



Commercial Albury Bridge Club

March, 2018 Newsletter

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM, held on Wednesday, 28th March was well attended and our new Committee is as follows:-

President: Richard Harman

Vice President: Sue McConnell

Secretary: Bruce Cowan

Treasurer: Jean Haynes

Members: Lois Nicholson, Pam Leahy, Ann Rice, Richard Howell and Danny Bowden.

President Richard was thanked for his untiring work, as were our Committee members, in particular our Secretary Bruce and Treasurer Jean, who all ensure the smooth running of our Club.

Our retiring Committee Member, Lois Best, was thanked for her contribution during the year and our new Committee Member, Danny Bowden welcomed onto Committee.

GOOD FRIDAY

There will be no Bridge played on Good Friday, 30th March.

TEAMS EVENT

Best wishes go to those playing in the Club Teams Championships which commences on Wednesday, 7th March.

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

The date for Nationwide Pairs is Thursday, 15th March.

70% CLUB

Only one pair this month, with Sue McConnell and Bob Brown scoring an incredible **78.24%** on Saturday, 10th February. Congratulations on your very impressive result.



EASTER PAIRS



This 2 week event will be run on Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th April so members wishing to play in this event should take note of the dates and organise your partners.

BEGINNERS LESSONS

Richard is commencing his Beginners Lessons on Tuesday, 17th April so if any Members know of friends who are keen to learn the game please pass on this information to them. These lessons will also be advertised in our local newspaper hoping to get some new members joining our Club.

BRIDGE COACH TOUR

Approximately 32 Bridge players travelling from Sydney on a Coach Tour will be playing at our Club on Saturday, 7th April for those interested in enjoying an afternoon with other keen Bridge players. An extra bonus will be the provision of Afternoon Tea.

BIRTHDAYS

Players celebrating birthdays this month include Ann Rice, Colleen Jensen, Val Sanderson, Debra Tinley, Jill Hulm, Kath Baggeridge, Val Smith, Meryl Allworth, Hazel Rae, Helen Werne, Alex Kortt and Edna Bramley. Our best wishes go to you all for a happy day.



We were saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed Member and friend, MG Singh, who lost his brave battle last week. Many of our Members attended his funeral to pay their last respects and MG's son asked that one of our Members speak at the funeral so I am including the eulogy given by Di Barrow, a long-time partner and friend of The Colonels.



Eulogy – Di Barrow

My name is Dianne Barrow and I was lucky to be MG's bridge partner for many years. Our home club is the Albury Bridge Club. And on behalf of all the members at our club I offer our sincerest sympathy to MG's loved family and friends.

My first memory of MG was that of admiration and aspiration as he and his then partner Paul Bekesky were Club Champions, always playing well and often travelling to represent our club elsewhere at regional competitions.

I was the lucky one who got to play with MG after Paul's passing, mainly because I think MG was too polite to say no when I asked to be his partner. Our partnership proved to be successful, mainly due to MG's patience and his masterly playing of the hands, particularly that of Three No Trumps.

MG was a great strategist when playing, and this often took him a moment or two of thought. We were always getting into trouble for taking too long. I remember once we were driving to Wagga to play in a competition and MG was taking particular interest in a hill in view. I asked him what he was looking at. He said he was thinking if he had to attack, how he would manoeuvre that attack. A very interesting thinker was my partner.

We all acknowledge MG was an excellent bridge player. For those who don't play bridge it is a tricky game, intended for ladies and gentlemen who fancy themselves as being pretty clever – but history shows the rigours of the game brings out the best or the worst in one's character. MG's best was always on show. His demeanour never changed. Always cool, calm, strategising, and mostly winning. A prized partner indeed. We, I especially, have learnt a lot from MG. Of course playing good bridge, but more importantly life lessons to take from the bridge room and apply in life. MG has passed on his noble traits of being honourable, being dignified, being poised but ready to share the funny side of a situation. His worldly and spiritual thoughts. I will be forever grateful that he shared these with me and by example with others.

This colonel has left a legacy many can learn from. Only last Saturday I advised someone at the bridge table do what MG taught me. "Don't dwell on the problem, it's gone, forget it, move on".

When we travelled to congresses, me driving, MG being driven, we often had conversations during which I learnt about MG's life. He told me of his return trips to India where he socialised with his friends, playing bridge every day. He loved playing bridge at every opportunity even lately, being ill, still struggled to get to bridge to play his game. He told me about his youth, his education, his distinguished career, his national hockey game, his loved family life. MG taught me to be worldly in my thoughts. He taught me how family was most important, he gave me advice when I asked.

MG was also very generous. Hosting many Indian dinners, seemingly having a restaurant in every local town where members went to play. He donated delicious food or prizes for local competitions. He enjoyed including people into his life, his gala military events, his home in India. Bridge was very important to MG and we will miss him dearly but he has left us a gift. An inspiration, an example to be followed, a skill to try to replicate, a cheeky smile to remember, a life to be remembered and admired. Well done MG ... always a winner.... and ever the gentleman.