

Friday Newsletter 7th February 2025

New Members

Our warmest welcome to our new members.

Home Club

- Robyn Wansbrough
- Yoka (Johanna) Thwaites
- Donna Dennis

Alternate Club

- Dave Munro
- Rosemary Green
- Valerie Farr
- Lesley Moon
- Bart Houwen
- Bernard Latham
- Janet Kitney
- Anne-Marie Marias

Champions!

Our very own Ian Clark and Dave Parham have won a major event at the Gold Coast Congress – Australia's biggest bridge event. They won the Bobby Richman Pairs Championship in the Intermediate Division (Under 150 Australian MPs). Our heartiest congratulations!



Ken Bownes

Ken is back – but very busy on the home front with the sale of houses and moving – so you've got me for this week!

New Treasurer

Phil Cunningham has kindly agreed to be our next Treasurer. Phil is eminently qualified for the role. The plan is for Phil to understudy our present Treasurer Mark Hughes and take over at a time to be agreed. Mark has been our Treasurer for 10 years and deserves a break.

Paying Table Money with Cash

Over 80% of our people now pay with Bridge Credits. That means the Director doesn't have much change, so please ensure you have the right money or no bigger than a \$20 note.

Beginners Lessons

The new set of lessons started today with a full class of 40. Many thanks to Eugene and Claire for making it happen, but remember if you can help, please contact Claire at cjw5@bigpond.com.

Bill Symons' Wednesday Lessons/Workshop

An embarrassment of numbers! Yes – there were 68 people this week, all having a ball and learning learning learning. This is good for Melville and bridge as a whole. It costs us a bit in printing and morning tea – but that is a small price to pay for the benefits it delivers to Melville and bridge. A big thank you to Bill.

Nigel Dutton

Nigel's tips are so delicately suggested in his weekly column in the West. One tip that has stuck in my mind is when you go to overcall an opening bid. Would you be happy for your partner to lead that suit if you don't get the contract?

Sessions coming up

Saturday 8 February	Regular morning club session.
Monday 10 February	Regular afternoon open session, and evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 11 February	Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 12 February	Bill Symons's lesson at 900 am – Doubles and Overcalls
Thursday 13 February	Supervised session at 915 am. Club and open sessions at 1230 pm
Friday 7 February	Beginners' lessons at 915 am Rookie and open sessions at 1230 pm

Other Important Dates

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