

Friday Newsletter January 24th

New Members

Please make most welcome our new members:

- Jean Scarle
- Patrick Scarle

Building works!

On Tuesday 28 January works will start to convert the “Old Creche” – the room to the west of our supper room, into offices. In doing this the double glass doors next to the trophy cabinet will be removed and replaced with a wall. The works are expected to take 8 to 10 weeks.

Ads in Fremantle Herald

We have quarter page ads for our lessons in this and next week’s Fremantle Herald publications. Let me know if you see them!

Newer Players and the Director

The best friend a newer player has in the bridge room (apart from their partner, of course!) is the director. Call the director if you want help and guidance. And please remember that in our friendly club the request is: “Director, please”.

Etiquette at the bridge table

Some of us develop habits at times that are irritating to others. You probably know some – and may even have some – I do! Look at what the nicest players do – and try and emulate their behaviour. Can you think of any of your irritating habits?

How do we make up our bridge hands?

We all find it hard to believe at times – but our bridge hands are randomly generated. At Melville we use “BigDeal” computer software to generate our hands – as does the World Bridge Federation. We generate 32 hands at a time and save them in a unique numbered data file. When needed, the set is ‘dealt’ by our dealing machine which loads the 52 cards into the boards in the right places. Each set of 32 boards is then stored in a plastic tub with the set’s number clearly displayed on the top, until it’s needed.

Rare bridge hands

You may have heard the term Yarborough. It is a bridge hand where all the cards are 9 or less. The probability of getting one is 1827 to 1. But recently some of us got a much rarer hand – a hand with only black cards. My calculations gave the chance of that as one in 45,792. To put that in perspective I reckon I have played about 15,000 hands since I started bridge about 5 years ago.

Sessions coming up

Saturday 25 January

Regular morning club session.

Monday 27 January	Australia Day! Open red point event and separate Rookies session – where no partner is needed!. No Monday night sessions.
Tuesday 28 January	Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 29 January	Bill Symons's lesson at 915 am
Thursday 30 January	Supervised session at 915 am. Club and open sessions at 1230 pm
Friday 31 January	Rookie and open sessions at 1230 pm

Other Important Dates

Sunday 2 February	First Sunday of the month!
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