

# WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE CLUB.



# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017.

Thanks so much to all members of the Club for their generous support of the Congress, and the fantastic cooking. The pairs this year were the biggest ever with 92 attending, while the teams attracted 68, not bad when the VBA reports an 18% downturn in teams attendance. Special thanks to all of our committee and particularly those members who always show up to help setup and take down the event, your help is invaluable. Janet and Christine did a sterling job as always. We have written to thank our generous sponsors, Anne Sera and her family, Warrnambool Cheese and Butter and Murray Goulburn. It was fantastic to have the support of Nola Maslen and Nick Horton on Saturday and Gordon, Ashleigh and Corey Attrill on Sunday, thank you letters have been sent to them too. I was given many compliments by all the visitors on how much they enjoyed the congress, with the only complaints being about the cold and the need for a bigger room with air conditioning.

The committee has decided to review how we structure the congress, and to this end we have sought Laurie Kelso and Graham Hills' advice. Christine has emailed Graham's response to all members for their comment by 4 December- our next committee meeting. There were some hiccups with the venue, which were addressed. The St John of God auxiliary did a great job with the catering which was very smooth and efficient. There will always be hiccups with menus and temperatures of food as people finish at different times with bridge (and as happens at all bridge events I have attended) but we can address them too. The minutes of the post congress committee meeting and financial report are up on the board at the Club. We made a profit of \$1000.

We're looking forward to the SW Games at Camperdown on 13<sup>th</sup> November and our Christmas party on 14 December at the RSL, partners welcome too. Bridge after dinner... back at the Club. Refresher lessons and supervised play commenced on Monday 30/10 from 10-12 at the clubhouse. Please let me know if you are coming. Beginners' lessons, February, 2018.

We're trying to organise a SW event at Portland on 28<sup>th</sup> November, so keep the date free. Casterton, Hamilton and Mt Gambier have been contacted and we hope Camperdown, Terang and Colac bridge players will also attend.

Lucienne

## AN INTERESTING HAND: (submitted by Tony Plevier)

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Tony Plevier/Joan Malikoff V Linda Picone/Gwen Hindhaugh.

After some spirited bidding N/S bid 5 Spades – I went 6 H which was doubled by Linda. Although we only have a total of 22 HCP, distribution can play a big part in evaluating a hand – I have a 4 loser hand and Joan 8, total 12. Doing the Losing Trick Count this total is deducted from 18 to ascertain the number of tricks one can expect to make.  $18 - 12 = 6$ . Yes, we made 6 H doubled.

Linda led a Club.

Dealer W. Nil Vul.

S: A542

H: ---

D: Q975

C: KJ986

S: 6

S: J763

10

H: AKJT764

H: 98532

11

11

D: K7643

D: A 8

8

C: ---

C: AQ

S: KQT8

Other tables called 4 or 5 making 11 & 12 tricks.

H: Q

D: J 2

C: T75432

(N.B. Linda is a 6 Loser, Gwen 7, Total - 13, deduct from 18 = 5. We should make 5 spades. If Linda hadn't doubled I would have GH.)

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### REFRESHER LESSONS AND SUPERVISED PLAY.

Clubrooms. Mondays 10.00 - 12.00. \$2.00.

An opportunity to learn, play and ask questions.

Very pleased with 12 attending on 1<sup>st</sup> day (30/10).

Lucienne.



### **THREE SECRETS TO WINNING BRIDGE**

- Concentration and focus.
- Breast your cards.
- Be nice to your partner – they are on your side.



**RECORD NUMBERS AT THIS YEARS CONGRESS.** – 92 players on Saturday and 68 on Sunday.  
(VBA has reported that numbers are down for teams – Warrnambool did well).

Results for Warrnambool in the **Open Pairs**: 56 players: 8<sup>th</sup> Paula Bailey and Helen Lovegrove, followed by Linda Picone/Anne Gunst 16<sup>th</sup>, Judy/Bob Loch 17<sup>th</sup> and Lucienne/Jamie 18<sup>th</sup>.

