

# THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter  
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Melville Bridge Club Mixed Pairs (above left to right) Director Dave Parham, (winners) Claire Weston, Richard Fuller, Des Platell, Erica Augustson, Cassie Morin, Mararet O'Hagan, Patrick O'Hagan, and President Dorothy Stevenson (centre front) See Winners and Grinners for places.



## *From the President*

I hope we have a good turnout at our AGM later this month – come and have your say!

Christine Young, City of Melville Director of Community Services, will be talking on our new building plans for the Tompkins Park precinct.

Our Constitution is under review and we also have several changes in our Management Committee.

We are pleased to have Eva Lipnicki back at bridge and looking so well.

*Dorothy Stevenson*



### *Tournament Manager's Report*

Congratulations to the Winners of our Club Team Championship: Suzanne Goodall, Marty Goodall, Bill Symons and Tony Stevens.

Our next event is the Butler Championship on two Fridays 15th and 22nd August.

The next Special Event is the Mayor's Trophy on Saturday 6th September. This is a one session event where members below 50 masterpoints are paired with members above 50 master points. It is a great competition. May I request members consider entering in this tournament.

Our club has a new scoring program – "Compuscore 2". It has many great features and is very user friendly, however, please give our Directors, who have been training to use it, some time to get used to all aspects of it.

The new scoring system also requires us to display results through their website – hence our new website [www.melvillebc.org](http://www.melvillebc.org). Please take note of this and use it to access your results. This has a new feature allowing you to see a board by board displays and comparisons of everyone's games, etc. You also can check your individual masterpoints of all the sessions you play.

Please note we also have a new email address: [melvillebc@inet.net.au](mailto:melvillebc@inet.net.au). If you are still using the old email address your emails will be directed to the new address.

Bill Symonds Saturday beginners' group completed their lessons last month and we have now eight new members as a result.

Our next Bridge lessons commence in November. Details are on the website so please inform your friends, family members, and anyone you know who may be interested in learning how to play Bridge.

We are also planning to start an intermediate session on Saturday mornings along with the supervised session. We have noticed lot of our members play on Saturday mornings so this will give them the opportunity to play at our club.

We have formed a Marketing Team consisting of Mark Hughes (Chair), Sarita Singh and Wilma Coloper. ABF and BAWA have marketing plans which our team will begin implementing. If you have any suggestions regarding marketing, please let them know.

Please enjoy playing Bridge at our Club.

*Noel Daniel*



*Thank you*

Although all of you will be aware of the new scoring program at our club and our new website, most of you will not be aware of the many days (and sleepless nights) Noel Daniel has spent uploading and refining these upgrades.

Thank you, Noel. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.



*Winners and Grinners*

#### **Melville Bridge Club Mixed Pairs**

(Photograph front page)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Erica Augustson and Des Platell  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Salim Songerwala and Cassie Morin  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Patrick O'Hagan and Margaret O'Hagan

Best restricted pair: Richard Fuller and Claire Weston

## Melville Teams Championship



Left to right Marty Goodall, Tony Stevens, Bill Symons, and President Dorothy Stevenson (front).

1<sup>st</sup> place: Team Goodall – Marty Goodall, Suzanne Goodall, Tony Stevens, and Bill Symons.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Team Cooke – Bridget Cooke, Rachel Shave, Elizabeth Cook, and Ayesha Ghose



(Left to right) Noel Daniel, Joan Barnett, President Dorothy Stevenson, Peter Gill and Erica Augustson.

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Team Augustson – Erica Augustson, Peter Gill, Joan Barnett, and Noel Daniel.

## Happy Birthday/Anniversary

Again this year, Hannchen and Leon Ref – two of our very favourite members – chose to celebrate her birthday and their wedding anniversary at our club. Leon provided a beautiful cake and sparkling champagne for us to enjoy. Thank you and best wishes always.



Leon and Hannchen Ref with President Dorothy Stevenson.

## Older and Smarter

What happens to our cognitive abilities as we age? If you think our brains go into a steady decline, recent research published in the *Journal Topics in Cognitive Science* may make you think again.

The work, headed by Dr. Michael Ramscar of Tübingen University, Germany, took a critical look at the measures usually thought to show that our cognitive abilities decline across adulthood. Instead of finding evidence of decline, the team discovered that most standard cognitive measures, which date back to the early twentieth century, are flawed.

"The human brain works slower in old age," says Ramscar, "but only because we have stored more information over time."

Studies have led scientists to now believe people do not decline mentally with age – it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information stored. It has been suggested that much like a computer struggles as the hard drive becomes full, so humans also take longer to access information as they retain more information.

The Tübingen research concluded that we need different tests for the cognitive abilities of older people – taking into account the nature and amount of information our brains process.

"The brains of older people do not get weak," says Dr Michael Ramscar. "On the contrary, they simply know more."

(Google Dr Ramscar to read more.)



## *.Guess who?*



Most of our members will know this young chap (above), but here is something interesting you probably do not know about him:

*“After finishing uni in 1977 I spent several months travelling with friends through Pakistan, India and Nepal. The trip started by watching the Poms play Pakistan in Karachi in January ‘78 – probably one of the most boring tests ever played! The highlight of one of the days – I forget which – was a riot in the stand which started when Bob Willis (I think) lobbed an orange back into the crowd, and was immediately pelted with a veritable fruit salad. The police responded by charging into the stands with ‘lathis’ in hand flailing wildly. Some of the locals sitting around us kindly sheltered us and ushered us to a safe part of the stand. Thirty minutes later it was all over and the game resumed.*

*I was also fortunate enough to spend a couple of weeks in Afghanistan prior to the coup which brought in the regime which entertained the ‘soviet’ entry, being one of the last ‘tourists’ to leave the country in late April 1978.”*

His easy and friendly smile is still the same, but who is he?



Last edition’s lovely lady was, of course, Beryl Caldecott

## *Bridge Humour*

### **Good New and Bad News**

An elderly bridge layer asked his local priest to find out if there was bridge in the hereafter.

The following Sunday the priest told him there was ‘good new and bad news’. The good news was there were hundreds of games organised by past great players – Charles Goren, Omar Sharif and Eli Cuthbertson – in patialal clubrooms in the heavenly club.

The bad news was the parishoner’s name was up on that Sunday afternoon’s list to play.

*Contributed by Mal Pryce*



Please make the following new members feel welcome when you see them around our club:  
Jean Elliot, Sue, Allieux, Ken

Phillips, Margaret Elliott, Angela Van Beem, and Des Forde.



## *Coming Events*

AGM and Dora Wilson Trophy 24<sup>th</sup> August  
Melville Mayor’s Trophy 6<sup>th</sup> September

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