



CENTRAL COAST
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UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

HERE COMES THE SUN

The latest news on the COVID front appears to be positive; please see Kerrie's report below. Also in this newsletter is an update on RealBridge, latest event news and a fond farewell to one of our former members, Anne Steel.

With the AGM results to date confirming return of this committee, I would like to once again thank you for your support and also assure you that we intend to continue improving communications and feedback as well as taking a planful approach to the year's activities.

In relation to our RealBridge sessions, they continue to be popular among members. At this time, we intend to maintain the current fee structure of \$10 per session based on our after expenses income of approximately \$415 per week which is being put toward the premises. The committee will suggest some ideas to continue RealBridge sessions after the club reopens. So far ideas include using RealBridge for an evening session, challenges like the one against Tomaree and maybe a Sunday.

Finally, we report that the bridge community was recently saddened to hear of the loss of a long term local identity in Anne Steel. Our thoughts are with Graham and his family at this time.

I hope to see you all sooner rather than later at the clubhouse.

Cheers

Louise

*Louise Lewis,
President*



UPDATE FROM OUR COVID-SAFE COORDINATOR

The Central Coast remains in lockdown, despite being classified as “regional”. Unfortunately, COVID case numbers have been increasing here on the coast. Our Premier has released a roadmap out of lockdown. This is contingent upon the state reaching 70% vaccination target, and no unexpected outbreaks in LGAs. NSW is expected to reach these vaccination targets in mid October, or even earlier. We are told that if local cases increase unexpectedly in any given LGA, we can expect changes to the freedoms.

The “road map” forward is unclear in some areas, and is changing as we reach vaccination targets. We won't really have certainty until very close to opening . When we are able to open, we will do so according to the NSW Health guidelines.

What we know so far:

- QR code is mandatory, and everyone must check-in upon arrival
- ONLY fully vaccinated people are allowed entry (proof of double vaccination will be required)
- Mandatory mask wearing while indoors
- Hand sanitising remains
- Daily cleaning of all surfaces remains
- Ventilation is paramount, with doors and windows to be kept open where possible
- 4 square metre rule applies to density limits

In anticipation of re-opening, please ensure you have a digital or paper copy of your vaccination certificate. A digital copy is now available on phones through the Medicare app, or the MyGov portal, and can also be placed into a Google Wallet or Apple Wallet. Members without a smart phone will need to show a paper copy of their vaccination certificate. This is available from your GP, or the vaccination facility you attended. We are also advised that those without a smartphone can call Services Australia on 1800 653 809 to have a copy of their immunization posted to them, which may take up to 14 days.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

*Stay safe,
Kerrie Ransom*



RealBridge going strong!

We're so pleased that many members have embraced the RealBridge online platform to play bridge and catch up with friends.

It's been such a success that we've added two more sessions to the line-up - Monday and Wednesday. So, we now play at 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

You don't need a partner to play, simply pay your entry fee and turn up and we'll match you with someone. Also, anyone with an ABF can play so invite your bridge-playing friends and family to join in.

The links for all games can be found on the home page of our website.

*Enjoy,
Norm Berger*



Player Promotions

Congratulations to everyone who was promoted another ABF rank in August

Tony Giles - Graduate

Peter Green - Club

Gai Milne - Local

Allan Nichols - Local

Kerrie Ransom - Bronze Local

Thea McCallum - Bronze Local



*Colin Kleinig,
Masterpoint Secretary*

Let Me Be Direct

We're pleased to be able to bring you another piece about directing in order to help you better understand the game and the rules.

This month's piece is written by Norm Berger who directs Wednesdays. Take it away Norm!

Hesitation

Take a look at this hand and how it was bid

Dealer East, NS vulnerable

	♠ A 8 6		
	♥ K J 8		
	♦ A 9 2		
	♣ Q J 9 8		
♠ 2		♠ K J 10 9 7 4	
♥ Q 9 6 4 3		♥ 7 5	
♦ K 10 4		♦ J 8 7 3	
♣ 10 7 6 2		♣ 5	
	♠ Q 5 3		
	♥ A 10 2		
	♦ Q 6 5		
	♣ A K 4 3		

West	North	East	South
		2 ♦(1)	Pass
2 ♥(2)	Pass(3)	2 ♠(4)	3 ♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1. Multi 2♦ - showing a weak two in either major
 2. "Pass or correct" – pass if hearts is your suit, otherwise bid 2♠
 3. After agreed significant hesitation
 4. Confirming a weak two in spades
- 10 tricks are made. The director was called because EW requested an adjusted score on the basis that South's 3♠ bid could have been influenced by North's hesitation.

As there is no law that covers hesitation the director looked at North and South hands and deemed that 3 NT was the correct bid.

Let Me Be Direct (cont.)

Bridge is a thinking game and players are allowed to take their time and think PROVIDED there is actually something to consider.

If you are taking your time to think about your bid in order to worry your opponents that you may have something of value in your hand and then you pass, that is neither ethical or sportsman-like. The same goes if you hesitate because you do have a little bit of value in your hand and then you pass, hoping that your partner will pick up on the value in your hand and bid, that is also not OK.

If you hesitate for a long time and pass it does put pressure on your partner not to bid. However, if they have something of value and they were planning to bid anyway they are most welcome to. Consider thought that if they have passed in the previous bidding round and then suddenly come in after your hesitation it's a sure sign that they have taken inference from the pause in the bidding. The bridge laws state that players should bid in tempo. A break in tempo from regular bidding is considered to be Unauthorised Information and that's why it needs to be ruled on by the Director.

Hesitating during bidding is perfectly fine and allowed but it's generally what happens after a break in the tempo of the bidding that is cause for concern.

