

Friday Update October 11th

Event Update 1 – Italian and Bridge

This event was announced last week as Lebanese and Bridge. In light of sensitivities around the current conflicts in the middle east the committee decided to change this to Italian and bridge. Arrangements remain the same for next Friday October 18th. The bridge will start later at 2pm with the meal following at around 6pm. Numbers are capped at 40 and as of this afternoon there are about 10 places remaining. There is no charge for the meal but you are invited to make a donation to charity. You are still welcome to come along and play bridge without staying for the meal. The open and rookie sections will be running as normal, just starting at the later time.

Event Update 2 - Arthur Finley Rookie Championship

It appears a week is a long time in the arrangements for this competition. Originally scheduled for Monday October 21st, the date was changed early in the week to Friday October 25th as Friday is now our rookies session. Unfortunately this now needs to be pushed back to Friday November 8th. The good news is this gives all rookies more time to get their entries in. Details are currently being updated in MyABF so you will be able to sign in for the correct date. Those who have already signed up do not need to do anything. If the new date is no longer suitable we apologise and you are able to cancel your registration on MyABF and have your credits returned. Visit the club website for more details or see the updated flyer on the noticeboard.

Melbourne Cup Lunch

Believe it or not Melbourne Cup Day is just around the corner again. We will be holding our annual Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday 5th November starting at 11.15am. Bridge will follow at 12.30pm after the running of the race. It is open to all players with 30% more green points on offer. There is no limit to numbers because you bring the food. Cathy will put a list on the noticeboard for you to nominate what you will bring, so hopefully we don't end up with 40 plates of cold chicken and one tossed salad. Raffle tickets are already on sale at the clubrooms. Prizes are horses in the sweepstake.

Birthday Week

We hope you all enjoyed the cake at tea break at each session this week to celebrate the club's birthday. A few new members asked me when the club was founded. Cathy Hancock pointed me to an interesting framed document in the clubrooms on the northern wall under the whiteboard titled Melville has its Moments. It was obviously written in the late 1970's and tells about the early days of the club. The founders of the club convened a public meeting in July 1970 which was attended by about 70 "enthusiasts". From that the club was formed and office bearers were elected. Mrs I. Robson was the inaugural president. (They only used initials for ladies' first names back then. Men's first names were used. I wonder why the difference?) The club initially met in the committee room of the Melville Civi Centre playing rubber bridge, both auction and contract. Duplicate bridge was introduced in 1971. You can read the rest of the

document in the clubrooms but according to these dates this year we celebrate our 54th birthday.

Important Dates

Friday 18 October	Italian and Bridge
Sunday 3 November	First Sunday of the Month Open Walk-in Pairs
Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup Lunch before bridge
Friday 8 November	Arthur Finley Rookie Pairs Championship

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

Have a good weekend.

Ken Bownes

Secretary