

Friday Newsletter 28st February 2025

Vietnamese Night

Forty members enjoyed a delicious and plentiful Vietnamese dinner last night. A big thank you to organizer Cathy Hancock, chef extraordinaire Hilda Remedios, cake queen Donna Dennis who baked 4 delicious patisserie-quality cakes for dessert, and to all those who helped from start to finish.

Stay tuned for more delicious dinners to come this year.

Swiss Pairs Championship

As I'm getting this update out early today before joining the long line of traffic heading south for the long weekend, I won't be able to bring you the result of the Swiss Pairs Championship until next week. Best of luck to all participants for the concluding session this afternoon.

If this comes out in time, a reminder that the regular Friday Rookes section continues this afternoon alongside the competition.

First Sunday of the Month this Sunday

Don't forget our monthly First Sunday walk-in session this Sunday. I know you won't forget because there are party pies at tea break!

Monday Public Holiday Afternoon

A reminder there is an open walk-in pairs red point event at the club this Monday March 3rd starting at 12.30. There will be both open and rookies sections playing. If you are a Rookie and want a partner for Monday, please contact our Partnership Coordinator Claire Weston by email at cjw5@bigpond.com as soon as possible to give her time to put out a call.

Monday Public Holiday Night

Our regular Monday night open and supervised sessions are on this Monday. To quote our president, "just rock up!"

New Kitchen Roster

Emails have gone out to those on the March kitchen roster. Please be one of the many hands making the work lighter.

Friendly Reminders

This week's friendly reminder comes from President Bob.

Please be seated on time

Bob thinks some of us might have got into a bad habit of not being seated at least 5 minutes before the start of a session. When people are turning up only a minute or two before start time it is impossible for the Director to start two groups on time. Please be nice and get to the table on time.

A reminder from me regarding fees

Fee invoices for 2025 went out by email (and by mail to those without email addresses) two weeks ago. You have until March 24 to pay otherwise a \$20 late fee will be charged. If you haven't paid yet, don't procrastinate. Get onto it now. If you haven't received an invoice please let me know at melvillebc@iinet.net.au and I'll track it down. There are three or four members who joined on or after the day the invoices went out. I'm in the process of getting those sorted now. Hopefully they will get to you about the same time as this Update.

Sessions coming up

Saturday 1 March	Regular morning club session.
Sunday 2 March	First Sunday of the Month walk-in pairs with party pies at break.
Monday 3 March	Afternoon open red point walk-in pairs, and regular evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 4 March	Newbies Workshop at 9.15am Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 5 March	Bill Symons's lesson at 9.00 am
Thursday 6 March	Supervised session at 9.15 am. Club and open sessions at 12.30pm
Friday 7 March	Beginners' lessons at 9.15 am Rookie session at 12.30 pm

Other Important Dates

Sat. 22 & Sun. 23 March Melville Congress

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

Ken Bownes

Secretary