



# CENTRAL COAST **BRIDGE**CLUB Newsletter

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*April  
2021*

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# UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## A Winding Road

Our members were recently saddened by the passing of a long term member, Ruth Stephens. Ruth is remembered as a kind person with a quirky sense of humour who just loved a bit of a laugh and as one member put it, a giggle. She was a strength for a number of members who faced challenging times. Vale Ruth Stephens you will be missed by your friends at Central Coast Bridge Club.

This month has seen a number of events and changes at our club. There will be detailed reports later in the newsletter so I will only summarise some of them here such as our COVID news, a successful mini congress, the constitutional review and improvements for members.

The good news which comes from a further relaxing of COVID19 safety conditions, is of course reopening of the kitchen. We are particularly grateful to Kerrie Ransom and her team who continue to do an excellent job in our difficult to decipher COVID category. Please see below for a full report and new safety requirements.

It is easy to be buoyed by the wonderful success that was our mini congress last month. We received many positive comments from attendees including that they were extremely pleased to be playing face to face bridge again. We had to ensure that everyone was as safe as possible of course, but the packaged cakes and sandwiches didn't deter any and a great congress was had by all.

Congratulations to the winners and a huge thank you to our convenor, John Redfearn, Director, Matthew McManus and all the volunteers who helped to make it a great event.

Next, we are working on building membership numbers and improving the member playing experience. Very soon, we will update the signage as we have a great opportunity to promote our club; being on the main road. We are going to get a professional to look over the clubhouse with a view to providing us with some ideas to upgrade the premises and make sure that we are getting the most out of our space. As always, all suggestions will be shared with members and they will be open for comment once obtained.

Finally, we are going to start the consultation process on amendments to the constitution. We have held our first meeting with the club's solicitors and we have decided to approach the task in stages. We propose to send each stage out personally to members for comment but also post suggestions on the noticeboard to seek feedback. At the conclusion of the process, we hope to take an amended constitution, which we are all happy with, to the membership for a vote at the next AGM. So watch for notices on the board, emails and frequently asked questions. Committee members will be available to discuss aspects of the constitution with you or if you wish, please leave a message with any committee member at the club and I will phone you to discuss.

Please participate in this process as it is your CCBC.

Happy bridge playing everyone.

See you at the Club.

*Louise Lewis,  
President*



# UPDATE FROM OUR COVID-SAFE COORDINATOR

We are pleased to see the kitchen open, as we see a gradual easing of restrictions. We are now able to use the kitchen as before, but need to be mindful of not having more than 12 people in the kitchen at any one time.

With the 2 square metre rule in place, we can also have 3 people at any one time in the bathrooms.

We are trialling some cloth table covers on the larger tables, as an alternative to plastic. The cloth covers will be replaced daily. Many members have found the glare from the plastic very uncomfortable, so this may help.

As a precaution, we have decided to keep the plastic covers on the Bridgemates, as hand sanitizer can destroy the electronics.

Checking in is mandatory, and Service NSW QR check in is preferred, but laptop concierge check in and a sign in book are available if needed.

Physical distancing, checking in, and frequent use of hand sanitizer continues to very important.

Many thanks to our committee, volunteers and members for their co-operation and assistance.



*Stay safe,  
Kerrie Ransom*



# MINI CONGRESS REPORT

It was fantastic to be able to hold a face-to-face Congress once more, albeit a slightly scaled down version. Due to the venue's COVID rules we were capped at 25 tables per day.

I was very appreciative that Matthew McManus was our Director for the weekend. His skill, knowledge and calm, soothing manner always makes for a great congress.

Even with the smaller numbers we still managed to make a good profit for the weekend, around \$2,000.

Running a congress is like watching a duck swimming across a pond. It looks all very calm on the surface, but underneath the water his little feet are paddling furiously. I would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to all the helpers. Without the help from these people the congress would not have happened.

I received many positive comments at the end of each day.

