

THE TRUMP

City of Melville Bridge Club Newsletter
September - October 2014



(Left to right): David Lobo, Joyce Pereira, Pari Sagaram, Mark Hughes, President Dorothy Stevenson, Kathleen Thomson, and Gerry Sagaram.



From the President

Our party season will soon be starting with our MelbourCup Day in November and our special Christmas Lunch in December – both great social events.

Our Final building plans are now with the City of Melville Council and in a few weeks we will be moving into the next stage, and

negotiations with the Tompkins Park Association – all very exciting.

Dorothy Stevenson





Tournament Manager's Report

As you all know we now have a new website: www.melvillebc.org and a new email: melvillebc@iinet.net.au

There are many facilities on our new website and I encourage you all to visit and browse around. We will be updating the website on a regular basis.

Members may now enter online for our Championship Events. Please remember to include your name, ABN, rank, and telephone number. For those of you who do not have access to the internet, please put your name in the Red Book, request a director to assist you, or contact me anytime for entries.

Congratulations to the winners of the Novice Pairs Championship. (Photograph in this edition.)

Our Guys and Dolls Championship will be held on 17th and 24th October. Good luck to all members who will be participating.

Details of our Melbourne Cup event are on our website. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon. Please, get ready for the hat parade and bring a plate to share. Bridge will start between 12.30pm – 1.00pm. This is sure to be a fun day with lots of prizes!

Our Christmas Lunch is full. If there are cancellations we will let you know.

The Management Committee has taken a decision and formulated a new policy: All our intermediate sessions, i.e. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings, will now be graded. People below the rank of State Master may play in these sessions.

Our Saturday morning session is going very well. We encourage all eligible members to come along and enjoy playing bridge on Saturday mornings at our club...

We are currently trailing at 7.00pm start for our Monday evening session until December. After the trial period we will review the start time with our Monday evening players and

negotiate the time for the new year. Members, please give us your feedback.

The Management Committee has decided to award all winners of Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoon sessions vouchers to play on a Monday evening.

We still have our supervised session on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and plan to start a supervised session on Monday evenings, after our bridge lessons in November. See our website for details and, please, pass on the information on to anyone you know who may be interested..

The Super Vets BAWA Tournament will be held on Sunday 9th November. Members aged 80 plus are encouraged to participate in this tournament. Please see the notice board, or contact me and I will assist you. Entries are via BAWA website.

BAWA is holding a Grand Master tournament in November whereby the Grand Masters will partner a player below 300 masterpoints. If you are interested please let me know will assist you. Again, all entries are via the BAWA website.

Please enjoy playing at our bridge club.

Noel Daniel

Grand Master - Congratulations !



Congratulations to Erica Auguston who last month joined Elizabeth Cook, Bridget Cook, and Allison Stradlow to become our club's newest Grand Master.

Well done, Erica!



Winners and Grinners

Butler Scored Pairs Championship

1st place: Marty Goodall and Suzanne Goodall.

2nd place: Noel Daniel and David Gallagher

3rd place: Erica Augustson and Des Platell

Dora Wilson Trophy

1st place: Marty and Suzanne Goodall

2nd place: Joan Barnett and Se-Moi Loh

3rd place: Noel Daniel and Leon Randolph

Mayor's Trophy

Equal 1st place: Allan Mudford and Bhavna Patel and Judith Murrie and Bill Malley

2nd place: Merwyn Menezes and Nicole Bertinshaw



(Left to right): President Dorothy Stevenson, Mayor Russell Aubrey, Merwyn Menezes, and Nicole Bertinshaw.

Director's Special Competition



(Left to right): Christine Dunlop and Rose Humphreys (N/S) David Lobo and Joyce Pereira (E/W) with Director Noel Daniel.

At our club we have 80% of our membership at below 50 MP. We encourage and assist our members to play better bridge and we conduct intermediate sessions on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings – preparing players for competition. The 'Director's Special Tournament, initiated by Director Noel Daniel is our club's newest event and has been introduced to give novice players experience with 'system cards' and playing competitive bridge. This inaugural event attracted around 17 tables and, judging by the feedback, it was a huge success. Thanks to Noel Daniel for this super idea and generous donation of the trophies.



The Director's Special Trophies



Members enjoy a drink after the Director's Special Competition.

Novice Pairs Championship

(See photograph front page)

1st place: Mark Hughes and Kathleen Thomson

2nd place: Gerry Sagaram and Pari Sagaram

3rd place: David Lobo and Joyce Pereira

Quoteable Quote

"Success is not as easy as winners make it look nor as hard as losers make it sound."

