

NEWSLETTER

WARRNAMBOOL BRIDGE CLUB.
DECEMBER, 2017.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Merry Christmas to all. 35 members attended the Christmas party at the RSL which was great fun. It was marvellous to see Janet back from her travels.

Tony and Faye had a wonderful holiday/cruise to Vanuatu and surrounds.

Thanks to the committee for their excellent work throughout the year and to members who help to make our club a happy, friendly place which continues to grow.

Thanks too to Gwen for her terrific work on this newsletter.

Enjoy your time with family and friends. Seasons greetings to all.

Look forward to seeing you back at the club on 8 January 2018.

Joyeux noel,

Lucienne



WESTERN REGION BRIDGE DAY

Tuesday, 20th February, 2018. 9.45 for 10.00 START.
Flinders Park Netball Pavilion, NORTH PORTLAND.



OF HATS AND TEESHIRTS.

It all started when, on bridge nights, Shane started showing off what turned out to be an enormous collection of tee shirts with humorous slogans. With male testosterone levels rising we sensed a challenge for dominance and it was decided that a competition was in order – let the best slogan win!

With that decided the rather delicate matter of what to do if you didn't wish to compete was raised. Despite widespread disbelief that this could be the case it was agreed that a hat worthy of bridge nights could also be included in a separate event.

The big night was fixed as Monday 4 December – with several months for searchers to locate that winning design. As flimsy justification it was also decided that funds raised would be donated to Bridge for Brains.

Because of his excellent poor taste in such matters John Sherwood was asked to judge what turned out to be an impressive array of tee shirts and hats – the latter worthy of Melbourne Cup Day after a torrential downpour.

Tee shirt winners were either ribald (Shane and Bob Loch) self-serving (Owen) or surprisingly humorous and related to Bridge (Penny).

Shane: I wish I was SANTA. He knows where the naughty girls are.

Bob: BAR FLY: Whip me. Strip me. Tie me. Fly me.

Penny: My idea of exercise is sitting East – West!

Owen: I hate being SEXY, but I'm a FIREMAN so I can't help it!

In the millinery section a stunning floral hat – marked down because they weren't Australian native flowers (Elinor) – and a home-made Mad Hatters Hat (Netta) beat off enthusiastic competition.

Now.....what to do next year???

John Sherwood,



*Thank-you to all those who kindly contributed to the Newsletter –
much appreciated.*

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SOUTH WEST GAMES CAMPERDOWN.



GOLD WINNERS:
Anne Serra & Betty Rendell
(Linda Picone & Maria
Mactaggarat)



SILVER MEDAL WINNERS:
Betty Turner & Mary Cameron
Faye Davidson & Tony Plevier

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS:

Jan & Peter Cooke.
(Lucienne & Paula B.)



Six tables enjoyed a day of
Bridge with good cards and a
beautiful lunch.

YOUR COMMITTEE: Interested in what they are doing for you?

If you would like a copy of the minutes, give your name to the Secretary and she will email it to you. Great way to keep informed. Copy will still be on the notice board.



GNOT FINALS TWEED.



There were 60 teams participating – all excellent players from all over Australia. We started team 54. Day one the top 4 teams were given a first round bye.

First off we played a Sydney 4 team - Linda having brought a book with her written by one of the opponents, not realizing he was the author, Derick Browne, and when she was informed she decided to get it autographed, which Derick was happy and flattered to oblige -although we were well beaten by this team we were not disgraced by any means. (*This team actually led for 3 rounds!*). Also in the team was John Newman, again, a well-known teacher/player – Linda has attended his lessons at Mt. Kosciuszko and Echuca.

We had a variety of opposition, A.C.T., W.A., Tasmania, Darling Downs, Central Coast, N.T., and N.S.W. We had 3 wins, a draw and 4 losses, finishing 45th. The first session was a 16 board round [seemed to take forever] and the rest were 12 boards. Linda was quiet excited and nervous at first, could not eat lunch the first day but a coffee was OK - strange for Linda - but settled into the fray from then on.

One highlight was when Linda made 6NT missing the ace and king of hearts and the ace of spades, opposition kindly led away from the ace of spades!

