Adele Mills & Len Pratt	16	12		6	6	6	12	P6	P	58	8

TEAMS OF THREE (sixteen teams)

16 October

Many thanks to all Team Captains for their time, encouragement and wisdom.

RANK	TEAM	VPs
1	Bill Thomson, Daphne Montague, Nola Daly & Alison Heathcote	63
2	Helen Milward, Alan Bustany, Jurate Laisve, Cynthia Deane	62
3	David Bowerman, Dianne March, Helen White, Alison Mackey	51

OTHER EVENTS

results for local players

MUSWELLBROOK CONGRESS

8-9 October

EVENT	RANK	CENTRAL COAST PLAYERS	Total Pts
Butler Pairs (48 pairs)	2	Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman	77.0
	5	Judith Smith & Christine Hadaway	66.0
	9	Sharon Mayo & Greg Mayo	50.0
	10	Chris Williams & Margaret Geddes	47.0
	11	Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	43.0
	20	Marie Purkiss & Diane Nichols	24.0
	26	Hope Tomlinson & Barry Foster	-9.0
	26	Jaan Oitmaa & Sylvia Foster	-9.0
	36	Ellen Williams & Gary Barwick	-37.0
	43	Elizabeth Lawrence & Toni Dixon	-67.0





			M'pts
Teams (24 teams)	1	Judith Smyth, Christine Hadaway, Noel & Shirley Crockett	4.93
	2	Sharon & Greg Mayo, Eric Baker & Brian Glover	3.51
	7	Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster, Dasha Brandt & David Bowerman	1.36
	9	Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster, Louis Koolen & Barbara Grant	0.54
	12	Marie Purkiss, Diane Nichols, Elizabeth Lawrence & Toni Dixon	0.54
	14	Ellen Williams, Gary Barwick, Jeff Conroy & Roy Cotton	0.54

CANBERRA IN BLOOM BRIDGE FESTIVAL

30 September to 3 October

EVENT	RANK	CENTRAL COAST PLAYERS	Gold Pts
Royal Bluebell Matchpoint	33	David Snow & Martin Johnson	1.12
Swiss Pairs (42 pairs)	=35	Hope Tomlinson & Judy Wulff	0.80
Golden Wattle Open Teams (36 teams)	25	Hope Tomlinson, Judy Wulff, David Snow & Martin Johnson	1.80
Canberra Bells Swiss Pairs (68 pairs)	53	David Snow & Martin Johnson	1.12
	54	Hope Tomlinson & Judy Wulff	1.12

MOLLYMOOK ANNUAL CONGRESS

24 September

EVENT	RANK	CENTRAL COAST PLAYERS	Red Pts
Swiss Pairs (54 pairs)	10	Peter Brennan & Margot Brennan	1.11
Swiss Teams (26 teams)	20	Laraine Parker, Loretta Percival, Peter Brennan & Margot Brennan	0.48

COMING EVENTS AT CCLCBC

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

1 Nov	Tuesday 9.30am	Melbourne Cup (P)
3 Nov	Thursday	Switching Singles 10 – Final (E)
9, 16, 23 Nov	Wednesday	Club Teams (C, P)
11 Nov	Friday	Remembrance Day Pairs (R)
14 Nov	Monday	Monthly Shield – Final (E)
27 Nov	Sunday 9.30am	NSW under 100 MP Pairs Final (R, P)

UPCOMING EVENTS ELSEWHERE

2 & 9 Nov	Wednesdays	NSWBA Womens Teams of Three
5-6 Nov	Sat-Sun	Southern Highlands 25 th Anniversary Congress
5-6 Nov	Sat-Sun	Taree Bridge Club Teams