Orvin Woodward

Bob Simpson Award



Lyndie Trevean (right) with Club President Dorothy Stevenson and Mayor Russell Aubrey

I was so very happy when told I would be the recipient of the Bob Simpson Award this year – an award given for outstanding service to our club. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of our club, so I find giving something back very satisfying and rewarding. Having my name on the shield alongside people I like and admire so much certainly makes me feel very honoured.

Lyndie Trevean

Guess who?



“Like many young people of the 70s I wanted to travel. My husband and I met and married within the year while I was still at university. I completed my obligatory year of teaching, then we set off for Europe!

We sailed out of Melbourne on a Greek 'liner' to Singapore, thereafter flying to London, the

cheapest way to the UK at the time. Working for a couple of months in London gave us time to buy a Combe van, yes a Combe fully fitted, and plan our trip around Europe. Travelling in the Combe was great we would just pull up on a side road, middle of the main square in Salzburg, in the Munich University car park, next to the Tiber in Rome, wherever we could and stay for a few days or just overnight. This led to some funny experiences and some scary experiences.

Being awakened by screaming Yugoslavian soldiers banging rifles on our windows, the spooky black shape that appeared in a Greek wheat field floating toward us, hikers bedding down next to our van door for the night, for safety, on a mountainous road only to be trodden on when I stepped out in the early hours, the shepherd who invited himself into the van for breakfast and his dozens of sheep milling around our open door and on it goes. We still love to travel, meet new people, experience different cultures and have lived overseas and interstate, moved house more times than most and love it!”

Want to find out more? Want to find out what the heck that “..spooky black shape...” was? Well, you will have to ask the lady concerned.

Hint: She has recently returned from another adventure/holiday to take up her new position at our club.

Last months’ “Guess Who?”



“...easy and friendly smile...” should have been all the hint needed, however, if you were still unable to guess our last edition’s “Guess who?” it was Dave Parham.



Bridge Humour

The kings and queens of clubs and diamonds went out night clubbing, but were refused drinks because they were minors. The jacks of hearts and spades went to an army recruiting office. They were disappointed when they could not go in as majors.

Contributed by Mal Pryce

Our New Committee

The following member were elected at our club's AGM in August: Dorothy Stevenson (President), Erica Augustson (Vice President), Di Nelson (Secretary), Noelene Smith (Treasurer), Noel Daniel (Tournament Manager), Lyndie Trevean (House Manager), Mark Hughes (Marketing Manager).
Committee Members: Salim Songerwala, Nicole Bertinshaw and Claire Weston (Partnership Co-ordinator).



How to recognize a stroke victim

Neurologists say that if they can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours they can totally reverse the effects of a stroke - totally. The trick is getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within that time.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster and the stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking these simple questions:

- Ask the individual to smile
- Ask the person to talk and speak a simple sentence coherently.
- Ask him or her to raise both arms.
- Ask the person to 'stick' out his or her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 000 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



Coming Events

Melbourne Cup Day 4th November
Teams event with South Perth 16th November
Christmas Party December 7 (booked out – waiting list available)

Bridge Tips

1. When partner bids two suits and you have an equal number of cards in each suit, take partner back to the first suit even if it means increasing the level. Just do it!

You hold: ♠ Axxx ♥ K10x ♦ Jxx ♣ xxx
Partner You
1♦ 1♠
2♥ ?

Bid 3♣. Raising hearts (see next tip) or passing partner's reverse, a one-round force, puts you back in kindergarten.

2. A direct raise of a second suit promises four card support (in blood).

You hold: ♠ xx ♥ A10x ♦ A10x ♣ K10xxx
Partner You
1♠ 2♣
2♥ ?

Rebid 2NT showing 11-12 high-card points. Don't even think of raising hearts with only three.

3. When the opponents bid and support each other and you have the jack or queen of their suit, do not count points for those honors. They are not worth the cardboard they are printed on.

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Please make the following new members feel welcome when you see them around our club: Peter Macklesworth (welcome back!), Swee Peng Yong, Leslie Ritchie, Sylvia Chandler, Neil Desai, Wendy Brinklow, Helen Miller, Katheryn Kirk, Tessa Roberts, Helene de Ravel, Brenda Evans, Gwen Larsen, Marion Jefferson, and Tushar Agarwal.

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