It would have been more fun playing with another local pair but in saying that we had a wonderful time with our Geelong team mates, Heather and Robyn, who did very well and were excellent company.

The last day was pairs, where we ended up in 70th place after being ranked No 86 and so ended 3 great days of bridge where you are dog tired but wishing for more as you are really only getting to grips with the competition and constant pressure not to make a mistake.

Jamie Simpson



DIRECTOR IS CALLED: 2017 Edition.

The club has purchased several of the above booklets which will assist members with correct rulings to seven most frequent calls.

Do you know the 5 options following **OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN?**

Have a problem? Get the book, it will help.

Peter Cooke, Director.



WBC “SPARE” Our Bridge club now provides a service for members that encourages and supports greater player participation and social interaction. Members can arrive at Bridge knowing they’ll have a partner. So, deciding at the last minute, without having a prearranged partner is now fine ‘Spares’ began in June this year. Members living outside the Warrnambool area were not expected to participate. If they had to be in town for some reason anyway, volunteering as a “spare” was a bonus for us, so thank you to all the out-it-towners who volunteered.

Some members have been very generous and volunteered several times in the 6 months. It is their willingness and participation that has allowed us to keep ‘Spares’ viable and is greatly appreciated. I want to thank Christine Webb for her help in sending out each new ‘Spares’ list to club members each month

The idea of having a “spare” player available for every session does rely on our club members to participate, to whatever degree they can. If unavailable due to family commitments, illness, holidays or something else, and that is understood. Outside of those times though, it would lighten the burden on everyone, if members participated as a “spare” at times/dates that suited their lifestyle. It’s only once every few months if more join in.

I realise that when we started ‘Spares’ not everyone was in favour of it but, it has shown us that it works successfully for our club. We do now have a higher player participation, people are getting to know players other than their regular partner and the feeling in our club is more welcoming and inclusive when we know others better. Adapting our game to make a partnership work can also increase our flexibility and possibly help a player improve their game.

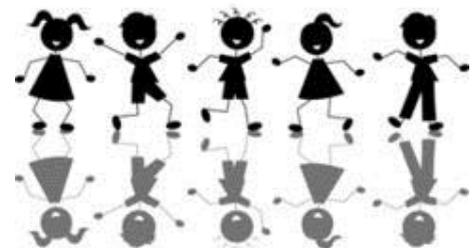
It is no fun chasing “spares” and trying to fill gaps! So, members please, be aware that the list is on the back noticeboard, there will generally be 3 months of Bridge dates with blank spaces needing a volunteer’s name which gives a good selection of dates from which to choose. So far there are no names in the January section. You can also, email me if there’s a spare spot you want to fill.

So, let’s start the New Year with fullness of heart and spirit. Sign up, be involved.

Have a safe and jolly Christmas and see you all in 2018.

Paula Hillis.

Friends



Lessons

REFRESHER LESSONS: continue to attract 3 to 4 tables, recommence, Monday, January 15th.

LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS: Commence Wednesday January 24th, 7 – 9 p.m. Course is for 6 weeks and costs \$60.00, including a book. Past students may attend \$30.00.

BRIDGEMATES. At the end of each game the Bridgemates will no longer show result of other players, you will only see the %. (*This has been written up in either ABF or the Victorian Bulletin and was a recommendation*).



WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP.

Play: Commence at 11.00. sharp.

BYO own lunch – to share.

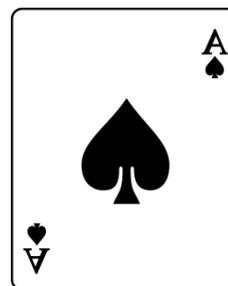
Tom, a shrewd Bridge player, was once in a hopeless 4 Spade contract. Mid-way through play this exchange takes place.

Tom: The rest are mine, making 5.

Opponent: What do you mean? I still have a trump.

Tom: Oh, you're absolutely right. Great defence too, holding me to 4.

Opponent: Thank-you.



*WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND
HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON AND LOOKING
FORWARD TO GOOD BRIDGING IN 2018.*



Gwen Hindhaugh.

