

Friday Update September 13th

There has been a lot happening at the club this week and a number of messages have gone out. Here is a brief recap.

- Last week's curry and bridge afternoon/evening was very successful. Stay tuned – a similar event is being planned in the near future.
- Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning intermediate sessions will now be Club sessions which will be open to all members with a strict requirement that everyone plays in a friendly manner. This will run as a trial until Christmas.
- A call went out for more members to sign up for the Songerwala Swiss Pairs Championship starting next Friday. Swiss Pairs events are more enjoyable with a larger field.

Newer players like me may not be familiar with Swiss Pairs competitions and how they are different to normal club bridge. Google gave me plenty of detailed information on how these events run. The following simple summary comes from ABF's New Member's Information Kit.

If you're avoiding congresses for fear of being 'beaten up' by stronger players, don't worry. Almost all congresses are run on the 'Swiss draw' principle, which means that except for the first round, you only meet opponents who are doing as well as you are. Less experienced players will, in the main, meet players of a similar standard though if you do particularly well, you will be tested with your next draw but of course if you're doing badly, you should end up with an easier draw.

So no more avoiding congresses. Sign up today for the Songerwala Swiss Pairs.

Important Dates

Saturday 14 September	No bridge – BAWA event at club
Fridays 20 September and 27 September	Songerwala Swiss Pair Competition - Sign up on MyABF.
Monday 23 September	Afternoon: Kings Birthday open red point walk-in pairs
Monday 23 September	Evening: No bridge
Tuesday 1 October	Dora Wilson Cup handicap event. Sign up on MyABF.

More details can be found on the Club website <https://melvillebc.org>

Have a good weekend.

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