



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2016.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanks to Peter and Christine who attended 'speed date your grant specialist' for me. Peter, Betty and I have started the process of applying for a grant for a new dealing machine, which was what the committee chose for our application.

Robin Stark, progressing well, completed his treatment in Ballarat. Betty Rendell and Vic Malikoff both look great. Bob Loch is unwell, but hopes to improve rapidly. It was delightful to meet Jan and Peter Cook, newly resident in Warrnambool, previously of Melbourne, Toowoomba, and Hamilton. I believe Peter was instrumental in the beginnings of our club.

FRIENDLY NOVICE PAIRS IN WARRNAMBOOL ON SUNDAY 19th, MARCH, 2017.

This new competition has been approved by Gary Ridgway and will be open to all players with -50 IMPS. Please keep it in mind.

Janet and I are playing in the Geelong congress pairs this weekend, while Linda, Janet, Jamie and I will form a team on Sunday. *Lucienne Newton-Tabrett.*

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TAKEN FROM ABF MAY. 2016 MAGAZINE – Worth a read. Dos and Donts at the table.

DOS: * Be at table 5 minutes before start time, gives you time to discuss specific methods with your partner and check opponents' system card.

- Consider when is the best time to write down the contract and score .
- Claim when you can, rather than playing every card.
- Make a note on the back of your scoresheet if you want to discuss something with partner to do after the round.
- Make director mid-way through round if opponents slow (you may be entitled to compensation if your table doesn't finish).

DONTS:

- Do Not discuss the hand just played in between boards.
- Do Not look at the results from boards at other tables in the Bridgemate (you can't change the result and it won't help your play)

Hi Bridge Friends. *(Helen Lovegrove).*

A short account of my recent and most enjoyable trip to Russia.

My younger daughter Sharnier, husband Kim and 15 year old grandson, Jackson, have been living in Russia for the past 6 months, an ideal opportunity to visit.

My older daughter, Leone and granddaughter, Ellie, 22, decided to travel with me.

The flight seemed never ending, arrived in Moscow at midnight, greeted by a taxi driver holding a "Lovegrove" sign – 30 minutes left of a very long trip. This was an over estimation, we were travelling at 140 kms an hour! Leone checked we knew the brace position and suggested that from now on I should travel in the front seat...meaning I was the most expendable?

Sharnie's and Kim's lovely apartment is on the 19th floor with beautiful views both day and night. Although nearing the end of winter we did see snow in the park below. We all purchased SIM cards for our phones to ensure if anyone got lost they could be found! Plan: Work out what to do for the day with at least one to keep an eye on me. Fantastic as I have an appalling sense of direction. I can proudly say I did not get lost but did manage to fall over twice! I got off fairly lightly although the second fall did cause quite a bit of bruising and discomfort. It seemed unwise to complain too much as they may have insisted I stay home and put my leg up. No way.

Let's go shopping. Sharnie took us to a shopping centre where one floor of approximately twelve shops was totally devoted to footwear. Shoe, size wise, Leone and Ellie go to extremes. Ellie has a small foot and takes a size 36/37 while Leone takes a size 42. Not one stocked Leone's size but all was not lost because a couple of days later we came upon a closing down shoe shop that had about six pairs of shoes/boots left, one size 42 ladies boot.....a very happy Leone.

We did visit a market which was delightful and I was particularly taken by the sizes and variations of the beautiful babushka dolls. We intended to go back but temperatures were such we didn't make it - Moscow weather is not quite as temperate as Warrnambool's. We did also visit a food market, pretty standard worldwide.



Our sightseeing included Red Square and the Kremlin and we were a little startled to be moved on from the old KGB offices by a guard with a gun! We decided we didn't want that damned photo anyway. We went by train to St Petersburg for a couple of days, climbed to the top of St Isaac's Cathedral, about 200 stairs. The most daunting part of that was once you started you couldn't really turn back. We all managed it.

We were lucky enough to experience a snow storm one evening which was pretty impressive from the 19th floor. Apparently we managed to miss the really cold weather and -9% was as cold as it got for us. The only time I felt really cold was waiting in a queue for half an hour in -6% temperature to get into the Kremlin. I can tell you it took a while to thaw out.

