



W WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE CLUB.

December, 2016.

From your President:

The Christmas lunch is on Sunday 18th at noon, partners welcome, cost \$10, please bring small salad. Hope some Camperdown members can come.

Last bridge will be Monday 19th,

The special General meeting was held with good attendance on 5/12. After much discussion the motion was defeated. Thanks to Betty for raising the issue and members for attending. I suggested we have Policy and Procedures manuals to help solve the problem, if a completely new committee is elected. I took the committee to afternoon tea at Club Warrnambool on Wednesday to thank them for all their help this year.

I had a lovely holiday, got a tan walking on the beach. SW Games and Helen Lovegrove's farewell were very happy events. Helen is settling in well to Townsville and is delighted with her unit.

Judy Loch was operated on in Melbourne on Wednesday; after a long operation she is in intensive care and the Doctors have reported they are very pleased with her progress. Our prayers and best wishes go to her and Marie Johnson (home from hospital) who is also very unwell. I hope that Christmas brings good news for both of them, and seasons greetings to everyone in the Club.

Looking forward to a brilliant 2017, Lucienne.

Bridge Topic of the Week: From Canberra Bridge Club – (was at the end of their print-out). **CLAIM BY DECLARER.**

When a claim is made by Declarer, they MUST state their proposed line of play. This should make mention of any outstanding trumps (e.g. “drawing trumps”), and how they plan to travel between hands if relevant.

A careless or incomplete claim may cost you tricks that you should otherwise make.

Claims should be made where possible – it is discourteous to continue play when the outcome is certain.

SOUTH WEST GAMES WINNERS:

GOLD: E/E.W. Helen/Paula. 73.8%



Silver E/W. Joan/Vic Malikoff.



GOLD: N/S. Lucienne/Owen



Bronze Medal: E/W. Betty Turner/ Barb McKean
(narrowly defeating
Glenice/Beryl .4%).



Silver: N/S. Sue/John Sherwood.



Bronze: Netta Hill/Allen Shiels with
Lyndsey Hill from S.W. Games
6 ½ tables completed.



Canberra:

Peter, and I went to Canberra early last month and I was both amazed and delighted with our Capital city. I was most impressed with the leafy suburbs, not all concrete streets, trains, trams and shops like Melbourne. We did heaps but briefly we “did” the War Memorial – I was half hearted about going but was completely gob smacked. It is truly wonderful, a day does not do it justice. All the exhibitions are first class. The other thing I did of interest was play Bridge at the Canberra Bridge Club. They were most accommodating and friendly and arranged a partner for me (who didn’t turn up) so the lass from the office played with me for the first board until another partner arrived. There were 3 sessions going from 10.00 – 1.00, and it ran like clockwork. We finished right on time and after thanking everyone at the table lo and behold all 3 results were running on the screen. Delighted to come 3rd. We stayed at Gowrie with friends and when ready to leave I *thought* I put Yass into the GPS. We went everywhere, past the airport until eventually it said, “You have reached your destination”, which was the “Yass Take-away”. Still in Canberra!!! Gwen Hindhaugh.



Peter delighted the natives in Wodonga by going “wrong way” up a one way street.

A little more on claiming: “The Laws of Duplicate Bridge”.

CLAIM: A claim should be accompanied at once by a clear statement as to the order in which cards will be played, of the line of play or defence through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed.

PLAY CEASES: After any claim or concession, play ceases.

I recall Graham Hill explaining this ruling during our recent Directors Course– he said that opposition cannot ask for the board to be played. But, if the claimant does not state order of play the opposition can then direct the order of play. e.g. Claimant, playing Spades, claims - stating he/she has the last 4 tricks, all winners.

S: Q. H: 10 D: A C: J.

OPPOSITION: As no “line of play” given – disputes claim and asks claimant to lead C: – J.

Opposition has: S: 4 H: 6 5 D: 5 C: --- He trumps the lead.

PRESIDENT'S CUP 2016

Congratulations to Helen and Paula, a final win, before Helen left us for Sunny Queensland.



HELEN LOVEGROVE – **“THIS IS YOUR LIFE”**: (at the Warrnambool Bridge Club).

Helen was an excellent member contributing where she could - helped new players, willingly gave of her bridge knowledge and travelled extensively, (a great ambassador of our club) Echuca, Geelong, Ballarat, Camperdown and Robe. Helen rarely missed events at Camperdown, - Social Days, S.W. Games and S.W, Teams (Golf Club), and was most apologetic if unable to attend.

Paula, her long-time partner, said she was always fun to be with, happy, adventuresome, mischievous but mostly fun. She said she is still settling into her flat at Townsville but looking forward to getting involved with the Bridge Club soon. *(I looked up Townsville B.C. on the internet – they have 10 registered Directors – must be a big club!).*

Together Paula and Helen won the GNOPairs in Ballarat and represented the Henty Region twice in the finals at Canberra. Joining Jamie, Lucienne and/or Janet they won the GNOTeams 3 times, with the National final being played at Banora Point, Queensland.

Lucienne said Helen was an excellent member, served on committee, attended and assisted with all functions. She generously made her flat available to Graham and Jan Hill during the Congress which was much appreciated. Lucienne agreed with Paula that Helen always had a smile on her face.



Jan, a former **“Miss Molyullah”**, raises her glass while Peter talks to Jamie about his sprinting wins at the show!



And so we say farewell to Helen, all the best in Townsville.
The club and members will miss you.



2017: Bridge resumes Monday 9th January.

Gwen Hindhaugh.