The **Restricted Pairs** were won by Warrnambool players Netta Hill/Allen Shiels with Pat Starkie/Maria McTaggart (Terang and Camperdown member), 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**TEAMS:** 17 Teams: 5<sup>th</sup> Janet Attrill, Penny Thomas and Betty/John Turner.

6<sup>th</sup>. Jan/Peter Cooke, Linda/Anne Gunst. 7<sup>th</sup>: Lucienne/Jamie/Paula/Helen .



Paula and Helen. - Although Helen is holding a glass she assured me that she was only doing it, out of the kindness of her heart, for Paula.



Allen and Netta after their win.

NOTHING YOU WEAR IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR SMILE



**CHANGES TO THE LAWS:** **Laurie Kelso.** **ABF Newsletter.** **July 2017.** New law books available since May. Modifications re procedure.

LAW 7: Boards MUST now be kept in the centre of the table in the correct orientation.

LAW 9: DUMMY now has the right to try and prevent any irregularity (such as lead from the wrong hand), irrespective of whom the potential perpetrator might be. However, once an infraction has occurred, dummy is still prohibited from calling attention to it until after the conclusion of the play.

LAW A20: A player who realises that they have given a wrong or incomplete explanation of partner's call is no longer required to immediately proffer a correction but must still call the Director and make the correction prior to the facing of the opening lead. Generally in the player's best interests to call the Director immediately.

LAW 25: The Law still permit unintended calls to be changed providing the partner has not subsequently called, but the criterion for judging when a call is unintended has become more stringent.

### **VBA Bulletin. August 2017.**

Re Claim. In 2017, there is another option. An opponent can contest the claim by saying: "let's keep playing". Then, **IF ALL FOUR PLAYERS, INCLUDING DUMMY**, agree, any faced cards are picked up and play continues normally. The claimant does not have to adhere to the words of his claim.

Peter Cooke: Director

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LANDLINE Definition: 1/10/17..



**OPTIMEST**: Sees the light at the end of the tunnel



**PESIMEST**: All he sees is a black hole.



**REALIST**: He sees a train coming

(*WHILE THE TRAIN DRIVER SEES 3 IDIOTS STANDING ON THE TRACK*).

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## REMEMBERING FELICIA (Floss).

Hard to believe that it is over 5 months since we lost our friend and valued member, Floss. As we all know Bridge was her passion and a huge part of her life. As a member of both Camperdown and Warrnambool Clubs she played as often as possible and enjoyed representing the clubs at outside events, having many successes.



In this photo (April 2017) Felicia and Linda had just won the local GNOT making them eligible to play off in Geelong for a chance to represent the district in November in Queensland. (Felicia died on May 20, 2017)

.(Linda and Jamie are now going)

On Monday, October 23 Camperdown Bridge Club held a Special Day in memory of Felicia making it a day she would enjoy, ie: Competitive Bridge with her friends, trophies and all her favourite food.

Pat Starkie apologised and, in so doing, said she couldn't believe how much she still missed Floss. Many members have made the same remark with Linda and I agreeing how we will continue to miss her and her quirky ways, she will not be forgotten, always part of our lives.

The day saw visitors from Colac, Terang and Warrnambool making 8 ½ tables.



N/S: Winners were Elaine Fitzgerald and Barb. McKean , E/W: Peter and Jan Cooke.

Linda Picone presented the perpetual **Felicia (Floss) Memorial Trophy** to winners Peter and Jan Cooke remarking that Floss was very fond of them and would be delighted with their win.



## FELICIA (FLOSS) MEMORIAL TROPHY.



Felicia's sister, Angela, and family were extremely pleased that Camperdown Bridge Club would hold a perpetual event in memory of Floss. The Estate has donated funding for the next 5 years to cover the costs of trophies and shield.

(Floss would approve).



# SOUTH WEST GAMES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> CAMPERDOWN BRIDGE CLUB

*(McCabe Room – behind library)*

**10.45 for 11.00 START.**

(Finish around 3.00 p.m.)

**COST:** \$12.50 + \$2.50 Games levy.    **\$15.00. per person.** (lunch provided).

**MAXIMUM ENTRIES 10 TABLES.**

**(Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals).**

Entries: G. Hindhaugh, 5593 9200.

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