



WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE CLUB...NEWSLETTER.

JULY, 2017.

Apology from President: Lucienne regrets that she was unable to provide her usual report due to family reasons.



CAMPERDOWN BRIDGE CLUB

Members invite you to join us on **Friday, September 29th** to remember and celebrate the life of **Felicia (Floss)**.

The day will be as Felicia would want:-

Bridge, Winners, Trophies AND all her favourite food!



“Counting to a Bridge player is similar to an Actor learning his lines.

It doesn't guarantee success, but he can't succeed without it.”

George Kaufman, esteemed playwright & prominent Bridge player

RESULTS HOME AND AWAY.

AUSTRALIA WIDE NOVICE PAIRS

This event was held on May 29 with 12 pair participating in this national event. To be eligible players needed to have less than 50 MP's as on 31.3.17. As a consequence many people were unable to play with their regular partner and some interesting 'team ups' resulted. The event was won by Penny Thomas and Peter Webb with a creditable 62.5%; second were Pat Starkie and Elaine Fitzgerald with 60.5%. Players with more than 50 MP's played the same deal as the Novices and interestingly the top pair in that group finished with a lower percentage of 61.1. In this section there were 4.5 tables.



Penny and Peter are currently 7th in the overall standings, which is a great result for them and our Club.

Social Sunday May 28th.

6 tables gathered for an afternoon of Bridge and a shared Curry/Casserole meal. We played 6 x 3 board rounds before tea and 3 after. The Curries and Casseroles were delicious and the desserts revealed some surprising talent among members. Everyone helped setting, and cleaning up which is really good to see



THE PRESIDENT'S TROPHY.

The Presidents Trophy was won by the President and her partner the Vice President. Who could present it? This task fell to the Secretary who is coincidentally a timekeeper's daughter. Congratulations to Lucienne and Janet..



RESULTS CONTD. From Gary Ridgway, W.D.B.A.

Congratulations to Warrnambool and Ocean Grove on running the very successful **Restricted Pairs** and **Friendly Teams** events. Nothing but positive comments for both. It was rewarding to see large numbers of players competing: 35 pairs at Warrnambool and 20 teams at Ocean Grove. A change of venue was required at Warrnambool when entries exceeded expectations and Ocean Grove could not take any further entries.

Thanks particularly to Lucienne Newton-Tabrett and George Del Papa who were the main organisers. The suggestion to have a Restricted Pairs Championship came from Warrnambool – well done! Thanks also to any others who contributed to the smooth running of the events. There are always what appear to be minor tasks and it's great that we have the country approach where many club members are happy to help out.

Coming up in July is the qualifying event for the Western Victoria Team for the **GNOT** (Grand National Open Teams). This is a pairs event at Ballarat on July 16. The leading pairs will be invited to form a team to compete in the National Final at Tweed Heads in the last weekend in November. The ABF will provide airfares for four players. There is no entry fee for team members but all other costs must be met by the players. The Ballarat Qualifier is open to all players in our region – every second year the event will be restricted to players under 500 master-points.

CASTERTON RED CROSS DAY.

Lucienne, Jan Cooke, Paula Hillis and Christine Webb went to Casterton last month to a fundraiser for Red Cross. There were 9 tables and Lucienne and I came first E/W. We made contact with other groups in area which was really the purpose of us going.
C. Webb.



WESTERN DISTRICTY FRIENDLY TEAMS OCEAN GROVE. April 23, 2017.

Sunday..... Record 20 tables (80 players), their first time to host the event and congratulations to all for a great day.

The Warrnambool team, pictured, had a big lead with one round to go and then they put their 'feet' down, came home with a very wet sail, flew sky high to the finishing line to record an exceptional win. Congratulations!

GEELONG CONGRESS. 24th June.

Huge (maximum) entries – 64 pairs. Saturday pairs consisted of 7 rounds of 8 boards, big day, all exhausted.



Penny and Paula best pair from Warrnambool commencing on 56 and finishing 41.



YE OLDE TEAM RE-UNITED FOR TEAMS ON SUNDAY....

Jamie, Paula, Lucienne and Helen Lovegrove all the way from Townsville – honestly enjoying our winter weather).

