

THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter
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Members from our club's Thursday session enjoying a few drinks and a lot of good conversation after the play. (left to right): Jennifer Simpson, Irene D'Almeida, Jill Bynre, Ailsa Stokeld, Felicity Woods, Leonie Webb, Judith Murry, Judith Jones, and Anne Dickerson.



President /Tournament Manager's Report

Our next event is the Melbourne Cup Day. The trophy for this has been donated by the Honourable Dean Nalder - Member for Alfred Cove, who is also a great supporter of our Bridge Club. As Dean will be unavailable, his wife Collette will be visiting our club on this day to present the trophy to the winners.

Recently, Mark Hughes, Claire Weston, Di Nelson and I attended a seminar conducted by Sandra Mulcahy, National Marketing Manager of ABF. We have now formed a Marketing and

Education Committee at our club with Mark as Chair. Look out members, Mark and his team will be setting us some goals in Marketing and Education for our club.

The Management Committee has approved an Incentive for members who introduce new members. If you introduce someone to our club you will receive six complimentary vouchers to play bridge at our club. So come on members, please take this challenge on.

One of the issues identified at various bridge clubs is behavioural issues. At our club we are trying to tackle this and the Management Committee has appointed Dorothy Stevenson as a Recorder along with Tony Stevens and Mary Firth. If you encounter any behavioural issues with any member please feel free to talk to one of our recorders.

On this note may I request all our members to be pleasant and polite to each other. By all means exercise your rights but please be nice to one another. We want to be a friendly Bridge Club. Keep smiling and please enjoy your bridge.

For the very first time both Melville Bridge Club and South Perth Bridge Club have come together and organised an event to be known as "Master in Teams of 3" consisting of three players 0 - 150 MP and one 300+ MP. This will encourage our intermediate players to play with a master in a teams' game scoring event. It will be held on 1.00pm Sunday 22nd November at Melville. It will be a half day session played at the same time as our annual team game between our both clubs, which will be held at South Perth this year. So come on members, please make up your teams. You can enter online or in the red book. May I encourage all our Intermediate players to participate in this event.

Please let us have your comments and suggestions at all times. Your Management Committee will be very happy to hear from you.

Noel Daniel



Winners and Grinners

Melville Mayor's Trophy



Winners: 1st Lise Bank and Helen Cunningham, 2nd: Joyce Pereira and Noel Daniel, 3rd Carol Murphy and Mary Johnston

Dora Wilson Trophy



Winners: 1st Noel Daniel and Tony Stevens, 2nd Bill Symons and Suzanne Goodall, 3rd Salim Songerwala and Barabra Frost.

Novice Pairs



Winners: 1st Peggy Stacy and Tom Stacy, 2nd Mark Hughes and Kathleen Thomson, 3rd Helen Cunningham and Phil Cunningham

Guys and Dolls





“Dolls” Winners: 1st Barbara Frost and Suzanne Goodall, 2nd Laurel Lander and Se-Moi Loh, 3rd Anne Mitchell and Lyndall Steed.

“Guys” Winners: Noel Daniel and Leon Randolph, 2nd Bill Symonds and Tony Stevens, 3rd Martin Goodall and Salim Songerwala.

The “real” Novices at the Championships

As we placed our names in the Red Book for the Novice Championship we could envisage ourselves staring on that shiny brown Honour Board. It was time to feature once more and this was our big chance – coming in on about 20 masterpoints and enjoying a “purple patch” of good results we rated ourselves well!

Walking through the door we realised the competition was much stiffer than we had thought – that’s OK we don’t need the Honour Board, just the recognition of being in the first three places.

What a great start we had... three good defensive games where our opponents went down! Sadly we realised that in our great glee to defend we had missed out on a spade game and 680 points! The next round saw us confidently bid to 3NT and then go down one...of course it was never there...just too over eager to play to game! We downgraded our plan for the day from being in the first three places to just picking up some red points!

We continued on towards the break with mixed results. About two rounds prior to coffee my

partner remembers she hasn’t had lunch and starts to get “break happy” i.e. we both fail to concentrate on the game. However partner completes a brilliant unexpected 5D and I decide to match her efforts with a disastrous 5C...coffee can’t come quick enough!!

With renewed energy and determination we start the second session. Partner brilliantly doubles an opponent’s 4S and they go down by 1 (OK so they should have gone down by 2 but...). Now is the time for risky play (only stupid novices can think this way) – the bid is 1NT by us but... oh my... how good 3NT looks. I bid...Partner glares and I go cold! With fierce determination I pull it off...we are back on the Honour Board!

