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January Newsletter



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## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Karen Hayhurst and Michelle Campbell. They were first North/South on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January against some very experienced players.

They are new to the game, and they work hard on their partnership.

### CONGRATULATIONS ! Well done !

System Cards

Yes, blank system cards are available at your session and every partnership should have one, and it should be on the table when you play for your opponents to see.

It also helps making sure you and your partner are playing the same system.

## Welcome to 2024



Here is our own wonderful Adriana bringing in the New Year with friends in Gosford Hospital.

Adriana is now a little closer to us, residing at Reynolds Court, Bateau Bay.

Love the Piccolo's !!!!

We love you, Adriana !!!!

## REMINDER



CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES CLUB BRIDGE CLUB

Inter-Club Teams

Thursday 1st February 2024

Start of play: 09:30

Director: Ronnie Ng

B5i [Red] Masterpoint Event

BWBC, CBC Bateau Bay, CCBC and CCLCBC *members only* 

Entry fee: **\$160** per team [pay on the day] includes lunch and après-bridge drinks.

Prize money dependant on number of tables.

Entries: Event Entry screen on the Home page of the Club Web-site. <u>www.cclcbridgeclub.asn.au</u>

## SUPERVISED PLAY IS BACK

Commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 1.30!

Our sessions are relaxed. Mostly our sessions consist of selecting Interesting/tricky hands from our playing sessions by those requiring help. These include hands difficult to bid, play, or defend. Hands are laid out, analysed, and discussed, then played.

Also, we also prepare hands tied to specific topics, i.e. Stayman, Transfers, Pre-empts etc. as requested.

We don't charge for Supervised Play. The session follows our usual morning Thursday game, we have a relaxed lunch, and return to the bridge room. Sessions generally run for about an hour.

If you would like to come, and/or get help on a topic, please see Sharon Versteege.



The main changes refer to Laws 89 – Prohibited Behaviour and Reprehensible Conduct.

Briefly it is an offence to seek to obtain illicit information **about the board currently in play**, **or boards designated for later play**.

Similarly, it is an offence to use illicit information **in the above situation**, and/or convey or attempt to convey to other players information **in the above situation**.

It outlines analysis to support a charge, and sanctions relating to reprehensible conduct.

Statistical and probabilistic analysis may be used to establish or support a charge that a contestant has used prohibited methods of communication.

Information can be obtained by a player's manner or behaviour, possession of information illicitly obtained that relates to unplayed boards and unpublished results.

#### TABLE ETIQUETTE

Recently we have welcomed a number of new members to our club. Some are established players, lots are new to the game.

Always a courtesy, please welcome players to your table and if you don't know them then make sure you introduce yourself. If they are newbies to the game, particularly playing with an unfamiliar partner, and they get into mix up situation, do the right thing and **DON'T DOUBLE THEM.** 

The new changes to the Laws of Bridge obviously relate to cheating, and the ability to gather illicit information. Do you realise how much information you are giving to the tables around you when you discuss the hands you are playing as you go along?

If you and your partner have a misunderstanding, please, note it down and discuss it after the game. Not only are you imparting information to your partner as well as to those around you, but you are also distracting your opponents from planning their play. Play fair, play quiet.

#### THE DREADED AIR-CONDITIONING

Every Director's nightmare is the air conditioning; it's too hot; it's too cold; I'm under a vent; it's really hot in the middle of the room.

Because you are hot does not mean everybody else in the room is hot. Because you are cold, it does not mean everybody else is cold.

What is really difficult for us trying to accommodate the **majority** of players is to approach Tigers to adjust the temperature, particularly when it gets very cold, to find they have already adjusted if up or down because "someone" has already been out unbeknownst to us.

If you have an issue, *PLEASE*, come to us and let the Director or Committee deal with Tigers. Our aim is to keep equity in the room. Tigers aim is to make the club comfortable for everyone.