



# WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE

## NEWSLETTER. APRIL, 2017

From your PRESIDENT:

Trust you all had a Happy Easter. Our thanks to Camperdown B.C. who hosted a very happy day of bridge on 31/3. A good number of Warrnambool members attended and frequented the shoe shop across the road too!! We have three teams, Camperdown one, attending the WR friendlies next Sunday 23/4.

The "fan" subcommittee are arranging installation as soon as possible, and the "venue" subcommittee suggested that we increase space in the room. I asked Duncan to remove the large desk and some equipment from the storeroom, and he did so very efficiently and speedily. Peter and Christine are kindly donating a small computer desk. We will tidy up the storeroom and rearrange the bridge tables in the Clubroom to increase the number of tables in use, as we are regularly getting 10 tables on Monday nights, with half a dozen pairs away.

Janet and I attended the Ballarat Festival of Bridge, which is a joint arrangement with the Canberra Bridge Club. Half a dozen pairs from Canberra attended this year. Richard Giles' brother was the past President of Canberra. They had 17 and 16 tables on Thursday and Friday.

Our WR friendly Novice Pairs was still receiving praise from participants at Ballarat. My sincere thanks again to everyone in the club for making it such a great success, particularly Christine and Peter, Janet, Betty and Paula H. Gary Ridgway is writing a report on it for their newsletter, and has promised me a copy, which I will send on to all of you.

Paula Hillis and Peter Cooke are arranging club teams for 20/4 and 27/4. These are great fun. If you would like to have a go, just put your name on the list, or email them.

Finally I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the 2016 committee for their hard work and commitment to the club during the year, it made my job so much easier. Special thank-you to Elinor Winter, Pat Starkie, Barb. McKean and Penny Thomas who have resigned and I welcome, and look forward to working with, Paula Hillis, Peter Cooke and Sue Sherwood who "put their hands up" to join the committee for 2017. A huge "thank-you".

Best wishes, Lucienne

**Committee 2017.**    President:    Lucienne Newton-Tabrett.

Vice President:    Janet Attrill    Treasurer:    Betty Turner

Secretary:    Christine Webb.    Director:    Peter Cooke

Master point Secretary: Tony Plevier

General Committee: M. Graham, P. Hillis, O. Maslen, P. Roche, S. Sherwood and P. Webb (also our much appreciated "Dealer").



## TERANG CROQUET CLUB DAY OF CARDS;

Wednesday, May, 17.

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GNOT: Change of format. Played over 2 rounds:

Winners – Linda and Felicia, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jan and Peter Cooke

These 2 pairs are now eligible to play off in in Geelong for a chance to represent our district in the finals later in the year.



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### **OH THE PAIN OF IT ALL. – Bill Jacobs – VBA Bulletin, March 2017.**

You pick up: S: AJT642      H: -      D: AQJ652      C: J

All vul, dealer on your R. opens 1 H.

As you are about to make your first bid **your partner bids 1 S out of turn.**

**What is the ruling?**    What would you do?    Answer later.

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HE SAID: “Let’s go out and have some fun to-night”.

SHE SAID: “O.K. but if you get home before I do leave a light on please!”.





NOVICE PAIRS:

WARRNAMBOOL.

Sunday March 19 was the inaugural **Western District Novice Pairs**.

There were 35 pairs playing divided into 2 groups 0 – 49 Imps and 50 – 99imps.

**Section A:** 22 pairs. Local results: 3<sup>rd</sup> Robyn Dexter/Peter Archer, 6<sup>th</sup> T. Clement /S. McMillan, Sherwoods 9<sup>th</sup> and Alan Shields and Netta Hill 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Section B:** 13 pair, Local results: 3<sup>rd</sup> Elinor Winter/Wendy Everard, 4<sup>th</sup> Joan Malikoff/D. Manu and 5<sup>th</sup> Owen Maslin/Anne Serra.

**Saturday.** March 18 Graham Hill held an afternoon session on Roman Key Card Blackwood, opening leads and signals. An excellent day.

Numbers for the Novice Pairs were beyond all expectations and included visitors from Geelong, Ocean Grove, Torquay, Ballarat, Colac, Camperdown, Terang, Port Fairy, Mt. Gambier.

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My hand at Camperdown, sitting East. Imagine ALL BLACK. GH.

S: AK8732

H: ---

D: ---

C: QJ98643 Partner had 14 HCP and opened 1 D. North passed.

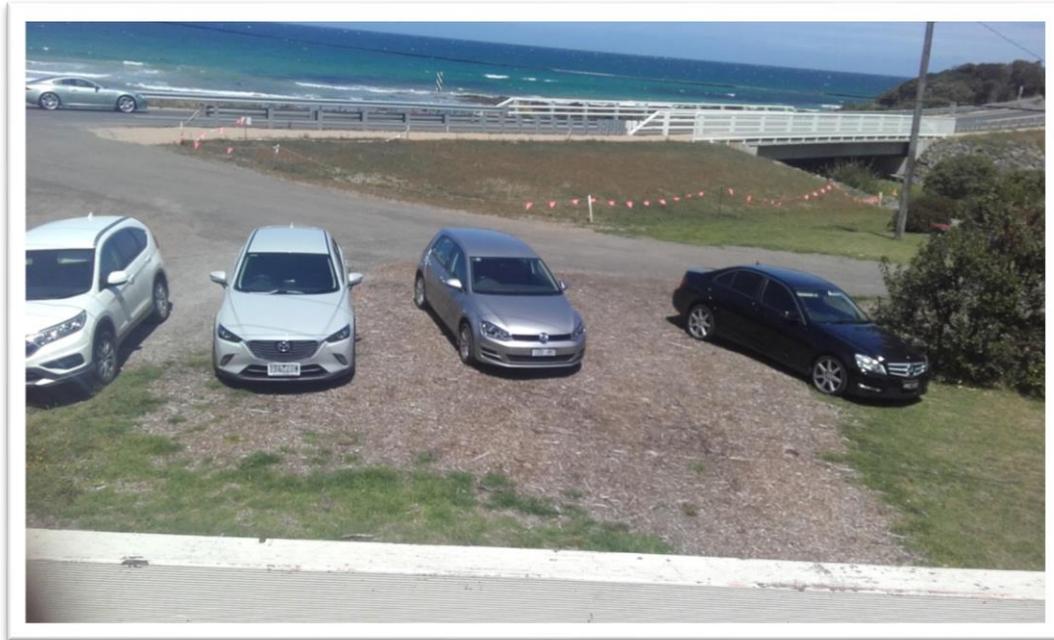
What would you bid – what did I bid?