We had many laughs and enjoyed everyone's company so much. Unforgettable.



BRIDGE FOR BRAINS was held on Wednesday May 11 and saw 7 ½ tables competing. There were visitors from Mt. Gambier who thoroughly enjoyed the day, beautiful lunch, and thank-you to Warrnambool Club for making them so very welcome. A raffle, donated by King Cole Fruit & Vegies, was won by

Paula Hillis. North/South winners: Janet Attrill/Lucienne Newton-Tabrett.
East/West winners: Kerri Worland/Susan Sherwood. A total of \$550.00 was raised with a special thank-you to Camperdown Bridge Club for their \$50.00 donation.

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Sunday, May 15th COLAC: A very successful Western District Teams event with maximum numbers , 16 tables. Warrnambool with 3 teams and Camperdown one. This year the teams were divided into two sections, a great idea giving “Novice” players a chance to compete at their level. Congratulations to the Jamie Simpson’s team, 2nd in the open section (Geelong team 1st).



Camperdown team were winners in the Novice, Tony Plevier’s team 2nd.





GEELONG CONGRESS: 25TH & 26TH JUNE.

Highton Bowls Club Rooms, Cnr. Roslyn & North Valley Roads, Highton.
Open Swiss Pairs and Teams, Restricted Swiss Pairs and Teams.

Grand National Open Teams (GNOT).

An opportunity for all Australian players with less than 500 master-points to qualify. The Western District Team replaces the Henty team; selection will be through a pairs event in conjunction with the **Western Region Friendly Pairs in Ballarat on August 7.** The two leading pairs (based on total scores), will be offered places in the GNOT. Final is played at Tweed Heads, November 25 – 28.

Camperdown Bridge Club

Social Day coming up on **Friday, July 29.** A date for your diary.

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Linda Picone, with 3 girlfriends, flew to Europe on Thursday 19th May, where they spent a couple of weeks cruising from Budapest to Amsterdam, followed by a few days sightseeing in France.

Helen Lovegrove continues her travels with a trip to Mildura and visiting friends in South Australia. Where next?

Betty and John Turner are back from a trip to the Flinders Ranges, Clare Valley and spent the last of their holiday travelling along the Murray.



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BEGINNER'S LESSONS commencing Wednesday 13th JULY 7 – 9 pm.
Brauerander Pavilion.

4 weeks + 4 weeks supervised play. COST: \$60.00.



BRIDGE FOR TERANG RED CROSS Jeanette Eller

Terang Red Cross welcomed 36 Bridge players from Warrnambool, Camperdown, Terang, Mortlake, Port Fairy, Peterborough, Derrinallum, Lake Bolac and Barwon Head to Eve Black's spacious home at Noorat where all an excellent day of cards and a sumptuous lunch. Thank you to Eve Black for the use of her beautiful home, to Eve, Betty Goldsworthy and Terang Red Cross ladies for organising and serving food, to Warrnambool Bridge Club and in particular to Penny for arranging the scoring, boards, bidding boxes etc., Gwen Hindhaugh for her help, the Camperdown and Terang Bridge Clubs for the loan of equipment, Greavsey and Noorat Hotel for donation of raffles and to all those who attended. (In excess of \$1,200 was raised).

Eve Black:



Penny:



Winners: N/S; Faye Davidson and Janet Atwell.
Winners; E/W: Linda Picone and Felicia Ross.

Runners up: Wendy Ward and Gwen Hindhaugh.
Runners up: Ros. Whitehead and Jude O'Brien.

(Congratulations to Penny who ran an excellent day with many Novice players involved).

CONGRATULATIONS



A delightful celebration of Tony and Faye's engagement took place at Monday night's game. It's wonderful to have such a happy event in the club. *Lucienne.*

AND



FAYE DAVIDSON, 21st JUNE.

SOLSTICE BABY.



Where's the hand you held during the auction?



ROTARY CLUBS are collecting **unwanted Hearing Aids**, having them refurbished, and giving them to Indigenous people. Members may like to donate to a local club or bring them to the Bridge Club and I will get them to the Camperdown Rotary Club. Just a thought!



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Thanks for contributions.



REMINDER: The committee bought a sandwich press last year for members use. Lovely to have a hot lunch on these cold, winter days.