



# JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

## Clubhouse News

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During the past eighteen months we have been working with City of Melville officers to make improvements to our Club rooms and facilities. At times it seemed that we were actors in an episode of *Yes Minister*, but we kept at it and have now achieved most of what we wanted.

Our successes include:

- Four new ACROD bays
- Improvements to the air conditioning (we might still have to tweak it a bit)
- Sound attenuation in the tea room
- Heaters in the al fresco area
- Exclusive use of the tea room and al fresco area (until now this has been a shared area that could be used by other groups in the City of Melville).

Coming soon will be

- Improvements to the al fresco area
- Treatment of windows to correct the corrosion and stains caused by reticulation water.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Bill Symons who won the Bob Simpson award for outstanding service to the Club during 2020. Bill is a tireless worker for the Club as Tournament Manager, director, teacher and BAWA representative, as well as being one of our most enthusiastic Club members. We're sad to say that he is giving up part of his teaching role and has handed over the beginners' lessons to Ian Wake. Fortunately he will continue his Wednesday morning workshops, which is good news for the Wednesday group.



Jeannie Ravn, daughter of trophy donor Bob Simpson, presented the trophy to Bill.

Congratulations also to Merwyn Menezes who gained the most masterpoints of any home club member during 2020. His success may happen because he plays so often, but there is probably a bit of talent there as well!

## Congratulations to some players



Winners of Dorothy Kitching Handicap Pairs: Beryl Gautier and Tom Lund

## Congratulations (cont.)



Winners of Gerald Burns Pharmacy Red Point event: Nilesh and Bhavna Patel

Winners of Our Open Pairs Championship: Suzanne and Marty Goodall



Club Open Pairs Championship second place: Valerie Isle and Ros Warnock

Club Open Pairs Championship third place: Helen Arendts and Se-Moi Loh



## Christmas & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We held a combined Christmas and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch party on 6<sup>th</sup> December, followed by an unscheduled and impromptu game of bridge for some hardy stayers. A very enjoyable and successful event. Thanks to our House Manager Lyn Toft and all those who helped with the event, decorated the rooms, provided the music, and did all the other things that are necessary for a successful function.



## Membership News

We welcomed fourteen new members to the Club in January, twelve of whom joined after taking lessons with Bill Symons and will be home club members: Stan Snook, Noreen Snook, Jenny Alexander, Trish Greenwood, Brenda Oliver-Harry, Joan Luck, Kathy Bruton, Peter Ott, Michelle Ott, Sean Hird, Shelley Hird and Elaine Geddes.

*We now have  
352 members*

Special thanks to Bill for attracting so many new members through these lessons. We also welcome Angela Carroll and former member Linda Yeoh.

During 2020 sixty-two of our members resigned for various reasons. Fortunately we admitted the same number of new members, so our membership is now the same as it was a year ago: three hundred and fifty-two.

Our most active members during the month were Bhavna Patel and Nilesh Patel who played in 23 events and Dorothy Stevenson and Merwyn Menezes (20).

## Lessons for Beginners

Ian Wake will run a series of lessons for beginners on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Bookings should be made with Claire Weston on 0429 398 101.

## Coming Events ...

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm**

Australia Day Red Point event – open and restricted (0-99).

Free sausage sizzle at 11.45am.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1.00pm**

Open walk-in pairs

**Friday evening 12<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm**

Pizza & Bridge (Bridge starts at 7.00pm)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 12.30pm**

Club Swiss Pairs

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Oakwood Melville BC Congress

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We're looking for donations of food for the Oakwood Congress and for members to help with setting out the food on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> March.

If you can help please advise Lyn Toft, phone 0401 383 999 or email [lyntoft@gmail.com](mailto:lyntoft@gmail.com)

## Club Officials

<b>President</b>	Mark Hughes	<b>Committee Members</b>	Eugene McClorey
<b>Vice President</b>	Vacant		Merwyn Menezes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mark Hughes		Dianne Nelson
<b>Secretary</b>	Richard Fuller		Bruce Penhey
<b>Tournament Manager</b>	Bill Symons		
<b>House Manager</b>	Lyn Toft		
<b>Club Recorders</b>	Marsha Hopkins & Maree Miliauskas		
<b>Webmaster</b>	Salim Songerwala		
<b>Partner Organiser</b>	Claire Weston		
<b>Masterpoints Secretary</b>	Eugene McClorey		
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Merwyn Menezes		
<b>Emergency contact records</b>	Dorothy Stevenson		
<b>Purchasing Officer</b>	Dianne Nelson		
<b>Bridge Teachers</b>	Bill Symons & Ian Wake		
<b>Directors</b>			
Nicole Bertinshaw	David Burn	Errol Jacob	Gwen Kremer
Bruce Penhey	Jeannie Ravn	Lyndall Steed	Bill Symons
			David Parham
			Neville Walker