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Quote from ABF Bulletin. Feb., 2017.

“It’s amazing how often all of North/South **and** East/West have poor hands, all session!”

## SEPARATION CREEK – view from upstairs balcony.



Last month Paula invited a few of us down to her holiday home for the weekend and, you can see from the picture above, what a beautiful position the house is situated. 1 – 2 km over the bridge to Wye River.

On Saturday Paula went there early to buy hot bread for breakfast. “WOW. Sue D. and Margaret F arrived and, with the weather perfect, Margaret and I walked over the road and had a lovely swim and the water was warm. After lunch we had a “friendly game of bridge”, Sue, Paula, Margaret and yours truly. Other guests started arriving; Paula’s brother, sister and friends, the house will sleep 13.... much noise and laughter. We had a super dinner – roast fillet beef and vegies, thanks Paula, followed by Margaret’s speciality – APPLE PIE.



The following day Linda arrived, laden with goodies which we enjoyed while playing 500 which I hadn't played for years and it was great fun. Late in the afternoon, the weather changed, misty but not cold, we went to Wye River for coffee before going home...great venue...great food...and great company. GH..

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### **CANBERRA BRIDGE**

On a recent visit to Canberra Peter and I played at **Canberra Bridge Club**. I admit that I was a bit reluctant to do so as the Club's website looks really flash and they are a large Club with over 600 members. However on arriving we discovered the flash photo was of a nearby Football Club. We were made welcome by the players and enjoyed the game. Bidding systems were basically the same as ours so it wasn't stressful. Some tables used bidding boxes, others pads as we do. The choice was up to North. Table Fees were \$13 per player for visitors, the price of a professionally run club. Parking was free and onsite.

We played on a Tuesday afternoon which some members said was their friendliest session. They had 16 tables, divided into 2 sections.

Ask for directions to Café D'Lice which is very close and had the most remarkable range of sandwiches and snacks for lunch.

Christine W.



*(I also played at this club in November and agree how friendly and helpful everyone was, (they must get loads of visitors) and we ate at the same café – SUPERB. GH)*

## REPORTS.

### GEELONG TOURNAMENT.

Congratulations to Christine and Peter Webb who were first in their section and 13<sup>th</sup> overall – an excellent result.

Linda and Felicia were 2<sup>nd</sup> in their section and 26<sup>th</sup> overall and Lucienne and Jamie who were 16<sup>th</sup> with one round to go finally finished 19<sup>th</sup>.

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CAN YOU RELATE TO THE FOLLOWING – General advice from Joan Butts.

- \* Agree on number of tricks BEFORE packing up your cards at the end of a hand.
- \* Don't discuss a previous hand – opponents may not yet have played it!
- \* Best not to comment on your successes, which also means opponents' failures - eg., "Oh, that's a top board partner," is very bad manners.
- \* Don't recriminate over a bad result – don't harass partner with questions starting with "Why"?
- \* **You should warn opponents, by saying "alert" when partner has made a bid that isn't what it seems in your system.**

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**OH THE PAIN OF IT ALL.**      Answer.

Bill Jacobs, Director is called to the table.

The RHO declined to accept the bid. "Bill J." now tells Dean Winkle that he is unable to bid for the remainder of the auction; Dean was totally inscrutable – as if "no problem whatsoever". "Bill J." had no idea what his hand was like!

PARTNER HOLDS: S: Q98753. H: K43 D: 73 C: KQ.

DEAN WINKLE: S: AJT642 H: - D: AQJ652 C: J

Bill J's comment: *Would that we all were able to act like that in such circumstances.*

Opposition made an easy 4 H.

ETIQUETTE Please read. (*Our President was impressed with this*).  
CORNER (Taken from Geelong Newsletter).

Dear Members,

This month's edition is mainly about general but necessary reminders/issues.

1. Members need to be seated 10 minutes before the start of play ie 12.45 or 7.20 so that the Director can assess the movement before entering the movement into the computer and thus achieving an on time start.
2. Some days/times members become very noisy even requiring the Director to call for some quietness - this should not happen.
3. An observation re slow play, if you are running behind the clock you should not continue to discuss the playing of boards, go for a drink, chat to a friend about a catch up etc., play should be in tempo.
4. Phones are still left on during play - turn them OFF or to SILENT.
5. Fouled boards, it is the responsibility of all 4 players at a table to ensure that the cards are returned to their correct position at the end of play.
6. At the end of the days play **people at each table** are responsible for returning the boards to the collection spot, emptying paper bins, leaving the table tidy, no dirty cups left around and unwashed.
7. Director Please! When the Director is called and they give their ruling then that ruling should not be disputed during play. Director's decision is final. Discuss if you wish when play has ended. ”

If as a player you feel you need to discuss the issue further you should then approach the Director at the conclusion of play and discuss the matter.



Seen at the Bridge Club!

Who owns these legs?

Who owns these socks?



! G. Hindhaugh.