

Friday Newsletter January 17th

Australia Day - Monday 27th of January

Everyone welcome! This is a very popular event, and we ask you to put your name on the list on the board if you are attending, to help with the catering. **Sausages** at 1145 and bridge at 1230. Monday night bridge will also be on – open and supervised.

Thank you, Laura and Rob Breen!

Laura and Rob have donated to the club an air fryer! We have one and we love it!

Promoting our beginners' lessons – 7th of February

Can you help in any way? **We need new members.** Sadly, we have quite a large attrition rate – because we are nearly all senior citizens. If you have marketing skills, have a great idea, can distribute flyers or can help in some way, please contact Claire on 0429 398 101 or at cjw@bigpond.com

Calling Directors

When something goes wrong at the bridge table we may need to call the director. It is generally stressful for one or more people at the table, particularly the less experienced players. Please be very nice when you consider calling a director.

Melville Congress – 22 and 23 March

This is our big annual open event – and we need members to support it. Sunday is 'Guns' Day' where the best in the state compete, but Saturday is for people with less than 150 points. Have a go.

Friday Rookies – 1230 start

No partner needed! Just rock up. If you have about 25 points or less this is your session! Becoming very popular. And you will have the friendliest director in the West – Eugene Wichems.

Tuesday Partners

We are testing an additional method to partner finding on Tuesdays. If you want a partner, and don't want to use our usual method of Claire emailing your request for a partner, please contact Joan or me directly (email, text, paper) and register your request.

\$20 Membership

A great time to join our club is between the 1st of January and the end of February. It costs just \$20! Yes just \$20 – as a Home or Non-Home Club member. Tell your friends! Contact Steph Laurie (stephlaurie@bigpond.com) for an application form or ask a director – or me!

Sessions coming up

Saturday 18 January	Regular morning club session.
Monday 20 January	Regular afternoon open session, and evening open and supervised sessions.

Tuesday 21 January	Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 22 January	Bill Symons's lesson at 900 am
Thursday 23 January	Supervised session at 915 am. Club and open sessions at 1230 pm
Friday 24 January	Rookie and open sessions at 1230 pm

Other Important Dates

Monday 27 January	Australia Day BBQ
Thursday 30 January	Ken Bownes gets back to Perth!
Friday 7 February	Beginners lessons begin
Friday 21 & 28 February	Members only Swiss pairs championship.
Sat. 22 & Sun. 23 March	Melville Congress

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

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Bob Peters

President