

Friday Update December 13th

Red Friday

I hear today's Red Friday session went very well with 13 open tables and 6 rookie tables. The room would have been buzzing. Let's hope we can get the same buzz happening every Friday, especially with the growing popularity of the rookie group. To everyone in the supervised sessions who can make it on Friday afternoons, please make it a new year resolution to come along to the rookie session (and practise your resolution next Friday). It is a gentle next step in your bridge development, giving you confidence to make decisions without your notes and gradually picking up the tempo of the game. Those that have taken the step (it's not a leap!) out of supervised are now settling in well and after the 6 or so weeks we have been running are displaying a new-found level of confidence and bravery in their bidding and play. As a rookie myself it is actually reassuring to see more experienced players also have disastrous hands. Sometimes the cards just fall that way. You learn, you laugh and you keep playing.

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve – Bring a Plate

Let's get the party started! At the Christmas Eve and New Years Eve afternoon club sessions we are asking people to bring a small plate of food to share after play to get into the festive spirit. Dig out your grandma's favourite rum ball recipe – you know you want to.

Sessions over Christmas and New Year

The following dates are now locked in for the holiday period.

Tuesday 24 December	Afternoon club play. Bring a plate to share after bridge.
Wednesday 25 December	Club closed.
Thursday 26 December	Afternoon club and open sessions. No morning supervised session.
Friday 27 December	Regular afternoon open and rookie sessions.
Saturday 28 December	Regular morning club session.
Monday 30 December	Regular afternoon open session and evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 31 December	Afternoon club play. Bring a plate to share after bridge.
Wednesday 1 January	Club closed.
Thursday 2 January	Regular weekly sessions recommence.

Other Important Dates

Sunday 5 January	First Sunday of the Month Open Walk-in Pairs
Monday 27 January	Australia Day Open Red Point Walk-in and Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 2 February	First Sunday of the Month Open Walk-in Pairs
Friday 7 February	Beginners lessons begin
Friday 21 February and Friday 28 February	Members only Swiss pairs championship.

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

Have a good weekend.

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