



WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE CLUB:

NEWSLETTER...February, 2017

President's Report:

It's been almost 12 months since I was elected President of the Club. I'm very grateful to Janet for convincing me to stand, because it occasionally took my mind off David's death. The arrival of Winston in our household at Christmas was also light relief and lots of fun. I hope that in 12 months' time Judy and Bob Loch will look back on the suffering they are facing now, as just a blur, long past. Betty Rendell has promised to return to bridge as soon as she has the dialysis under control. On a happier note, Helen Scarborough's son got married on 4/2/17 and her first grandchild (her daughter's) will arrive soon.

John Sherwood was inducted as the WCC Citizen of the Year for 2017, deservedly!!! I hope one day he will give a talk to the bridge club, maybe even a bus tour with Bob Scarborough, about the fascinating area we live in. (I volunteer to organise it). John's Hawaiian nights were a great success with lots of fun and laughter and lairy clothes. Jamie is buying sunglasses for the cows so he can wear his shirt again!

Janet, Lyn, Belle and Glenys are off to Canberra with the caravan club. The Webbs, Linda, Floss, Jamie and I will represent the Club at the Western region congress at Geelong on 11/2.

Lessons will be conducted shortly, so please ask all your friends if they're interested. Supervised play will take place on Wednesdays 11-12 again soon, but I would like you to email me with topics and requests. The first lesson will be on card play.

Lucienne

CARD PLAY PROBLEM.

See answer later in Newsletter.

NORTH:

SOUTH:

Contract 3 NT by South.

S: K852

S: AQ

West leads the H 7 to the H3 and East's H Q.

H: 53

H: AJ6

D: A86432

D: KQ

C: 8

C: KQ9643

How do you plan the play?



Ballarat Bridge Club recently celebrated taking ownership of their clubrooms at 1001 Eyre Street. (ABF Newsletter, January, 2017).

The club was formed in 1985, moved to these premises in 2006 and now has 140 members. Purchasing the former bowling club has been a 20 year commitment.



W.R. NOVICE PAIRS: SUNDAY, March 19th. 10.00 – 5.00.

ENTRY: \$20.00 including lunch. Graham Hill: Director.

SATURDAY, March 18th. Graham will teach us “Better Bridge Techniques”.

(Lucienne said entries are already being received and the committee members will ensure you have a delicious lunch. Full details re “Saturday with Graham Hill” to be announced).

A.G.M. THURSDAY 23, 7 p.m. at clubrooms.

Ballot papers and ballot box available at clubrooms.

We could have an hour’s bridge afterwards if everyone in favour!

SOCIAL SUNDAY: February 26.

GNOT TRIALS: Pairs. Sunday 26 and Monday 27, February.

These are for GOLD POINTS.

Please make a special effort to come. L.

MARCH: Plenty of red points available.

HAWAIIAN NIGHT



Everyone entered into the spirit of the evening with interesting dress which helped to give the night a rather light hearted atmosphere. Amazing what some people (ladies) keep in



their wardrobe. I wore a skirt I made out of curtain fabric around 25 – 30 years ago BUT Dale Vagg and Elaine Hill take the cake! Elaine was wearing a Maternity frock she wore while having her twins 40 years ago and Dale went to a B.B.Q. in Cobden in this Muumuu also 40 years ago!

Delicious food brought by our talented cooks was greatly appreciated.



Tony on holidays.



AT THE TABLE IN WARRNAMBOOL: Of interest!

Last year it was my partner's turn to open the bidding **but I wrote down "1" first**. Opposition on my left immediately asked her partner if she want to accept the bid!

I said I would check – the information I had given was that I had opening points.

Answer: a "bid" is defined as a number and a suit. "One" is not a bid, correct player bids – no penalty.



WARRNAMBOOL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2017.

John Sherwood came to Warrnambool 38 years to join the teaching Staff at Deakin University where he lectured in the Sciences. He was a whole hearted supported of the Deakin University Sharks Football/Netball teams.



His community commitments were many and varied and included - Friends of the Warrnambool Botanical Gardens, Society of Growing Australian Plants and Mahogany Ship Committee.

John has also been Chair of the technical group for the Warrnambool Safe Harbour and served on numerous boards including Western Coastal Board, Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, Victorian National Parks and Marine Coastal Committee.

Congratulations John, a worthy recipient of our Citizen of the Year, 2017.



ANOTHER – AT THE TABLE.

LAST WEEK. Our opposition had both been bidding. Player on my right wrote down 4 H and immediately implied that she had made a mistake!

Answer: Law 25A. *This was unintentional – Director must be satisfied that the person had never had it in his/her mind to take this action. Make the correct bid.*

CARD PLAY PROBLEM – ANSWER.

Top tricks you have – 3 S, 3 D and 1 H – we can set up more tricks in clubs but still only makes 8. You have to lose 2 tricks in clubs and by then opposition will have set up 3 hearts tricks to take a total of 5. The diamond suit is needed and needs to split 3- 2....BUT...our only entry to the board is the spade K.

PLAN: Take Ace hearts, cash the 2 diamond honours in hand then overtake Spade Q with the Spade K, (4) cash the diamond Ace and the remainder of the suit, back to hand, finishing with the Ace spades. (9 tricks). Perhaps an overtrick with clubs. If you hold up the Ace H on lead East may cunningly shift to a spade attempting to attack your entry to the long diamond suit!

The full deal:

North.

S: K 852

H: 53

D: A 86432

C: 8

S: T 7

H: K T 872

D: J 7

C: J T 52

S: J 9643

H: Q 94

D: T 95

A: A 7

S: A Q

H: A J 6

D: K Q

C: K Q 9643



We are not given a “Good” or a “Bad” Life. We are given a LIFE.

It’s up to us to make it “Good” or “Bad”.