Unfortunately Partner did not eat enough at the break and towards the end of the session the smell of sausage rolls cooking is completely distracting. Our 3S goes down and then the disruption passes to me and I play in NT when I had bid hearts...

There is nothing more to do than enjoy a glass of wine and the camaraderie of fellow players at the end of the day. Congratulations to the winners and runners up who didn’t let overly grand expectations, lack of concentration and the omission of lunch to mess up their day.

Lyn Le Provost



I’m a Seenager

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don’t have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don’t have a curfew.

I have a driver’s licence and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the liquor store.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.

And I don’t have acne.

Life is great!

Contribution – Maureen Priest

High Court rules: bridge is not a sport.

The English Bridge Union had challenged a decision by Sport England not to recognise it as a sport because it does not involve physical activity.

But Mr Justice Dove ruled against the union, dismissing its bid for a judicial review.

The union said it was "very disappointed" and was reviewing its options for its next course of action.

The English Bridge Union (EBU) had wanted Sport England to reclassify the game, which would have made it eligible for government and lottery funding.

It had claimed the ordinary and natural meaning of "sport" in the 1996 Royal Charter, which established Sport England, was sufficiently broad that it did not necessarily require physical activity.

Lawyers told the High Court the game was based on rules, fairness and competition like other sports and was available to older people, to whom it brought a sense of inclusion and community.

But the judge said Sport England's current policy defined sport as involving "physical activity" and its move to reject reclassification of bridge was right.

The issue he had considered was whether Sport England officials had "erred in law" when refusing to classify bridge as a sport, the judge said - not the "broad, somewhat philosophical question" as to whether or not bridge is a sport.

During the case Sport England had argued bridge was no more of a sporting activity than "sitting at home, reading a book".

"We recognise that many people enjoy playing bridge, but that's not going to play a part in the fight against inactivity."

Ian Payn, vice-chairman of the EBU, said the organisation was "very disappointed" about the decision which "affects participants in many sports other than bridge".

Reference: BBC News

Change of Suit



We flew from Perth to Zurich where we had a bus tour booked for 5 days.

Switzerland is a beautiful place - it was the first time for both of us.

We had a fabulous time and perfect weather. This photo was taken at the Matterhorn on the top of the mountain in Zalmett. We both thought it was the highlight of our trip.

We then flew to Amsterdam, we had lots of laughs with me trying to speak Dutch, eating croquettes and drinking Heineken, loved, loved Amsterdam.

We started our cruise in Rotterdam ending in Budapest 15 days later.

We saw lots, drank lots, and ate lots. We had an absolute wonderful time. Sooo many good memories and great company.

Wilma Coloper



Bridge Tip

If you can see the winning defence, take charge. Don't put additional pressure on partner if you don't have to.

Eddy Kantar – Kantarbridge.com

Thank you...

The following letter was sent to our club secretary by one of our members:

Dear Di (Nelson)

I just wanted to write a note to convey to the Committee, both last year and the incoming personnel, my thanks for all the time and work put in running the Bridge Club.

We all turn up each week with table set, cards shuffled, Director in charge, clean toilets, tea coffee and biscuits on tap – even the rose are pruned each year! All this does not “just happen” – it is due to organisation, work and time by a lot of dedicated people.

I enjoy playing bridge at Melville and appreciate the work it takes to keep it running smoothly.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Kathleen Thomson

...thank you Kathleen.

Hand Sanitiser

Recently, several members have made enquiries regarding the purchase and use of bottled chemical hand sanitiser at our club.

This suggestion has been put to the committee, and while it is great that our members take an interest in our club, it is considered to be too expensive.

Bottled liquid soap is always available in the club's toilets and kitchen. If any member feels that soap and water is insufficient, they may like to consider purchasing a personal size bottle of hand sanitiser for their own use.

Quotable Quote

If I did everything right, I wouldn't be playing with you!

Unknown



Guess Who?

Last editions beautiful baby was, of course, Betty Carter.



Mal's Humour

Two casual friends dancing got into a serious conversation. She introduced herself and jokingly, to ease the tension, said she was “turned on by Jewish cowboys.” Her partner introduced himself as “Hopalong Goldberg.”

Contribution – Mal Pryce



New Members

Please make the following new members feel welcome when you see them around our club: Yvonne and Alan Arnold, Peggy and Thomas Stacy, Margaret (Ann) and Paul Sarich, Georgia Jamieson, Alfred Leung, Margaret Habib and Margaret Ellis.

Vale

Our members mourn the very sad loss of Dr William (Bill) Hearn, and extend their deepest sympathy to Diana and family.



Acknowledgements

Many thanks to the members who have kindly contributed to this newsletter – suitable contributions are always most welcome.

Out and About



