

SPADEWORK

July 2017 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

Teamwork! That's what made our Novice/Junior/Intermediate Tournament so successful and enjoyable for all who participated last weekend.

Thank you to each of our committee as well as other club members, especially Gilda and Dixie in the kitchen, who helped with the preparation and organisation to make the day run so smoothly.

The many compliments from our visitors for this very well-supported tournament were all we could have wished for.

Congratulations to our Novice Section players:

Bernie Robinson and Duncan McVicar

who were 1st = along with

Rae Holmes and Chris Buckley.

In the Junior section,

Phil and Gill West were 4th and

Diane Blumson and Helen Moffatt 6th.

You will have noticed a few changes at the club.

Barry Crosby and

Murray Knight have been effecting necessary changes with our Fire Exit doors to comply with Health & Safety Requirements.

The new 'panic' or 'crash' bars mean that in an emergency there would be no need to search for keys to open the doors.

Smoke alarms have also been installed.

All for your safety. *Anne*

NEW IDEA? App as director.

Perhaps Bridgemates in the future could incorporate an app giving options for infringement rulings eg. insufficient bid, lead out of turn, revoke. Scorers dispense the boards at beginning of play, computerized director and a robot to serve afternoon tea and do the dishes!



Club Captain Carol explains ...

You may have noticed the Bridgemates can now give an analysis of the optimum contracts you can make. Please do not linger too long over this great new readout or we will have our directors tearing their hair out.

Just a reminder to help our Partnership Stewards. If you have asked for a partner to be found for you and then find one yourself, please let the Partnership Steward know. Also, confirming you are successfully partnered up when a name has been given to you, is also really helpful.

A big thank you to Jose McDonald who has donated a number of bridge books to our library. Don't forget to have a browse, you might be surprised at what you can learn.

Good bridging everyone.

Monday evenings are a great success and a lot of fun, often between 9 and 12 tables competing.

The evenings are open to any novice or junior player, so do come along if that's you! Almost all the play Acol, but all systems are welcome. We have competitions and a monthly skills night.

The skills night on **31st July** will be about playing bridge online and no partner is necessary for the skills nights, but preferable on the other Monday evenings. Seated by 7pm please.

We have a new group of Brookies, around 9 or 10 playing informally with help at the other end of the room. - **Bren Birss**

LAW - LOOKING AT YOUR OWN CONVENTION CARD DURING THE AUCTION OR PLAY.

The laws forbid access to any written memory aids during any phase of the game, and this includes your own convention card. Convention cards are for the opponent's use, not yours. All players should be aware that the card is not a memory crutch.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays June '17 **AYC Handicap Pairs**

1st Helen Heuvel & Carolyn Parker
2nd Anne Clarke & Sarah Stacey
3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

Wednesdays May '17 **Dawson Insurance Pairs**

1st Julie Sheridan & Pamela Pedersen
2nd Merv Harris & Terry Kerse
3rd Helen Heuvel & Graham Stern

Thursdays June '17 **Van Dyk Handicap Pairs**

1st Ben De Kleynen & Loes De Kleynen
2nd Joe Brown & Brenda Bleakley
3rd Sue Gibbons & Joan Heuvel

Thursdays July '17 **Spotless Spouting Handicap Pairs**

1st Dora Wickham & Merle Halligan
2nd Betty Forbes & Charles Forbes
3rd Jo-an White & Margaret Carmicheal

Fridays July '17 **Friday Champs Singles**

1st Ronelle Middleton
2nd Shirley Knight
3rd Carol Cullen

DID YOU KNOW?

The most common hand pattern you can hold is 4-4-3-2 and occurs about 21.55% of the time. The second most frequent pattern is 5-3-3-2 at 15.52% and 5-4-3-1 at 12.93% of the time.

The number of different 13-card hands you can hold is 635,013,559,600

The number of possible 52-card deals is 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000

The odds against being dealt a hand with no card higher than the 9 is 1827 to 1

WHEW!!



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GOOD LUCK

to carol and mike - top of the Intermediate Bridge League thus far.

DIRECTORS' POST

***some new rules come in to effect 1 August. All players will be made aware by printout or email of the changes when all information is to hand.

***If one player of a pair keeps a personal score sheet, disputes over accepted Bridgmate entries would be easier for the Director to sort out, with less disruption to play.

thanks - **the DIRECTORS.**

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

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| Jessie Chen | Ross Edwards |
| Janet Dunn | Liz Dive |
| Bernie Robinson | Neville Whitworth |
| Lisa Stewart | Anthony Stubbs |
| Jill McCabe | Duncan McVicar |
| Ashley Hart | Kay Kinder |
| Lynda Murdoch | Libby Hotham |

Sadly we say **Good bye** to member Jo Small. Jo played social bridge for 57 years and Club bridge off and on since 1980, joining the Mt Club 18 years ago.

It is sad to lose long term members Dallas Winch and Barbara Boyce.

Dallas arranged 4143 partnerships for Thursday bridge over 15 years, organising up to 16 matches per session, but also took on kitchen duties for those days. That meant a Thursday trip to the dairy for milk, setting out crockery and coaxing the dishwasher to perform at the end of play.

Barbara, always well groomed, was an 'cosmetics sales lady' and once won a car for her sale efforts. Our thoughts go to Heather and Barbara's family.