

Friday Newsletter 14th February 2025

Thank You

A big thank you to Bob Peters who took over as your Friday Update scribe while I moved house then went on a 5 week holiday to New Zealand. Today is my first day back on the job so I'll try to keep up the very high standard he set in my absence.

Mea culpa

Last week Bob reported that Ian Clark and Dave Parham each have less than 150 MPs. That was a mistake. They have less than 750 MPs. Just a small difference...

New Members

Our warmest welcome to our new members.

Joseph (Jody) McNeill (Alternate)
Jennifer Sharpe (Alternate)
Geoffrey Sharpe (Alternate)
Diana Veitch (Home Club)

Friday Rookies

This session is rapidly growing in popularity – 6 tables again today. Over the next two Fridays the club Swiss Pairs Championship will be run (see details below) but the Rookies session will still be held. Our Director Eugene Wichems has requested those rookies attending be seated by 12.15pm so the movement can be arranged without disturbing the championship players.

Rookies are strongly encouraged to enter the Swiss Pairs Championship as well. The way Swiss Pairs operates, after the first round you will be playing against players of similar ability so it is a great way to enter the world of championship play.

Tuesday Match Making

Bob is pleased to be able to advise that Annie Mulcahy has offered to take up the role of Tuesday Matchmaker. If you want a Tuesday partner, please contact Annie on 0418868944.

Club Bridge

Last September we commenced a trial of Club Bridge ([Club Bridge - 10 Sep 24.docx](#)) This means anyone can play on Thursday afternoon or Saturday morning – there being no upper masterpoint limit. Please let Bob Peters know (bob.peters@iinet.net.au) if you have any objection to this policy change being made permanent – and extended to Tuesday.

Vietnamese Night

The first of our bridge and dinner events for 2025 will be held on Thursday February 27. This time it is Vietnamese food. Bridge will commence at 2pm with the regular Open and Club sections, and dinner will follow at 6pm. Numbers for dinner are limited to 40 and you will need to sign up on the sheet which will be placed on the noticeboard next week. There is no charge for the dinner but a donation to charity is requested. See further details on the website and on the flyer posted below.

Swiss Pairs Championship – 21st and 28th February

There is still time to enter this event run over 2 Fridays. Great fun and suitable for players from Rookie to Grand Master. Enter via MyABF.

Tuesday Morning Tutorials

Starting this Tuesday February 18th 9.15-11.00am Joan Peters will be running a Newbies Workshop covering basic bidding and card play. It is designed to fill the gap between Eugene McClorey's beginner's lessons and Bill Symons' Wednesday tutorials. So if you have completed your beginner's lessons and want to build your skills and confidence, this is the session for you. It is free and you don't need a partner. Members in this category will have received a flyer by email this week and there are details on the website.

Sessions coming up

Saturday 15 February	Regular morning club session.
Monday 17 February	Regular afternoon open session, and evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 18 February	Newbies Workshop at 9.15am Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 19 February	Bill Symons's lesson at 900 am – Doubles and Overcalls
Thursday 20 February	Supervised session at 915 am. Club and open sessions at 1230 pm
Friday 21 February	Beginners' lessons at 915 am Rookie session at 12.30 pm Members Only Swiss Pairs Championship Day 1 at 12.30pm

Other Important Dates

Thursday 27 February	Vietnamese Night. Bridge at 2pm; dinner at 6.00 pm
Friday 28 February	Members only Swiss Pairs Championship Day 2
Sunday 2 March	First Sunday of the Month Open Walk-in Pairs 1.00 pm
Monday 3 March	Labour Day Walk-in Red Point 12.30pm
Sat. 22 & Sun. 23 March	Melville Congress

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

Ken Bownes

Secretary