

THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter
November – December 2014



Judging the 'best hats' was not an easy task for our judges (left of photo).



From the President

We have just had a most successful Christmas lunch – thanks to all who helped.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a good New Year.

To those of our members who are unwell our thoughts are with you.

Dorothy Stevenson





Tournament Manager's Report

It has been a great year for bridge events at our Club. Congratulations to all the winners of our various championship events and a big thank you to all who participated in these.

We have increased our intermediate sessions, and added a Saturday morning session, which is going very well. We would encourage more members who are eligible to play on Saturday mornings to attend.

Our Monday evening session is going well, however, we would like to encourage more members to play in this session which starts at 7.15 pm and finishes by 10.15 -10.30 pm.

I must take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the Tournament Committee members: Suzanne Goodall, Tony Stevens, Bill Symons, Dave Parham, Claire Weston, Di Nelson and John McDonald, who have helped us to formulate rules and regulations for our bridge events. Their time and contribution is very much appreciated. You will be happy to learn all the members of the Tournament Committee are continuing in their role for another year.

I also take this opportunity to thank all the Directors of our bridge sessions throughout the year: Dave Parham, Leon Ref, Jeannie Ravn, Bill Symons, and Erica Augustson. They all do a wonderful job.

A special thank you, on behalf of all our members, to our State Director Dave Parham who conducts all our championship events in a cool and calm manner - Dave you do our club very proud.

This year the BAWA Inter Club Team Games were held. Congratulations to our Open Team players who, with Captain Tony Stevens, were declared the winners of the Open Teams' Event.

Also congratulations to our Intermediate Team players who, with Captain John McDonald, came 4th this year.

You will have noted that our next year's Congress is already full. Thank you to all the members who will be participating. We do have a waiting list. Please contact me if you want to play in this event.

For all our championship and red point events, please enter online via our website: www.melvillebc.org and make sure you enter your name, ABF number, email address and telephone number as these are compulsory.

I would like to encourage all our members to participate in all our championship events.

Our club handbook is out: please remember to collect your copy at the club. I request all members to keep this in a safe place and refer it for club events and members' details.

As it the Festive Season we wish all our members Season's Greetings and Happy Bridging in the New Year.

Noel Daniel

Winners and Grinners

Golden West Swiss Pairs:



Nilesch Patel and Bhavna Patel

Congratulations to Bhavna and Nilesch Patel who finished 7th out of 90 in the Golden West Swiss Pairs - a terrific result! At one stage they were sitting 4th.

They were also the best pair under 300 masterpoints.

Guys and Dolls Championship:

Guys Winners:

1st place: Noel Daniel and Leon Randolph

2nd place: Merwyn Menezes and Salim

Songerwala

3rd place: Leon Ref and Larry Szalay

Dolls Winners:

1st place: Brenda Evans and Marion Jefferson

2nd place: Suzanne Goodall and Barbara Frost

3rd place: Anne Mitchell and Lyndall Steed

Melbourne Cup Day:



Winners of our Melbourne Cup Day - Hon Dean Nalder Trophy: Erica Augustson and Larry Szalay (right), and President Dorothy Stevenson flanked by Hon Dean Nalder office representatives Louis and Elli.

1st place : Erica Augustson and Larry Szalay

2nd place: Barbara Sheriff and Aileen Willis

3rd place: John Firth and Mary Firth

Teams of 12 with South Perth:



Winners: Team Melville (back left to right) Suzanne Goodall, Merwyn Menezes, Bhavna Patel, Nilish Patel, Leon Randolph, Bridget Cooke, Noel Daniel, (front left to right) Leon Ref, Marty Goodall, Elizabeth Cooke, Tony Stevens and Bill Symons (absent)

Melbourne Cup Day

“Get ready for the race that stops a nation” - words uttered by every single Victorian in living memory on the first Tuesday each November

Better known for being a day of dressing up, cheering for a favourite horse, having fun and enjoying good food and champagne, rather than the actual bridge play - second place on the day - members at Melville Bridge Club once again, regardless of the sweep result, had a winningly good time.

Best hats on the day:



1st Margeurita Douglas (right), 2nd Merle Curtis



3rd Lyn Toft with Dorothy Stevens



Best fascinator: Betty Carter.



Sue Blacklock, Noelene Smith, and Marguerita Douglas enjoyed the day.



Julie Parsonage in an relaxed and carefree mood.



Bill Sader entertaining members with his belly dancing and balancing - yes, that's bottle of champagne on his head!



Patrick Gaffney hoping to start a new fashion trend for men – the gentlemen's facinator.



Guess Who?



"I was born at home in St Albans England, the only daughter after three brothers. My childhood was very happy: having older brothers I learned feminine ways later. My next older brother was patient enough to allow me to tag along when exploring the large manor estate turned golf course which our house overlooked. I climbed trees, "scrumped" (a polite word for stole) apples under ripe crab apples and pears; played conkers, gathered mushrooms and chestnuts, and built and played in haystacks long before I learned to sew, knit, or play with dolls. It was a wonderful experience to be the first to leave footprints, or roll down the snow banks, on the deserted golf course. I picked copious amounts of bluebells from the woods – which wilted long before I got home. We had bonfire nights, mostly unsupervised by adults – I well remember a brand new coat being burnt by a falling firework – Mother was not pleased!

My mother made sure I learned femine ways, and my father insisted I read and question. I had a well rounded childhood."

Many years later, this quietly spoken lady's life was struck by a terrilble tragedy and much heartache. Despite this, she remains stoic – the accent may have disappeared but not the stiff upper lip. Over the years, she has contributed much time and effort to our club, mostly helping out behind the scenes. So, who is she?



The curls were a give-away – last month's little sweetie was, our club's treasurer, Noelene Smith.



Bridge Humour

A Perfect Partner

When my father's bridge partner, with who he had dominated the local club, died he was devastated.

I advertised in the local rag and within days received a replay.

On the next bridge day a man turned up at 8.30 a.m. and off they went discussing the system they would play.

After the morning's bridge, which they won, they had spent the afternoon at the local, drinking whiskey and smoking cigars. Dad asked me what I had put in the ad to produce such a partner.

I said, "I advertised in the used car section: 'Wanted: good bridge partner for a cantankerous opinionated 70 year old man - same vintage, similar model.'"

Contribution from Mal Pryce

Our Beautiful Roses



All of our member and visitors will have noticed and very much appreciated our club's beautiful roses this past spring, but not all will know the man responsible for the up-keep of the blooms. Alex Ritchie (above) spends hours pruning and caring for the bushes. And, as for aphids – Alex says: "I just stare them down".

Thank you, Alex.

Best Doctors in the World:

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends



Contribution from Danny Mistry

Bridge Tip

Take your time before playing third hand to the first trick. It is often times the most important play you will make in the entire hand.

- *Eddie Kantar*



Quotable Quote

"Bridge is one of the last games in which the computer is not better."

– *Bill Gates*

New Members



Please make the following new members feel welcome when you see them around our club:

Carol Martin, Deborah, Aileen Willis, Wes Rudnicki, John Clarke, and Robin Antrobus.



Coming Events

Swiss Pairs – 9th and 16th January
Restricted Pairs – 17th February
Melville Congress 7th and 8th March (currently fully booked - waiting list available, see Noel Daniel)
GNOT Team Heats 17th and 24 March

Check club handbook for times.

Acknowledgements

Many thanks to the members who have kindly contributed to this newsletter – suitable contributions are always welcome.

Our Club's Christmas Party







