

Friday Update November 22nd

Presidential Celebration

Don't forget this coming Tuesday afternoon November 26th we are all invited to come along to the club to celebrate the big year in the Peters household. This event is to celebrate not only Joan's 70th birthday (she disclosed that, not me!) but also Bob's 70th and their 50th wedding anniversary which occurred during the year. Play is open to **all** members. Just turn up with a partner at 12.30 for bridge (birthday cake at tea break), or you can turn up on your own at 4pm to celebrate with a free drink and nibbles.

Christmas Party

Ticket sales for the Christmas lunch are now closed. The caterer is starting preparations, the decorations are about to go up, and the Christmas spirit is being chilled ready for Sunday 1st December at 11.30am. That spirit usually results in a fun afternoon of bridge. Don't forget to purchase your tickets at the club for the Christmas hamper prize draw.

Trivia Corner

Did you know there are 635,013,559,600 possible bridge hands? That's all the possible combinations of the 52 playing cards. There is a 0.3639% chance of getting one of the 2,310,789,600 hands with 0 HCP, though most of us would think that chance is much higher. At the other end of the scale there is a 0.0000% chance (that's a number bigger than 0 but they round to four decimal places) of being dealt one of the 4 hands with the maximum 37 HCP. The highest probability at 9.4051% is being dealt one of 59,723,754,816 hands with 10 HCP. Don't believe me – count them yourself! Or visit [Hand Evaluation Stats](#).

Important Dates

Monday 25 November	Club Pairs Championship Day 2
Tuesday 26 November	Presidential Celebrations (for Joan's 70 th)
Sunday 1 December	Christmas Lunch Party

We will update you in the coming weeks on session times over the Christmas-New Year period.

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

Have a good weekend.

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