

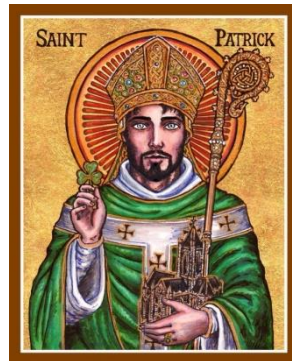
Friday Newsletter 14th March 2025

Email Issues

Thanks everyone for your patience this week as we try to sort out email issues between Pianola and Telstra affecting Bigpond users. We believe things are fixed (for now), as shown by the success of the test email sent yesterday, and you will receive this newsletter tonight. We are working with Pianola on a permanent solution by setting up our own domain. If that doesn't mean anything to you, join the club!

St Patrick's Day Monday March 17th

A reminder everyone is invited to the open afternoon session on Monday 17th to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Come dressed for the occasion and bring something to share for afternoon tea.



Dress Suggestion

Teams Competition

Our novice teams (Richard Fuller, Bob Peters, Daphne Andersen and Robyn Wansbrough) and (Cathy Hancock, Vicki Brown, Christine Musto and Trevor Williams) played against South Perth last Monday. Happy with a win and a loss against strong opponents.

WABC Restricted Pairs Congress

Great news. Aruni Bandarage and Maureen Warman had a win last weekend in this Congress. Congratulations!

Vietnamese Night Donations

At our recent Vietnamese dinner evening a total of \$286.35 was donated for charity. On top of this Maureen Warman has generously donated her winnings from the club Swiss Pairs competition. The money raised will be going once again to Warrawee, the Fremantle Women's Refuge.

Recorders

We are pleased to advise that Viv Zotti has agreed to become one of our Recorders. This is a very senior role in the club as our Recorders manage any internal disputes. But on a sadder note, Nilesch Patel is standing down as Recorder. Thank you for your service, Nilesch. Maree Miliauskus will stay on as our 2nd Recorder at this stage, but she is also looking to stand down soon. We are therefore looking for another new Recorder.

Congress Next Weekend

I sent two emails yesterday regarding our March Congress. The first was seeking volunteers to help Cathy in the kitchen over the weekend. The second was seeking more players with <150 masterpoints to sign up for the Saturday competition. Please act this weekend on both these requests.

Final Reminder Regarding Fees

You have 10 days to go to pay your fees by March 24th to avoid a \$20 late fee. We have one quarter of members still to pay. Please get onto it tomorrow so I have fewer people to chase individually next week.

Sessions coming up

Saturday 15 March	Regular morning club session.
Monday 17 March	Afternoon session open to everyone for St Patrick's Day (see above) and evening open and supervised sessions.
Tuesday 18 March	Newbies Workshop at 9.15am Regular afternoon Intermediate session
Wednesday 19 March	Bill Symons's lesson at 9.00 am
Thursday 20 March	Supervised session at 9.15 am. Club and open sessions at 12.30pm
Friday 21 March	Beginners' lessons at 9.15 am Rookie session at 12.30 pm

Other Important Dates

Sat. 22 & Sun. 23 March	Melville Congress
Friday 4 & 11 April	Club Mixed Pairs Championship
Sunday 6 April	BAWA Interstate Seniors Selections – No First Sunday bridge.

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

Ken Bownes

Secretary