6 Nov	Sunday	Parramatta Bridge Club Foundation Teams
8-15 Nov	Tuesday to Tuesday	Norfolk Island Bridge Holiday
12 & 17 Nov	Sat & Thurs	ABF 2017 Open Playoff
12 & 13 Nov	Sat-Sun	Illawarra Bridge Ass. State Novice & Restricted Teams
13 Nov	Sunday	Manly Leagues Margaret Smith Memorial Teams
19-20 Nov	Sat-Sun	NSWBA State Open Pairs Championship
20 Nov	Sunday	NSWBA Spring Swiss Pairs
21 Nov	Monday	NSWBA Shaufelberger Teams
25-28 Nov	Fri-Mon	ABF GNOT Finals Tweed Heads
27 Nov	Sunday	Central Coast Bridge Club almost Summer Teams
27 Nov	Sunday	CCLCBC under 100 M'pts Pairs
27 Nov	Sunday	Under 100 M'pts Pairs at numerous other Clubs

NEW ABF RANKINGS - MAY

Congratulations to

<i>Gold Life</i>	Helen Gulliver
<i>Silver Life</i>	Elizabeth Lawrence
<i>Bronze Life</i>	Jaan Oitmaa

<i>Life</i>	Jenny Buckley
<i>Regional</i>	Lyn Baber
<i>Local</i>	Pamela De Lacy

RECORDER CORNER WITH GWEN

How to claim: Face your cards on the table and give a full explanation of how you intend to play the hand. Leave your cards on the table until the opponents are satisfied. If the claim is considered untoward, the defenders may call the Director. The defenders should not say "play it out".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

in September to:



Gary Barwick, Nola Daly, Pamela De Lacy, Angela Dougall, Patricia Kull, Leonie Lovell, Adele Mills, Allan Raward, Gwen White, Helen White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY**NEW & OLD FRIENDS**

please welcome and add to your Program

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**MONDAY EVENING'S GAMBLING GAME**

Sept 26 Board 16

How to Bid and Make 7NT with only **34** points:

1. Play with a partner who knows Blackwood
2. Avoid agreeing any sophisticated slam bidding methods
3. Take a punt (which you are not supposed to do) and
4. Squeeze the opponents for the thirteenth trick.

Such was the case on Board 16 of our Monday Evening session on September 26th when Alan Bustany (East) had twenty points and a flat hand opposite an opening 1♣ from Wendy Mitchell (West). There could be no fit in a major, but with a likely 32 points there should be a small slam in No Trumps. East went slowly with 1♦ and West responded 1♥ showing four hearts. East has a problem with the next bid: 1♠, the fourth suit, would be a lie and is not Game Force at the 1-level. As it happens it would have elicited a simple raise to 2♠, limiting West's hand to 12-15 HCP. However, East decided it was time for Roman Keycard Blackwood in Hearts to discover partner with both missing Aces. East then asked for Kings to discover partner also had both missing Kings.

East now knows the whereabouts of all four aces and kings, has no losers in Spades, Hearts, or Clubs, and can count eleven tricks straight off the top. East also knows West has shown two aces and two kings for 14 points. Lacking any sophisticated methods of asking for Queens, East then punts an adventurous 7NT!

On the safe lead ♠♠♠♠ from South, East discovers the bad news. The ♦Q had better be with North and, even if it is, the finesse can't run twice to make a fourth diamond trick. Crossing to dummy with a spade and leading ♦5 to ♦J and seeing it hold, the best hope is that the Hearts split evenly, but running the Clubs first Alan is pleased to see North discard first one and then a second heart in order to protect his two Queens, as a result Dummy's fourth heart comes good for thirteen tricks: two spades, four hearts, three diamonds, and four clubs.

It turns out that the Grand Slam is possible only in No Trumps and, had North kept his four Hearts, East can make a fourth diamond or a third spade to still make the contract. Despite this turning out to be the case, Alan's bidding is not statistically correct. He should really have settled for 6NT, which could still be a top board if you squeeze out the 13th trick – something the others in 6NT failed to do as they probably didn't feel quite the same pressure!

