

## **Friday Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

### **New Members**

Our warmest welcome to our newest member Helen Clayton.

### **Departing Member**

We wish to acknowledge departing member Judith Pearson who was a member for nearly 10 years. Judith passes on her best wishes and thanks for her many happy years at the club.

### **Vietnamese Night**

A reminder that the first of our bridge and dinner events for 2025 will be held next Thursday February 27. **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 as of this afternoon there were only 10 places left. If you would like to stay for dinner you will need to sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard quickly. There is no charge for the dinner but a donation to charity is requested. See further details on the website.

### **Swiss Pairs Championship – 21st and 28th February**

The championship got under way this afternoon and it was great to see 28 couples at the club competing. The competition concludes next Friday afternoon.

The regular Friday Rookes section continues alongside the competition. We had 5 tables this afternoon so the bridge room was full of activity. Great to see.

### **Tuesday Morning Tutorials**

Our new tutorial series run by Joan Peters got under way last Tuesday. The Newbies Workshop covers basic bidding and card play and is designed for those finding their bridge feet and wishing to consolidate their knowledge and skills after beginners lessons. The session is free and you don't need a partner. You don't need to enroll so if you are interested, just come along next Tuesday at 9.15am.

### **Yellow Bins**

We now have two 100 litre yellow recycling bins, one in the kitchen and one in the back office. Please make sure all your recyclables – paper, milk bottles, wine bottles, cardboard etc – go into them.

## Friendly Reminders

Does something get on your nerves? Do other players have annoying habits which they may not even be aware of but distract you from your bridge? Do you have your own habits you would like to train yourself out of? I know I 'click' the corner of my cards when I put them down, something I only became aware of when I recently got hearing aids. Bridge etiquette is very important for an enjoyable day's play. If something gets your goat let me know at [melvillebc@inet.net.au](mailto:melvillebc@inet.net.au) and I'll include it in this reminder column.

Today's reminder is card etiquette. When you are putting your cards on the table please do it gently. Dropping, throwing or slapping cards on the table, or clicking them like I have been doing, is not polite or friendly.

## A Special Call-out

To Wayne Murray. All the best for Monday. Your Monday night friends will be thinking of you.

## Sessions coming up

Saturday 22 February	Regular morning club session.
Monday 24 February	Regular afternoon open session, and evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 25 February	Newbies Workshop at 9.15am Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 26 February	Bill Symons's lesson at 9.00 am – Doubles and Overcalls
Thursday 27 February	Supervised session at 9.15 am. Club and open sessions at <b>2.00 pm</b> Vietnamese dinner at 6pm for those who have signed up.
Friday 28 February	Beginners' lessons at 9.15 am Rookie session at 12.30 pm Members Only Swiss Pairs Championship Day 2 at 12.30pm

## Other Important Dates

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>

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Secretary