

COMMERCIAL CLUB ALBURY BRIDGE CLUB

December 2017 Newsletter

I'm sure everyone who intends to attend our Annual Christmas Party and Presentation Day have put their names on the list on the White Board so that Lois can inform Catering of numbers by 1st December. Doors open from 11.30 am for a 12 o'clock start. Please note that there will be no Bridge following the luncheon.

Please also note that there will be no Bridge on Saturday 2nd December as Martin Wilcox is conducting lessons on both Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December.

Naturally there will be no Bridge on Monday night, 25th December nor on New Year's Day.

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

The date for Nationwide Pairs this month is Thursday, 14th December.

70%CLUB

Rick and Jenny Oswald Sealy	70.02% on Friday, 3 rd November
Val Sanderson and Noreen Grant	71.13% on Wednesday, 8 th November
Jean Haynes and Richard Howell	75.79% on Friday, 17 th November

Congratulations to you all on your excellent results.

UNDER 100 MASTERPOINTS COMPETITION

This Event was conducted on Sunday, 26th November. It was a Statewide Event open to Members who had less than 100 Masterpoints and involved 18 Clubs in New South Wales. Our President, Richard directed the event and we all had a great day. We had 6 Tables and congratulations go to our winners and place-getters who were:-

Heather McCallum and Peter Westmoreland

Lois Nicholson and Richard Howell

Cathy Giltrap and Casey Slaughter.

HOUSEKEEPING

It would be appreciated if members could just do a quick tidy-up before leaving their tables after the end of sessions by popping the bidding slips and used paper cups etc. into the bin and returning glasses back to the bench. We are very fortunate to have such a great venue and it deserves to be treated with respect. Many hands make light work!



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Because we are a smallish club, we have to rely on volunteer Directors, who are also playing Directors. Larger clubs have paid, non-playing Directors, but this is a rarity in clubs that are not in a metropolitan area. Learning to be a Director is rewarding, and can also be challenging when undertaking the role. We will soon be trying to recruit some more people, so I will be penning a series of articles related to various aspects of Directing. This is the first!

There is no stigma attached when calling the Director & experienced players can take the initiative & summon him/her whenever it is necessary. Lesser experienced players should also be made to feel comfortable when summoning the Director. Also, if a ruling is made by players, they may forego their right to a correct ruling. Keep these things in mind, when reading the dot points below.

- Players should not make their own Ruling!
- The Director will make a ruling, to the best of their ability - given the time constraints of being a playing Director.
- Players should follow any instructions given to them by the Director – without discord.
- Players should listen carefully to the Director & answer all questions directly.
- Players can query the ruling, but NOT show any dissent!
- All Director decisions can be appealed or reviewed.

BIRTHDAYS

Members celebrating birthdays this month include Charles Knight, Carmen Brown, Beryl McLean, Gwen Hart who is celebrating a special birthday, Sheila Mason, Sue McConnell, Malcolm Blair, Mary Prowse, Jenny O'Mahoney, Yvonne Wright and Coralie Earl. Happy birthday to you all on your special day.



On behalf of our President and Committee best wishes go to all our Members and their families for a Merry Christmas and happy, healthy and safe New Year ahead.

