



# CENTRAL COAST BRIDGECLUB

## Newsletter

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# UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

***If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello  
(Paulo Coelho)***

I am excited to say that this newsletter sees a number of our initiatives moving forward to improve member numbers and member experience. In this issue, I will mention at least two of them and hope that you will join in the journey with us.

The first is the schedule of lessons. Beginner players have just finished Essential Bridge Skills I and they have recently graduated with their 'Bachelor of Bridge' at a welcome morning tea. You will see some new bilby faces playing amongst members during a number of bridge sessions and we hope that you will join us in welcoming them and showing them a good time. John Redfearn reminds us to please not double the bilbies and remember that they are playing a simple 5 card major, better minor, strong no trump system.

Also on the lesson front, remember that novice and intermediate lessons are being run on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. John has conducted large amounts of research from recognised bridge experts and integrated them into the lessons. Come along and improve your bridge system with new strategies for all aspects of bridge.

A second very important initiative is the proposed building upgrade. You will have received an introductory email from me outlining the project and how we will be presenting it to you.

Our focus is to set the CCBC premises up for many years to come and in doing so attract new members to a welcoming environment for all things bridge from weekly playing to learning and congresses.

It is a very exciting time to be a member of the club and we ask that you fully immerse yourself in this project so that you are well-informed to ask questions and ultimately vote on its success. An important information session is coming up on Friday 27 May at 1.30 pm when our architect will be attending to present to us and answer questions. Also, lunch and refreshments will be provided; so if you would like to come around 1.00 pm, you will be most welcome. Please RSVP by Wednesday 25 May for catering purposes.



Please enjoy other contributions to this newsletter and see you on the 27th.

Cheers

*Louise Lewis,  
President*





# CCBC Club Events

Well it has been a hectic two months. Congratulations to Shan Lawson and John Redfearn on winning the CCBC Mixed Pairs Championship. Also to Kerrie Ransom and Annette Houtman for winning our Restricted Pairs Championship, I'm told that Kerrie played extremely well. Thea McCallum and Ros Hoatson were the winners of our Novice Pairs Championship, well done.

The CCBC has many members with fewer than 100mps, so I was surprised that there weren't more entries in the Novice Pairs. Similarly so far we were supposed to conduct 6 Red Point events and we have only held 2 because we need 5 full tables to run a R.P. event.

The GNOT is an all day event on Wednesday 25 commencing at 9.30. Cost is \$20 per head and includes lunch and nibbles & drinks at conclusion of play. This is the only GOLD POINT event we have all year. Get your team together and enter via the noticeboard or email the club.

Also on Thursday afternoon 26 we are holding the Australian Wide Novice Pairs for those with fewer than 100mps.

Enjoy your bridge  
Norm

*Enjoy,  
Norm Berger*



# Bridge Quiz

Try these two hands. The first work out how to play it. The second, as declarer, work out what you should lead.

1) North opens 1NT, East passes, South bids 3NT all pass. The lead is the 7 of spades

AK  
AQJ  
952  
K8752

965  
K1052  
J63  
Q106

Q10872  
9743  
Q10  
A4

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J93

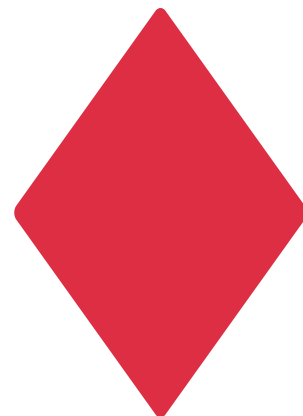
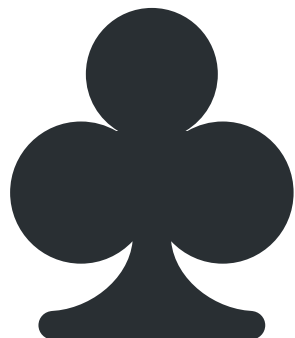
2) West opens 1 heart, North passes, East bids 1NT, South passes, West bids 2 diamonds, all pass.

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# Bridge Quiz Answers

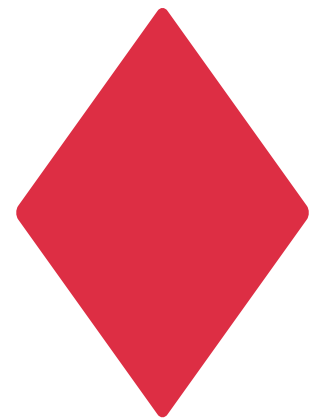
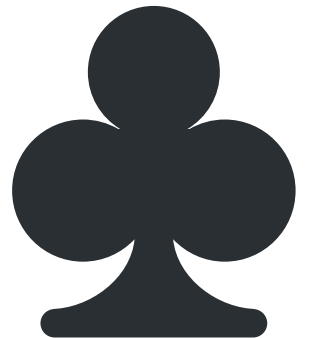
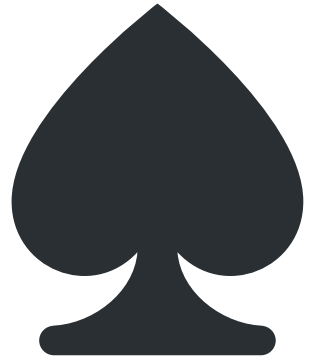
## 1) Duck and finesse

You have 5 winners - 2 spades, 1 heart, 2 diamonds and no clubs.

Win the lead and duck a diamond. You need to finesse the hearts twice. Win the return and play low to the Ace of diamonds and play the diamond suit. Finesse the hearts.

## 2) Lead

Did North listen to the bidding? East has given preference to diamonds. He has more diamonds than hearts. Declarer will ruff his losing hearts in dummy. So, North should lead a trump.



*It's a thinking game  
John Redbearn*

# Player Promotions

Congratulations to those who were promoted another ABF placing

## April

- Steph Mathews, Life
- Pauline Haydon, Club
- Mary McLeod, Graduate

## March

- Jan Lawson, Regional

## February

- John McIlrath, Grand
- Colin Speller, National
- Michael Shellshear, Silver Local
- Jenny MacPherson, Bronze Local
- Jan Perring, Local
- Lewis Carey, Graduate

*Colin Kleinig,  
Masterpoint Secretary*

