President’s Message

It’s winter but we’re feeling hot, hot, hot!

The country is gripped by World Cup fever and, whilst the Australian team is out, the Central Coast Bridge Club is heating up for a great World Cup Teams Day on Thursday July 3.

There is frost on the ground and we’re eating nice warm meals and that can only mean one thing – Christmas in July! On Thursday July 17 we are putting on a special “Christmas” lunch at 12.30pm. The cost is $22 per person and the club will subsidise $10 so a 3-course lunch is only $12 (BYO alcohol).

The Australia-Wide Novice Pairs has been run and our best placed pair was Pam Jones and Sue Horn who finished 23rd overall out of 324 – well done ladies.

We’re only half way through the year and we have so many more great events coming up for all of our members. On Thursday July 10 we have Patrick O’Connor coming to club to give a talk on bridge hands. Patrick is the author of “A First Book of Bridge Problems” and “A Second Book of Bridge Problems” – both on sale at the club currently for $14.

“A First Book of Bridge Problems” was awarded the American Bridge Teachers Association book of the year award for 2012. So bring your copy along or purchase one for Patrick to sign. Patrick is also the brother-in-law of our very own club member Peter Fitzgerald.

I’m very pleased to announce that we are putting on a community initiative of first aid training by having St John’s Ambulance come to the club on Wednesday July 23 for CPR training. The cost is $70 per person and the club will subsidise $50 so each participant will only need pay $20 for this invaluable training. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you’d like to participate.

Other events we have coming up are the President’s Cup Saturday 5th July and the Wamberal Cup 23rd & 30th July. Don’t forget the Brisbane Water Congress is on 26th & 27th July so get your pair and/or teams registered.


The big news in the NSW bridge world at the moment is that the Australian National Congress is being held in Sydney this July. There are a range of events to participate in at all levels from Novice to Open. There aren’t many other sports where you compete at the Australian level by simply entering and giving it a go so I encourage you to grab this opportunity!

Happy Bridging!

Shan
**Tournament Director’s Report**

Last newsletter I touched upon the case where your partner gives the wrong explanation of your bid. I would like to expand upon this scenario in this newsletter (I am relying very heavily on an article penned by Mathew McManus.)

So, your partner describes your hand and it does not match what you are holding. What should you do? In fact, you should do absolutely NOTHING. (NB Don’t call the director. Don’t tell your opponents.)

*Let’s look at a couple of different examples:*

a) Your partner has described your hand correctly (as per your systems card) but it is you who has forgotten your system. You have no responsibility to tell your opponents.

b) Your partner has given an incorrect explanation and you become declarer or dummy. In such a case call the director and tell you opponents before the opening lead is made. The director may be able to take action to reduce the problems associated with the mis-explanation.

c) Your partner has given an incorrect explanation and you become a defender. Do not say anything until the hand has been played. (You may “wake up” your partner.) Call the director and tell all. The director may adjust the score.

*John Redfearn*

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**From our Tournament Secretary**

By now everyone is well aware of our “Three Thursdays in July”.

- On the 3rd is our World Cup Teams Day (let’s go “Hooragwuy”!)
- On the 10 we are very fortunate to secure the services of Patrick O’Connor. He is the author of two very fine bridge books. His talk commences at 1:30 pm.
- And, of course, there is “Christmas in July” on the 17.

On Saturday, the 9th of August we are holding our Club Open Pairs Championship. This event is also the selection event for the State Open Pairs.

Last, but not least, I am very excited to announce that our club is holding a congress for novice players (i.e. fewer than 35 masterpoints). It is to be held on the weekend of the 13-14 of September (pairs on Saturday and teams on Sunday.)

I know that is some time away but please all you novice players consider entering. Newer players often tell me that they do not like playing in congresses because they get “beaten up” by better players. Well, in this congress all the players will be novices. So...

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**Pianola**

You will have noticed if you’ve played at the club in the last couple of months that we have been trialling a program called Pianola. At the end of your game it sends you a report with how you went as declarer, dummy, defender on lead and defender not on lead so it’s helpful to your partnership (or not depending who had the lower percentage!!). To receive this information please provide the club your current email address.

Once logged in you can update your contact information, set your privacy settings so decide who can see what in your profile and keep track of all your results in the one place.

There is also a partner arranger area where you can look for people wanting a game or let people know if you’re looking for a game.

Check it out – we’d love your feedback as we’re coming into our last month of trialling the program.