Alan Bustany and Wendy Mitchell

Monday night 26 Sept
Board 16
Dealer: W
Vulnerable: E-W

West		East	
♠ AK97		♠ 86	
♥ A863		♥ KQ2	
♦ K5		♦ AJT4	
♣ 985		♣ AKQJ	

♠ JT5	
♥ 54	
♦ 762	
♣ T6432	





VALE: JOHN LEHANE

John first came to bridge in 1988 when he was 54. Before that his addiction was Chess and he used to play A Reserve Inter-Club Chess for Sydney University. John and his wife Joan had a friend who was a keen bridge player and soon chess dropped out of the picture.

Joan took lessons with John Newman and later Derek Brown (who now runs "Trumps Bridge Centre" in Mosman). John read Joan's lesson notes and expanded his knowledge by buying and reading lots of bridge books. John and Joan started playing competitive bridge at John Newman's Club in Neutral Bay and later at Trumps BC when Richard Brightling first opened it.

John also had a friend with whom he played table tennis. When he found out that he was also a bridge player they started to play at the NSW Bridge Association on Monday nights and went to Canberra every year. While they did not do so well at the Association the experience held them in good stead when they played weekly at the Trumps Club where they often won.

John was a member of the academic staff of the Plasma Physics Department (founded at Sydney University in 1960) and was involved in developing plasma diagnostics and study of waves in plasma. They developed a linear plasma device known as a SUPPER machine. The first device (SUPPER1) was opened in 1961. You can read about this device and see photo of John, taken about 50 years ago, at <http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/-CROSS/PLASMA%20DEPARTMENT/PLASMAdept>

Joan and John rented a house in Ettalong for about 18 months before moving permanently to the Central Coast in 1997. During that time John and Joan played at Brisbane Water BC when the sessions were held at the Surf Life Saving Club.

In mid 1997 John became actively involved with CCLCBC. His first "job" was Masterpoint Secretary, which he did from 1998 until 2001. He was a Committee member from 1999 and President from Aug 2001 to Aug 2004 and also from Aug 2006 to Aug 2007 i.e. served 5 years on the committee. John gave bridge lessons for beginners for a few years as well as Directing from 1990 until 2012.

John won many CCLCBC Trophies over the years mostly with Joan. They usually played at least twice a week for the past 20 years. On the occasions they were not at bridge, they were wandering around the outback in their specially equipped van.

A quiet unassuming person John did not reveal a lot about his life outside of bridge. However his integrity and ethical treatment of the game was always evident.

John died on Monday 24 October 2016 after a short illness. John was so much part of our Club it will be hard to not to expect him to just walk in to play.





John, a true gentleman of our club will be buried at Pt Clare Cemetery at 12.30pm on Wed 2nd November. Afterwards Joan has invited people to remain for refreshments under the marquee they will be erecting.

The address for the Pt Clare Cemetery is Coolarn Ave. This is the 2nd street on the right off Brisbane Water Drive after the West Gosford shops, heading towards Woy Woy. The road can be easy to miss. If you reach Sunshine Dr or Sunnyside Av you have gone too far but you can still access it from one of these with the help of your map or satnav. Once through the cemetery gates the plot is half way down on the left under a tree.

Dorothy Berzins

WENDY'S WORKSHOPS

Wendy's next workshops for Intermediate players will be on Friday mornings. Hopefully this will suit some of those people who were unavailable Wednesdays.

The following dates/topics are proposed:

4/11/16 Tart up your 2's (2) Two-suited openings

11/11/16 Convenient 7, 11 Rules (not the store!)

18/11/16 Daring to Compete over 1NT opening

Time: 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Cost: \$10 per player for

Worksheets, guided Play of Hands, Notes and Hand Records

Bookings are not required, but an indication of attendance would be helpful.

STOP PRESS

Trish Dennis is our new Partnership Arranger. Trish can be contacted on 4365 5945

Colin Mitchell was unable to again take up the position of Chief Director but will be still helping behind the scenes. Luckily we have another able person to fill the role. Ronnie Ng has stepped into the breach.

Alan Bustany also found he could no longer remain on the committee. Again, we are fortunate to find very competent persons to fill the vacancy. Trish Dennis will take on the role of Partnership Arranger and Ronnie Ng is going to also take over the position of Tournament Organiser.

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