

Friday Newsletter 6st March 2025

Swiss Pairs Championship Results

From organizer Robert Kirberger

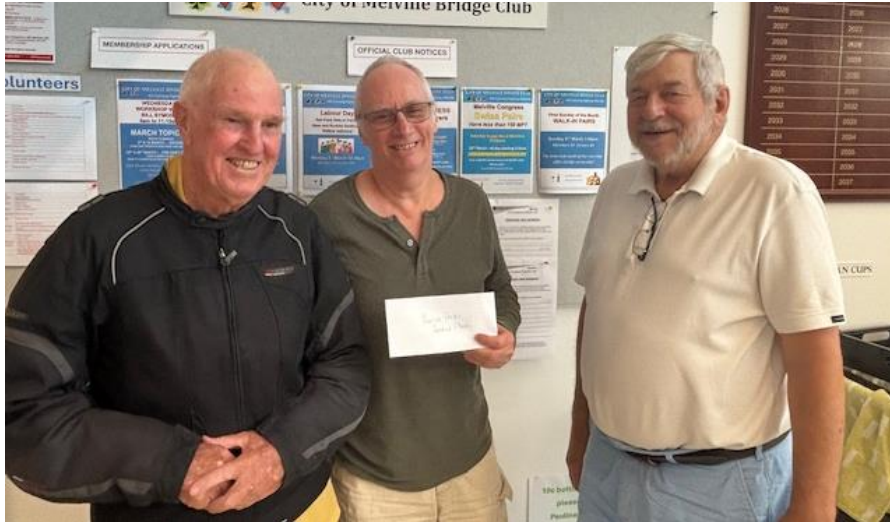
Thanks to everyone who participated in the above event. We had a good turnout with 28 pairs playing, of which 12 were in the <150 MP category, and participating over the last two February Friday afternoons. A special thanks to Eugene Wichems the tournament director as well as Robina McConnell who assisted with director duties. Thanks as usual to Cathy Hancock and assistants for organising the eats afterwards. Special thanks also go to John and Patsy McDonald for being the house pair.

An unfortunate error occurred in awarding the prizes in the <150 MP category in that incorrect winners were announced. The corrected <150 MP winners were Victor Dent and Jo Ward and they also had the fantastic achievement of ending up in 5th place overall! Trevor Williams and Christine Musto were placed second also achieving a very credible 9th place overall.

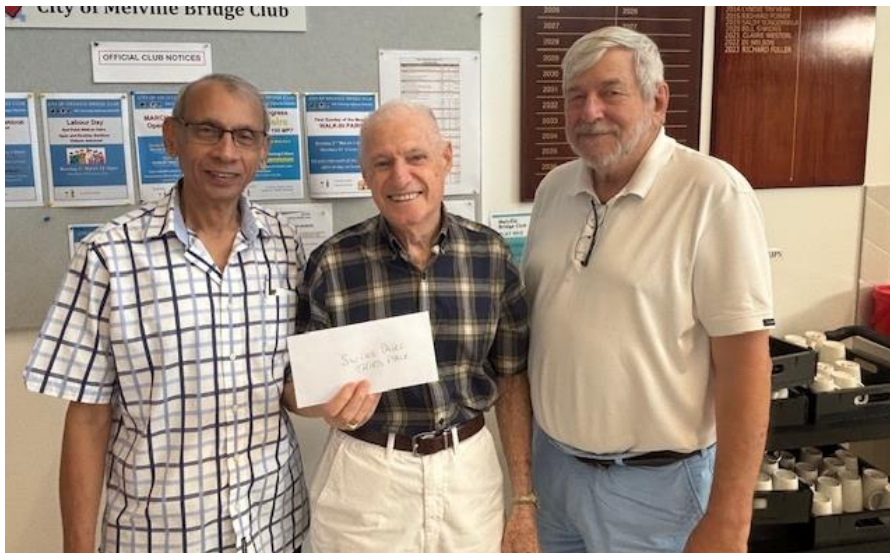
We hope to see all the participants also registering for our congress on 22nd & 23rd March, which will also be Swiss pair events. The management committee have specially arranged the Saturday event for the <150 MP players with a prize for the winner of the <50 MP category as well.



Winners of the open section were Gwyneira Brahma and Dave Munro with TD Eugene Wichems



Runners up were Dave Parham and Ian Bailey, 5.6 VP behind the winners



In third place were Merwyn Menezies and Leon Ref a further 8.3 VP behind



Victor Dent and Jo Ward were the winners of the <150 MP section

CMBC Congress Saturday March 22nd and Sunday March 23rd

The CMBC Congress is open to all players and is run as two events on two consecutive days. Both events are Swiss Pairs competitions. The Saturday event is for players <150 MP and includes a prize for the best pair with < 50 MP. The Sunday open event also includes a prize for the best pair with <150 MP so you can play both days and win twice! The club website has more details and a link to the registration page on myABF.

Club Mixed Pairs Championship

After the Congress our next event is the Club Mixed Pairs Championship held over two Fridays, April 4th and 11th. Registration for this event opens today and flyers will appear shortly on the club website and the noticeboard.

My ABF

When you join the club we register you with ABF but we do not sign you up to their web portal My ABF. Members are urged to sign up to My ABF. It costs nothing and is very easy. The club gives many rewards in the form of Bridge Credits held by My ABF which you can then easily use to pay your table money. Please help the club by signing up to My ABF.

<https://www.myabf.com.au/view>

St Patrick's Day Monday March 17th

Everyone is invited to the open afternoon session on Monday 17th to celebrate Ireland's patron saint. Come dressed for the occasion!



Vale

Alex de Heer's mother – and long-time former member - Agatha (Aty) de Heer, passed away on Wednesday. She was 105. Our thoughts go out to Alex and his sister Marcia. Aty was born in the Netherlands but came to Australia from Indonesia with her late husband Cornelis in 1952. Alex learnt Dutch from her and they always talked to each in Dutch.

Advertising Signs

The convenor of our Education and Membership subcommittee Robin Salter has been busy organising signage to advertise our club in the quest to attract new members. Below is a photo of the first of two signs being erected on busy street intersections. Research done by the committee indicates advertising in busy locations is much more effective than print or electronic media advertising. Word of mouth works well too so over to you...



Another reminder regarding fees

We have now received fees from approximately 200 of our 330 members so there is still a way to go. Fees must be paid by March 24th or a \$20 late fee will be charged to cover the club's costs in deregistering and reregistering you with ABF, something required by ABF which we cannot avoid. Please make our lives and your lives simpler and cheaper by renewing on time.

Sessions coming up

This week we are back to our regular schedule at the club.

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| Saturday 8 March | Regular morning club session, and don't forget to vote! |
| Monday 3 March | Regular afternoon open session and evening open and supervised sessions. |
| Tuesday 4 March | Newbies Workshop at 9.15am |

	Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 5 March	Bill Symons's lesson at 9.00 am
Thursday 6 March	Supervised session at 9.15 am. Club and open sessions at 12.30pm
Friday 7 March	Beginners' lessons at 9.15 am Rookie session at 12.30 pm

Other Important Dates

Sat. 22 & Sun. 23 March	Melville Congress
Friday 4 & 11 April	Club Mixed Pairs Championship
Sunday 6 April	BAWA Interstate Seniors Selections – No First Sunday bridge.

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

Ken Bownes

Secretary