Commencing the day as No. 19 the team, as usual, worked hard with many wins finishing at “7” and “B” Grade winners. The 2nd Warrnambool team of Paula Hillis, Penny

Thomas, John Thompson and Gwen Hindhaugh started at 26 and after quite a few rough scores were happy to finish at 20, (28 teams participating).

Lunch serving on Saturday with 128 players is worth a comment. We had quiche, new potatoes and a very nice salad. To serve the salad they had them prepared, with dressing, in large polystyrene cups, they just tipped them onto the plates – all quick and efficient.

CAMPERDOWN FRIDAY 30TH JUNE. Social, duplicate, day.

30 players enjoyed a game of Bridge in Camperdown on a cold, winters day – best thing to do!. Thank-you Peter Webb for excellent cards and Tony for arranging and scoring the day. Although Camperdown is few in numbers they provided players with a delicious lunch.

Winners:

NORTH/SOUTH.

1. Elinor/Pat Starkie
2. Michael/Berneice (Colac)

EAST/WEST.

- Louise Manifold/Gwen
Penny/Betty Turner



FELICIA (FLOSS) ROSS: I didn't think in a million years I would ever be writing a eulogy for this Newsletter in memory of my precious and dear friend Felicia (Floss) Ross. I met Floss in Camperdown about 10 years ago, I was a little scared of her to begin with (actually very scared) but we became firm bridge partners both in Camperdown and Warrnambool, enjoyed playing in both Congresses and Stepbridge and were in the middle of planning a 3rd bridge holiday. Monday was special as we would play together twice: - 12.30 pm Floss would rush in a bit late and flustered to Camperdown and say "Linda – I need some help in the kitchen" – code for "Linda I need to talk, privately". She would tell me what was on her mind, problems

she was having and suggesting how I could improve my Bridge game (often with unwelcome advice). Then on Monday night at 6.30pm (not a minute before) Floss would dash up my driveway and off to Warrnambool. It was during this time that our friendship developed. Immediately the journey began Floss would say "Linda can I speak first because I have a lot to discuss and then you can have a turn?" We would plot and scheme Bridge tactics! She had a wicked sense of humour, always laughing and smiling.

Arriving in Warrnambool Floss would rush in and have the first of many coffees (once I stopped counting at 6) – Floss loved catching up with her Bridge friends, enjoying a piece or two or three of homemade cake and of course there would be much discussion and many disagreements about the correct bid, the correct contract etc. Floss always kept the bidding slips saying it was to check where our bidding went wrong but really it was to see where her partner mucked up. To her credit we could actually see mistakes we were making, and keeping the bidding slips certainly improved our game and her strict rules on negative doubles will be with me forever. Floss never liked playing N/S and would say, "Linda make sure we get sit E/W, we don't want to play against Jamie, Lucienne, Helen and Paula". Floss really liked these players, often asked their advice but respected their ability so much that they were to be avoided at all costs. One lovable quirk she had was to say, "Now Linda when we play against Jamie let him have the contract – he is a much better player than you are and it won't end well". Of course we didn't let him have the contract and most times it didn't end well, and then I would hear about it all the way back to Terang. However, Floss always farewelled me cheerfully and always looked forward to the following Monday.

Floss would always help beginners with advice both during and after play in both clubs and in the Camperdown Club she was responsible for the tea, coffee, biscuits etc. We all remember her legendary egg sandwiches at Bridge functions but she would never share her "secret ingredient". Floss had an enormous passion for Bridge and excelled as a bridge player and often fell asleep at night reading bridge books. No one that ever played bridge with or against Floss could ever say that she did not vigorously endeavour to improve her bridge playing at all times. She was a very humble person and an extremely loyal and caring friend and if she heard negative comments about a person she knew then she would always extol their virtues and mention their good deeds.

As you all know Floss had such a tragic life with the early loss of a sister, parents, husband and most poignantly the premature deaths of her 2 sons but she would always find something to be pleased about, bridge helped her with her life and gave her a reason to get up each day. My beautiful, unique and quirky friend has left a void nobody can fill but we are all better people for having had her in our lives, I think about her every day and every time I play bridge. I started off saying that I didn't think in a million years that I would ever be writing these words, so I would just like to end with saying that Floss, my darling, YOU were absolutely one in a million. Linda Picone



LET'S TALK ABOUT DOUBLING!