We have three more congresses planned for this year. They are:

- (i) Our Novice and Restricted Congress
- (ii) The State Novice and Restricted Congress
- (iii) Summer Teams

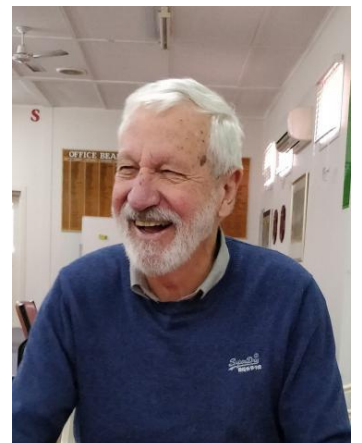


Open Pairs Winners -  
Kim Morrison & David Weston  
with Louise Lewis, President



Open Teams Winners -  
William Zhang, Wei Zhang,  
Xiao Yang, Michael Chen  
with Louise Lewis, President

*Convenor,  
John Redbearn*



# Bridge Problems



South opens 1H. West bids 2NT (both minors). South plays in 4H. West leads Ace, King, Queen of Clubs. At trick 4 he leads 10 Spades. How do you plan to make your contract?

Dummy

A65

7654

AJ5

J109

You

KQ4

AQJ108

K4

765



Plan your play. You're South and in 3NT and you get the lead of the Jack of Hearts. How many winners do you have and how will you make your contract?

Dummy

QJ8

Q7

J104

AK1086

You

AK6

K54

AQ92

J95



Winners .....

Plan .....

# Bridge Problems Answers

## Hand 1

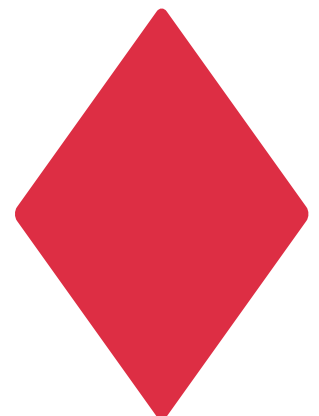
You must take the spade with the Ace in Dummy and finesse East for the King of Hearts. With West showing 5/5 in the minors it's a fair bet that East has the King of Hearts. If he doesn't, you were never going to make your contract anyway. If the finesse works, cross back to dummy with the King of Diamonds and finesse the King of Hearts for the second time. If it's still not played you can then play your Ace of Hearts and the King will drop.

## Hand 2

You have 5 winners

At trick one play your Queen of Hearts. If that wins finesse your diamonds straight away.

However, if the Ace of Hearts comes up in East's hand and they send back a heart, duck it and then take the King later and work on your Clubs. Either way, finesse into West's hand, which is the non-danger hand.



*It's a thinking game  
John Redbear*

# Bread tags for wheelchairs

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm very much into being kind to the planet and finding ways to reduce, recycle and reuse.

During the COVID outbreak the club had to adapt to the times and provide food and drinks in a way that was safe for our members, and this included having items in individually wrapped packaging. All that packaging was contributing a huge amount of waste to landfill. I then discovered that zip lock bags, cling film and the cellophane wrappers from around the biscuits could be collected and recycled at Red Cycle collection centres, which I have been doing now for a few weeks. If you haven't noticed the little green bin under the table at the refreshment stand that is what is being collected there. With the easing of restrictions that Kerrie outlined we're currently not having to use individually wrapped items but I urge everyone to continue to be mindful of what's recycling and what's rubbish.

Soft plastic recycling is something we can all be doing at home and I would encourage all our members to check out this [Red Cycle link](#) to see what can and can't be collected and recycled at Red Cycle collection points. The very exciting news is that Council is trialing home collection of these items and we should all be able to recycle soft plastics soon without having to drive them to the supermarket.

In my research to find out other items that we could all be recycling I came across **Bread Tags for Wheelchairs** and I'm thrilled that Louise has allowed me to implement this worthwhile cause at the club. And it couldn't be easier!

Simply keep the plastic clips from your bread bags or bags of potatoes and bring them into the club. We have a container on the front table for collection. When we've saved up a postal satchel's worth we'll send them off to the charity that coordinates turning these plastic tags into wheelchairs for people in need. You can read more about this great initiative at [Oz Bread Tags for Wheelchairs](#) or [Clean Up Australia](#)

*Thank you!*  
*Shan Lawson*