As always, call the Director to sort it out to keep the game flowing.

Happy Bridging!

*Thank you!
Norm Berger*



Bridge Problems

Your partner opens 1 NT, what do you respond

- | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| a) 87 | b) 8 | c) Q972 | d) K97 | e) J974 | f) AJ765 |
| 94 | KJ7432 | A103 | AJ4 | 10876 | K10962 |
| J72 | AK74 | K94 | A1087 | 98532 | 7 |
| AK9873 | A2 | Q96 | KJ10 | ----- | 42 |



You open 1D and partner responds 1S. What do you rebid?

- | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| a) K7 | b) A6 | c) A | d) A852 | e) J2 | f) K963 |
| 75 | AQ | AKJ | 7 | KJ74 | 65 |
| AQ965 | Q9654 | 87643 | AK953 | AKJ2 | AK952 |
| KJ62 | J854 | J854 | KQJ | J10 | KQ3 |



Responder's rebids

1. A94 KQ76J82 1053 Partner opens 1D and you respond 1H. He rebids 1NT. What now?
2. K8763 J105Q3 J98 Partner opens 1D and you respond 1S. He rebids 2NT. What now?
3. 74 J982K5 AQ1052 Partner opens 1S and you respond 2C. He rebids 2NT. What now?
4. AK10873 K108 10654 Partner opens 1C and you respond 1S. He rebids 2C. What now?
5. 82 AQ6J84 K10853 Partner opens 1C and you respond 3C. He rebids 3D. What now?
6. 984 KJ87873 AQ5 Partner opens 1D and you respond 1H. He rebids 2H. What now?



Responder's rebids

7. Partner opens 2S.

What do you respond with 84 AK87 A109 AJ104



8. Partner opens 2S.

What do you respond with KJ7 875 102 KQ874

9. Partner opens 2H.

What do you respond with AQ10976 6 AJ9 A107



10. Partner opens 3S.

What do you respond with 3 AJ AKQJ532 K107

11. Partner opens 3S.

What do you respond with AJ4 5 Q108764 J92



12. Partner opens 3D.

What do you respond with KQJ10632 AK364 A



Bridge Problems Answers

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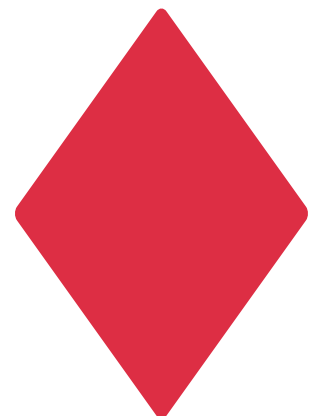
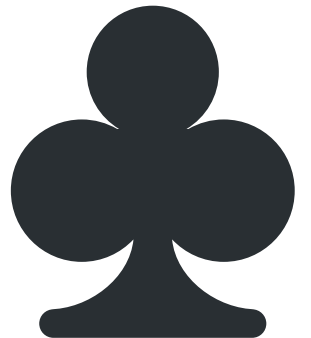
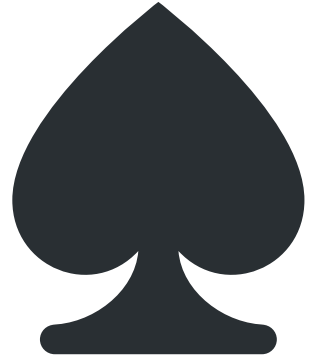
- a) 3NT
- b) 2D
- c) 3NT
- d) 4NT
- e) 2C
- f) 2H

2

- a) 2C
- b) 1NT
- c) 1NT
- d) 4S
- e) 1NT
- f) 3S

Responder's Rebids

- 1. pass
- 2. 3NT
- 3. pass
- 4. 3S
- 5. 3H
- 6. pass
- 7. 4S
- 8. 3S
- 9. 2S
- 10. 3NT
- 11. 4S
- 12. 4S



*It's a thinking game
John Redbear*

Trivia

1. What is the square root of 64?
2. Beginning with "T" what is the wettest town in Australia?
3. According to Shakespeare what is "the food of love"?
4. Which card game, derived from Whist, was first played in Britain in 1903?
5. What ban, instituted by Malcolm Turnbull was applied to federal government ministers?
6. What was used for blood in the famous shower scene in the film "Psycho"?
7. What colour is the blood of a lobster?
8. In which galaxy do we live?
9. Which month is named after a Roman emperor?
10. For which group of people is Romany the native language?

Trivia Answers

1. 8
2. Tully
3. Music
4. Bridge
5. The "Bonk" ban
6. Chocolate syrup
7. Blue
8. The Milky Way
9. August
10. Gypsies

For your information

These topics are not bridge-related but I thought members would be interested.

Firstly, our honorary member Kitty cat who was adopted and renamed Mila - short for Milagros (Spanish for miracle) unfortunately passed away on Sunday 15 August. As you may have been aware she was 14 years old and not very well so it wasn't a big shock but still very, sad. We're pleased that she got to spend quite a few months in a lovely, warm home in the end. Thank you for Deb, Pete, Ben and Daniel for taking her in and loving her.



Secondly, you know what a recycle fanatic I am and I'm very excited that the Central Coast now offers the Curby The Bilby soft plastic recycling program.

Instead of taking your soft plastics to a collection point such as Coles or Woolies, you can now register with Curby, they will send you bags to place your soft plastics in. You then scan the QR codes on your bags on a phone app and put them in your yellow recycle bin to be collected.

We love Bilbies at our club and here's another reason to love them even more!

[Click here to visit the Curby the Bilby website and register](#)

Thank you!
Shan Lawson