(Club Director: Peter Cooke).

Not for “penalties” but for “Take-out” OR to show your partner that you have a suit – called a Negative double.

TAKE OUT DOUBLES: The opposition has opened and your partner (next to bid) doubles – “I have an opening hand and I have all the unbid suits in my hand. Occasionally the doubling hand will hold good cards in the suit bid by the opener. Still double but be prepared to play in N.T. if you don’t find a fit with partner.

NEGATIVE DOUBLES: Your partner opens 1 Club and next player overcalls 1 Spade. You have 9 HCP and 4 Hearts. You should not bid 2 H as that promises 5 Hearts and more points. So you double to show you have 4 Hearts.

REMEMBER Bridge is a team game and giving information to your partner is crucial. A simple X on the bidding sheet is essential to that end

COMPARING NEGATIVE DOUBLES TO TAKEOUT DOUBLES.

NEGATIVE X

Partner opened
 Double made by responder
 Overcaller’s suit is X
 6+ HCP needed at 1 level, more at higher levels.
 Emphasis on unbid Major(s)
 You need **NOT** be short in opponent’s suit.
 A Negative X followed by a new suit is weak.
 17+

TAKEOUT X

An opponent opened
 Double made by overcalling side
 Opener’s suit is X
 12+ HCP needed at 1 level, more at higher levels
 ALL unbid suits are promised
 You **SHOULD** be short in opponent’s suit.
 A takeout X followed by a bid in a new suit strong
 17+

Negative doubles essential for finding 4 X 4 fit. 6 + HCP needed at the 1 level, more at higher levels. **EMPHASIS** is on the unbid Major(s).

Level of Overcall.

HCP needed.

1 of a suit	6
2 of a minor	8
2 of a Major	9
3 of a suit	10
4 or higher of a suit	10.

Negative X’s do not apply over opponents overcalls of N.T.

(Marty Bergen).



WANT A GAME OF BRIDGE? HAVEN'T GOT A PARTNER?

Don't be sad.....

Our Bridge Club will supply a partner for you when and if you need one!

Many Bridge Clubs have a spare person available for players wanting a game. Often this will be a paid Director and those clubs often charge far more than the \$4 table fees we offer. We don't have that paid extra, but with the generosity of members we have now started offering that service - a spare/extra person each session. This is a great incentive for anyone without a partner for any session to come along and know you'll get a game. We want to encourage more members to come to Brauerander more often and play. If you are a novice, your game and confidence will improve with extra play. If you are an experienced player, others can benefit from your expertise. It can also help break down some of the social barriers within a club when players have an opportunity to play with someone new.

Already we have noticed an increase in players arriving solo for a game. Now, we need to spread the word further and encourage more of our members to turn up when, for whatever reason, they just want to play Bridge.

The club has generally had a volunteer/Committee member who was called when someone was looking for a partner. Pamela Roche is that person and is available if you want to sort out a particular partner. Otherwise, just arrive at the club about 15 minutes before the session start and you'll have a partner. Let Paula H. or a committee member know, when you arrive, that you need a partner and we'll do the rest.

The spare person roster has been filled for June and July. I hope you've received a copy via email. Otherwise, there's a copy on the notice board. So far nearly 2/3rds of August sessions are covered. But we need some more gaps filled, so please, if you live in or close to Warrnambool, we need more members to volunteer to be the extra/spare for one session. If we can get most people to do that it means everyone only has to be the spare once every 3-4 months. It also shares it around without overburdening anyone. I believe ownership of your club comes when you can contribute something to it's smooth running

I'd really appreciate hearing from you (if I don't already have your name and roster) if you'd be willing to do a session as the spare player.

Members who travel 20+ minutes to get to Bridge aren't expected to volunteer to be the spare - unless you know you'd be in Warrnambool anyway for shopping, etc. and want to.

Thank you to members who have already volunteered and especially those who've been the 'extra'. It adds a new dimension to our club.

Paula Hillis: (Committee).



Gwen Hindhaugh

